



Welcome to the 2025 SDGA Junior Tour presented by Sanford International.

### **YOUR ACCOUNT**

You are in complete control of your tournament schedule. Log into the [SDGA JUNIOR TOUR](#) and use the following menu options. Click the arrow on the right side of the menu bar to see all options.

### **SIGN-IN and REGISTER**

If you already have an account, sign in with your email and password. If you don't have a Golf Genius account, choose Register at the bottom of the page. [Sign-in / Register](#) If you DO NOT have a GHIN number, choose Register Without GHIN Number at the bottom of the second page.

**JOIN the JUNIOR TOUR** - Pay the \$69 membership fee

**REGISTER for EVENTS** - After the membership fee is paid - enter events for \$20

**ACCOUNT** - View all of your registrations

**SEASON POINTS** - View the season points standings

**SANFORD INTERNATIONAL SERIES** - Link to the SDGA | Sanford International Series for more experienced players (Invitation Only)

**PAST RESULTS** - Results from past years

### **REGISTRATION - [SDGA JUNIOR TOUR REGISTRATION](#)**

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

**Membership Fee:** \$69.00

**Registration Fee:** \$20.00 per event

**Late Registration:** \$30.00 (within 7 days of event)

Players go on a waitlist and are only charged if they play in the event.

**Event Deadlines:** 7 days prior to event

**Refunds:** \$15.00 (7 days prior to event) / \$0.00 (inside of 7 days)

### **REFUND POLICY**

Withdrawals before the registration deadline (SEVEN DAYS prior to event,) must be made on-line and \$15 will be refunded. Withdrawals after the registration deadline (SEVEN DAYS prior to event,) must be made through the **SDGA TEXT ONLY NUMBER (605-546-7775)** and 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 way around the course with the proper pace of play, which is two hours for nine holes. 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.

### **10 SHOT RULE**

A player shall take no more than 10 strokes on a hole. After 8 strokes (penalties included), the player must pick up their ball and place it 3 feet from the hole and hole out.

### **POSTED RESULTS**

Each event will have a GGID (Golf Genius ID) that you can access through the Golf Genius app or at [www.golfgenius.com](http://www.golfgenius.com). You can view results from all events at [www.sdga.org](http://www.sdga.org).

### **AGE DIVISION ELIGIBILITY**

The player's age on June 1, 2025 determines their default age group for the season. For example, a player who is 13 on June 1st, but turns 14 between June 2 and July 20 will be eligible to play in the 12-13 age group throughout the season, or they can choose to play in the 14-15 age group in any event.

For the SDGA Adult-Junior on July 20 and Junior Championship on July 21-23, we use the player's age on July 20, 2025 to determine eligibility and age group. For the Notah Begay National Junior Championship Qualifier at Elkhorn Ridge on June 25, the player's age on May 1, 2025 is used.

### **PLAYING IN AN OLDER AGE DIVISION**

Any player may elect to play in an older age division at any event. Please select the desired age group during registration. If you subsequently want to switch, please let us know as soon as possible but at least five days before any event.

### **SEASON POINTS**

Players earn season points for top 5 finishes in their division as follows: 1st-15 / 2nd-10 / 3rd-8 / 4th-5 / 5th-2. If there is a tie for any position, the points are added and split between the players. The top point leader in each age group and gender division receives a plaque. The Season Points leaderboard can be accessed on individual event pages or the [JUNIOR TOUR PORTAL](#).

### **GIFT CARDS**

At the end of the season, players with 5 or more season points will receive a gift card equal to their season points total. This gift card can be redeemed at the course that was chosen by the player during Junior Tour registration. Shortly after the conclusion of the season, players will be notified when their gift card is available to be used.

### **SDGA JUNIOR TOUR CUP**

In each Region, the top two point leaders in each age group (except 9 & Under) and gender division are invited to the SDGA Junior Tour Cup on Monday, August 4 at Hillsvie Golf Course in Pierre. If a player is unable to play, the next player on the list is invited until all spots are filled. Players compete in a Region competition and an individual competition over 18 holes with a shotgun start at around Noon. Region champions and individual champions receive medals.

Boy and girl champions in each age group at the Junior Tour Cup also receive an invitation to the final round of PGA Tour Champions Sanford International at Minnehaha Country Club on Sunday, September 14. They will have lunch with dignitaries, and are invited to the trophy presentation with the opportunity to meet and get a picture with the Champion at the end of the tournament.

### **GHIN ACCOUNT / HANDICAP INDEX™**

Members of the SDGA Junior Tour receive a Handicap Index™ through a GHIN account. This will allow the member to post scores and learn to play games with friends and family using the GHIN mobile app. Download the GHIN app or go to [ghin.com](http://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 complementary Sanford Power Golf Academy Youth Pass (one day) to registered participants age 16 and over. Juniors 15 and under can get a free ticket (with paid adult) every day of the event. When ticket sales open, participants will also receive a special code to purchase additional daily passes at a discount.

### **SDGA Open Junior Events (Junior Tour membership not required)**

- Adult/Junior - July 20 - Lakeview GC, Mitchell
- Junior Championship - July 21-23 - Lakeview GC, Mitchell
- Notah Begay Junior Golf National Championship - Local Qualifier - Wednesday, June 25 - Elkhorn Ridge

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

Sincerely, SDGA Junior Tour Staff