



2011 MOHAWK VALLEY JUNIOR GOLF TOUR

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Welcome to the 2011 season of the Mohawk Valley Junior Golf Tour – a tour that is staffed and managed by volunteers. This is our twenty-sixth consecutive year of competition. The MVJGT provides an excellent opportunity for the area's young golfers who are ready to compete in a professionally run atmosphere. We serve residents of Oneida, Herkimer, and Madison counties. For those who plan to continue with golf in college or as a career, the Tour should provide an excellent challenge and a means to improve.

Eight local golf courses host an event during the season; the junior may compete in any number of these. The Tour Championship at Rome Country Club is an invitational for the top ten point achievers in each age division.

Information regarding new players and other inquiries may be addressed by phoning (315) 336.6464. Also, use our valuable website, mvjgolftour.com, for updates on tee times for events, statistics, and point standings.

Requirements. The Tour player must:

- have a good knowledge of the rules of golf.
- know and practice golf etiquette as well as respect the golf course.
- be honest in reporting scores (your own and others').
- be an experienced player. This means scoring below 110 for eighteen holes or below 60 for those competing in the nine hole age divisions.

**If your scores exceed these guidelines, please work on your game this summer and wait to join us next season.*

MOHAWK VALLEY JUNIOR GOLF TOUR RULES AND FORMAT

Stressed items are in red and all items that are new for 2011 are in blue.

1. Please respect each course by replacing divots, repairing ballmarks, and raking bunkers. All of the courses on Tour donate green fees for the event. Please show your gratitude by leaving each course in better shape than which you found it.

2. **Tour bag tags** will be given for the 2011 season at the registration desk during events. **USGA Rule Books** and **Golf Rules in Brief** will also be distributed at the desk and are to be kept in the golf bag and used. The bag tags and rule books are made possible through the donation made by the *Mohawk Valley Club Team Golf Association*.

3. A **Registration Fee** is required. It is \$20 per player and is non-refundable. It must be paid along with the entries.

4. **Registration Form, Rules Test and Fees must be postmarked on or before June 1st, 2011.** Entries will be accepted on a first come basis and residents of the Mohawk Valley area (Oneida, Madison, and Herkimer counties) will be given precedence. Tee times for each event will be posted on our website. Players joining the Tour late, or who wish to add another event after the deadline, please phone or inquire at the registration desk at the next event. Make checks payable to MVJGT (one check will cover all events and siblings). Include a separate entry form and rules test for each child participating. Entry fees are \$10 per event (don't forget about the registration fee).

5. **A Rules Test** must be printed out, completed, and mailed in by each player along with his/her entry form and fees. Each player must pass this test in order to be eligible to compete. This mandatory rules test is attached to the entry form you will print off of our website.

6. **Age** will determine the junior's division. The golfer's age on July 1st, 2011 will place him/her into the proper division for the season: 16-18 years, 13-15 years, and 10-12 years for the tournaments with "limit of 85 entries" or less. For the remaining events, those under ten years of age may play at the discretion of the Tour committee. Boys and girls play in separate divisions.

7. **Confirmation of acceptance** into Tour events and individual tee times for the first two events will be posted on our website by June 15th. Requests for special pairings and/or tee times will not be accommodated. Please arrive at least thirty minutes early to events and check-in at the registration table.

8. **Tee time punctuality is a must on the MJVGT. A player will be disqualified if he/she is late to the tee and his/her starting group has left the tee.**

9. **Cancellations:** Notify by phone 48 hours before the event (by 8 a.m. two days previous) for a refund by calling Rome Country Club. Refunds will be mailed in mid-August. Notify the Tour until tee time as proper etiquette dictates. **One "no show" without a prior phone call will disqualify him/her from the next event he/she is registered without refund; two "no shows" shall exclude him/her from the rest of the Tour without refund.**

10. **Rain dates** cannot be scheduled except for the Tour Championship. If extreme weather entirely cancels an event, all fees will be refunded. The club pro and Tour representatives will make the decision on the day's play. Please phone the course if weather is extreme, not Rome Country Club. We do play in the rain.

11. The **dress code** will be strictly enforced. Proper golf attire must be worn: neat slacks or shorts and a shirt with a collar. Absolutely no tee shirts, jeans, cut-offs, or gym shorts. All of our courses now require soft spikes or sneakers. Also, the length of shorts and skirts for our female contestants will be subject to the host course's dress code.

12. **Caddie/Scorekeeper rules** are as follows:

A. 12 & Younger Division: An adult scorekeeper who knows golf is appreciated for each player. A scorekeeper's duties are carrying the bag, explaining the rules, counting and recording strokes, and giving encouragement. The scorekeeper may not give instructional advice, line-up putts, select clubs, nor put pressure on the junior.

B. 13-15, 16-18 Divisions: Caddies and scorekeepers are not permitted. Galleries are allowed, provided there is no communication with the players.

13. **The MVJGT permits the use of distance finders for age divisions 13 and older** (embracing the local rule option offered by the USGA). Only those devices measuring yardage will be allowed (no slope or wind readings, etc.). Distance finders will not be allowed for the 12 and Younger divisions. The Tour does not allow the use of cell phones, iPods or similar objects.

14. **A new point system will be used for 2011.** Each division will be battling for points that are dependent on that day's field size. One point will be awarded to the last place score and each position above it will earn an additional point. The first place golfer in each division will earn a five point bonus as well. For example, if the 13-15 Boys Division has 25 participants in a particular event, the winner will earn 30 points, second place will earn 24 points, third will earn 23 points and so on throughout the entire field.

15. **Prizes** will be awarded to each division immediately following play. 1st place in each division will win a \$25 gift certificate to that course's pro shop, second place earns a \$15 gift certificate.

16. **Ties will be broken for first place** in each division immediately following play if possible. The playoff will break the tie over the prizes for the day, but full points will be awarded. If not all playoff competitors are available, then the prizes will be split evenly. Ties for second place will be broken by a match of cards, beginning with the #1 handicap hole. Regardless of outcome, full points will be awarded. There will be no playoff or match of cards for other ties.

17. **The top ten point achievers in each division** will be invited to play in the **Tour Championship** at Rome Country Club on Tuesday, August 9th. The Tour will treat the juniors to green fees, prizes, snacks, buffet lunch, and an awards ceremony. The parents and other family members are invited to attend the ceremony at Rome Country Club.

18. **Tour Awards** will be presented at the conclusion of play of the Tour Championship.

A. Trophies will be given to first and second places in the boys' divisions and to first place in the girls' divisions for the Tour Championship round.

B. The **Top Point Achiever** per division for the regular season will receive an engraved award and will have his/her name on the plaque that stands at Rome Country Club.

C. **The MVJGT Player of the Year** receives an engraved award and will have his/her name imprinted on the Tour Base plaque as well as on the crystal cup that stands at Rome Country Club.

MVJGT DISCIPLINE POLICY / BEHAVIOR CODE

The major purposes of the Tour are to promote solid competition, good sportsmanship, proper etiquette, and respect for fellow competitors and the rules of golf. All events will be played strictly according to USGA rules, amended by local rules and the Junior Tour committee. Players who intentionally violate the rules or who display improper etiquette or behavior will be disqualified from that event and/or future events.

MVJGT WITHDRAWAL POLICY (During Competition)

Any competitor who withdraws or quits during a competition must have a valid medical excuse and must notify a Tour official before leaving the site. If the withdrawal is not validated, the player forfeits his/her next event and that entry fee. A second offense disqualifies the player from the rest of the season with a loss of fees.

MVJGT COMMITTEE

Tour Director – Lauren Cupp
Assistant to the Director - Wes Cupp
Founder and Consultant – Kit Cupp
Statistician and College Intern – Tom Swiderski
Event Coordinator – Jeanette Swiderski
College Placement Adviser – Josh Cupp
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OTHER NOTABLE JUNIOR EVENTS

Please note that most events have early entry deadlines.

EVENT	CONTACT INFO	LOCAL QUALIFIER
US Junior Boys Championship	usga.org or (908) 234.2300	YES
US Junior Girls Championship	usga.org or (908) 234.2300	YES
New York State Jr. Boys/Girls	nysga.org or (888) NYSGA23	BOYS-YES, GIRLS-NO
Westfield Jr. PGA Championship	cny.pga.com or (315) 446.5617	YES
CNY PGA Junior Golf Tour	(315) 446.5610 or cny.pga.com	NO

Thanks for your interest in the Mohawk Valley Junior Golf Tour and good luck this summer!

