

2024 OGA Junior Golf Handbook

Welcome to OGA Junior Golf!

Whether you are a parent or participant, or this is your first or fifth year involved with OGA Junior Golf, we hope this handbook will be an invaluable guide to help you as you prepare for the 2024 tournament season. In the following pages, we have compiled all the necessary information you or junior needs to be prepared and know what to expect.

Unlike previous versions, this handbook is 100% digital. Therefore, you will notice that it has been condensed with more links that will lead you directly to specific policies, procedures, and topics. We hope this allows for easier navigation and less paper used.

A primary tenet of the OGA Junior Golf's mission is "to provide playing opportunities, and competitions for young golfers with diverse backgrounds and skill levels." We strive to accomplish this by providing a variety of events: EJ Play Days (9-hole non-competitive tournaments tailored toward beginners), Summer and Winter Series (one-day competitive tournaments for all skill levels), and two-day Majors (36-hole competitive tournaments for intermediate to high-skilled youth golfers).

OGA Junior Golf would not be possible without the support of many generous donors and sponsors who help further our mission. Near the back of this handbook you will find information about how junior golf is funded and what you can do to get involved.

We wish you many birdies in the foreseeable future. Have fun while out on the course!

Sincerely,

OGA Junior Golf Staff

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Mission Statement

OGA Junior Golf is a licensed 501(c)(3) charitable organization with a mission to provide regional leadership and advocacy ensuring access, playing opportunities, and competitions for young golfers with diverse backgrounds and skill levels.

OGA Junior Golf promotes personal development and competence through the core values (Fun & Friendship, Diversity and Inclusion, Honesty, Integrity, Respect, Sportsmanship, and Stewardship) to ensure young players achieve their personal goals and develop a lifelong love for the game of golf.

OGA Junior Golf Executive Board

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OGA Junior Golf Executive Committee

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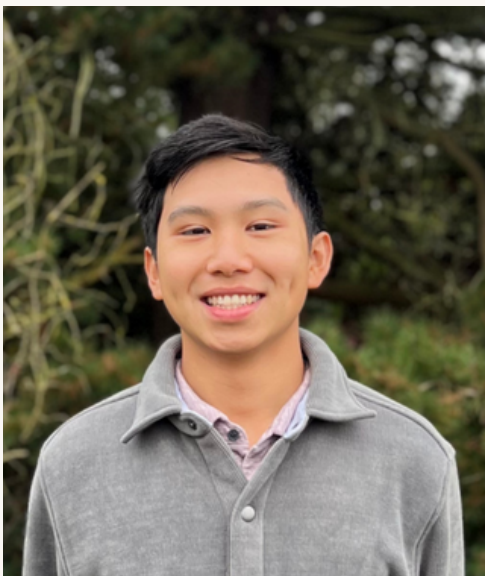
OGA JUNIOR GOLF STAFF

A graduate of the University of Utah, Spencer began his career in golf administration in 2010 as a summer intern with the Utah Golf Association. He then served as a P.J. Boatwright Intern with the Northern California Golf Association in 2011. Over the next 12 years, he worked full-time with the NCGA in various roles, starting out as the Media Coordinator and ending his tenure as the Tournaments Manager. Spencer joined the OGA in early 2024.

Spencer's primary role is overseeing the OGA Junior Golf tournament program. He will serve as the primary staff-in-charge for all OGA Junior Golf majors, including the Oregon Junior Amateur. Spencer can be reached directly at ssorensen@oga.org.



Spencer Sorensen
Director
Championships and Events



Zane Balmoja
Operations Coordinator

Zane started with the Oregon Golf Association in early 2023 as a P.J. Boatwright Intern before being promoted to Operations Coordinator in late 2023. He recently graduated from Portland State University with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. Originally from Hawaii, Zane is excited to stay in Oregon and build a career at the OGA.

Zane's primary focus with OGA Junior Golf will be administering all Summer Series tournaments and EJ Play Days. He is well-versed in Golf Genius and can answer any registration questions you might have. Zane can be reached directly at zbalmoja@oga.org

OGA JUNIOR GOLF STAFF

Brent has been with the Oregon Golf Association for nearly 20 years having first joined the OGA as P.J. Boatwright Intern in 2005. A graduate of the University of Oregon, he has worked in various roles within the championships and events department, but most recently as the Senior Director, a position he has held for the last several years.

In this role, Brent oversees all OGA tournaments with a primary focus on OGA Championships, including the Oregon State Amateur. Brent can be reached directly at bwhittaker@oga.org



Brent Whittaker
Senior Director
Championships and Events



Monica Vaughn Fisher
Director
Donor Engagement and Development

Monica joined the OGA in 2023, but has a long history with the association as one of its most accomplished champions. She remains the youngest ever Oregon Women's Amateur Champion, having won the title at the age of 15 in 2010. That year Monica also won the Oregon Junior Amateur, Oregon Public Links, and PPGA Junior Girls' Amateur. After her storied junior career, she went on to graduate from Arizona State University where she competed on the women's golf team and won the NCAA Individual Championship in 2017.

Monica can be contacted for any questions regarding fundraising and donations, the Jacobsen Youth Initiative and Youth on Course. Her email is mvaughn@oga.org

OGA TAG Team

Event Volunteers

Without the assistance of the TAG (Tournament Assistance Group) Team, OJG would not be able to provide over 40 junior tournament days a year. Our TAG Team provides the enjoyable experience our juniors have come to expect at all junior tournaments. Not only are there several TAG Team volunteers at OGA Junior Golf Major tournaments, but these volunteers have a ubiquitous presence at many Summer Series, Winter Series and EJ Play Days.

Duties of TAG Team Volunteers

TAG Team volunteers are instrumental in preparing for and hosting a successful golf tournament. Volunteers sign up for specific tasks to focus on during tournaments. Some of these roles include: starter, rules official, player registration, checkpoint official, scoring official, forecaddie, and volunteer coordinator.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a volunteer or to learn more about the requirements, please email juniorgolf@oga.org.



OGA Junior Golf Membership Eligibility

OGA Junior Golf Membership is open to golfers who are at least 8 years of age and under the age of 19, before the start of college enrollment. Additionally, golfers must be permanent residents of Oregon or SW Washington (Clark, Skamania, or Cowlitz County).

Memberships are based on the calendar year and expire on December 31 or the date of the golfer's 19th birthday (if applicable).

Member Benefits

OGA Junior Golf members receive highly discounted golf at Youth On Course participating facilities. These courses provide greens fees for \$5 or less during their stated availability.

Members also receive other great benefits, including a GHIN number to post scores and establish a handicap, Portland employee store invitations, magazine subscriptions to Golf Digest and Pacific Northwest Golfer, and a PPGA Membership. To learn more about posting scores to GHIN, click [here](#).

Only OGA Junior Golf members are allowed to compete in OGA Junior Golf Major Championships, and also get discounted fees for Summer and Winter Series events compared to non-members.

All OGA Junior Golf members who compete in an event in 2024 (Major Championships, Summer Series, Winter Series, or EJ Play Day) will receive a member bag tag and a welcome gift, which can be picked up by the player at their first tournament. Welcome gifts & bag tags will not be mailed out.

Registration Dates

Tournaments in May and June	Registration opens Wednesday, April 3
Tournaments in July	Registration opens Wednesday, May 1
Tournaments in August	Registration opens Wednesday, June 5

Types of Tournaments

Major Championships

OGA Junior Golf Major Championships are the prestigious youth golf tournaments in Oregon and SW Washington. These are multiple-day events and take place during the summer months. OGA Junior Golf staff, volunteers, and rules officials will be present at the Major Championships.

Majors are the only way for competitors to secure Team Performance Points, which are used to determine the selections for the Girl's/Boy's Junior America's Cup and Eddie Hogan Cup. Additionally, scores from Majors are submitted to Junior Golf Scoreboard and the AJGA; two ranking databases that are often referenced by college coaches and recruiters.

Summer Series

Summer Series are competitive one-day events that are organized through OGA Junior Golf, yet managed by host clubs with the help of OGA volunteers (when available). Each event includes 18-holes of golf and awards. Most will also include a lunch (see entry details for each tournament to confirm). Winning a Summer Series event will earn the player an invitation into Charlotte's Tournament of Champions in mid-September.

Winter Series

Winter Series are competitive one-day events at various courses around Oregon and SW Washington. All Winter Series events are scored using a modified Stableford format. The OGA Junior Golf staff, volunteers, and rules officials will be present at Winter Series tournaments.

EJ Play Days

EJ Play Days are a series of 9-hole non-competitive events that are meant for beginner to intermediate youth golfers eager to test their skills and meet other youth golfers. The goal of these events are to provide a stress-free environment for youth to experience an enjoyable golf outing. Volunteers and host clubs manage these events.

OGA Junior Golf Major Schedule

May 18-19	Eastern Oregon Junior	Union, OR	Buffalo Peak Golf Course
June 11-12	Peter Jacobsen Junior Challenge	Corvallis, OR	Trysting Tree Golf Club
June 24-28	94th Bob Norquist Junior Amateur	Portland, OR	Portland Golf Club
July 1-2	Southern Oregon Junior	Medford, OR	Rogue Valley Country Club
July 8-9	Central Willamette Junior	Molalla, OR	Arrowhead Golf & Athletic Club
July 10-12	21st Oregon Junior Stroke Play Championship	Creswell, OR	Emerald Valley Golf Club
July 15-16	Portland City Bob Allard Memorial	Portland, OR	Rose City Golf Course
August 19-20	Central Oregon Junior	Redmond, OR	The Resort Course at Eagle Crest
August 21-22	Klamath Basin Junior	Klamath Falls, OR	Running Y Resort

EJ Play Days

June 8	The Campbell Course	Gladstone, OR
July 11	Sah-Hah-Lee (tentative)	Clackamas, OR
July 25	Colwood Golf Center	Portland, OR
August 7	Charbonneau (tentative)	Wilsonville, OR
August 21	Meriwether Golf Course	Hillsboro, OR
September 21	Colwood Golf Center	Portland, OR

Summer Series

June 19	Glendoveer GC	Portland, OR
June 20	Charbonneau GC	Wilsonville, OR
July 1	Rock Creek CC	Portland, OR
July 11	Quail Valley GC	Banks, OR
July 17	Crooked River Ranch GC	Terrebone, OR
July 18	Aspen Lakes GC	Sisters, OR
July 22	Salishan GL	Gleneden Beach, OR
July 23	Florence GL	Florence, OR
July 24	Ocean Dunes GL	Florence, OR
July 25	Coos GC	Coos Bay, OR
July 29	Diamond Woods GC	Monroe, OR
July 30	Emerald Valley GC	Creswell, OR
August 12	Roseburg CC	Roseburg, OR
August 20	Santiam GC	Aumsville, OR
August 21	McNary GC	Keizer, OR
September 15	Illaha Hills CC (*Charlotte's Tournament of Champions)	Salem, OR

Charlotte's Tournament of Champions is named after long time Director of Oregon Junior Golf, Charlotte Plank, who held the position from 1986-2010. To be eligible for this tournament, golfers must finish in first place in their division at a Summer Series event in 2024.

Qualifiers, Regionals & National Events

May 25	Optimist International Junior Qualifying	Cornelius, OR	Forest Hills GC
June 1	PNW Junior PGA Championship	Kennewick, WA	Canyon Lakes GC
June 10	U.S. Junior Amateur & Girls' Junior Qualifying	Eugene, OR	Eugene CC
June 11-12	IMG Academy Junior World Qualifying	Corvallis, OR	Trysting Tree GC
July 6-11	IMG Junior World Championship	La Jolla, CA	Torrey Pines GC
July 15-20	U.S. Girls' Junior Championship	Tarzana, CA	El Caballero CC
July 22-27	U.S. Junior Amateur Championship	Bloomfield Hills, MI	Oakland Hills CC
July 30 - Aug 2	Junior PGA Championship (Boys & Girls)	Bethesda, MD	Congressional CC
Aug. 12-16	PNGA Junior Boys' and Girls' Amateur	Corvallis, OR	Trysting Tree GC



Tournament Registration

Player Account

Golf Genius is the Tournament Management Software used for creating a player account and registering for events. Once an account is created you will be able to sign up for events directly from the online calendar. In order to create an account you will need an email associated with the account. You can change this email address at anytime by logging into your player account. You can do this by clicking on the “register” tab to edit your profile.

Confirmation of Entries & Waiting List

For each entry you submit, you will receive an email confirmation that will be sent to the email listed in your account profile. Keep in mind, a confirmation of entry is not the same as an approval. If an event is full, a player will be put on the waiting list. Players on the waiting list will automatically be added to the tournament when an open spot becomes available before the tournament deadline. After the deadline, OJG staff will contact the player, parent, or guardian to confirm the player still has interest and availability to compete.

Cancellation/Refund Policy

Before the closing deadline, you may cancel your entry online for a refund minus the administration fee. The administration fee is \$10 for 18-hole competitors and \$5 for 9-hole competitors. Refunds minus the administration fee after the closing date are only available if a replacement is found from the waiting list and for unforeseen family or medical emergencies (common illness or injury would not qualify under this category).

Late Entries & Fees

Late entries will be accepted and placed on an alternate list to fill spots if they become available up until a time the OGA Staff establishes. Late entries will not be accepted unless they are accompanied by the correct entry fee, plus an additional fee of \$15. Contact the OGA directly to submit a late entry.

Prior to the Tournament

Pairings & Age Divisions

Pairings for the tournament will be released approximately 7-10 days prior to the tournament. Players will be paired with other players in their age division, unless they are playing in (and eligible) for the open division. Age divisions of 12 and older will play 18-hole rounds, while 11 and younger will play 9-hole rounds.

Age Divisions

Boys Open (must be between ages 14-18 and have a H.I. of 7.0 less)	Girls Open (must be between ages 12-18 and have a H.I. of 14.0 less)
Boys 16-18	Girls 15-18
Boys 14-15	
Boys 12-13	Girls 12-14
Boys 10-11	Girls 10-11
Boys 8-9	Girls 8-9

Playing Up an Age Division

In rare circumstances, OGA Junior Golf allows for particular individuals to play in an older division. The player must demonstrate exceptional ability and maturity to be considered to move up and must submit an application to the OGA Junior Golf staff. The OGA Junior Golf Committee will review any requests on a case-by-case basis. To apply for playing in a higher age division, please review and submit this [form](#).

Open Division Requirements

Open divisions are to provide more skilled and experienced juniors the opportunity to compete against one another over a more challenging and longer course yardage.

[\(Read More\)](#)

Prior to the Tournament

Digital Scorecards (new 2024)

For Summer Series tournaments in 2024, OGA Junior Golf will be piloting mobile scoring through the Golf Genius app. Our hope is that through this technology, the OGA Junior Golf will eventually be able to use mobile scoring for all junior tournaments in future seasons. This will not only help in our sustainability efforts to use less paper, but also provide a better experience for staff, players, parents, and spectators, especially when it comes to live scoring.

Golf Genius App

Prior to their first tournament, players 12 and older, and parents with children 11 and under competing, will need to download the Golf Genius app on their mobile phone through [Google Play](#) or the [App Store](#).

Digital Scorecards (18-holers)

Players 12 and older will receive a GGID by text and email in the days leading up to the tournament, which is what they will use to sign in on the day of the tournament to keep score for another player in their group. They will keep score for that other player for the entire round and certify scores through the app at the end of the round in the scoring area with a scoring official present. If a player does not have access to a phone or if a player's phone isn't working, another player has the ability to keep the score in the app or the player may need to keep another player's score on a course scorecard. To read more about Digital Scorecards, click [here](#), to watch a video, click [here](#).

Mobile Scoring (9-holers)

The OGA Junior Golf relies on parents with competitors 11 and under to serve as walking scorers at junior tournaments. Therefore, we would ask that parents be sure to download the Golf Genius app prior to their arrival in case they are needed to serve as a walking scorer. Unlike Digital Scorecards where one player scores for another, one parent will serve as the walking scorer for the entire group, using the Mobile Scoring function in Golf Genius. At the end of the round, the walking scorer will confirm with the scoring official and players in the group that what was entered in the app is correct. To read more about Mobile Scoring, click [here](#), to watch a video, click [here](#).

Policies

Overview

In order to run a high volume of events at a consistent level, the OGA Junior Golf has developed several different policies which are implemented across all tournaments, unless otherwise stated in the tournament information. Both players and parents/guardians are expected to know these policies. Players, parents/guardians, and spectators who do not adhere to these policies risk future enrollment and/or attendance at OJG tournaments. Please click on the links below to learn more about each policy and what is expected.

[Player Code of Conduct Policy](#)

[Spectator Code of Conduct Policy](#)

[Spectator Cart Policy](#)

[Dress Code Policy](#)

[Caddie Policy](#)

[Tie Breaker Policy](#)

[Withdrawals, No Shows, & Refund Policy](#)

[Residency Policy \(new 2024\)](#)

[Pace of Play Policy](#)

Earning Team Points

Overview

Junior Team Points are awarded based on the point schedules at selected events. Two Junior Team Points lists are maintained for each gender, one for the Boys' and Girls' Junior Americas Cup, and others for the Hogan Cup (boys) and the North Pacific Junior Ladies (girls). These lists will play an integral part to determine which players will represent OJG at these team competitions.

- [View Team Point Schedule](#)

Eligibility Requirements

- Only OGA Junior Golf Members are eligible to receive Junior Team Points.
- Junior Team Points are awarded based on a player's overall finish within the Open Division of the player's gender at all OGA Junior Golf Majors except the following, where certain conditions apply:
 - At the Bob Norquist Oregon Junior Amateur, Junior Team Points are awarded by division in the Championship flights for match play. However, during stroke play qualifying, points are awarded by gender based on the overall finish of all players of the same gender playing in the Open Divisions.
 - At the Oregon Junior Stroke Play and USGA Amateur qualifying, points are awarded based on finish within your gender as these events do not use divisions.
 - At the U.S. Junior Amateur and Girls' Junior Qualifier hosted by the OGA, points are awarded only to OGA Junior Golf Members based on their finish among other OGA Junior Golf Members, not based on their finish among the entire field. Those competing at a non-OGA run qualifier will be awarded a lower amount of points only if they were to qualify or earn an alternate position.
- Players must be under the age of 19 at the time of the event and must not have already enrolled in college or university.
- Players must be a permanent resident living within the OGA's region of Oregon and SW Washington. Special consideration may be given to a unique circumstance.

Earning Team Points

Point Season Window

- Boys Team Events

Date	Event	Venue	Point Window
July 28 - Aug 1, 2024	Boys Junior Americas Cup	Soldier Hollow GC (Midway UT)	July 10, 2023 - June 30, 2024
August 10- 11, 2024	Eddie Hogan Cup	Riverside G&CC	July 19, 2023 - July 16, 2024



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Earning Team Points

Point Season Window

- Girls Team Events

Date	Event	Venue	Point Window
May 25-26, 2024	2024 North Pacific Junior Ladies	Emerald Valley GC (Creswell, OR)	January 1 - December 31, 2023
July 28 - Aug 1, 2024	Girls Junior Americas Cup	Soldier Hollow GC (Midway, UT)	July 10, 2023 - June 30, 2024
2025 TBD	2025 North Pacific Junior Ladies	British Columbia (TBD)	January 1 - December 31, 2024



Other Awards & Points

OGA Junior Golf Player of the Year

The Junior Golf Committee will make a selection to award one boy and one girl as OGA Junior Golf Player of the Year. Some factors that will be used in deciding the Players of the Year include, but are not limited to: performance in OGA Junior Championships, OGA Championships, and national tournaments; participation on teams representing the OGA; and team points standing. Selections will be decided by vote from the Junior Golf Committee.

National Point Programs

- **AJGA Performance Points**

The AJGA would like to recognize and award Performance Stars to Oregon Junior Golf participants for their finishes at several of OGA Junior Golf's Major Championships, which are currently under review. Once approved, you can see which OGA Junior Golf tournaments earn AJGA points by clicking [here](#).



- **Junior Golf Scoreboard**

All multiple day stroke-play tournaments are submitted to Junior Golf Scoreboard for amateur rankings. This includes all OGA Junior Golf Majors (with the exception of the Bob Norquist Oregon Junior Amateur) for all divisions (excluding 8-11 age divisions.) Junior Golf Scoreboard is one of the multiple rankings used by collegiate coaches in their recruiting process. Please visit www.juniorgolfscoreboard.com for results.

Jacobsen Youth Initiative

Overview

The Jacobsen Youth Initiative has been a cornerstone of our efforts to nurture young golf talent in Oregon. EJ Play Days and Youth on Course are pivotal programs under the Jacobsen Youth Initiative and are supported by the OGA Junior Golf Fund, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. These programs offer juniors fun and informal introductions to the game. Since the establishment of the Jacobsen Youth Initiative in 2012, our organization has been dedicated to making golf affordable and accessible to all. Thank you to David, Peter and the entire Jacobsen family for their passion and dedication to growing the game!

EJ Play Days

EJ Play Days are single day camps that provide youth the opportunity to grow their love of the game without the stress of competition. Juniors receive etiquette and rules lessons, lunch, and an enjoyable round of golf for a minimal entry fee of \$10.



Youth on Course

Youth on Course is a program that provides youth with access to life-changing opportunities through golf and is available as a benefit to all active OGA junior members. Private funding helps offset the cost of green fees and makes it possible for members to have access to play for \$5 or less through subsidies to thousands of courses throughout the United States, Canada, and Australia.

- For a list of frequently asked questions about Youth on Course, click [here](#).
- To learn more about the Youth on Course national organization, click [here](#).
- For all other Youth on Course inquiries please contact Monica Vaughn Fisher at mvaughn@oga.org

Oregon Junior Golf Fund, Inc.

Tax-Deductible Donations

The Oregon Junior Golf Fund, Inc. is a registered 501 (c)(3) charitable organization with a mission to provide exceptional experiences and opportunities for youth golfers in Oregon and Southwest Washington. The sustainability of our organization's future would not be possible without the generous contributions from our partnered individuals and organizations!

- To make a gift online, please [Donate Here](#).
- If you would like to donate by mail, please send checks to:
Oregon Junior Golf Fund, Inc.
2840 Hazelnut Drive
Woodburn, OR 97071
- For all other donation inquiries, please contact Monica Vaughn Fisher, Director of Donor Engagement and Development, at mvaughn@oga.org

Fred Meyer Community Rewards

Connect your Fred Meyer Rewards account to see how you can make a difference. Instructions on how to link your account are below. To read more how this impacts junior golf, click [here](#).

1. Visit www.fredmeyer.com and login or create an online account. You must have a digital account to participate.
2. Under your name, select "My account"
3. Select "Community Rewards" on the left-hand side
4. Search our organization name, Oregon Junior Golf Fund, Inc. or our NPO number DR037
5. Click "enroll"
6. Use your FM rewards card or the phone number associated with your account at check-out and start giving back!

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Ways to Give Back to OGA Junior Golf

Volunteer at the LPGA Portland Classic

Since 1992, Oregon junior golfers have volunteered as standard bearers for the LPGA Portland Classic in exchange for a donation to the Oregon Junior Golf Fund, Inc. We are again in need of your support in 2024! This event is critical for the continued growth and success of the OGA Junior Golf program.

The LPGA contribution allows for funding toward: scholarships and funding of our team events - the North Pacific Ladies, Boys and Girls Junior Americas Cup, and Eddie Hogan Cup, and other youth initiatives. This year's event is August 1-4, 2024. Please save these dates and be on the lookout for the volunteer sign-up process in the months to come!

Youth on Course 100-Hole Hike

The 100-Hole Hike is a fundraiser that helps sustain the vital funding needed to support our Youth on Course program. Hikers take on the challenge of playing 100 holes in a single day, all in an effort to keep golf affordable for youth. In 2024, we are calling on our active Youth on Course juniors to volunteer at the fundraiser! Juniors will be asked to walk alongside and network with hikers, hit guest shots off tee boxes, participate in a Q&A or give testimony to the program. Please be on the lookout for more information regarding location, date, and volunteer sign-up process.

