

AUGUST 1 – 3, 2022 GREAT RIVER GOLF CLUB – MILFORD, CONNECTICUT



MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS



WELCOME

On behalf of the tournament committee, welcome to the 2022 Northern Junior Championship! We are excited to welcome you to Connecticut and the Great River Golf Club for what promises to be a truly special championship for the players, families and spectators.

Each year, it is our continued commitment to make the Northern Junior unsurpassed in junior golf and to leave you with the experience of a lifetime. This championship represents a collaboration of the experiences of our Tournament Committee at some of the most prestigious junior, collegiate, amateur, and professional tournaments in the world. We have combined the most memorable and unique aspects of these different events in hopes that you will leave this week with very fond and lasting memories.

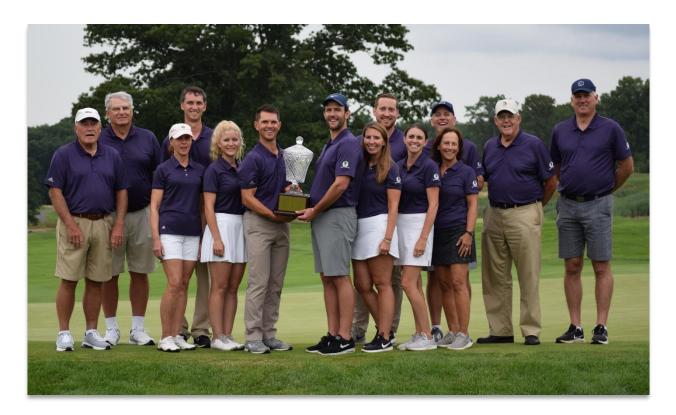
Enclosed you will find important tournament information items which will help you plan your trip and will serve as a reference throughout the Championship. If you have any questions or need assistance, please reach out to us at any time at <u>tournament@northernjunior.com</u>.

A special thank-you to our presenting sponsor, <u>Junior Golf Hub</u>, whose outstanding commitment and support of junior golf help make the championship possible.

We look forward to meeting you this August and wish you the best of luck as you vie to become the 20th Northern Junior Champion!

Sincerely,

The Tournament Committee of the Northern Junior Championship





SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, August 1st

Official Practice Rounds beginning at 9:30 a.m. (Complimentary for all participants)

8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. – Registration at upper level of clubhouse
5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Registration at upper level of clubhouse, before Welcome Reception
Beginning at 5:30 p.m. – Players Welcome Reception, Dinner and Ryan Lee Scholarship Presentation
6:45 p.m. – Skills Challenge

Note: Late registration is available for players who will not be able to register on Monday, August 1st. For the purposes of confirming their intent to play, players must notify the tournament office at <u>tournament@northernjunior.com</u> if they will not be able to register on Monday, August 1st.

Tuesday, August 2nd

First Round of Stroke Play

- 7:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. Starting Times (All play will be in threesomes)
- 11:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m. Complimentary lunch provided to all participants
- 5:30 p.m. Mini-Golf Putting Contest & Pizza Party

Wednesday, August 3rd

Second Round of Stroke Play

7:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Starting Times (Players will be paired by score, with leaders going off last. All play will be in threesomes.)

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Complimentary lunch provided to all participants

6:15 p.m. - Awards Ceremony and Trophy Presentation

Tournament Headquarters:

Golf Course Address:

The Northern Junior Championship 72 Westminster Drive West Hartford, Connecticut 06107 tournament@northernjunior.com Great River Golf Club 130 Coram Lane Milford, Connecticut 06461



COVID-19 NOTICE

The tournament committee and the Great River Golf Club are committed to ensuring the health and safety of all competitors in the field, As of July 9, 2022, there are no specific COVID-19 competition modifications that will be implemented. The tournament committee will continue to evaluate the situation and will alert players and their families if there are any protocols that will be implemented in advance of the championship.

FORMAT

Practice Rounds will be played on Monday, August 1st, followed by the Players Welcome Reception, Dinner and Ryan Lee Scholarship Presentation. Tournament play will begin on Tuesday, August 2nd. All participants will play 18 holes of stroke play on Tuesday, August 2nd and Wednesday, August 3rd. There will be an awards ceremony and trophy presentation following the conclusion of play on Wednesday at approximately 6:15 p.m.

Note: The front nine and back nine will be swapped for the tournament layout, and Tournament Hole #1 will be what is normally played as Hole #10 at Great River GC. All play for Monday's practice round and Tuesday/Wednesday's Tournament Rounds will begin on Tournament Hole #1 (normally Great River GC Hole #10), which is the par-3 in front of the clubhouse.

PRACTICE ROUND INFORMATION

All players will be entitled to one complimentary practice round on Monday, August 1st at Great River Golf Club. Players may play their practice round any time after 9:00 a.m. The practice round is for players only, but spectators are permitted to walk along during the round (no caddies permitted).

Click here for Practice Round Booking Link

Note: Players who wish to play practice rounds <u>prior to Monday</u>, <u>August 1st</u> may call the Great River Golf Club at (203) 701-6920 ext. 105 to make arrangements.

MONDAY PLAYERS WELCOME RECEPTION

All players and guests are invited to attend the Players Welcome Reception and Dinner on Monday, August 1st beginning at 5:30pm. Dress will be golf course casual (collared shirt, golf shorts/skirts or pants). There will be a Skills Challenge beginning at approximately 6:45 p.m. for all participants, with prizes for top finishers.

The dinner is complimentary for all players; family and friends of participants are invited and encouraged to attend. Each player may bring one guest free of charge, additional guests may attend at a cost of \$30 payable at the door.



Players may RSVP for the Reception when they book their practice round via the tournament website at NorthernJunior.com.

STARTING TIMES & PAIRINGS

Starting Times and Pairings for the first round of play on Tuesday, August 2nd will be e-mailed to all players approximately one week prior to the tournament and will be available on the tournament website at NorthernJunior.com. Round Two starting times will be determined by scores from Round One, with the leaders going off last on Wednesday. Starting times will be from 7:00 a.m. to approximately 1:30 p.m. on both days. Please make sure that you are available to play at any time on both tournament days.

Approximate Tee Time Range (Subject to Change)

Tuesday, August 2nd:

Boys Championship Wave #1: 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Girls Championship: 9:10 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

Boys Championship Wave #2: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 3rd (Leaders off last):

Boys Championship Wave #1: 7:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Girls Championship: 10:40 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.

Boys Championship Wave #2: 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Please do not request a specific starting time or group, as we will be unable to accommodate your request. Due to summer weather circumstances beyond our control (thunderstorms and/or rain), we may have to suspend play, continue play the following morning or use a shotgun format for starting times.

TUESDAY MINI-GOLF PUTTING CONTEST

All players are invited to a mini-golf putting contest and pizza party on the main putting green at Great River Golf Club beginning at 5:30 p.m., with prizes for top finishers.

DRESS CODE

Great River Golf Club has a strict dress code policy. All players and spectators are required to wear a collared shirt which must be tucked in at all times. Jeans are not allowed on property for players or spectators and hats must be worn in a traditional manner. Failure to comply with the dress code outlined above may result in disqualification.



PRACTICE FACILITY

The practice range and short game area will be available for players beginning at 6:15am each tournament day. The practice facility will also be available on a limited basis following each round.

WITHDRAWALS & REFUND POLICY

Any player wishing to withdraw must notify the tournament office at <u>tournament@northernjunior.com</u> by July 18th to receive a refund of their entry fee (less \$15 service charge). All withdrawal requests received between July 18th and July 28th will be given a 50% refund of their entry fee. Withdrawal requests received after July 28th will not receive a refund of their entry fee.

RYAN LEE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

All 2022 High School graduates are eligible to apply for the Ryan Lee Memorial Scholarship, and all scholarship applications must be received by Thursday, July 28th at 8:00 p.m. to be considered. More information on the Ryan Lee Memorial Scholarship can be found by <u>clicking here</u>.

PLAYER MEDIA QUESTIONNAIRE

We request that all players complete a media information questionnaire in order to help us cover all aspects of the tournament. Please <u>click here</u> to fill out the online form, which should take no more than 5 minutes. We ask that all players complete this requirement as soon as possible.

SPECTATOR POLICY

Attached to this memorandum is the full spectator policy. Spectators and parents are permitted to walk the course. The use of motorized carts or any other motorized vehicle by spectators is prohibited. Golf carts and spectator carts are only permitted for those with a government issued permanent handicap placard or those who have received prior approval from the Northern Junior in accordance with ADA guidelines. Spectators wishing to apply for the use of a motorized cart pursuant to the above must contact tournament@northernjunior.com.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- Rangefinders and GPS systems may be used and a player may obtain distance information only by using a device that measures distance.
- Caddies are not permitted during practice rounds or tournament play
- Non-motorized push/pull carts are permitted



TRAVEL INFORMATION

We have made arrangements with the <u>Hampton Inn Milford</u> and the <u>Marriott Springhill Suites Milford</u>, which will serve as the primary host hotels for players, families and coaches. Please note that both hotel room blocks have a booking deadline of <u>Tuesday</u>, July 12, and rooms in both blocks are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Both hotels are located approximately 10 minutes from Great River Golf Club and also have flexible cancellation policies, which are indicated below:

Hampton Inn Milford

129 Plains Road, Milford, CT 06460 ~ (203) 874-4400

Special Flexible Rate: \$122 per night (Includes breakfast, free WiFi and free parking)

<u>Reservations</u>: <u>Click here</u> and enter code NOR in Group Code field or call 203-874-4400 EX: 0 and use code Northern Junior.

Cancellation Policy: Free cancellation if cancelled 48 hours or more prior to arrival.

Marriott Springhill Suites Milford

50 Rowe Avenue, Milford, CT 06460 ~ (203) 283-0200

Special Flexible Rate: \$119 per night (Includes breakfast, free WiFi and free parking)

<u>Reservations</u>: <u>Click here</u> to book online or call (203) 283-0200 and use code Northern Junior Championship

Cancellation Policy: Free cancellation if cancelled 48 hours or more prior to arrival.

AIRPORT: Bradley International Airport (Hartford, CT) is located approximately one hour from Great River Golf Club and services virtually all major air carriers. For booking travel arrangements, the airport code is **BDL**. <u>Visit Bradley Int'l Airport's Website</u>

FLIGHT OPTION #2: Fly into New York City – Flying into New York City can prove to be a less expensive alternative to flying into Hartford. There are two primary airports in NYC – <u>LaGuardia</u> <u>Airport (LGA)</u> and <u>John F. Kennedy International (JFK)</u>. The drive to Great River Golf Club from either NYC airport is approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes depending on traffic and weather conditions. Note that traffic to/from the airport can be very congested.



TOURNAMENT INVITATIONS

The 2022 Boys Champion will receive eight (8) AJGA Performance Stars, the top five (5) finishers in the Boys Championship will receive four (4) AJGA Performance Stars, and the top ten (10) finishers in the Boys Championship will receive one (1) AJGA Performance Star.

The 2022 Girls Champion will receive eight (8) AJGA Performance Stars, the top three (3) finishes in the Girls Championship will receive four (4) AJGA Performance Stars, and the top five (5) finishers in the Girls Championship will receive one (1) AJGA Performance Star.

Boys Champion

The 2022 Boys Champion will receive automatic invitations to the 2023 International Junior Masters, 2023 Southern Junior Championship, 2023 Hudson Junior Invitational, 2023 Hope Valley Junior Invitational and 2023 Northern Amateur.

Girls Champion

The 2022 Girls Champion will receive automatic invitations to the 2023 Women's Western Junior and 2023 Hope Valley Junior Invitational.

Boys Runner-Up(s)

The 2022 Boys Runner-Up(s) will receive automatic invitations to the 2023 International Junior Masters, 2023 Hudson Junior Invitational and 2023 Hope Valley Junior Invitational.

Top 5 Finishers

The Top 5 Finishers in both the Boys and Girls Championship will receive automatic invitations to the 2023 Hope Valley Junior Invitational.



CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

Any of the following actions by a competitor constitutes a violation of the tournament code of conduct and is subject to penalties and/or disqualification:

- Unsportsmanlike conduct, including abusive language, cheating, club throwing, disrespect to volunteers, officials or fellow competitors, or abuse of golf course property
- Not adhering to the dress code at the host golf course
- Use or association with drugs, alcohol, or smoking or chewing tobacco products
- Vandalism at the host hotel, abusive behavior to host family or property
- Conduct not becoming of a golfer, such as acting in anger or creating other distractions
- Physical abuse, threat of physical abuse, verbal abuse, slander or libel towards other players, parents, coaches, sponsors, host golf course staff or members, Northern Junior staff or volunteers in any medium

PACE OF PLAY POLICY

All groups are expected to play in a four (4) hour and thirty-six (36) minute pace. All groups will be measured based on their allotted time par and the position of the group in front of them.

If a group falls more than five (5) minutes behind their allotted time par **and** is more than one hole behind the group in front of them, a warning will be issued.

The group will then have two (2) holes to get back into position with the group in front of them **or** be inside of their allotted time par.

If the group does not meet either of the criteria after the warning, they will be put on the clock. Each player will be timed individually and will have forty (40) seconds to complete their shot. Once a group is on the clock, any individual who takes more than 40 seconds to play a shot may be subject to penalty.

The group will remain on the clock until the group is back into position or is inside of their allotted time par.



SPECTATOR POLICY

Players and spectators are welcomed and encouraged to attend the Northern Junior Championship. In order for the competition to be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Golf and for the enjoyment of all competitors, spectators and parents are asked to adhere to the following guidelines at all times:

- Spectators and parents are asked to observe the dress code policy (no jeans) and cell policy (no phone calls, texts and silent communication permitted).
- Spectators and parents are permitted to walk the course. The use of motorized carts or any other motorized vehicle by spectators is strictly prohibited without a government issued handicap placard.
- Spectators and parents are asked to stay on cart paths or in the rough (when cart paths are not accessible) and at least 30 yards away from the competitors during the play of the hole.
- Always be aware of the groups in front of and behind you.
- It is strongly suggested that spectators and parents do not communicate with players except as necessary to exchange water, food, umbrellas, rain gear, etc... Further communication with players may be perceived as advice and under the Rules of Golf, the player would be subject to penalty.
- The definition of **<u>ADVICE</u>** includes:

"Any counsel or suggestion which could influence the player in determining his play, the choice of a club or method of making a stroke"

The player is responsible for the actions of his or her spectators/parents and may be subject to penalty if these guidelines are not met.

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