

## Rules for Optimist Junior Golf Tournaments 2023

- Please be at the golf course, ready to play, 15 minutes before your tee time.
- You will get specific 1<sup>st</sup> tee instructions at each tournament.
- Someone else in your group will keep your score. You will keep another player's score.
- At hole #1, identify what ball you are playing with and mark it
- Play "ready golf" at the tee.
- Record all players' scores from the previous hole before starting the next hole.
- Ages 13 - 18, Girls from red tees, boys from white tees
- Boys & girls , ages 11-12 from red tees.
- Boys & girls, ages 8-10 from advanced tees. Play only 6 holes
- Always play the ball where it lies. Exception: The embedded ball rule applies thru the green.
- Free "drop" from designated wildflowers areas without penalty. Do not hit the ball from wildflower areas.
- From "no mow" areas you have two options: 1) hit the ball from where it is. Or take a penalty stroke and "drop" just outside of the area, no nearer the hole. "Drop" is 1 club length.
- You are allowed 2 minutes to look for a lost ball.
- Count all strokes, penalty strokes and misses (whiffs).
- No scores over 10 on any hole. Pick up your ball after 7 strokes, move to the green for 3 putts and then advance to the next tee. Circle 10 on the scorecard.
- No "gimmies". Putt out on all holes unless your score is over 10. If score is over 10, circle 10 on the scorecard
- Out-of-bounds. "Drop" your ball inside of the white stakes, add a stroke, and then hit your ball.
- Turn in your signed and added scorecard as soon as you have completed play. Once signed, added and turned in, if you have added incorrectly, you will be assessed a 2- stroke penalty for signing an incorrect card.
- Ties for the first four places will be broken using the "card back" system from the last hole played.
- GPS devices are allowed only in the 13-18 year old divisions. You are expected to provide distance for any player NOT having a device. Cell phones can be used for distances, NOT PHONE calls while playing.

Ages 8 to 12...Adult advice is allowed as long as it does not hold up play.

Ages 8 to 12...No "hands-on" instruction from any NON-PLAYER.

Ages 13-18...No caddies or advice/assistance from any NON-PLAYER.

- **Thank you** to adult scorekeepers in ages 8 to 12. All parents are welcome to walk with the kids.
- Etiquette on the green. When someone else is putting you should NOT be moving around, tossing a ball, practice swinging, talking or anything that might be a distraction to a golfer.
- Be encouraging and supportive of all players in your group, regardless of their skill level. If you are grouped with someone who is not at your skill level offer assistance if asked. If your skill level is not what you desire, ask for advice. It's how YOU get better. However, do not hold up play.

Trophies are awarded at the completion of play in each division. If you can't stay, you can pick it up at the next event.

- Like us on Facebook to receive updates, reminders and rain out information.

### **Rain / Storm Policy:**

- In the case of lightning/thunder, we will give the golfers appropriate warning and pull them off of the golf course.
- Once this has taken place, the tournament will be canceled and players will not be allowed back on the course for the rest of the day. Players waiting to play will not be able to start their round. Unfortunately, CROJGA does not have unlimited access to the golf courses throughout the day.
- If it is just raining, play will continue. We encourage all junior golfers to learn how to play in the rain. As you advance in tournament play in high school and beyond, you will be playing in the rain.