



## NOTICE TO PLAYERS & PARENTS for (U13-19)

### SPECTATOR POLICY 2025

The NJGT strives to provide the best competitive environment for junior golfers, not only to develop their skills as players, but also to develop as young adults. As a result, the NJGT has developed a Spectator Policy to allow junior golfers to develop their own personal decision-making skills without interference from parents or spectators.

The **NJGT** reserve the right to implement a **NO SPECTATOR POLICY**

**Interference and Influence:** Spectators, including parents, are to have no influence on play. Any direction, interference, discipline, scolding, influence, or advice is a violation of the Spectator Policy and/or Code of Conduct. Any of these incidents or similar incidents may result in disqualification of the player. Spectators or parents violating this rule will be asked to leave the course and the property. Incidents will be reviewed by the NJGT Disciplinary Committee to determine any further action. Serious violations may result in not being allowed to participate in future tournaments.

Player Spectator Option: If a player is at all uncomfortable with the presence of a spectator, he/she has the right to have all spectators removed from the area.

**Minimum Distances and Prohibited Areas:** A minimum distance of 11-30 yards must be maintained between the player and spectators in ALL circumstances with the following exceptions:

- Once all players have reached the green, spectators must remain 10 yards from the green where possible.
- Once all players are on the tee, spectators must remain 10 yards from the tee and on the cart path where possible.

- When cart paths are provided, spectators **MUST** stay on those paths. When no cart paths are available, spectators must walk in the outside rough.

Spectators are prohibited from the following areas:

- Tees, Greens and most fairways when cart paths are provided;
- Scoring and Starting areas; and,
- Rules Situations.

**Communication: NO** communication (verbal or non-verbal) is to take place with the players during a stipulated round.

Exceptions:

- I. Cheers and words of encouragement, without disrupting the playing partners
- II. Asking or giving the player food, drink, umbrella or the like;
- III. Need to deal with a medical situation.
- IV. Asking them question relating to water intake, how they are feeling – sun stroke precautions.

**Lost Golf Balls:** The NJGT requests that spectators assist with pace of play by observing when and where golf balls stray. **It is permissible to point to the area where the ball travelled but spectators are not authorized to assist the player in searching for the ball unless asked by the player, official or course Marshall.**

**Equipment and Clothing:** Spectators are permitted to carry items for players (e.g. a rain gear, umbrella, food, and drink). However, once a spectator has given the item to the player they are not to retrieve the item at any time during the round.

**Dress Code:** Each course has its own particular dress code policy. Spectators who do not meet the standard established by the host club and/or the NJGT, will be refused admittance to both the golf course and/or clubhouse. Please contact the Golf Club for more information on a suggested Dress Code for spectators.

**Cell Phones/Smartphones:** Competitors must not be on their phone during the round. Breach of this rule may result in penalties. All mobile devices must be set to the “vibrate” only or “silent” mode or turned off. Many golf clubs have policies that prohibit the use of mobile phones on the golf course and/or in the clubhouse. It is the responsibility of the spectator to follow the policy of our host facility. Exceptions include Tour volunteers and Officials for tournament efficiencies.

**Golf Carts: Spectators may not use golf carts. A no Golf Cart rental policy for spectators is in effect. Exceptions may be granted for medical reasons by contacting tour organizer in advance of the tournament.**

## **PENALTIES**

Based on a breach of the Spectator Policy, any or all of the following penalties could be levied:

- Verbal warning to the spectator and/or the player.
- Two-stroke penalty to the player being followed.
- Disqualification from the tournament of the player being followed.
- Spectator banned from the golf course and or property for the round.
- Spectator banned from the tournament.
- Spectator banned from future NJGT events.

## **OTHER GUIDELINES**

**Alcohol Consumption:** We ask all spectators wishing to consume alcoholic beverages that they do so in the confines of the clubhouse and then only in areas licensed and designed for that purpose. Despite the fact that, some clubs offer this service from “the beverage cart”, we ask that you respect our wishes in our request that the consumption of alcoholic beverages does not take place in the view of our underage participants.

**Smoking on Golf Course:** For those spectators who smoke or use other tobacco products including but not limited to vaping products, we would appreciate you do so out of the players view.



## AGE DIVISION POLICY

A player's age will be determined as of August 1<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year for all categories. A player will compete in the same age division all season long.

**Example:** A 14-year-old junior that will turn 15 years old on or after August 1 of the current calendar year, will compete in the Bantam (U15) division during the entire season. Although the junior will be 15 before the season is complete, they were 14 as of August 1 of the calendar year.

**Example:** A 14 year old junior that has a birthday on or after August 2, 2003 will compete in the Bantam (U15) division during the entire current season. Although the junior will be 15 before the season is complete, he/she was 14 as of August 1<sup>st</sup>, of the calendar year.

If the Player becomes 15 years old prior to August 1<sup>st</sup>, he/she plays the U17 Division all season.

### North Eastern Junior Golf Tour

Gender	Division Name	Ages
Girls	U13	10,11,12
Boys	U13	10,11,12
Girls	U15	13-14
Boys	U15	13-14
Girls	U17	15-16
Boys	U17	15-16
Girls	U19	17-18
Boys	U19	17-18



### *North Eastern Junior Golf Tour Weather Policy*

- The only time golf tournaments are stopped for Weather is if, conditions become unplayable or dangerous. Athletes are encouraged to be prepared for adverse weather conditions.
- Conditions can be come unplayable if the course or greens become so wet that the integrity of play is damaged. For example, if there's so much water on the greens that putting becomes nothing more than smacking the ball through puddles, the tournament Directors / Officials could make the determination that the course is unplayable and call a halt to play.
- Dangerous conditions can involve lightning or tornado warnings. With today's weather forecasting ability, golf course weather monitoring teams typically have a weather notification system whereby golfers are called into shelter due to approaching thunderstorms. The NJGT tour may in rare cases, abbreviate the tournament round or temporarily delay play when necessary.
- Ultimately, it's rare for tournaments to be canceled due to weather, but it does happen occasionally. It takes more than cold and rain. Rain and windy conditions will not trigger a cancellation of play.
- Cancellation usually involves dangerous weather systems, or torrential downpours that overwhelm a course.



NORTH EASTERN JUNIOR GOLF TOUR

## General Guidelines

- All tournament registrations are to be made in advance through the website' on-line pay process. The NJGT is a Not-For-Profit Corporation, and as such, walk-ons, cash payments are strictly prohibited. On-Line registrations will be open until 1 week from the tournament date.
- If you should need to cancel your athlete's registration, please do so prior to 7 days from the tournament date for a full refund.
- All inquiries should be made to [NJGT@Bell.net](mailto:NJGT@Bell.net).
- Follow the golf course guidelines for arrival times and general procedures associated with the flow of athletes from arrival to departure.
- Rules Officials, course marshals, and tournament representatives are tasked with ensuring that everyone is adhering to the rules of golf, the course' procedural guidelines and all pertinent government restrictions if applicable.
- Pairings and tee-times will be posted on the website 48 hours prior to the tournament. Where possible groupings of 3 players will be made to assist with pace of play.
- The U13 Division will be held to a double par maximum stroke scoring rule.
- Players will be reminded to verbally validate each others scores often throughout the round, as to limit lengthy scoring table discussions towards agreement.

Submitting Scores at the designated scoring table:

- Players will position themselves standing in the designated area at the scoring table.
- Spectators are reminded to stay away from the scoring table.
- Hole by Hole scores can be communicated and confirmed verbally by the marker and player to the Committee in the scoring area.
- Verbal confirmation of a player's hole scores by the marker will be substituted for a signature.



## 2026 TEAM NJGT ONTARIO PROVINCIAL COMPETITIONS SELECTION POLICY

Co-Chairs: Tim Boyles, Dan Smith

Committee members: Andre Lemieux, Cory Robitaille, Lea Lemieux

The purpose of this document is to clarify the team selection process for the Northeastern Junior Golf Club for Provincial Team Competitions.

The policy outlines guidelines and selection criteria that will both sustain the viability of the club while providing its members with competitive pathways to Provincial Events.

### Team Selection Objectives

The OSG Selection Process will be directly tied to membership and participation in NJGT events.

The Northeastern Junior Golf Tour aims to provide an environment that nurtures and develops players from the youngest participants in the U 13s through to the young men and women representing the club at U 15 and U 17 and U19 Level.

The objectives of the team selection process are:

- To provide players every possible opportunity to reach their maximum potential.
- To aim for continuous improvement of all players and teams.
- To maintain open lines of communication and co-operation between coaches, players, parents and committee.
- To achieve success while conducting a manner that instils pride in our club and earns the respect of opponents and the community in general.
- To have in place a suitable process to handle issues arising from the team selection process.



## Team Selection Primary Focus

The primary focus of the Northeastern Junior Golf Club Juniors is to provide our players with every opportunity and assistance to develop to their full potential in an enjoyable and supportive environment. This will in turn provide the club with opportunities for on course success and sustain the viability of the Club.

It is generally accepted that as a player's age increases, so too does the competitive nature of players and the competition. Course success becomes more significant as it provides a source of player pride, greater enjoyment and satisfaction and builds respect for team-mates and the club.

It is recognized, however, that young players mature and develop physically and mentally at different rates and times. In recognizing this transitional process, the club aims to develop selection policies which see the focus of involvement move from the enjoyment and full and even participation in the lower age groups, to the more competitive skills and performance-based culture in the older age groups.

## Standard Player Rules

The NJGT expects its players to be disciplined in their attitude to golf and be respectful in their behaviors toward coaches, players and officials, parents, and volunteers.

In addition to the club's code of conduct policies and coaches' recommendations, the following criteria form the basis upon which team selection to the Ontario Summer

Games will apply.

## Qualifying Structure & Eligibility to the 2026 Ontario Summer Games:

Membership, (Primary or Secondary Exemption), along with registration to the NJGT Spring Summers Series

Entries are open to: Male and female amateur golfers who have not reached their 19<sup>th</sup> Birthday by August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, and, have an up to date 2026 Golf Handicap Factor visible on the Golf Canada Score Center.

OSG Team Competition: (9 players, 6 Boys, 3 Girls) Accommodations for 2 coaches.

- Members of the Northeastern Junior Golf Tour
- Have competed in minimum quantity of NJGT events for 2025 and 2026.
- NJGT Order of Merit Ranking 2025/2026
- Local and Regional Representation
- Display a disciplined and respectful attitude.
- Ranking structure 60% for 2025 Order of Merit (OoM) Results (Best 5 out of 6 Tournaments)
- Ranking structure 15% for 2025 Championship
- Spring season 2026 Two or three tournaments totaling 25%
- \*\*\* The coaches reserve the right to select the team &

alternates. \*\*\* [Team Selection Guidelines](#)

The guidelines will assist the Selection Committee in applying the qualifying strategy Evaluation Matrix the club has adopted, whilst allowing coaches to maintain, and to add value to player development strategies.

### [Under 13](#)

In this age group significant emphasis is still placed on learning, participation, and enjoyment. Players are, however, introduced to more training concepts and environments. This age group level provides players with the opportunity to extend their skills at an individual level.

### [Under 15, 17 and Under 19](#)

In these age group levels, the club aspires to provide players the greatest opportunity to perform to their highest level. It is also generally accepted that players place a greater emphasis on individual and team performance as competitiveness levels are enhanced.

The club's primary emphasis in this age group level is to maintain competition levels that keep advanced players developing and interested in the game and provide less experienced players with an environment that maximizes opportunities to develop.

#### •Selection Committee

Team selection will be based on the Qualifying Structure & Eligibility to the 2026 Ontario Summer Games as defined in this Policy and the Evaluation Matrix Appendix A which will serve as the ranking mechanism for team selection.

The Selection Committee for 2026 OSG will be co-chaired by Tim Boyles and Dan Smith the selection committee, Andre Lemieux, Cory Robitaille, Lea Lemieux, will make player roster selections as detailed in Appendix A, including alternates, recommendations to the Chairs for Approval, consistent with the selection matrix model.

The selection process will adhere to the following performance ranking weight formula that will include 60% ranking based on the 2025 Order of Merit ranking, 15% weight for the 2025 Championship and 25% for the 2026 performance, based on two or three spring events for 2026. The Proposed OSG TEAM Roster should include 1 alternate for boys and 1 for girls.

The Committee members will have discussions with our younger participants to discuss future opportunities to represent the NJGT at the Summer Games in 2026.

This policy is available to all participants in the spirit of full transparency.

#### Policy Review

The Team Selection Policy will be reviewed annually, and every effort will be made to ensure all those interested have access to this information.

This policy forms part of the club's policy brief. Along with the Appendix Evaluation Matrix A, 2025/26 Aspects of the club's policy are also guided by the NJGT governing policies.

**Policy Adopted,**

**March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

**Review Date: March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2027,**

The North Eastern Junior Golf Tour has a 6 spring summer series of tournaments that make up the NJGT 2025 Order of Merit. The last event of the NJGT Order of Merit Series is at the Parry Sound Golf & Country Club on July 30, 2025.

<b>Season Order of Merit (Tournament 1-6)</b>		
	<b>Placing by Division</b>	<b>Points allocated</b>
	<b>1</b>	<b>100</b>
	<b>2</b>	<b>80</b>
	<b>3</b>	<b>75</b>
	<b>4</b>	<b>70</b>
	<b>5</b>	<b>65</b>
	<b>6</b>	<b>60</b>
	<b>7</b>	<b>57.5</b>
	<b>8</b>	<b>55</b>
	<b>9</b>	<b>52.5</b>
	<b>10</b>	<b>50</b>
	<b>11</b>	<b>47.5</b>
	<b>12</b>	<b>45</b>
	<b>13</b>	<b>42.5</b>
	<b>14</b>	<b>40</b>
	<b>15</b>	<b>37.5</b>
	<b>16</b>	<b>35</b>
	<b>17</b>	<b>32.5</b>
	<b>18</b>	<b>30</b>
	<b>19</b>	<b>27.5</b>
	<b>20</b>	<b>25</b>