



## 2023 Sneds Tour Summer Season Reminders

**Weather Delays** – Please insure that if we have to suspend play, your child has a vehicle to shelter in place.

**Important Event Information** – Each event has its own respective web page. We will be contacting each facility and posting any specific event information on this page including: spectator cart availability, driving range access and pricing, etc.

**Waiting List** - Each of our events will hold up to 50 players on a waiting list. Once a player withdraws from an event with a waiting list, we will move the first person on the waiting list into the tournament. You will receive an automated email notification that your registration has been moved from the waiting list and you are now in the active field. If you are on the waiting list and have not been contacted by our staff, please DO NOT show up at the event in hopes that someone will not show up. If you are on a waiting list and know you CANNOT play in the event, please withdraw yourself as soon as possible.

**Withdraw/Transfer from Events** - If you need to transfer from a one-day tournament to another or from a two-day tournament to another, please email ([tnjuniorgolf@tngolf.org](mailto:tnjuniorgolf@tngolf.org)) or call us (615.790.3336), and we will be glad to make the change for you at no charge. You are welcome to withdraw from any event yourself, but the system will charge you a processing fee.

**Practice Rounds** - The Sneds Tour does NOT provide practice rounds for events, but you are welcome to contact any public facility and arrange a practice round for the posted fee. Please do NOT contact private facilities to schedule a practice round.

**Course Yardages** - The yardage each division will be playing from at each course can be found on the website under the “Levels/Divisions” tab. Please disregard any tee colors listed on the website or pairing sheet. We are unable to alter the tee colors on the pairings sheet so we created the spreadsheet for your convenience.

**Registration Deadline** - The registration deadline for each event is ONE WEEK prior at 5:00 p.m. CDT. At this point, we will assess the number of players in each division and call the golf course to confirm tee times (single tee start, double tee start, etc.). Usually we are able to fill in any gaps in the pairings to make all threesomes. Sometimes, the host facility will allow us to add extra players when there is a waiting list.

**Tee Times** - Three (3) days prior to each event, we will email, text (if you allowed texts on your membership application) and post the pairings on the tournament website. When you receive your pairing, please make sure you check the following information

1. Which course you are playing (some facilities have more than one golf course)
2. The hole number you start on (could be #1 or #10)

3. The time zone of the golf course (all tee times represent the time zone where the golf course is located).
4. The correct driving directions to the facility, if you have never been.

If you see an opening in a pairing for your division, please call the office (615-790-3336) to be added to the event. If you are playing in a two-day event, second round tee times will be posted approximately 30 minutes after the final group has completed their first round.

**Withdrawals/ No Cards** - Seventy-two (72) hours prior to the first tee time of each event, NO refunds or transfers will be allowed. If you find that you are unable to play, please notify us immediately. We need this information when creating pairings. If you do NOT contact us, you will be deemed a NO SHOW and subject to losing your spot in your next event. Please call/email the office (615.790.3336 or [tnjuniorgolf@tngolf.org](mailto:tnjuniorgolf@tngolf.org)). We are in constant communication with our staff onsite. They will get the message from us, whereas a call to the golf course is not an official withdrawal and messages rarely get delivered to our staff.

**Caddies** - Players may utilize a caddie in the following divisions: • Boys 10 – 13 Tour • Boys 10 – 11 Micro • Boys 8 – 9 Micro • Boys 4 – 7 • Girls 12-18 Tour (9) • Girls 8 – 11 Micro • Girls 4 – 7  
A player may utilize one (1) caddie at a time. If a player needs to change a caddie during a round, the change MUST take place between holes. As a reminder in the rule changes that took effect in 2019, caddies are NO LONGER permitted to assist the player with alignment of both the body and the club. Please check out the “Caddie Do’s and Don’t’s”.

**What to Expect at An Event** - Our staff will arrive to the golf course at least an hour prior to the first tee time to prepare for the day. If there are to be any weather delays, we will assess the situation that morning and post information on our social media sites (@tgfjuniorgolf on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram). We do NOT cancel or delay an event for weather the day before. Please review the policies on stoppage of play and resumption of play on the Sneds Tour Hard Card. When you arrive at the course, it is a good idea to make sure you know where your starting hole is located. Arrive in time to be ready for your specific warm up time on the practice facilities as outlined in our safety guidelines.

On the first tee, our staff will give you a scorecard. At the top of the scorecard you are keeping, there are boxes for you to keep your own hole-by-hole scores. If you have any questions on scores please make sure they are resolved before you begin the next hole. The staff will also have you identify your golf ball to the other players in your group. Please already have your golf balls marked before arriving to the course with your own identifying mark. You will be informed of any local rules for that particular golf course, the tees you will be playing from and also the scoring location at the end of the round. If you have questions, please be sure to ask your starter prior to teeing off.

Please make sure to keep your rulebook and Sneds Tour Hard Card (please print off) in your bag at all times. You may carry your cell phone for emergencies ONLY. During your round, the staff will be circling the golf course to help with pace of play, questions, and any rulings that may arise. If you need a rules official and one is not readily available, please have a spectator call the Sneds Tour Office (615.790.3336), and we will send one to you. You may also invoke Rule 20.1c3 and play a second ball. Please review this rule and make sure you know how to use it.

### **Spectator Do's:**

- Walk on the cart path (Walk in the rough when cart paths are not present)
- Keep all spectator carts on the cart paths at all times
- Stay even or ahead of your group at all times to help with spotting balls and not interfering with group behind
- Stay at least 30 yards away from the players at all times
- Turn off cellular phones while on the golf course
- Adhere to same dress code as players

### **All Spectators MUST NOT:**

- Talk with the players (could be misconstrued as advice)
- Ask any player about their score. The players are marking scores for another player and it is their responsibility to check after each hole as to the correctness of the scores. If there is a scoring dispute, you may call the office to have a staff member come help with any rulings
- Give rulings or advice
- Look for lost balls unless the player specifically wants to find their ball
- Interfere with any group on the golf course
- Use or be under the influence of alcohol or tobacco products

**Scoring** – Only players and caddies should immediately proceed to the scoring area following play of their last hole. Please stand in the designated areas in scoring. The group will verify each other's scores with the help of a staff member. Please bring up any questions or unresolved rulings before leaving the scoring area. Once the scores are verified, the cards will be placed in the scorecard return bucket and a player has left the scoring area, NO changes can be made. There will not be a paper scoreboard, but scores may be checked on the Sneds Tour App. or tournament website. As soon as all the scores have been posted for a division, the top players may come to the scoring area to retrieve their designated medal/trophy. The top three places in each division will receive a medal at one-day events and the top two places will receive a trophy at two-day events. Once the medals/trophies have been awarded, the competition is deemed to be CLOSED.

If possible, your hole-by-hole scores will be posted onsite. If there is no Wi-Fi available at the course, the eighteen (18) hole gross scores will be posted by our staff in the office. The onsite staff member will post the hole-by-hole scores later that evening once that return to an area that has Wi-Fi.

**Stroke Limit** - In an effort to improve pace of play on the Sneds Tour, we have created a Local Rule that states a stroke limit of 12 strokes (including "whiffs" and penalty strokes) will be established in the following divisions: • Boys 10 – 13 Tour • Boys 10 – 11 Micro • Boys 8 – 9 Micro • Boys 4 – 7 • Girls 12-18 Tour (9) • Girls 8 – 11 Micro • Girls 4 – 7

Once a player reaches their 12th stroke on a hole, the player MUST pickup and walk to the next hole without disqualification.

**Out of Bounds Local Rule NOT In Place** - The Sneds Tour has NOT adopted the local Out of Bounds Rule that permits a player to drop a ball under penalty of two strokes where the ball entered out of bounds.

**Provisional Ball** - If a player thinks their ball may be lost outside a penalty area or may be out of bounds, we highly recommend hitting a provisional ball. Please review Rule 18.3 for the correct procedure. For safety reasons, players may not be shuttled back to the spot where they previously played from.

**Course Thank You Emails** - At the conclusion of each event, our staff will send you a reminder email that includes the contact information for emailing the host facility a quick thank you note. We hope you will take the time to do this. It is a simple gesture of appreciation that goes a long way in showing our gratitude to our host facilities.

**Course Etiquette** - Please leave the facility better than you found it. Remember to repair your divots and ball marks, smooth the bunkers, and pick up any trash you may find.

### **Pace of Play**

- Each group is allotted 15 minutes to complete each hole (4 hours and 30 minutes/round).
- Realize your group is “on the clock” as soon as you play from the teeing ground on your first hole.
- Play “Ready Golf” throughout your entire round.
- Practice continuous putting when possible and the first person to complete each hole should immediately walk to the next hole.
- Use Rule 20.1c3. If you are doubtful of your rights or uncertain of the correct procedure during the play of the hole, you may, without penalty, complete the hole with two (2) golf balls. Make sure and declare the ball you want to count before proceeding under this rule.
- Make sure and report any use of Rule 20.1c3 to a rules official before you turn in your scorecard, even if you score the same with both golf balls.