



# Junior Tour

OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

## Junior Tour of Northern California 2020 COVID-19 Tournament Guidelines

The Junior Tour of Northern California is looking forward to the resumption of our season and having a great second half of the year. We want everyone to have a great time at our tournaments and certainly will do our best to make them as safe as possible. It is very important for all of us to follow these rules so that we will be able to continue to run events during these trying times.

Please Note – These guidelines are subject to change at any time. It is extremely important to read through the Player Information sheet and Local Rules for each event.

### General Sanitation Guidelines for Participation in JTNC Events

- Absolutely no gathering or loitering at any location on the property before or after a round.
- Players must always maintain at least a six-foot distance minimum from other people (except for household members) while on property.
- Mask/facial coverings should be worn as required by government guidelines when a six-foot distance cannot be met.
- There will not be an awards ceremony. Players are required to leave as soon as possible after completing their round.
- Please do not arrive to the course more than 30 minutes prior to your tee time.
- Players need to arrive at their starting tee on time, however, please do not go to that tee until the group in front has cleared.

### Scorecard procedures

An electronic scorecard will be used for JTNC Tournaments, no paper scorecards will be available.

Procedures:

- Starter will have a list of Golf Genius ID numbers for groups. Group ID numbers for scoring will also be sent out with the pairings.
- At least two players in each group must enter scores using mobile scoring.
- The full leaderboard will be available online for all players to check their hole by hole scores. This can and should be done during the round, but at a minimum upon completion of the round.
- After the marker has completed entering all 18-hole scores, the player has until one hour after the last group has completed their round to make any changes to their scores by contacting the tournament staff. Otherwise, the scorecard will be considered officially returned.
- All ties will be determined by USGA recommended method for matching scorecards.

### Flagstick and Hole

- Touching of the flagstick is prohibited. A code of conduct rule will be in place moving forward and deliberate touching of the flagstick will lead to disqualification.
- EZLift device, if available. Otherwise, use a foam insert in the hole to allow the ball to drop below the level of the lip of the hole. The ball needs to be retrieved without touching the

flagstick or the edge of the hole. Other options may be used based on the facility; we will not play a tournament at a course where the ball cannot be holed out by the rules of golf.

### **Bunker Rakes**

- Bunker Rakes will be removed from the course. Players are encouraged to smooth the surface of the bunker with their foot or club before exiting the bunker.
- JTNC will play preferred lies in the bunker: A player may place a ball in the same bunker within one club-length of the original spot and not nearer to the hole than that spot.

### **Starter Interaction and Material Distribution**

- No starter box, only a clock. No markers for marking golf balls and tees no longer distributed
- Local Rules, Pace of Play, Hard Card, Hole Locations, and other paperwork will be emailed to players the evening before the event. No paperwork will be available at the starting hole.
- Hand sanitizer will be made available at the starter table.
- Starter directions given while spread 6 feet apart.

### **Social Distancing Policies for Practice/Warm-Up (When available)**

- Practice range set up for safe distancing and request players arrive no earlier than 20 minutes prior to starting time and limit range time to 10 minutes to allow others the opportunity. Any stretching or other warm-up activities should be done beforehand at their car.
- The practice putting green is only available to players 10 minutes prior to their starting time. No holes will be available.
- All facilities will be different individual guidelines per facility will be given in the player information sheet. Some facilities will not have practice of any kind available.

### **Food and Beverage**

- Food issued in accordance with county guidelines which includes consideration for touch points and social distancing guidelines.
- In some cases, food and beverage options may not be available.
- We will continue to try to provide JTNC water. These will be available only at the beginning of the round and will be handed out by our starter. Note: it is extremely important that players and spectators realize they will have water needs that JTNC cannot meet, they need to be responsible for this.
- We will do our best to make everyone aware of what food and beverage availability will be at each site.

### **Spectators**

- Spectators must maintain at least six-foot distance minimum from people while on property. See individual tournament policies for additional guidelines. We request players to limit spectators to one person, preferably a household member, whenever possible.

**Players or spectators that deliberately or repeatedly disregard these rules will be disqualified and or asked to leave property.**

