



NORTHERN JUNIOR

CHAMPIONSHIP

AUGUST 3 - 5, 2026
WETHERSFIELD COUNTRY CLUB, HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT



BOYS CHAMPION	YEAR	GIRLS CHAMPION
Steve Galotti	2002	Julie Wightman
Cody Paladino	2003	Natalie Sherry
Brent Paladino	2004	Katie Grobsky
Cody Paladino	2005	Lauren Cate
Daniel Farnon	2006	Megan Landry
Ryan Lee	2007	Ellenbeth Monty
Ryan Lee	2008	Mia Landegren
Michael Griffin	2009	Katie Partridge
Andy Mai	2010	Eliza Breed

MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS

WELCOME

On behalf of the tournament committee, welcome to the 24th Northern Junior Championship! We are excited to welcome you to Connecticut and the Wethersfield Country 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 24th Northern Junior Champion!

Sincerely,
The Tournament Committee of the Northern Junior Championship



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, August 3rd

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

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

9:30 a.m. – 1:30 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 3rd. 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 3rd.

Tuesday, August 4th

First Round of Stroke Play

Beginning at 7:00 a.m. - Starting Times off #1 Tee (All play will be in threesomes)

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

Wednesday, August 5th

Second Round of Stroke Play

Beginning at 7:00 a.m. - Starting Times off #1 Tee (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 players

5:00 p.m. - Awards Ceremony and Trophy Presentation

FORMAT

Practice Rounds will be played on Monday, August 3rd, followed by the Players Welcome Reception, Dinner and Ryan Lee Scholarship Presentation. Tournament play will begin on Tuesday, August 4th. All participants will play 18 holes of stroke play on Tuesday, August 4th and Wednesday, August 5th. There will be an awards ceremony and trophy presentation following the conclusion of play on Wednesday at approximately 5:00 p.m.

PRACTICE ROUND INFORMATION

All players will be entitled to one complimentary practice round on Monday, August 3rd at Wethersfield Country Club. Players may play their practice round any time between 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.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 6 at 9:00 a.m. EDT. The link to book practice rounds will be distributed via email to all players and also be available at NorthernJunior.com.

Note: Wethersfield Country Club will not be available for additional practice rounds before Monday, August 3rd. **The course and all practice facilities will be closed to players on Sunday, August 2nd.**

Players arriving on Sunday, August 2nd who wish to practice or play can visit the [Stanley Golf Course](#) (approx. 20 minutes from Wethersfield CC), which has 27-holes, a full length driving range and short game area. The address is 245 Hartford Rd, New Britain, CT 06053.

MONDAY PLAYERS WELCOME RECEPTION

All players and guests are invited to attend the Players Welcome Reception and Dinner on Monday, August 3rd 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 4th will be distributed to all players via e-mail on Thursday, July 30th, 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 begin at 7:00 a.m. for both rounds, subject to change due to weather or other factors. 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

Wethersfield Country 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. **Please note that shots are limited to irons only due to the restricted length of the range.**

WITHDRAWALS & REFUND POLICY

All withdrawal requests received by Monday, July 6th will receive a full refund less a \$40 service fee. Any withdrawals received between July 7th and July 27th will be given a 50% refund of their entry fee. Withdrawal requests received after July 27th 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 2026 and 2027 High School graduates are eligible to apply for the Ryan Lee Memorial Scholarship, and all scholarship applications must be received by Wednesday, July 29th at 8:00 p.m. to be considered. A separate email will be sent to all 2026 and 2027 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 produced by [Puttview Books](#) will be provided to all players upon arrival at Wethersfield Country Club. Other yardage books, such as StrakaLine, Golf Logix, etc... are permitted for use during the championship, provided they meet the size and scale requirements as prescribed in the USGA Rules of Golf.

CADDIES & PUSH CARTS

Caddies are not permitted during any tournament round or practice round. Non-motorized push carts are permitted.

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 **prior approval** from the Northern Junior via an ADA request with supporting information submitted via email to tournament@northernjunior.com.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

HOTEL INFORMATION: The Marriott Residence Inn Rocky Hill and the Hampton Inn Rocky Hill will serve as the host hotels for the championship and are located 7 minutes from Wethersfield Country Club. Players, families and coaches may utilize the room block to reserve a room at discounted rates.

The Marriott Residence Inn Rocky Hill is located approximately 7 minutes/3.5 miles from Wethersfield Country Club and is close by to numerous restaurants. The hotel was recently renovated in 2022 and hotel amenities include free continental breakfast, a fitness center, an outdoor pool and free on-site parking. [Click here for hotel information](#)

Marriott Residence Inn Rocky Hill

680 Cromwell Avenue, Rocky Hill, Connecticut 06067
(860) 257-7500

Special Room Rates: \$169 per night (*normal rates are \$200/night*)

[Click here for Reservation Link](#)

The Hampton Inn Rocky Hill Hartford-South is located approximately 7 minutes/3.5 miles from Wethersfield Country Club and is close by to numerous restaurants. Hotel amenities include free continental breakfast, a fitness center, an outdoor pool and free on-site parking. [Click here for hotel information](#)

Hampton Inn Rocky Hill

685 Cromwell Avenue, Rocky Hill, Connecticut 06067
(860) 757-3317

Special Room Rates: \$149 per night (*normal rates are \$180/night*)

[Click here for Reservation Link](#) (*use date selector at top to change arrival and departure dates*)

AIRPORT: Bradley International Airport (Hartford, CT) is located approximately 30 minutes from Wethersfield Country Club and services virtually all major air carriers. For booking travel arrangements, the airport code is **BDL**. [Visit Bradley Int'l Airport's Website](#)

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 2026 Boys & Girls Champion & Runner Up will receive an automatic invitation to the International Junior Masters, being contested in June, 2027 at East Aurora Country Club in East Aurora, New York.

The Southern Junior

The 2026 Boys Champion will receive an automatic invitation to the 2025 Southern Junior, being contested in June, 2027.

The Women's Western Junior Championship

The 2026 Girls Champion will receive an automatic invitation to the 2027 Women's Western Junior Championship, being contested in June, 2027.

Hudson Junior Invitational

The 2026 Boys Champion & Runner-Up will receive an automatic invitation to the 2026 Hudson Junior Invitational, being contested in June, 2027 at Country Club of Hudson in Hudson, Ohio.

Hope Valley Junior Invitational

The Top 5 finishers in both the Boys and Girls Championship will earn invitations to the 2027 Hope Valley Junior Invitational at Hope Valley Country Club in Durham, North Carolina.

Rankings

The 2026 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 thirty-two (32) 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.

If the Committee determines a group is falling behind, the group (or a specific player) will normally receive an "official warning" before the Committee begins timing the group or the individual player. However, the Committee may begin timing the group (or a specific player) without providing an official warning when the group has fallen significantly behind or is negatively affecting other groups.

If the group does not meet either of the criteria after the warning, they will be timed. Each player will be timed individually and will have forty (40) seconds to complete their shot. The player who is the first to play a stroke on a hole, the first to play a second stroke on a par-4 or par-5 hole, or the first to play a stroke on or around the putting green will have an additional ten seconds.

The following are the penalties, in sequence, for any player being timed who takes more than the maximum allowable time to make a stroke:

- 1st bad time exceeding the maximum allowable time – Warning
- 2nd bad time – One penalty stroke
- 3rd bad time – Additional two penalty strokes
- 4th bad time – Disqualification

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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