



Welcome to the 2023 SDGA Junior Tour presented by Sanford International.

YOUR ACCOUNT

You are in complete control of your tournament schedule. Log into the [SDGA JUNIOR TOUR](#) to view a list of events. You can manage your schedule here as well as view tee times, tournament results, and season points standings.

REGISTRATION

Register for SDGA Junior Tour Events (Beginning February 1st)

Membership Fee: \$69.00

Registration Fee: \$15.00 per event

Late Fee: \$ 5.00 per event

Event Deadlines: 5 days prior to event

Refunds: \$10.00 (7 days prior to event) / \$0.00 (inside of 7 days)

REFUND POLICY

Withdrawals before the registration deadline (FIVE DAYS prior to event,) must be made on-line and 100% of the entry fee will be refunded. Withdrawals after the registration deadline (FIVE DAYS prior to event,) must be made through the **SDGA TEXT ONLY NUMBER (605-546-7775)** however, the entry fee will not be refunded.

EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGING

We will communicate using both email and text messaging with the contact information that you provided in your player profile. The best way to communicate with the SDGA staff is to use the **SDGA TEXT ONLY NUMBER (605-546-7775)**. Please add this number to your phone contacts. Every staff member has access to this number and it is the most effective way to get a timely response.

NO SHOWS

If you are registered for an event, you are expected to show up on time and be ready to play. In the event that you are unable to participate, you are **REQUIRED** to use the **SDGA TEXT ONLY NUMBER (605-546-7775)** to let us know. Those who do not contact us to withdraw will be counted as a No-Show. Multiple No-Shows may result in suspension from future events.

PRE-EVENT COMMUNICATION

FIVE days before each event, participants will receive a text and email reminding them of their registration. THREE days before each event, participants will receive a text and email with tee times, news of the event, and/or potential weather cancellations. Any change in tee times will be communicated through text, email, and social media.

RULES

We want all our competitors to develop the confidence to be able to handle the most common rules situations while they play. All Junior Tour members will get the Player's Edition of the Rules of Golf. Players are encouraged to take the USGA Basic Rules of Golf 101 [Click Here](#) to register.

PACE OF PLAY

Members of the SDGA Junior Tour are expected to navigate their own way around the course with the proper pace of play. Recognize when your group is out of position and take measures to recover. Events can be played only as fast as the slowest group on the course. If you are not directly behind the group ahead of you, every group behind you will be affected.

SCORING

All players should have the **Golf Genius** mobile app downloaded onto their phone. One player in each group will be responsible for entering scores into Golf Genius for live scoring and verification. Each player will also have a scorecard and will mark their score and the score as they compete. Following the event the players will proceed to the scoring area, agree on the scores and sign both scorecards.

5-2-3 SCORING SYSTEM

We want all players to finish every hole, record a score, and maintain pace of play. To accomplish these goals we use the **5-2-3 Playing Method**. The 5-2-3 Playing Method is **ONLY** activated when the player is not within 20 yards of the green after **FIVE STROKES**.

After **FIVE STROKES** (whiffs and penalties included) if a player is not within 20 yards of the green, they pick up and place their ball 20 yards from the green and chip. After **TWO CHIPS**, if a player is not on the green they place their ball on the edge of the green closest to where they are and putt. After **THREE PUTTS**, if a player is not in the hole, they place their ball on the edge of the hole and tap in. For scoring, add up all of the actual strokes and then add a stroke for every time the ball had to be picked up and moved forward.

POSTED RESULTS

Access to results and tournament information can be found within the **GOLF GENIUS** mobile app or through the web at www.golfgenius.com. Each event will have a GGID code, or you can sign into your SDGA account.

TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP / SEASON POINTS

Each individual region will have a Season Points leader for all age divisions (except 9 and under.) Points will be awarded to the top finishers for every regional event and the overall points leader will be invited to the Tour Championship on Monday, July 31st at Hillsview Golf Course in Pierre. The Season Points leaderboard can be accessed on any of the event pages.

PLAYING UP

An individual may elect to play in an older age division if they choose. Please communicate this intention well in advance that you intend to play up.

GHIN HANDICAP

Members of the SDGA Junior Tour receive a GHIN handicap. This will allow the junior member to post scores and learn to play games with friends and family using the GHIN handicap. Download the **GHIN** mobile app or go to ghin.com. If you need help accessing your GHIN account, please use the **SDGA TEXT ONLY NUMBER (605-546-7775)**.

SANFORD INTERNATIONAL

As the presenting sponsor, Sanford International is excited to provide a complimentary Sanford Power Golf Academy Youth Pass to registered participants. Additional passes may be purchased to experience a world class, professional golf event. More information to follow...

SDGA Open Junior Events (Not associated with Junior Tour)

- **Adult/Junior, July 23, 2023 (Cattail Crossing GC, Watertown)**
- **Junior Championship, July 24-25, 2023 (Cattail Crossing GC, Watertown)**

Thanks again for joining us “on Tour” this year! Please use the **SDGA TEXT ONLY NUMBER (605-546-7775)**, email us at sdgainfo@sdga.org, or call 605-740-7085 if you need anything.

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