

Are you ready to get in the game?

By completing the following and returning it to the GSGA, you will be added to the GSGA's junior mailing list and will receive detailed information on GSGA junior programs.

Male Female

Name (First, MI, Last)

Address

City/ZIP

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Phone

E-mail Address

Birthdate (Month, Date, Year) Age

Graduation Year Handicap/Avg. Score

Club (belong to or most frequently play)

Return to:

Georgia State Golf Association
Attn: Rules & Competitions/Junior Program
121 Village Parkway, Building 3
Marietta, GA 30067-4061

Georgia State Golf Association

Mission

To promote and preserve the traditions and integrity of golf in Georgia and to enhance its enjoyment.

Membership

The GSGA's membership consists of some 360 golf clubs and their 85,000 individual members. Member clubs include public, semi-private, private, military and resort golf courses, as well as associate clubs "without real estate."

Individuals become members of the GSGA by signing up through one of GSGA's member clubs.

History

The GSGA was founded in 1914 by 26 member clubs, with the primary purpose being to conduct a state amateur championship.

The GSGA was incorporated in 1924 and was run by volunteers over the next five decades. Among its milestones, the GSGA began rating courses in 1961, added the Junior Championship in 1966 and began administering the handicap system in 1972, before adding its first full-time staff director in 1973.

The last three decades have seen extensive growth in membership, volunteers, staff and services, which include handicapping services, a competitions program, course rating and measuring, allied golf association support, member club promotion, scholarships and a resource center.

For more information, contact:
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GSGA Junior Golf Program



The Georgia State Golf Association (GSGA)'s Junior Golf Program is provided as a service to all junior golfers within the state, from beginner to elite. Listed below are some of the various services offered in the junior golf program.

Junior Sectional Program



The GSGA conducts a statewide Junior Sectional Program for boys and girls each summer. This program consists of at least four one-day sectional tournaments held in

each of seven geographical zones in the state. The zones are defined as East, West, Middle, Northwest, Northeast, Southwest and Southeast. Participants are divided into the following age groups: Boys 11 and under, 12-13, 14-15, 16-17 and Girls 13 and under and 14-17. The entry fee is \$10 for each event attended and there is no pre-registration necessary to participate. Points are awarded for the top five finishers in each age group at each tournament. Trophies are also awarded at each sectional tournament. At the conclusion of the sectional tournaments, a 20-player team from each section will be selected to participate in the statewide Junior Sectional Challenge Match.

The schedule will be posted on the GSGA website beginning mid-January 2005. Participants may only play in the zone in which they live in.

Junior Sectional Challenge Match

In late July, the GSGA conducts the Junior Sectional Challenge Match. Qualifying for the Challenge Match is based on performance in the Junior Sectional Program. The four players in each boys age group and the two players in each girls age group with the highest point totals from each zone will comprise the



teams (20 players per zone) x (7 zones) = (140 total players in the Challenge match). The Challenge Match is a two-day event and the site is on a yearly rotation among the seven sections.

Georgia Junior Championships



Each year, the GSGA conducts the Georgia Junior Championships. Separate concurrent championships are held for boys and girls in June. These championships are played in the following age groups: Boys 14-17; Girls 9-11 (9 holes per day), 12-14, 15-17 and championship flight (each play 18 holes per day).

Georgia-South Carolina Junior Challenge Match

Each year in July, the GSGA and the South Carolina Golf Association conduct the Georgia-South Carolina Junior Challenge Match. This two-day match play competition is held alternately in Georgia and South Carolina. The top eight finishers from the boys' Junior Championship will be named to the Georgia Team.

Beginning in 2006, in partnership with the Women's South Carolina Golf Association, the top four finishers from the girls' Junior Championship will also qualify for a similar team event.

Junior Clearinghouse

Each year, the GSGA compiles a clearinghouse list of boys' and girls' junior tournaments throughout the state, as well as major national competitions. This list can be found in the *Georgia Junior Golfer* magazine or on the GSGA website.

Be sure to visit and bookmark the GSGA website, www.gsga.org, for more details about junior golf programs and activities.

LPGA-USGA Girls Golf

LPGA-USGA Girls Golf, the only national initiative designed specifically for girls, encourages girls to learn to play the game, build friendships, and learn to compete in a positive and supportive environment. Open to girls ages seven to 17, the developmental junior golf program provides the opportunity to achieve success and have fun while establishing a life-long interest in the game. It is organized and implemented through a partnership between the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) and the United States Golf Association (USGA). For more information, please visit the LPGA website at www.LPGA.com.



U.S. Junior and Girls' Junior Amateur Qualifying

The GSGA annually conducts qualifying rounds for the United States Golf Association's Boys' and Girls' Junior Amateur Championships. To receive the 2005 entry form, please call the USGA at (800) 222-8742 or visit the website at www.usga.org.

Junior Player of the Year Award

The GSGA annually compiles a points list for Junior Players of the Year. Points are earned based on performance in several statewide and national competitions. At the end of the season, the boys' and girls' Junior Players of the Year will be acknowledged with an award from the GSGA. The boys' Junior Player of the Year is also exempt from qualifying for the GSGA Amateur Championship.



Note: Please refer to the GSGA website or GSGA registration/entry forms for age policies.