



PGA Jr. League Section Championship - Rules Sheet

The following rules of play and conditions of competition govern Section Championships.

As scramble play is not recognized in the Rules of Golf, the PGA of America feels it is important to establish some guidelines by which this format can be reasonably governed. The following are PGA Jr. League official guidelines and do not constitute any attempt to alter or revise the Rules of Golf but attempt to fairly apply the Rules of Golf to a two-person scramble format. Players should be familiar with the Rules of Golf and, in particular, the key changes that have been implemented as of January 2019. PGA Jr. League is governed by the Rules of Golf effective January 2019, the PGA Jr. League Conditions of Play, the following Local Rules specific to two-person scramble, and other Local Rules and Conditions. The Competitions Committee will be defined here as: PGA Section Staff, PGA or LPGA Representatives from the host facility, PGA Jr. League Rules Committee and assigned designees at all postseason competitions.

STIPULATED ROUND: The stipulated round consists of playing the holes of the course in their correct sequence, unless otherwise authorized by the Committee. The stipulated round in PGA Jr. League is three holes.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY: An ineligible player at a Section Championship will be defined as:

- A player who does not meet the All-Star requirements
- A player who has previously participated on the All-Star team, was permanently replaced, then added back onto the roster

The penalty for an ineligible player participating in a Section Championship is a 1-point forfeiture per round.

PACE OF PLAY: The Competition Committee has the right to penalize groups that are behind. All teams will receive a copy of the full pace of play policy prior to beginning the competition.

COURSE SET-UP: Boys 11-under and Girls 13-under will play from the FORWARD tees. Boys 12-over and Girls 14-over will play from the BACK tees. The maximum yardage for the FORWARD tees is 2,300 yards and the maximum yardage for the BACK tees is 2,600 yards.

DETERMINING A PLAYER'S TEEING AREA: The player's age on the final day of the Section Championship is the age that will be used to determine the appropriate teeing area for that player.

PLAYING FROM THE WRONG TEEING AREA: There will be no penalty for a player who accidentally plays from the incorrect tees. However, if it is determined that a player intentionally played from the incorrect teeing area, the PGA of America reserves the right to declare him/her ineligible for the postseason.

ORDER OF PLAY: The team listed first on the scoreboard/scorecard will have the honour to start the round. However, all players designated to hit from the BACK tees will play first on every hole, regardless of which team has the honour.

MAKING STROKES AND SELECTING BALL: At each hole, both players on a side may make a stroke from the teeing area. Unless the tee shot is holed, the side must select one of the tee shots and both players may make a stroke from that location. Unless the second shot is holed, the side must select one of the second shots and both players may make a stroke from that location. This procedure is repeated until a ball is holed.

TRANSPORTATION: Players must **NOT** ride on any form of transportation during a round unless authorized by the Committee. Pull carts are permitted. Penalty for violating this rule is a one stroke penalty of player(s) involved.

SHARING CLUBS: Each player must not start a stipulated round with more than 14 clubs. However, the side may share clubs regardless of the total number of clubs carried by each player.

OUT OF BOUNDS: Defined as all areas outside the boundary edge of the course as defined by the Committee. All areas inside that edge are in bounds. Penalty area relief should be taken as prescribed in Rule 17.1d.

PENALTY AREAS: Defined as any body of water on the course including sea, lake, pond, river, ditch, surface drainage ditch or other open watercourse and any other part of the course the Committee defines as a penalty area. If a player elects to play a ball from within the penalty area, the ball must be placed within the penalty area or under penalty of one stroke, a player may use the relief options under 17.1d.

LOST BALL: If a player's ball becomes lost outside of a penalty area the player **MUST** play under stroke and distance, playing their ball from where the previous stroke was made.

INDICATING LINE OF PLAY ON PUTTING GREEN: A player is able to touch the line of play or touch the putting green in pointing out a target. This is acceptable, so long as doing so does not improve the conditions for the player's stroke.

STANDING ON EXTENSION OF LINE OF PLAY: Only a player's partner or their substitute may be positioned behind the player on an extension of the player's line of play, while the player is making a stroke. A one-stroke penalty will be applied if a Captain or Coach breaches this rule (USGA Rule 10.2b).



SUBSTITUTE: When a substitute is assigned to a two-person side, the substitute is considered part of that side. Please note, all players must play a minimum of six holes. Substitutions can be made at holes #1, #4 or #7 (note- the committee will designate substitution holes when using a shotgun start). The following are examples of acts which the substitute may perform.

- Carry or handle clubs for that side.
- Mark, lift, clean and place a ball for that side.
- Repair damage on the putting green.
- Assisting pace of play by searching for a ball, retrieving a ball not selected for play, attending the flagstick and raking bunkers.

LIFTING AND MARKING SELECTED BALL: The selected ball may be lifted by the player, his/her partner, their substitute or another person authorized by the player and may be cleaned. The position of the ball must be marked before it is lifted or played. The ball must be marked right behind or right next to the ball and the mark may be moved one club-head length if a player chooses to play from the original spot. If a ball is lifted or played without being marked, the team will incur a one stroke penalty.

PLACING A BALL: A ball to be placed must be placed by the player, his/her partner or their substitute; If the selected ball is in the general area, a ball must be placed in the general area within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the original ball's position; If the selected ball is in a bunker, a ball must be placed in the bunker, within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the original ball's position. Or, If the selected ball is in a penalty area and the player elects to play the ball as it lies, a ball must be replaced in the penalty area, within one club length of and not nearer the hole than the original ball's position. Or, the player may take relief under Rule 17.1d incurring the penalty stroke; If the selected ball is on the putting green, a ball must be placed on the putting green, within one clubhead-length of and not nearer the hole than the original ball's position. ***There is no limit to the number of times a player may place and replace the ball, and may do so by any means as long as he/she does so within the appropriate area and does so without unduly delaying play.***

OFFICIAL RESULT: The Committee will determine when to suspend the competition. Six out of nine holes must be completed for the result of a competition to be official. In rare situations when play is suspended for player safety; and all efforts to conduct or reschedule the competition have been exhausted; a competition can be deemed "Official" if less than six holes have been completed. The final Section Champion must be determined by a head-to-head match play competition.

PLAYOFF PROCEDURES: The Committee will determine playoff procedures prior to the start of the Championship.

Further information regarding the rules of competition can be found in the PGA Jr. League Conditions of Play.