

## Policies and procedures

Dear Junior Golfer,

Welcome to the 2010/2011 season of the BJGA. The following are a few items of importance for the season.

### Weekly sign-up

Each week you **MUST** sign up online in order to play. Please go to [www.juniorgolf.bm](http://www.juniorgolf.bm) and select the Tournament Entry page. The tournaments for the month will be listed in the drop down box.

**DO NOT SIGN UP FOR SEVERAL WEEKS AT ONCE.**

The weekly schedule and the deadline date for entry is available on the website. Many of the golf clubs now require us to confirm tee times up to a week in advance. If you sign up after the deadline you will only be able to play if a space is available.

Tee times will be published on the website Thursday evening and in Friday's Royal Gazette. Results from the weekly tournaments will be published on the website on Monday and in Tuesday's Royal Gazette.

### Cancellation after sign-up

It is now the policy of the golf clubs to charge us for cancellations. If you have to cancel at short notice or do not show up we reserve the right to pass on the cost of the cancellation to you. Notification can be via email or by calling the posted Starter through Friday evening. Any cancellations on Saturday must be made by calling the Starter. Failure to give notice of cancellations can result in a disqualification to play the following Sat.

### Arrival at the Golf course

Players should be at the golf course at least 30 minutes ahead of their tee time and should check in with the starter for the day. (Name of starter and officials will be published on the website with their phone numbers each week). Often we can tee off earlier than the given tee times so it is important that players

are there and ready to play. We cannot guarantee play for anyone missing his or her tee time.

### Use of personal electronic devices

The use of items such as cell phones or ipods is STRICTLY FORBIDDEN on the golf course. The BJGA Board of Directors has also decided to **not** permit any electronic golf aids such as range finders unless specifically allowed in a tournament's rules of play. Please refer to the Penalty Point System document for penalties invoked for violation of rules.

### Dress Code

As a reminder, JEANS/DENIM and CARGO PANTS (shorts or long pants with the pockets sewn on the outside) DO NOT meet the golf attire dress code. Shirts must be tucked in at all times. A yellow card will be issued for a dress code violation.

The golf clubs themselves have strict dress codes and we would like to encourage the parents/spectators to also respect this rule.

### Rules of Golf

It is the **player's** responsibility to know the Rules of the Golf. There is a link on the website to "Golf Rules - Junior Style".

The website [www.randa.org](http://www.randa.org) has a section on rules and decisions as well as an interactive quiz. Under the Rules of Golf section some of the more common rules are listed under FAQs on the left hand side.

We suggest that EVERYONE review the rules - you never know when there may be a rules test given to you.

### Spectators:

Parents / spectators are encouraged to come out and support the players. The following guidelines should be followed:

For major tournaments, behavior is dictated by the tournament's published conditions of play.

For Saturday play, the following guidelines apply:  
Spectators should maintain proper distance so as not to interfere with play, preferably by walking on the cart path.

Examples of behavior not allowed (non-inclusive list):

- Interfering with the normal pace of play
- Tending the pin
- Giving advice during hole play
- Providing rule help

Examples of behavior allowed (non-inclusive list):

- Helping maintain the pace of play
- Looking for lost balls if asked.
- Reporting to the marshal inappropriate behavior
- Having casual conversation, preferably between holes, with the players as long as it does NOT interfere with the speed of play or bother the rest of the group.

### Saturday play marshals

The Saturday play designated marshal has ultimate decision making authority. Spectators may accept the role of acting marshal if so designated by the official marshal.

### Pace of Play

Slow play WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. Players must be aware of how long it is taking them to play a round of golf. The golf clubs have a “standard” time for a round of 18 holes, which is usually no more than 4 ¼ hours. Your position on the golf course is “Just behind the group in front of you NOT just in front of the group behind you”.

The R&A now considers slow play a breach of golf etiquette and is encouraging golf clubs to place temporary bans on persistent offenders.

A few tips:

- 1) Be ready to hit. Have your club selected and be mentally ready for your shot whilst others are playing their shots.
- 2) Clear the green promptly on completion of a hole.
- 3) Know how many shots you have taken at all times, don't finish the hole and then start adding up your score.

### Handicaps

Each week players' scores are entered into a handicapping system, which is updated on the 4<sup>th</sup> of each month. It takes 20 scores to get a valid index (handicap). Indexes will be published on the website when updated or can be viewed in detail at [www.ghin.com](http://www.ghin.com). Select the Handicap lookup link and then enter your GHIN number which is listed on the Handicaps page.

### Monthly Medal Rounds

Once a month Medal rounds are held. Players compete over the whole season against others in their group. Points are awarded for gross scores as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> place	10 pts
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	8 pts
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	6 pts
4 <sup>th</sup> place	4 pts
5 <sup>th</sup> place	2 pts

At the end of the season prizes are awarded to the top three point winners in each group. **A maximum of eight (8) monthly medal rounds will be counted to allow for missed play due to school, illness, or other activities.**

### Scoring

Where the clubs allow it, one scorecard will be given to each person, but typically one member of the group will keep the score for the group. At the end of the round it is the player's responsibility to check that the scorekeeper has correctly recorded his or her hole-by-hole score BEFORE signing the card. If an incorrect score is identified after signing, the player will be disqualified. Anyone found to be cheating on scores will be dealt with in the most severe manor including automatic disqualification and a red card. Golf is a game of integrity and honesty and EVERYONE is expected to abide by it. Except in medal rounds, if a player reaches a score of 10 on a hole, please pick up your ball and record x10 on the scorecard.

### Caddies and pull carts

Caddies are not permitted. Pull carts are allowed. Some of the clubs have pull carts available for rent. YOU are responsible for paying the rental, please do not just "take" a cart.

The main avenue of communication from the BJGA to you is by way of email and the website so please take time to regularly check both. Our email address is [info@juniorgolf.bm](mailto:info@juniorgolf.bm) should you have any comments or questions.

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