



# PGYA Golf Tour

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# Rules & Regulations

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## PGYA Golf Tour

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# Section 1: Overview

## PGYA GOLF TOUR OVERVIEW

The Pleasant Grove Youth Association (PGYA) Golf Tour was established in 2022 for the purpose of bringing competitive junior golf to the Texarkana area. The PGYA Golf Tour will host five tournaments in the Spring and five tournaments in the Summer at each of our local Golf Courses. Tournaments are for junior golfers of all skill levels.

The PGYA Golf Tour recommends that all players and their parents/guardians become familiar with the Rules & Regulations to gain a better understanding of how the PGYA Golf Tour operates.

## ELIGIBILITY

The PGYA Golf Tour is open to players ages 7–19 who are not currently attending college. Players who have graduated from high school may only play in PGYA Golf Tour tournaments until September 1 of the season directly following high school graduation. A player's division is based on their age as of the day of the tournament.

**NOTE:** Players who are 19 years old will compete in the 15-18 division in all PGYA Golf Tour tournaments. There is no membership fee to participate in the PGYA Golf Tour at this time.

## TOURNAMENT SERIES BREAKDOWN

TOURNAMENT SERIES	SEASON CONDUCTED	PARTICIPANT AGES
Spring Series	March – May	Ages 7-14
Summer Series	June – August	Ages 7-19

All tournaments are one-day events held at one of our local golf courses and are designed to integrate young players into competitive golf.

For more information about registration deadlines, prices, and course assignments, visit our website at [www.pgya.org](http://www.pgya.org).

## RULES OF PLAY

- Play is governed by the Rules of Golf and PGYA Golf Tour policies and procedures.
- Play the ball as it lies unless otherwise communicated by PGYA staff.
- Restrictions on use of equipment.
  - List of Conforming Driver Heads – Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect.
  - Groove and Punch Mark Specifications is not in effect.
  - List of Conforming Golf Balls – Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect.

- Listening to Music. Model Local Rule G-8 is in effect. During a round, a player must not listen to music or any other similar broadcast on a personal audio or video device.
- Back-On-the-Line Relief. Model Local Rule E-12 is in effect.
- The PGYA Golf Tour permits pull carts, however, they will be allowed only at the discretion of the host facility. It is the player's responsibility to obtain course policy. The pull cart policy for each tournament will be listed on the tournament information page.
- Upon completion of the round, players must immediately proceed to the scoring area to return their scorecard. Players are responsible for the correct hole-by-hole scores and verifying their scorecard verbally with PGYA staff or two signatures.
- Each competition shall be deemed to have closed when all scores have been approved by the PGYA staff and published in the form of a results email.
- Please note each Tour has its own respective "Unique Rules of Play" outlined in the Rules & Regulations.

## PREPARING FOR PGYA GOLF TOUR TOURNAMENTS

### HEALTH & WELLNESS

Adequate preparation for a golf tournament is important. The PGYA Golf Tour recommends that all players are equipped with light snacks (i.e., granola bars, crackers, fruit, etc.) as well as a water bottle for each golf tournament. It is suggested that players wear sunscreen and a hat to avoid overexposure from the sun. Additionally, it is recommended that players drink plenty of fluids the evening prior to summer tournaments to help prevent heat exhaustion. While the PGYA Golf Tour is not responsible for providing water on the golf course, PGYA staff will work closely with each host facility to ensure that water coolers remain full throughout the day. Please note that not all host facilities have water coolers available throughout the golf course.

### DRESS CODE

Proper attire is required at all times during PGYA Golf Tour tournaments. This includes practice rounds, Family Nights and Awards Ceremonies. Questionable attire will be reviewed by the Tournament Committee. Failure to comply prior to the round may result in not participating and failure to comply during the round may result in disqualification (See Junior Golfer / Caddie Code of Conduct). Each host facility may have additional rules and dress code requirements that must be adhered to by all PGYA Golf Tour members and spectators.

Required dress at the golf course:

- Hats/visors must be worn with brim forward.
- Collared shirts or mock turtlenecks (host golf course permitting).
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- Girls' fitted shirts do not have to be tucked in but should be an appropriate length.
- Golf or tennis shoes

Prohibited dress at the golf course:

- Tank tops and t-shirts
- Short shorts, skorts or skirts that are too short
- Cut-off shorts
- Gym shorts or pants
- Swimsuits
- Sandals
- Clothing containing offensive slogans, language or pictures, clothing describing or advertising alcohol, tobacco, or other drug references.

The PGYA Golf Tour strongly suggests players present themselves in a positive manner while representing the PGYA Golf Tour by dressing appropriately. Players and caddies in violation will not be allowed to tee off.



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# Section 2: Code of Conduct

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## CODE OF CONDUCT OVERVIEW

The PGYA Golf Tour requires all PGYA Golf Tour players, as well as their caddies and spectators, to adhere to a set of guidelines known as the Code of Conduct.

## JUNIOR GOLFER / CADDIE CODE OF CONDUCT

Before, during, or after the operation of an PGYA Golf Tour tournament, violations of the Code of Conduct include, but are not limited to:

- Verbal or physical abuse, threatening or disrespecting a fellow junior golfer, fellow caddie, spectator, volunteer, PGYA staff, or other persons conducting, participating in, hosting, or attending a PGYA Golf Tour tournament
- Cause physical damage to, or loss of, property or equipment of any of the parties set forth above, or of the host facility
- Obscene language
- Abuse of the golf course
- Club throwing
- Littering on the golf course
- Public urination
- Use of smoking, vaping, or chewing tobacco products, drugs, or alcohol
- Not adhering to the dress code
- Cheating
- Bullying
- Any other conduct deemed unbecoming of a PGYA Golf Tour player or caddie

## JUNIOR GOLFER / CADDIE CODE OF CONDUCT PENALTIES

The PGYA Golf Tour may assess any or all the following penalties based on the severity of the player's or caddie's Code of Conduct violation:

- Issue a verbal or written letter of warning
- Enforce a one-stroke penalty
- Enforce a two-stroke penalty
- Disqualify the player from the tournament where the violation occurs
- Remove the caddie from the tournament where the violation occurs
- Suspend the player and/or caddie for a portion of the tournament series or any number of tournament series remaining in the year
- Suspend the player's membership indefinitely
- Suspend the caddie's privileges indefinitely

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## SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

Before, during, or after the operation of an PGYA Golf Tour tournament, violations of the Code of Conduct include, but are not limited to:

- Verbal or physical abuse, threatening or disrespecting a fellow spectator, caddie, junior golfer, volunteer, PGYA staff, or other persons conducting, participating in, hosting or attending an PGYA Golf Tour tournament
- Cause physical damage to, or loss of, property or equipment of any of the parties set forth above, or of the host facility
- Obscene language
- Intervening in the normal course of play as determined by the PGYA staff
- Driving spectator carts off the cart path

## SPECTATOR GUIDELINES

During an PGYA Golf Tour tournament, spectators may:

- Rent golf carts at the host facilities discretion. Golf carts must always remain on the cart path. When on foot, spectators must stay off tees, fairways, and greens. It is suggested that spectators keep a minimum distance of 30 yards away from players.
- Assist in the search of a player's ball
- Carry medicine, drinks, food, umbrellas, and clothing for players

During an PGYA Golf Tour tournament, spectators may not:

- Give advice –talking to players may be construed as giving advice, resulting in a penalty for the player
- Give yardages
- Give a ruling
- Assist in official scorekeeping

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## SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT AND GUIDELINES PENALTIES

Any violation of one or more items in the Spectator Code of Conduct is grounds for immediate removal of the spectator and/or player from the tournament and host facility and may result in the loss of the privilege to participate in PGYA Golf Tour tournaments for the spectator and/or player indefinitely.

Also, the PGYA Golf Tour may assess any or all the following penalties based on the severity of the spectator's Code of Conduct or Guidelines violation:

- Issue a verbal or written letter of warning
- Enforce a one-stroke penalty to their player
- Enforce a two-stroke penalty to their player
- Spectator removal from tournament



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# Section 3: Tournament Guidelines

## PGYA GOLF TOUR OVERVIEW

The PGYA Golf Tour is for players ages 7-19 who have achieved beginning level golf and tournament experience. PGYA Golf Tour tournaments offer competitive 9-hole and 18-hole individual stroke play tournaments.

## TOURNAMENT ENTRY PROCEDURE

For all PGYA Golf Tour tournaments, entries will be accepted online on a first-come, first-served basis when tournament registration for that tournament or tournament series opens. The PGYA Golf Tour will stop accepting entries for a tournament once the tournament is full or at 2:00 p.m. five (2) days prior to the tournament, regardless of whether the tournament is full.

## WAITING LIST PROCEDURE

Once a tournament is full, all players that register will be placed on a limited waiting list. Players on the waiting list will be placed into the tournament on a first-come, first-served basis according to space availability in their division. Players may be placed into a tournament from the waiting list up to the day of the event.

**NOTE:** Players will be notified via email that he/she has been placed into the tournament. A player may cancel himself/herself from the waiting list at any time via his/her online account.

## ARRANGEMENT OF STARTING TIMES & GROUPINGS POLICY

Starting times and groupings for all tournaments will be arranged by division and based on scoring average. For all tournaments, requests for starting times or specific groupings will not be accommodated. Players shall start at the time and the order arranged unless otherwise informed by the PGYA staff. Prompt attendance is required of all players at their starting hole of each round. Time of starting penalties shall be consistent with Rule 5.3. Each player is responsible for obtaining his/her starting time and starting hole.

**NOTE:** The structure and method used to arrange starting times and groupings may be altered at the discretion of the PGYA staff.

## ON-SITE CHECK-IN POLICY

If a tournament is using a tee time start, all players must be checked-in and at their designated starting hole at their assigned starting time. Prompt attendance is required of all players and time of starting penalties shall be consistent with Rule 5-3a.

## SHORTENED EVENTS

If a PGYA Golf Tour tournament is shortened due to weather or the like, all players are expected to return their respective scorecard to the PGYA staff once the tournament has officially been cancelled, regardless of the number of holes they have completed.

PGYA staff will make every effort to score the tournament for every division competing in the tournament. However, should a division fail to collectively complete 5-holes, the tournament will not be official, therefore, the results and Points Challenge results will not be posted. The PGYA Golf Tour Tournament Cancellation Procedure would then take effect.

If a division collectively complete 5-holes or more, but collectively complete fewer than 9-holes, the tournament will be considered official and the PGYA staff will score the tournament as follows:

- The results for each division will be calculated relative to par for the first 5-holes that each player completed during their respective round. For example, if Player A started the tournament on Hole 1, his/her score (relative to par) for Holes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 would be used for his/her score. If a division finishes more than 5 like holes, but less than 9, they will be scored off those like holes. In addition, the full number of points for the event will be awarded since the tournament was considered official.

**NOTE:** In the scenarios outlined above, applicable trophies/medals will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> Place, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place finishers regardless of ties and will be mailed to each player immediately following the announcement of the official tournament results.

## UNIQUE RULES OF PLAY

- Model Local Rule E-5: When a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, for two penalty strokes, the player may take relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in the appropriate relief area rather than proceeding under stroke and distance.
- Any player who has taken nine (9) strokes on any hole and has not holed out must pick up his/her ball and proceed to the next tee. The score must be recorded as a nine (9) and does not exclude the player from award consideration.
- All players may have one caddie to carry their bag and equipment and give advice, but all players and caddies must walk the golf course. Players and their equipment cannot be transported in motorized carts, except when going to their first hole, when returning from the last hole played, or when specifically authorized by PGYA staff. Players may have caddies assist in keeping their score. All scores need to be recorded on an official PGYA Golf Tour scorecard.

## BREAKING TIES

In all PGYA Golf Tour tournaments, ties for first, second, and third place in all divisions will be broken by a scorecard playoff. The PGYA Golf Tour official policy for breaking ties via a scorecard playoff is as follows:

- The method of matching scorecards to determine the winner will begin by using the last six (6) holes of the tournament.
- If the players have the same score for the last six (6), the PGYA Golf Tour will use the last three (3) holes.
- If after proceeding with this method the winner has yet to be determined, the PGYA Golf Tour will proceed by comparing scorecards from the 9th hole and continuing backwards by comparing the 8th hole, 7th hole, etc. until a winner has been determined.

## POINTS CHALLENGE

At all PGYA Golf Tour tournaments, points will be awarded to the top 5 finishers and ties in all divisions. Each tournament series (Spring Series and Summer Series) of the PGYA Golf Tour will have its own Points Challenge. Any points earned within a division will stay in that division for the entire tournament series. This means that if a player has a birthday which causes him/her to move to an older division, his/her points do not carry over. Should the player earn a qualification or exemption of some kind with the points from their previous division, that will still be honored, and the player will need to compete in the new age-appropriate division. If a player receives a qualification based on the above criteria and must play in the new, older, age-appropriate division, their qualifying spot for the younger division will be given to the next eligible player in the Points Challenge from that younger division.

The following is the breakdown of the point distribution for each division at an event:

PLACE	POINTS AWARDED
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	30
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	20
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	15
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	12
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	10

- Points will be distributed equally amongst all ties within the top finishers listed above.
- Points distributed at the Spring Series Championships and Summer Series Championship will be doubled.

A player's standing in the PGYA Golf Tour Points Challenge will be determined by the total points accumulated from the tournaments in which they participate. Example: A player has earned 52 points in the Points Challenge by playing in four (4) tournaments and recording a 1<sup>st</sup> place finish (30 points), 4<sup>th</sup> place finish (12 points), 5<sup>th</sup> place finish (10 points) and 12<sup>th</sup> place finish (0 points). Points earned during each tournament series will be used to establish the Tour Champion for each tournament series.

## YARDAGE GUIDELINES

### BOYS

AGE DIVISION	TEES	PAR 3	PAR 4	PAR 5	9-HOLES	18-HOLES
8 & Under	Green	50 – 90	150 - 225	250 - 325	1,500 - 1,900	
9 – 10	Yellow	75 – 115	225 – 285	325 – 375	1,900 – 2,300	
11 – 12	Orange	95 – 135	250 – 325	375 – 425	2,300 – 2,700	4,600 – 5,400
13 – 14	Blue	115 – 150	275 – 365	425 – 475	2,700 – 3,000	5,400 – 6,000

### GIRLS

AGE DIVISION	TEES	PAR 3	PAR 4	PAR 5	9-HOLES	18-HOLES
8 & Under	Green	50 – 90	150 - 225	250 - 325	1,500 - 1,900	
9 – 10	Green	50 – 90	150 – 225	250 – 325	1,500 – 1,900	
11 – 12	Yellow	75 – 115	225 – 285	325 – 375	1,900 – 2,300	3,800 – 4,600
13 – 14	Orange	95 – 135	250 – 325	375 – 425	2,300 – 2,700	4,600 – 5,400

**NOTE:** Tees and yardages are subject to change at the PGYA Staff's discretion depending on weather conditions and the layout of each host facility.



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# Section 4: Policies and Procedures

## TOURNAMENT ENTRY PROCEDURE OVERVIEW

Each Tour has its own respective entry procedure. There is no limit to the number of tournaments a player may enter. Please refer to the pages listed below for each Tour's entry procedure information.

**NOTE 1:** Walk-up players will be accepted at PGYA Golf Tour tournaments as space allows. Players will be accepted on a "First Come, First Served" basis. However, only players who register online will be eligible to earn points towards the Tour Championship.

**NOTE 2:** Players will be placed in a division according to their age as of the date of the tournament unless they have declared up to an older division. Players who are 19 years old will compete in the 15-18 division in all PGYA Golf Tour tournaments.

**NOTE 3:** Players must register online for tournaments in order to earn points towards the Tour Championship.

## TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION POLICY

All cancellations must be submitted via the player's BlueGolf account. Players may access their account by visiting the website. Refunds will be granted up until 2:00 p.m. five (5) days prior to the scheduled PGYA Golf Tour tournament. Please note that replying to an automated email will not validate a cancellation.

## TOURNAMENT REFUND POLICY

Refunds will not be granted for cancellations and withdrawals after 2:00 p.m. three (3) days prior to PGYA Golf Tour tournaments unless otherwise noted on the tournament information page.

**NOTE:** For all PGYA Golf Tour tournaments, written requests for refunds must be submitted to the PGYA Staff no more than three (3) days after the completion of the respective tournament for medical or family emergencies. Each request will be considered separately on its own merit and will be reviewed by the PGYA Staff. If the request has been approved, a refund will be applied to the player's account credit balance.

## DECLARING UP POLICY

Players may declare up to an older division, which may allow them to play in a tournament not otherwise open to them. If a player declares up, he/she must play by the applicable rules of that tournament.

To declare up for Spring Series and Summer Series tournaments, players must notify PGYA Staff prior to tournament start. A player may declare up to a different division at any time prior to the start of a tournament; however, all requests to declare up must be approved by the PGYA Golf Tour and approval will be based on a player's scoring average and overall tournament experience. If a member declares up, he/she must play in the older division for the remainder of the applicable tournament series.

## **NO SHOW POLICY**

It is the responsibility of the player to cancel out of a tournament if the player can no longer participate. Any player who does not show up for their designated start time and has not previously cancelled their tournament registration will be considered a No Show. Players will be allowed a MAXIMUM of 2 No Show's during a tournament series

Once a player has reached their maximum amount of No Show's, he or she will be removed from online registration for the remaining tournaments in that Series (including Series Championships). The player will be provided a full refund back to their original form of payment for tournaments they are removed from. The player will be allowed to play in future tournaments only as a Standby, as long as they are present at the time of the tournament and there are spaces available.

**NOTE:** Players must cancel out of a tournament in their BlueGolf account by 11:59 PM the day prior to a tournament if they can no longer participate and don't want to be listed as a No Show. If a player finds out they cannot participate on the day of the event, they must email [pgya2021@gmail.com](mailto:pgya2021@gmail.com) before their respective start time.

## **NO CARD POLICY**

All players must return their scorecard to the scoring area immediately following play. Any player who fails to return their scorecard after the round will be considered a No Card and will be deemed to have taken nine (9) strokes on each hole. Players withdrawing during play of a tournament must return their scorecard to the scoring area and notify a PGYA staff member before leaving the facility, otherwise, they will be considered as a No Card.

## **DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES POLICY**

The PGYA Golf Tour allows the use of distance measuring devices during all tournaments. If during a round, a player uses a function of a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his/her play (i.e., gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4.3a(1).

All distance measuring devices used must be of a handheld variety (phones and watches are permitted), carried by the player or his/her caddie. Use of GPS yardage systems installed on golf carts is not permitted at any time. Spectators must not relay any yardage information displayed by a GPS system in a golf cart. A player who breaches this policy will be deemed to have violated Rule 4-3a(1) and will be subject to the following penalties:

FIRST OFFENSE: Two (2) stroke penalty

SECOND OFFENSE: Disqualification

Additionally, players may share their distance measuring device and information pertaining to yardage with fellow players or opponents at their discretion provided such action does not cause an undue delay. Should there be a question on the legality of a certain distance measuring device, it is recommended that all players communicate with the PGYA staff.

## CADDIE POLICY

Players in the 8 & under divisions are encouraged to have a caddie. Players in the 9-10 & 11-12 divisions are allowed to have a caddie. All players in the 13 & older divisions are not allowed to have a caddie.

Caddies May:

- Assist with yardage
- Assist with club selection
- Provide advice
- Search for the player's ball
- Repair old hole plugs and ball marks
- Remove loose impediments
- Mark the position of a ball and lift it
- Clean the player's ball
- Remove movable obstructions
- Keep player's score Caddies

Caddies May Not:

- Violate the Rules of Golf
- Violate the PGYA Caddie Code of Conduct
- Ride or have golf clubs transported in golf carts except when being transported to their starting hole, back to the clubhouse from their finishing hole, during a suspension of play or when authorized by the PGYA staff
- Give extensive coaching or training during a round resulting in pace of play violations
- Rule 10.2b(4) Restriction on caddie standing behind player when a player begins taking a stance for the stroke and until the stroke is made:

- The player's caddie must not deliberately stand in a location on or close to an extension of the line of play behind the ball for any reason.
- If the player takes a stance in breach of this rule, he/she cannot avoid penalty by backing away.

*Exception – Ball on Putting Green: When the player's ball is on the putting green, there is no penalty under this rule if the player backs away from the stance and does not begin to take the stance again until after the caddie has moved out of that location.*

## SHUTTLE SAFETY POLICY

Spectators are welcome to shuttle players to their starting hole, from their finishing hole and when specifically instructed by the PGYA staff. Players must always be seated inside the golf cart during transport. At PGYA Golf Tour tournaments, players must not stand or sit on the back of a golf cart while being shuttled before, during or after a tournament. This includes shuttling to the player's starting hole and from the player's last hole of a tournament.

If a violation of this policy occurs, the player may be subject to the following penalties:

FIRST OFFENSE: Warning  
SECOND OFFENSE: Two (2) stroke penalty  
THIRD OFFENSE: Disqualification

**NOTE:** If a violation of this policy is made by a spectator who is 18 years of age or younger, the same penalty structure will apply. All penalties will be added to the player in which the violator is spectating.

## PACE OF PLAY TACTICS

There are several tactics that can help improve Pace of Play. The PGYA Golf Tour will recommend and, in some cases, enforce the following tactics during tournaments for groups who fail to keep up with the established Pace of Play. It is recommended that all players utilize the tactics listed below throughout the entire round.

- Play “ready golf”
  - When the area surrounding the player is clear, he/she may proceed to hit their shot regardless of whether or not it is his/her turn to hit.
  - Walk with a purpose.
- Maximum Number of Practice Swings
  - All players may be limited to a total of two (2) practice swings per shot.
- Continuous Putting

- Once all players' balls are on the putting green, the player who is farthest from the hole will continue putting until his/her ball is holed. This will continue until all players in the grouping have finished playing the hole.

## **PACE OF PLAY POLICY**

The established Pace of Play for all tournaments is 15 minutes per hole plus one additional minute between the play of two holes (2 hours and 24 minutes / 4 hours and 48 minutes) per round unless otherwise noted.

## **DEFINITION OF OUT OF POSITION FOR SHOTGUN STARTS**

A group will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, they (a) exceed the allotted time to play and (b) reach a par-3 hole that is open and free of play or fail to clear the tee of a par-4 or par-5 hole before that hole is open and free to play. Both (a) and (b) must apply for a group to be out of position.

## **DEFINITION OF OUT OF POSITION FOR TEE TIME STARTS**

The first group to start will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, they exceed the time allotted to play. Any subsequent groups will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, they (a) exceed the allotted time to play and (b) reach a par-3 hole that is open and free of play, reach a par-4 and have not played a stroke from the teeing ground before the hole is open and free to play, or reach a par-5 hole and all players in the group have not played a stroke from the teeing ground before the hole is open and free to play. Both (a) and (b) must apply for a group to be out of position.

## **TIMING**

The PGYA staff reserves the right to time a group when deemed necessary. Further, if a player is determined to be unreasonably slow, he/she may be timed individually at the PGYA staff's discretion, regardless of whether his/her group is out of position.

A player is permitted 40 seconds to play a stroke, and an additional 10 seconds (for a total of 50 seconds) will be allowed for: (a) the first player to play a stroke on a par-3 hole; (b) the first player to play a second stroke on a par-4 or par-5 hole; (c) the first player to play a third stroke on a par-5 hole; (d) the first player to play around the putting green; and (e) the first player to play on the putting green.

## PENALTY STRUCTURE

PGYA staff reserves the right to penalize a group or individual player if multiple violations of the Pace of Play policy occur. During a round, an individual player or group will receive the following warnings and subsequent penalties from a PGYA staff member if they are found to be over time and/or out of position, as previously defined.

FIRST OFFENSE: Warning (Yellow)  
SECOND OFFENSE: Warning (Orange)

The following penalties occur when the group is being timed by PGYA staff:

THIRD OFFENSE: Bad time warning  
FOURTH OFFENSE: One (1) stroke penalty (Red)  
FIFTH OFFENSE: Two (2) stroke penalty (Black)  
SIXTH OFFENSE: Disqualification

**NOTE 1:** Penalty strokes will be added to the hole where the infraction occurred.

**NOTE 2:** Pace of play warnings and penalties will not carry over to any subsequent PGYA Golf Tour round.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER / TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION POLICY

The PGYA Golf Tour reserves the right to cancel or delay a tournament at any point prior to or during a round due to inclement weather or unplayable course conditions.

In the case a tournament is deemed unplayable due to inclement weather once play has begun, it will be delayed by a determined maximum time to allow the weather to subside, giving the course ample time to recover and to allow the players an opportunity to prepare for the re-start.

If the weather does not subside during the suspension of play, PGYA staff will work closely with the host facility staff to decide when to cancel the tournament due to inclement weather. Tournaments may be cancelled due to core temperature of the ground, excess rain deeming the course unplayable, or extreme outside temperatures deeming the conditions to be unfavorable for the tournament.

Decisions related to cancelling or delaying a tournament will be made by the designated weather monitoring staff in conjunction with the host facility. This decision will be communicated with on-site PGYA staff and host facility staff prior to communicating with the players. Players will be notified of cancelled tournament(s) through BlueGolf email and BlueGolf text messages.

If a tournament is cancelled prior to play, the players scheduled to participate in the tournament will be refunded the full entry fee to their account or have the option to transfer into another event. If the tournament is cancelled during play, the PGYA Golf Tour reserves the right to retain the full entry fee.

## **GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE**

In the event of a penalty or playing suspension, the player may submit a written account of the Code of Conduct violation to the PGYA Golf Tour Grievance Committee within seven (7) days of the penalty or suspension. The Grievance Committee will review all submitted materials, including a tournament staff account of the violation. The PGYA Golf Committee will review grievances. All grievances must go through the appropriate channels to be considered.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

It is the responsibility of the player to know the host facility policies and procedures. The PGYA Golf Tour abides by all host facility policies and procedures and requires that all players, caddies, and spectators do the same. It is the responsibility of the player (grades 9–12) to know the University Interscholastic League (UIL) regulations and abide by them. The PGYA Golf Tour reserves the right to modify, change, or update these Rules and Regulations at any time.