

# SCJGA Greenville: Program Introduction for New Families

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# About us

- ▶ **Robbie Gravely, Co-Director**
  - ▶ 6th season serving as co-director of the SCJGA Greenville Chapter
  - ▶ Former head golf coach at Greer High School
  - ▶ Long time director of the Men's Greenville County Amateur Championship
  - ▶ Married to Josie; children are Jamie, Sam, and Kayli
  
- ▶ **Doug Brown, Co-Director**
  - ▶ 6th season serving as co-director of the SCJGA Greenville Chapter
  - ▶ Co-founder of Grow Golf Now with George Bryan III
  - ▶ Married to Beth, children are Ally and Molly
  
- ▶ **Bob Shell, starter/rules official**
  - ▶ Teacher and coach of the girls golf team at JL Mann High School
  
- ▶ **Bruce Redmon & Tracy Miller - starters/rules officials**
- ▶ **Interns: Mia Settle & Delia Parker**

# Overview of the SCJGA Greenville Chapter Program

- ▶ Provide opportunities for children ages 7-18 to play individual stroke play tournaments through out the summer
- ▶ Tournaments are scheduled on Mondays, a couple of Tuesdays, and one Monday-Tuesday with the first tee times beginning around 8:00 am
- ▶ Children ages 7-12 walk 9 holes; ages 13-18 walk 18 holes - push carts are allowed
- ▶ Parents are NOT required to stay during play - drop off and pick up after golf is ok!
- ▶ Registration for each tournament closes at 2:00 PM on Fridays and tee times are both posted online and emailed out to the field by Saturday morning
- ▶ Range balls are included in the tournament entry fee

# Purpose of the Greenville Chapter

- ▶ Player and spectator safety is our top priority
- ▶ Create a FUN environment with friendly competition for all players
- ▶ Help young people gain valuable experience in competitive golf
- ▶ Provide opportunities to make new friends and strengthen existing friendships
- ▶ Promote health and wellness - walking the course is great exercise
- ▶ Facilitate a deepening appreciation for the game of golf that hopefully lasts a lifetime

# 2021 Greenville Chapter Schedule

- ▶ June 20<sup>th</sup>: Carolina Springs - \$10 entry fee
- ▶ June 27<sup>th</sup>: Fox Run Country Club - \$10 entry fee
- ▶ July 4<sup>th</sup>: OFF for Independence Day
- ▶ July 12<sup>th</sup>: Preserve at Verdae -\$10 entry fee (Tuesday)
- ▶ July 18<sup>th</sup>: Greer Golf Course - \$10 entry fee
- ▶ July 25-26<sup>th</sup>: Greenville County Junior Am at Holly Tree CC (cost TBA)
  - ▶ This is open to all junior golfers in Greenville County
  - ▶ Regular All-Star points will be awarded to Chapter Members
- ▶ Aug 1<sup>st</sup>: Links O'Tryon - \$10 entry fee
- ▶ Aug 9<sup>th</sup>: Green Valley CC - \$20 entry fee (Tuesday)
- ▶ Aug 13-14<sup>th</sup>: Thomas D Todd All-Star Tournament in Rock Hill, SC

# Is Your Junior Golfer Tournament-Ready?

- ▶ Is it their idea to play in tournaments? Are they asking you if they can play?
- ▶ Can they walk 9 or 18 holes (depending on age) carrying their bag or using a pushcart?
- ▶ Do they make contact with the ball on EVERY swing?
- ▶ Can they effectively control their ball on and around the greens with chipping, pitching, putting and bunker play?
- ▶ Can they beat “double par” on 9 holes (72) or 18 holes (144) playing by the rules?
- ▶ Do they have a basic understanding of the rules?
  - ▶ No mulligans allowed
  - ▶ Cannot improve their ball position
  - ▶ Count every swing attempt
  - ▶ Out-of-Bounds, penalty areas, and lost balls
  - ▶ Not grounding their club in the bunker

# Age Divisions, Tee Boxes & Yardages

## ▶ Girls 7-9

- ▶ Walk 9 holes & play from cones in the fairway
- ▶ Par 5s: 180-220 yards, Par 4s: 120-170 yards, Par 3s: 40-80 yards

## ▶ Boys 7-9 & Girls 10-12

- ▶ Walk 9 holes & play from cones in the fairway
- ▶ Par 5s: 240-280 yards, Par 4s: 180-220 yards, Par 3s: 60-100 yards

## ▶ Boys 10-12 & Girls 13-18

- ▶ Boys walk 9 holes & Girls walk 18 holes from either Forward (Ladies) or Senior Tees
- ▶ Par 5s: 320-400 yards, Par 4s: 270-340 yards, Par 3s: 75-150 yards

## ▶ Boys 13-14 & 15-18

- ▶ Walk 18 holes from Middle or “White” tees
- ▶ Par 5s: 460-520 yards, Par 4s: 320-420 yards, Par 3s: 130-200 yards



# Local/Chapter Rules

- ▶ Max score for each hole is double par
  - ▶ Par 5s: 10, Par 4s: 8, Par 3s: 6
- ▶ All ball hit out-of-bounds (white staked) maybe brought to the middle of the fairway, on a straight line from where it crossed in OB, no closer to the hole, and dropped with a 2-stroke penalty
- ▶ Corrections can be made to finalized scorecards if the player has not left the scoring table area
- ▶ Parents, grandparents, and adult guardians may help and serve as forecaddies and guides but must refrain from carrying the bag, coaching, and providing assistance such as club selection, reading greens, or line up up putts, etc.
  - ▶ Shuttling players between greens and tees is permitted provided that each player in the group is included
  - ▶ Assisting with scorekeeping for younger groups and beginners is permitted

# Expert Golf - Helpful Rules App

- ▶ To make dealing with the rules easier for all players, the Greenville chapter will allow players to use cell phones while on the course for assistance with the rules
- ▶ Players with rules questions can use their cell phones to contact a rules or tournament official or to access a golf rules app
- ▶ The **Expert Golf** rules app (shown below) is one example and can be purchased in most app stores for around \$15 and use of is permitted in all Greenville Chapter events
- ▶ Cell phone use by players should only occur if there is need to seek advice from a rules official or rules app or in the event of reporting an emergency
  - ▶ Players CANNOT use their phones to receive guidance/coaching from parents, coaches, or any other sources while playing

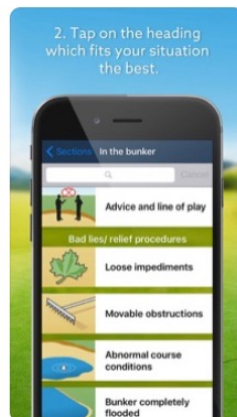
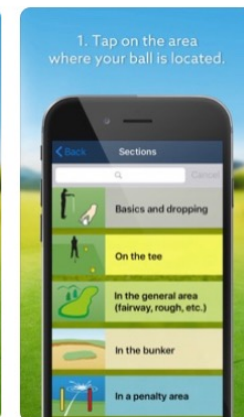


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Golf Rules Quick Reference

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# Expectations for Players

- ▶ Arrive at least 20 minutes prior to your scheduled tee time & check in at the scoring table, range balls will be provided
- ▶ Arrive at the 1<sup>st</sup> tee box at least 5 minutes before your tee time to check in with the starter to receive your scorecard
- ▶ Always be respectful to your playing partners and staff at each facility
- ▶ Leave the course in better shape than you found it: rake bunkers, fill divots, and repair all pitch marks
- ▶ Play ready-golf and maintain a pace of play that keeps up with the group in front of you
- ▶ Have a basic understanding of the rules of golf - contact a rules official whenever in doubt of how to proceed, playing a second ball is an option
- ▶ Double check your score and your marker's score & ALWAYS signing your card before submitting it to the scoring officials
- ▶ Use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco and vaping is strictly prohibited

# Expectations for Parents

- ▶ ALWAYS be a source of support and encouragement for your players REGARDLESS of the numbers on their scorecard
- ▶ Feel free to serve as volunteer ball spotters and lost ball searchers as you walk along - it will help speed up play!
- ▶ Make sure your golfer has a ride to and from the course - but you are NOT required to stay while they are playing
- ▶ Please refrain from officiating, coaching or giving direction of ANY kind when your player is on the course. But if you need assistance from our staff please call us!
- ▶ Parents with juniors in the 7-9 and 10-12 divisions will be permitted to walk with the group (keeping appropriate distance) to provide assistance in anything that helps to maintain pace of play as long as ALL PLAYERS in the group receive EQUAL treatment
  - ▶ Raking bunkers, filling divots, tending the pin, searching for lost balls, spotting drives, shuttling between holes, etc.

# All-Star Tournament & Rankings

- ▶ The Thomas D Todd All-Star Tournament takes place on Aug 13-14<sup>th</sup> in Rock Hill, SC
- ▶ The top 2-3 players in each division will qualify for the Greenville Chapter All-Star team and will compete against players from other chapters across SC
- ▶ Players will earn points toward All-Star rankings for top finishes in each GREENVILLE Chapter event in which they play
  - ▶ Players will NOT earn All-Star points for events played in outside chapters
- ▶ Final Rankings are calculated using each players' **BEST FIVE FINISHES** out of the seven total chapter events on the schedule
  - ▶ This means you do **NOT** need to play in all seven tournaments as only your best 5 out of 7 finished will count towards your final all-star ranking
- ▶ **DOUBLE POINTS** for All-Stars will be awarded for the Greenville Chapter Championship on Aug 9<sup>th</sup> at Green Valley Country Club
  - ▶ All other events, including the Greenville Junior Am, will be awarded regular point values

# Register to Play... Risk Free!

- ▶ All first-time players in the 2022 Greenville Chapter can play in the first tournament at Carolina Springs on June 20th WITHOUT joining the Greenville Chapter
  - ▶ Chapter membership is \$175 per season which includes an SCJGA membership. (Existing SCJGA members can join for \$145)
  - ▶ Future tournament registrations will be made through the BlueGolf System via [www.scjga.org](http://www.scjga.org)
- ▶ Play at Carolina Springs for just \$10 (per player)
  - ▶ If your junior enjoys their experience and wants to play in more Greenville Chapter tournaments, you will be able to join the Greenville Chapter once you register for your next tournament
  - ▶ To register to play Carolina Springs for just \$10, please visit [www.growgolfnow.com/scjgagreenville](http://www.growgolfnow.com/scjgagreenville) and complete the registration form
- ▶ If your junior wants to join the Greenville Chapter no matter what and you do not need our risk-free trial, please register them for the Greenville Chapter by visiting <http://scjga.org/2022-schedule-and-results/>

# Q&A Session

- ▶ Please reach out to us with all questions, concerns & suggestions
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- ▶ Sponsorship opportunities are available - contact us if interested!