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To: Tournament Player Division juniors

From: BJGA Board of Directors

Subject: **Accurate scorekeeping**

Dear Members,

It has been brought to the Operations Committee's attention that some juniors have not been accurate when reporting the number of strokes taken on each hole in their round. We want to stress that accurate scoring is critical to the integrity of each week's tournament results and to an individual's reputation.

Please take extra care when tracking your progress on a hole and review the score before reporting it to the score keeper for your group. If you are unsure of the total on an individual hole consult with the other members of your group for help. If your uncertainty is due to a question on a penalty (or penalties!) incurred get the score keeper to make a note on the card and review it with a marshal when available or at the end of the round before signing your card.

While each player is responsible for reporting their score to the score keeper there is also a group responsibility to ask an individual to recap how they reached the number they report if you think a mistake has been made. If you do think a fellow player has made a mistake he or she should be asked politely – not in an accusatory manner – to recap their play on the hole. Every player should be prepared to describe for the group how they reached their total, e.g., tee shot 1, in the bunker for 2, 2 to get out and 2 putts for a 6 (one of the committee members recent scores!). If there is a disagreement on a score the player reporting the score has the last say – it is their score and they will be the one to sign-off on it at the end of the round.

Please note that when you do sign the score card at the end of the round you should be checking to make sure the score keeper has correctly recorded your score for each hole on the card. Neither you nor the score keeper is responsible for the accuracy of the total score – Junior Golf double checks all score totals before publishing results. Be aware that, by the rules of golf, a player will be disqualified (DQ'ed) for signing a score card which has a score for a hole that is less than was actually incurred on the course. This will happen regardless of the reason for the incorrect score being on the card – it doesn't matter if it was an honest mistake by the player or score keeper.

On a more positive note the committee would also like to acknowledge the occasions where players have shown the honesty and integrity that we are trying to instill through the Junior Golf program and called penalties on themselves in situations no one else observed.