



NORTHERN JUNIOR
— CHAMPIONSHIP —

AUGUST 5 – 7, 2024
THE HARTFORD GOLF CLUB, WEST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT



MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS

WELCOME

On behalf of the tournament committee, welcome to the 22nd Northern Junior Championship! We are excited to welcome you to Connecticut and the Hartford 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 tournament@northernjunior.com.

A special thank-you to our presenting sponsor, [The Golf Performance Academy](#), whose outstanding commitment and support of junior golf help make this championship possible.

We look forward to meeting you this August and wish you the best of luck as you vie to become the 22nd Northern Junior Champion!

Sincerely,

The Tournament Committee of the Northern Junior Championship



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, August 5th

Official Practice Rounds beginning at 9:00 a.m. (Complimentary for all participants)

8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. – Player Registration

9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. – Practice Round Starting Times

5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Player Registration at reception table prior to Welcome Reception

Beginning at 5:30 p.m. – Players Welcome Reception, Dinner and Ryan Lee Scholarship Presentation

6:45 p.m. – Long Drive Contest

Note: Late registration is available for players who will not be able to register on Monday, August 5th. For the purposes of confirming their intent to play, players must notify the tournament office at tournament@northernjunior.com if they will not be able to register on Monday, August 5th.

Tuesday, August 6th

First Round of Stroke Play

7:30 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 players

Wednesday, August 7th

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. - 2:30 p.m. - Complimentary lunch provided to all players

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

Tournament Headquarters:

The Northern Junior Championship
72 Westminster Drive
West Hartford, Connecticut 06107
tournament@northernjunior.com

Golf Course Address:

The Hartford Golf Club
134 Norwood Road
West Hartford, Connecticut 06117

FORMAT

Practice Rounds will be played on Monday, August 5th, followed by the Players Welcome Reception, Dinner and Ryan Lee Scholarship Presentation. Tournament play will begin on Tuesday, August 6th. All participants will play 18 holes of stroke play on Tuesday, August 6th and Wednesday, August 7th. All rounds will be played on the Red Course (Holes #1-18) at Hartford Golf Club. There will be an awards ceremony and trophy presentation following the conclusion of play on Wednesday at approximately 6:15 p.m.

PRACTICE ROUND INFORMATION

All players will be entitled to one complimentary practice round on Monday, August 5th at Hartford Golf Club. Players may play their practice round any time after 9:00 a.m. and may book their preferred tee time by utilizing the link below. The practice round is for players only and no caddies are permitted. Spectators are permitted to walk during the practice round but are not allowed on the teeing areas, fairways or putting greens.

Practice Rounds may be booked beginning Monday, July 8 at 9:00 a.m. EDT. The link to book practice rounds is below, and is also available at NorthernJunior.com.

[Click here for Practice Round Booking Link](#)

Note: Hartford Golf Club will not be available for additional practice rounds before Monday, August 5th. **The course and all practice facilities will be closed to players on Sunday, August 4th.**

Players arriving on Sunday, August 4th who wish to practice or play can visit the [Gillette Ridge Golf Club](#) (located less than 5 minutes from Hartford GC), which has 18-holes, a full length driving range and short game area. The address is 1630 Hall Boulevard, Bloomfield, CT 06002.

MONDAY PLAYERS WELCOME RECEPTION

All players and guests are invited to attend the Players Welcome Reception and Dinner on Monday, August 5th beginning at 5:30pm. Dress will be golf course casual (collared shirt, golf shorts/skirts or pants). There will be a Long Drive Contest 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 6th will be distributed to all players via e-mail on Thursday, August 1st, and will be available on the tournament website at NorthernJunior.com. Round 2 starting times will be determined by scores from Round 1, with the leaders going off last on Wednesday. Starting times will be from 7:30 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.

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 split tee or shotgun format for starting times.

DRESS CODE

Hartford 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 6:30 a.m. each tournament day. The practice facility will also be available on a limited basis following each round. **Please note that shots are limited to 225 yards due to the restricted length of the range.**

The [Gillette Ridge Golf Club](#) (located less than 5 minutes from Hartford GC) has a full-length driving range. The address is 1630 Hall Boulevard, Bloomfield, CT 06002.

WITHDRAWALS & REFUND POLICY

All withdrawal requests received by July 7th will receive a full refund less a \$20 service fee. Any withdrawals received between July 8th 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.

Every effort will be made to complete 36 holes of competition, but in the event that only 18 holes are completed due to weather, no refund will be issued. If no tournament rounds are completed due to weather, a partial refund will be issued to all players.

RYAN LEE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

All 2024 and 2025 High School graduates are eligible to apply for the Ryan Lee Memorial Scholarship, and all scholarship applications must be received by Thursday, August 1st at 8:00 p.m. to be considered. A separate email will be sent to all 2024 and 2025 graduates with application information. More information on the Ryan Lee Memorial Scholarship can be found by [clicking here](#).

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 [click here](#) 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.

CHAMPIONSHIP YARDAGE BOOK

A championship yardage book will be provided to all players upon arrival at Hartford Golf Club. Other yardage books, such as StrakaLine, Puttview, Golf Logix, etc... are permitted for use during the championship, provided they meet the size and scale requirements as prescribed in the 2024 USGA Rules of Golf.

CADDIES & PUSH CARTS

Caddies are not permitted during any tournament round or practice round. Non-motorized push carts are permitted. The Hartford Golf Club has a limited amount of push carts available for rental on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you would like to reserve a push cart for the championship, please 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.
- Golf carts and spectator carts are only permitted for those with a government issued permanent handicap placard or those who have received approval from the Northern Junior via an ADA request.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

HOTEL INFORMATION: The Avon Old Farms Hotel and the Courtyard Marriott Hartford Farmington will serve as the host hotels for the championship. Players, families and coaches may utilize the room block to reserve a room at discounted rates. Both hotels are within close proximity to Hartford Golf Club.

Please note, due to very heavy traffic in and around Hartford, we do not recommend players and families stay in the downtown Hartford city area. Both host hotels are located away from downtown Hartford and in areas that will allow for an easy commute to/from the golf course.

The **Avon Old Farms Hotel** is located approximately 12 minutes/6 miles from Hartford Golf Club and is a short drive to numerous restaurants and shops. Hotel amenities include continental breakfast, a fitness center, an outdoor pool and free on-site parking. [Click here for hotel information](#)

Avon Old Farms Hotel

279 Avon Mountain Road, Avon, Connecticut 06001 - (860) 677-1651

[Click here for online reservations](#)

Special Room Rates: \$129 or \$139 per night (normal rates are \$199/night)
Room Block Cut-Off Date: Thursday, July 25

The **Courtyard Marriott Hartford Farmington** is located approximately 18 minutes/9 miles from Hartford Golf Club and is adjacent to the Westfarms Mall, which has numerous restaurants. Hotel amenities include continental breakfast, a fitness center, an outdoor pool and free on-site parking. [Click here for hotel information](#)

Courtyard Marriott Hartford Farmington

1583 Southeast Road, Farmington, CT 06032 - (860) 521-7100

[Click here for online reservations](#)

Special Room Rate: \$174 per night (normal rates are \$268/night)
Room Block Cut-Off Date: Thursday, July 4

AIRPORT: Bradley International Airport (Hartford, CT) is located approximately 25 minutes from Hartford Golf Club and services virtually all major air carriers. For booking travel arrangements, the airport code is **BDL**. [Visit Bradley Int'l Airport's Website](#)

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 – [LaGuardia Airport \(LGA\)](#) and [John F. Kennedy International \(JFK\)](#). The drive to Hartford Golf Club from either NYC airport is approximately 2 hours depending on traffic and weather conditions. Note that traffic to/from the airport can be very congested.

TOURNAMENT INVITATIONS

AJGA Performance Stars

Boys Championship

Champion: Twelve (12) AJGA Performance Stars
Top 5 Finishers: Eight (8) AJGA Performance Stars
Top 10 Finishers: Four (4) AJGA Performance Stars
Top 15 Finishers: One (1) AJGA Performance Star

Girls Championship

Champion: Twelve (12) AJGA Performance Stars
Top 3 Finishers: Eight (8) AJGA Performance Stars
Top 5 Finishers: Four (4) AJGA Performance Stars
Top 10 Finishers: One (1) AJGA Performance Star

Tournament Invitations

The International Junior Masters

The 2024 Boys & Girls Champion & Runner Up will receive an automatic invitation to the International Junior Masters, being contested in June, 2025 at East Aurora Country Club in East Aurora, New York.

The Southern Junior

The 2024 Boys Champion will receive an automatic invitation to the 2025 Southern Junior, being contested in June, 2025.

The Women's Western Junior Championship

The 2024 Girls Champion will receive an automatic invitation to the 2025 Women's Western Junior Championship, being contested in June, 2025.

Hudson Junior Invitational

The 2024 Boys Champion & Runner-Up will receive an automatic invitation to the 2025 Hudson Junior Invitational, being contested in June, 2025 at Country Club of Hudson in Hudson, Ohio.

Northern Amateur

The 2024 Boys Champion will receive an automatic invitation to the 2025 Northern Amateur, played at Sand Creek Country Club in Chesterton, Indiana.

Hope Valley Junior Invitational

The Top 5 finishers in both the Boys and Girls Championship will earn invitations to the 2025 Hope Valley Junior Invitational at Hope Valley Country Club in Durham, North Carolina.

Rankings

The 2024 Northern Junior Championship will be nationally ranked by both the Golfweek/Sagarin Ranking System and Junior Golf Scoreboard.

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 twenty-nine (29) 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 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 will be assessed one warning and each subsequent violation will result in a one stroke 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 **ADVICE** 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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