

## LJGA Tournament Procedures

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The following bullet points describe how a typical tournament operates. Deviations within your Division will be communicated to you by your Commissioner.

- All tournaments are suspended immediately at the first sign of lightning.
- USGA Rules govern play except as amended by any published local rules or LJGA rules create specifically for a Division's tournament play.
- News of delays and cancellations due to weather will be posted to the LJGA web site, posted to Twitter, and sent out via text message. To use Twitter, you must follow @LoudounJrGolf from your Twitter account. To receive text messages you must add your cell phone number to your profile on our website and specify that you want to receive text messages.
- Prior to each tournament, you will receive an email from your commissioner requesting that you sign up for the tournament. The tool typically used is Signup Genius and the link for each week's tournament will be sent out about five days prior to the tournament. Players may request tee times and pairings for the tournaments. Parents may also use the link to sign up as Tournament Officials.
- Players are expected to arrive in uniform and to check-in at the Player Check-In Table no less than 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of each tournament. Players should allow for additional time if they wish to warm up on the putting green or driving range prior to play.
- Tournaments tee times are published on the LJGA web site no later than the morning of the tournament. All players will start from the first tee with pairings about 8 to ten minutes apart.
- When players check-in, they are given a score card, their pairing for the day, their confirmed starting time, and the name of their Tournament Official.
- At the start of each tournament round, players will double exchange their score cards on the first tee. This done to ensure two players are not keeping each other's score.
- During tournaments all players are to carry or pull their own clubs. Caddies are not allowed.
- Parents may rent carts to follow their kids around the golf course during play. Carts may be used to move kids between holes, but cannot be overloaded. All riders on a cart must be inside the cart and may not ride on the back or sides of the cart.
- Parents are to remain off the fairways and greens during play and may not coach or otherwise provide advice to players during tournaments.
- Players may use range finders for distance only and may share distance with other players.
- Cell phones may be carried on the course, but should not be used during play. Players are to refrain from wearing earbuds, headphones, or other electronics while on the course.
- Once the players complete their rounds, they return to the clubhouse and sit with their foursome and Tournament Official until they have verified and signed their score cards.
- After the score cards are signed and attested, they are turned in to the volunteers at the Scoring Table for posting on the Leader Board.
- Tournament results are posted to the LJGA Website within a couple of days following the Tournament.

## **Golf Clubs, Golf Bag Contents, and Other Equipment**

Although not required, players should carry the following items in their pockets.

- Ball Mark Repair Tool - One is included in your goodie bag and they are also available at all courses.
- Ball Markers - A LPGA Ball Marker is included in your goodie bag, but you may want to carry a couple of extra coins in case you need to mark multiple balls.
- Tees - A few are included in your goodie bag, but they are also available at the courses. Put a couple in your pocket and a few more in your bag.
- Golf Ball – Always have one extra golf ball in your pocket.

Players should review the list below and consider carrying the listed items in or on their golf bags. Many of these items are provided to players by the LPGA.

- Clean golf clubs - 14 club limit
- Your LPGA bag tag
- USGA Rule Book or the cell phone app.
- Club cleaning brush - an old tooth brush works great!
- Bag towel
- Extra balls
- Extra tees
- A Sharpie for marking your ball
- A pencil for scoring
- Bug spray
- Sunblock - At least SPF 30
- Band-Aids
- A water bottle or a sports drink
- Umbrella