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9 Hole Divisions

Mini Mulligans

The Mini Mulligans is for junior golfers ages 5 to 10 who want to gain experience with tournament golf in a friendly and competitive environment. The tour uses a modified set of rules to make the game fun for young players. Medals are awarded for the top 5 finishers in each age group.

Intro Tour

The introductory tour is for junior golfers who want to gain experience with tournaments, with longer yardages than Mini Mulligans, and geared towards players ages 9-14 who want to start playing competitively. Medals are awarded for the Top 3 finishers in each division. There is a Tour Championship at the end of the season open to players that win a medal during the season.

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9 Hole Tour

Membership: \$40

Mini Mulligans

9 Hole events-\$35

Recommended Score: Any

Coed 5-7 Division

Distance: 1,400-1,700 yards

Coed 8-10 Division

Distance: 1,400-1,700 yards

Intro Tour

9 hole events- \$35

Avg Score for 9 Holes: 50+

Boys 9-14 Division

Distance: 2,300-2,700 yards

Girls 9-14 Division

Distance: 1,900-2,300 yards

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18+36 Hole Divisions

Patriot Division

This is the division for players that are experienced golfers, and want to compete in events with other juniors of similar skill levels. With more than 35 events in Maryland and Virginia at some of the region's best courses, this is a tour that is loads of fun and offers great competition.

Championship Division

This division is for advanced players looking to compete at the highest level. The yardages will be longer than the Patriot Tour, and there will be 18 and 36 hole events. All of the results from the 36 hole events will be listed on Junior Golf Scoreboard.

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MAPGA Junior Tour

Membership: \$120

Patriot Division

18 Hole events—\$65 each

Boys 14 & Under

Avg Score: 83 +

Distance: 5,500–5,800 yards

Girls 14 & Under

Avg Score: 88 +

Distance: 4,700–5,300 yards

Boys 15–18

Avg Score: 83 +

Distance: 5,800–6,300 yards

Girls 15–18

Avg Score: 88 +

Distance: 5,000–5,400 yards

Championship Division

18 holes—\$65, 36 holes—\$130

Boys 14–18

Avg Score: 82 or below

Distance: 6,400–6,900 yards

Girls 14–18

Avg Score: 87 or below

Distance: 5,600–6,000 yards

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Player of the Year Points System

- Only a player's 5 best finishes from the 2019 Junior Tour season count towards POY points standings.
- Only summer Junior Tour events (not Spring events or Invationals) count towards POY standings

Field Size			
Place	<10	10→20	21 +
1	80	90	100
2	71	77	85
3	63	72	80
4	52	63	70
5	41	51	60
6	36	45	54
7	24	40	48
8	18	35	42
9	10	30	36
10	x	25	30
11	x	24	28
12	x	22	26
13	x	20	24
14	x	18	22
15	x	16	20
16	x	14	18
17	x	10	16
18	x	10	14
19	x	10	12
20	x	10	10
21 +	x	x	10

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Tour Championships

Jr Tour Championship (Patriot & Championship Divisions)
August 19 & 20 - PB Dye Golf Club

9 Hole Championships (Mini Mulligans & Intro Tour)
August 25 - Site TBD

Eligibility

	Place on Points List
Boys Championship	Top 12
Girls Championship	Top 9
Patriot Boys 15-18	Top 12
Patriot Girls 15-18	Top 9
Boys 14 U	Top 10
Girls 14 U	Top 8
Intro Tour	All Medalists
Mini Mulligans	All Medalists

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Playoff Procedure

All ties for first, second or third place in each age division will be decided by a scorecard play-off using the USGA recommended method (MAPGA Player of the Year points will be shared among the players).

Rules Violations and Cheating

Rules violations will be administered by the on-site tournament officials and as prescribed by the USGA Rules of Golf, Junior Golf Director, and MAPGA Executive Director. Cheating will **NOT** be tolerated. If a player suspects another of violating a rule of golf or cheating, the player should seek a rules official as soon as possible to handle the situation. Cheating will result in immediate disqualification from the MAPGA Junior Tour with no refund. The player will forfeit all remaining entry fees and also incur a one-year suspension from all Middle Atlantic PGA sanctioned events.

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Care for the Golf Course

All players are expected to maintain the golf course by repairing ball marks, raking bunkers, replacing divots, picking up and disposing of trash, etc. "Leave the course in better condition than you found it."

First Offense: Warning

Second Offense: Two-stroke penalty

Third Offense: Disqualification.

All players and parents are also encouraged to thank the host club, staff and volunteers for their support of junior golf.

Cell Phones

Cellular phones, pagers and other similar electronic devices must not be used in the competition. Emergency use of a cellular phone may be permitted at the discretion of the on-site rules committee.

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Eligibility

The MAPGA Junior Tour is open to boys and girls ages 5-18 as of **August 20, 2019**. 18-year olds who have attended college will NOT be eligible. Entries are subject to rejection at any time by the MAPGA Junior Tour. **The program will be limited to the first 720 paid applications.**

Deadlines

Membership registration will close when 720 members have joined the tour. Tournament registrations will close 5 days prior to the event at 12:00pm or when the event reaches maximum capacity (70-90 players depending on venue), whichever occurs first.

Entry Procedure

Junior may sign up for Membership now. Entries will only be accepted online through the MAPGA website this year. Starting March 14, 2019 at 12:00pm Juniors are eligible to sign up for tournaments. The first 720 juniors to register for membership will be able to register for MAPGA Tour events, **Memberships and Tournament registrations are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.** By registering online for the MAPGA Jr Tour, you agree to abide by all Rules & Policies set forth in this Member Handbook. The MAPGA reserves the right to refuse or reject any entry, at any time.



Event Registration Limit

There is a limit on initial event registration. In order to make sure all members have a chance at registering for the most popular events, players may only register for a maximum of 5 junior tour events until May 24th, at which time there will no longer be any limit, and players may sign up for as many additional events as they wish. Events that will **not count** towards the 5 event limit:

- All events before June 17th and after August 13th
- All Junior PGA qualifiers and the Middle Atlantic Junior PGA Championship
- Invitationals
- Capital Cup qualifiers and Capital Cup
- Peggy Kirk Bell girls events
- Fredericksburg Country Club June 24 & 25
- All events July 17-19
- Medal of Honor GC August 7th

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Tournament Information

All Juniors are expected to abide by the Rules of Golf and the Rules, Policies and Procedures of the MAPGA Junior Tour at all times.

Withdrawal & No Show Policy

A player must contact the MAPGA office at least **48 hours** prior to the tournament from which they wish to withdraw. Otherwise, no refunds will be granted. A player failing to properly withdraw from a tournament and/or failing to compete will forfeit the entry fee and be suspended from the next tournament. If a second offense occurs, the participant will be suspended from the entire MAPGA Junior Tour with no refund.

Footwear

It is a condition of competition at all tournament sites that shoes with metal or traditionally-designed spikes are prohibited. Penalty for breach of this condition: **DISQUALIFICATION**.

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Practice Rounds

Your membership and tournament entry fee does not entitle you to a practice round. However, certain facilities are generous enough to offer practice rounds to participants. Please contact the facility for their policy on practice rounds.

Caddies and/or Carts

Caddies and/or carts will **not be permitted (except for 9 hole divisions)** at any MAPGA Junior Tour event. Each player must walk and carry his/her own clubs. **Pull carts are acceptable as long as the host facility approves.** A player with a physical disability may request an exemption from this policy from the MAPGA Junior Tour Officials. Caddies are required to complete the caddie quiz and pay the \$25 caddie registration fee.

Cancellation Policy

It will be at the discretion of the MAPGA Junior Golf Staff or Host PGA Professional to cancel play. An event will not be canceled due to rain unless the Host PGA Professional/ staff deems it necessary. In the event of lightning or other dangerous situations, play will be suspended until conditions are safe. There will be no “make-up” dates for canceled events. If a tournament is cancelled prior to play, members scheduled to participate in the event will be refunded entry fee minus a \$5 transac-

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Dress Code & Conduct Guidelines

Teaching sportsmanship, etiquette, and the Rules of Golf are major goals of the MAPGA Junior Tour. To promote these areas and to maintain the integrity of the Tour, the following guidelines for dress and conduct will apply. Tournament officials will enforce these guidelines at all MAPGA Junior Tour functions.

Dress Code

- T-shirts and tank tops are not acceptable.
- Blue jeans or cutoffs are not acceptable.
- Shirts must remain tucked in at all times.
- During tournaments all participants must wear close-toed shoes

Conduct

- Any conduct that is detrimental to the MAPGA Junior Tour will not be tolerated.
- No club throwing.
- No abusive language or profanity.
- No use of any tobacco products.
- No drug use.
- No gambling.
- Abuse of the club facilities will not be tolerated.

Any breach of the above guidelines will result in disqualification from the event where the incident occurred as well as the next event entered without refund. **A second infraction will result in suspension from the Tour for the remainder of the season and forfeiture of all applicable entry fees.**

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Spectators

Spectators are welcome and encouraged to attend tournaments.

Rules for spectators are as follows:

- **Spectator carts will be allowed if approved by host facility.**
- Carts **MUST** remain on cart path at all times! **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- Spectators must stay in the rough or on the cart path and at least 30 yards away from the players.
- Spectators are allowed to carry water, umbrellas, jackets, towels, and food for the players.
- Spectators are not allowed to give advice to the players. The player may be penalized for a violation. "Advice" is any counsel or suggestion, which could influence a player in determining his/her play, the choice of club or the method of making a stroke.

Examples of advice:

"You should hit a 6-iron here"

"Keep your head down"

"Relax, take it one shot at a time"

Penalties for violation of this policy:

1st offense Verbal warning

2nd offense Two-stroke penalty

3rd offense Disqualification of player

- Spectators shall not carry on conversations with players. This action could be construed as **ADVICE**. Players may be penalized for this action.
- The **player** is responsible for the actions of his/her spectators.
- Spectators may not carry a player's golf bag and/or clubs.

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FAQ's

Q: Can I change divisions?

A: Yes, you may switch divisions once during the season if you feel your current division is not correct for your current skill level, whether the division is not challenging enough or too easy. Points will then be reset.

Q: Will golf carts be available for spectators?

A: Spectator carts will be allowed as long as the host facility allows them.

Q: As a parent, am I able to advise my child during play?

A : No. "Advice" is any counsel or suggestion which could influence the player in determining his/her play, the choice of club, or the method of making a stroke. Giving advice is a breach of USGA Rules.

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Q: If an event is cancelled, will I be entered into another event?

A: Each situation will be decided on an individual basis. Your placement into an alternate event will be on a space-available basis.

Q : If I withdraw from a tournament after the deadline do I receive a refund?

A: No. However, it may be possible to enter you into a different event on a space-available basis. Refund requests due to medical reasons or other extenuating circumstances will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Q: Where and when can I find out my tee time?

A : Tee times will be posted on the website and emailed to participants approximately 5 days prior to each event.

Q: Which events count towards the Tour Championship/POY?

A : Only summer Junior Tour events count towards POY points.

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Q: In the Championship Division, do the 36 hole events count for more POY points than the 18 hole events?

A: Each summer Junior Tour event, regardless if it is 18 or 36 holes, uses the same points structure outlined on page 8. Therefore, there the 36 hole events do not have additional points associated with them.

Q : In what events may a player have a caddie, and who may caddie for them?

A: Players may have anyone that has passed the caddie quiz caddie for them in 9 hole events (Mini Mulligans & Intro Tour). In non-Junior Tour events (such as the Cherry Blossom) players may have a caddie as long as that caddie is 18 or younger. Players may not have a caddie in 18 or 36 hole junior tour events.