



GUIDELINES (Please read carefully)

It is the responsibility of all parents and contestants to be aware of the Policies and Guidelines of the 2023 Pepsi Little People's Golf Championships

The Little People's Golf Championships Association (LPGCA) takes great pride in its players, its host facilities and the community involvement of the Pepsi Little People's Golf Championships (PLPGC). In order to continue to provide an enjoyable event for everyone, the LPGCA requires its participants to adhere to a set of guidelines, which is to be followed both on and off the golf course throughout the duration of the tournament. The 2023 PLPGC officially begins at 9 am on the Sunday morning of the Parent-Child event and continues through the final prize presentation on Wednesday evening.

CADDIES AND CARTS -- No player may ride in a powered golf cart during his/her competitive rounds. Players in Divisions 1, 2, 3 and 4 may have **one** caddy but must walk. (Caddy may carry player in Divisions 1 if necessary.) Specified caddy **only** may give advice. Players in Divisions 5, 6 and 7 may **not** have a caddy and must walk and carry their own bag or use a pull cart. **Players and parents in the Applebee's Parent-Child event on Sunday may use a powered golf cart.**

CODE OF CONDUCT – Violations of the Code of Conduct include: verbal or physical abuse of any person, club throwing, cheating, disrespect of volunteers or officials, abuse of the golf course (divots not replaced, bunkers not raked, ball marks not repaired), discarded trash not placed in proper receptacle, vandalism, use of smoking or chewing tobacco products, use of drugs or alcohol, not adhering to dress code, leaving course during a competition round without permission of a PLPGC official, or any other conduct not becoming a PLP participant. Competitors who violate the Code are subject to a two-stroke penalty or disqualification, dependent on PLPGC Tournament Committee decision. Players and parents should always conduct themselves in a professional manner while at event sites. Under no circumstances will displays of temper, by players or parents, either verbally or physically, be tolerated, and such acts will result in the permanent suspension of all parties involved from all tournament courses for the duration of the tournament and possibly future tournaments. Other complaints or violations not specifically covered will be reviewed by the Tournament Committee, which will determine the final action to be taken.

COMPETITION – All play shall be governed by current USGA Rules of Golf and its Decisions, and, where applicable, by Local Rules, Conditions and Definitions, subject to changes or amendments by the PLPGC Rules Committee (2023 Tournament Information). PLPGC tournament officials at each competition course will be in charge of tournament activities at that course. Decisions of PLPGC officials are final.

DRESS CODE – **Proper attire is required** on each golf course, practice tee and practice greens. Any violation will result in the player not being allowed to participate until he/she has met the following regulations. The dress code **prohibits shoes having metal spikes**, short shorts, tank tops, halter-tops, **bare midriffs**, T-shirts, denim shorts and jeans, and headphones. All hats and caps must be worn properly; collared shirts, turtlenecks or mock turtles may be worn and must be tucked in (girls may wear a collarless shirt if it is part of a coordinated outfit). Offensive slogans, language and/or pictures on clothing will not be tolerated.

GREEN READING MATERIAL – Any type of green-reading material, i.e. scopes, maps, apps or professionally-written notes or documents, will **NOT BE ALLOWED** during competition in the 2023 tournament. This includes the Applebee's Parent-Child and competition rounds. Hand drawn or written information about a putting green is only allowed if contained in a book or paper meeting the size limit (4-1/4"x7") and written by the player and/or his or her caddy. Any violation is cause for disqualification.

PACE OF PLAY -- Player must not unreasonably delay play, either when playing a hole or between two holes. See Rule 5.6a for penalties for breach of rule. Players should play at a prompt pace throughout the round (see Pace of Play Rule 5.6b). In stroke play, players may play "ready golf" in a safe and responsible way (see Rule 6.4b Exception). The **Pepsi Little People's Committee** recommends that a player should make a stroke in no more than 40 seconds after he/she is able to play without interference or distraction, and that an 18-hole round of golf should take no more than 4-1/2 hours. (See Rule 5.6a for penalties for breach of rule)

PLAYER'S RESPONSIBILITIES – Carry enough liquid in your golf bag for at least nine holes. Please load the **USGA Rules of Golf App** on your phone, and carry the LPGC Tournament Information in your bag. Know the **Definitions** in the USGA Rules. **Contestants may carry a cell phone in their bag but must restrict its use to EMERGENCY purposes and Rules Information only. Range finders that measure distance only WILL BE ALLOWED** during competition for players 3 through 18 in Little People's.

READY GOLF – To avoid slow play penalties, Little People's HIGHLY RECOMMENDS that all players practice READY GOLF and, when possible, continuous putting. See Recommendations for Ready Golf on our website (www.littlepeoplesgolf.com).

SCORING – Caddy may count and record scores in Divisions 1, 2, 3 and 4. **Players in Divisions 1 and 2 are limited to 12 strokes per hole, including whiffs.** Each player in Divisions 1, 2, 3 and 4 may have **one** caddy only. It is their responsibility to check the score recorded with the competitor after each hole. Scorecards must be exchanged within each group. Players in Divisions 5, 6 and 7 must exchange scorecards within their group and are responsible for recording the competitor's score after each hole. It is the competitor's responsibility to check his/her card after the completion of each round before signing it. **Every scorecard must be signed by competitor AFTER checking scores at Scorer's Table.** Each competitor should wait at Scorer's Table until his/her card has been checked and competitor is dismissed by the PLPGC scorer. Competitor is responsible for hole-by-hole score only. **Parents and/or spectators must not become involved with scoring in Divisions 5, 6 and 7.**

SPECTATORS – **Spectators are welcome** and may follow players in all Divisions, but **may not communicate with them** in any manner at any time during their competition round. Clapping and encouragement for good play are allowed as long as it does not interfere with tournament play. Contestants are reminded of Rule 10.2a and 10.2b concerning advice and receiving assistance. Penalty two strokes. Contestants are reminded that significant contact/conversation may be construed as advice by fellow competitors. Spectators are encouraged to come out and watch the youngsters compete on their own. **Spectators are requested to turn off cell phones or pagers on every golf course during competition.**

STARTING TIMES – Rule 5-3a of the USGA Rules of Golf provides that the player must be ready to play at the starting time and starting point set by the committee. The penalty for breach of this Rule is disqualification. However, if a player arrives at his/her starting point, ready to play, within 5 minutes after that starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole. The Committee may decide that exceptional circumstances prevented the player from starting on time, in which case there is no penalty. **We WILL NOT adjust second-round starting times in divisions 4, 5, 6 and 7 to accommodate special needs. Please make travel plans accordingly.**

TIES – Ties for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in all Divisions shall be decided by hole-by-hole playoff immediately following conclusion of play in each Division. Medals go to 4th-6th place and all ties in Divisions 4, 5, 6 and 7. Participant medals go to all non-trophy winners in Divisions 1, 2 and 3.

NOTE: After reading thoroughly and carefully the Guidelines on this page, and the Terms of Entry Acceptance on page 4, **both the applicant and parent or guardian must sign on page 2 under LPGCA GUIDELINES AND TERMS OF ENTRY ACCEPTANCE.**

ENTRY DEADLINE SAET. JUNE 17, 6:00 PM CST

2023 TERMS OF ENTRY ACCEPTANCE

Please send completed entries only. A completed entry consists of (1) completed ENTRY FORM; (2) completed RELEASE FORM, signed by parent or guardian; (3) Copy of Birth Certificate or Passport if a new player; (4) Handicap Index, Handicap Card, or scoring average and par; (5) LPGCA GUIDELINES AND TERMS OF ENTRY acceptance signed by applicant AND parent or guardian, and (6) CORRECT ENTRY FEE. **ENTRY DEADLINE SAT. JUNE 17, 6:00 PM CST**

Entries are accepted on a first-received basis. Space is limited in all divisions. A completed entry will be accepted or, if the division is filled, be placed on a waiting list. If any entry is not complete you will be notified immediately. Entries may be sent by regular or Priority mail, Fed Ex, Express Mail, Air Express, DHL or UPS, or may be faxed or emailed. Payment may be made by check, money order, or credit card.

Please DO NOT use any staples.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY -- One-half entry fee will be refunded if entry is withdrawn prior to 6 pm on Monday, June 5. **NO REFUND AFTER MONDAY, JUNE 5**

Please read the terms of entry acceptance and the LPGCA guidelines thoroughly and sign in specified places on page 2 of Entry Form. Signatures of both applicant and parent or guardian are both required.

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

EACH PLAYER WILL RECEIVE – A special 50th Anniversary commemorative gift, three days greens fees, a logoed golf ball, logoed bag tag, tickets for free Pepsi product for self and parents, Picnic ticket for self and family, mementos from local merchants and special gifts from Pepsi Little People's.

2023 SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 18 – Registration desk open NOON-6 pm at Westview. You MUST register before your practice round or at least 30 minutes before first tee time.

Applebee's Parent-Child Event (Information and Entry Form available on our website.)

Monday, June 19 – Registration desk open 9 am-5 pm at Westview

Free Practice Round for all Contestants

Family Celebration Picnic Co-sponsored by Pepsi, Hy-Vee, WGEM and See Quincy. Information and Reservation Form available on our website at www.littlepeoplesgolf.com) **FREE for all players and families with reservation by Friday, June 16.**

*******ALL CONTESTANTS MUST** register at WESTVIEW GC on Sunday or Monday. If you are unable to get to Westview before 5 pm on Monday, you MUST call the Registration Desk at 217-257-5718 by 5 pm Monday to make other arrangements.*****

Tuesday, June 20 – First round of competition, all divisions, both Courses

Wednesday, June 21 – Final round of play, all Divisions, both courses.

Presentation of Prizes, all Divisions, both courses.

THE MISSION OF THE LPGCA

The Little People's Golf Championships Association (LPGCA) is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing a positive competitive environment for junior golfers ages three through eighteen (3 through 18) through the Pepsi Little People's Golf Championships, and to assisting in the growth and development of every young man and woman who seeks a college scholarship through junior golf competition.

By dedicating itself to this purpose, the PLPGC has built a reputation as one of the largest and most prestigious junior golf tournaments in the world.

Since its inception in 1974, the LPGCA has pursued this mission through the Pepsi Little People's Golf Championships, scheduled the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday following Father's Day each June. Pepsi Little People's is a ranked tournament for the **Junior Golf Scoreboard** for boys and girls 10-18, **GolfWeek/Sagarin Junior Rankings** for boys and girls 14-18, and **Global Junior Golf Rankings** for boys and girls 10-18. Pepsi Little People's is included in the **AJGA Performance Based Entry** system for boys/girls 14-18 and 12-13 age divisions, with Performance Stars awarded in both age divisions. It is a qualifier for boys and girls 5 through 14 for the 2023 **IMG Academy Junior World Golf Championships**, for boys and girls 3-18 for the 2023 **Future Champions Golf**, for boys and girls 5-18 for the **2023 PLAY Junior Golf Tour** in Canada, and for boys and girls 10-18 for the Regional Qualifier for the **Notah Begay National Championship**

In keeping with its dedication to help young people, the LPGCA has established its "**Kids Helping Kids**" program, which encompasses (1) **Little People's Charitable Program**, (2) **the Little People's Scholarships Program** and (3) **the Maureen J. Garrity Scholarship for Women**.

The LPGCA is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit organization established under the guidelines set by the Internal Revenue Service. Contributions to the Association are thus tax deductible by individuals and corporations alike.

The LPGCA is governed by a Board of Directors elected by its Advisory Team Members and is headed by its Founder and Executive Director, Nan Ryan.

For more information on the LPGCA, including its history, tournament information, past winners, accommodations, restaurants, noted Little People's Alumni, news and more, log on to our Website at www.littlepeoplesgolf.com or write to the Little People's Tournament Office, 1600 Wapiti Circle #8, Estes Park, CO 80517-5409 USA, phone 970-586-4242, phone or text 217-257-5718, email jrgolfer@littlepeoplesgolf.com, or fax 970-586-3116.



The 2023 Pepsi Little People's Golf Championships will be played at Westview Golf Course and the Knights of Columbus Par-3 course, June 19-21, preceded by the Applebee's Parent-Child event on Sunday, June 18 at Westview.

PLEASE KEEP PAGES 3 AND 4 FOR YOUR RECORDS. DO NOT RETURN THEM WITH YOUR ENTRY FORM TO TOURNAMENT OFFICE.