



2024 Sneds Tour Summer Season Reminders

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 time of the first tee time, spectator cart availability, driving range access and pricing, etc. Please see the “Info” button to the right of each event on the Tournaments Page.

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.

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.

Withdraw/Transfer from Events Prior to the 72 Hour Cutoff - 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) or call us (615.790.3336), and we will be glad to make the transfer for you at no charge. You are welcome to withdraw from any event yourself, but the system will charge you a processing fee.

Withdraw After 72 Hours Prior to the Start of Your Event - 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 altering pairings due to your absence. 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). 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.

No Cards – The only reason a player is expected to have an on-course withdrawal is sickness or injury. Scoring higher than expected is **NOT** a reason for withdrawal. The Sneds Tour follows the policy of the Junior Golf Scoreboard and will deem you a **No Card**. If you are forced to withdraw, please swap the scorecard you are keeping with a fellow competitor and inform a staff member onsite or call the office so we can let them know you are leaving.

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.

Caddies - Players may utilize a caddie in the following divisions:

- Boys 14 - 18 Tour (9)
- 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’ts”.

Weather Delays Prior to Starting a Round - 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, text, 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 Rules of Play Card.

On Course Weather Delays – It is important that all players and spectators are aware of weather signals. If we must evacuate the course, you will hear one long blast of the horn. Please proceed directly to the clubhouse and assist any players/spectators if you have a cart. After a player hears this horn, please do not take another stroke, even if you are inches from a hole.

Local Rules of TMSGGA, other Junior Tours and other Golf Courses – The Sneds Tour plays all their events under the USGA Rules of Golf. In certain cases, we use Local Rules.

- The only Local Rule we currently use is Maximum Score of 12 (including whiffs) for all 9-hole divisions (except Boys 13 & U Masters). Once a player reaches their 12th stroke on a hole, the player **MUST** pick up and walk to the next hole without disqualification.
- Everyone else **MUST** hole out on every hole.
- We do **NOT** use the local rule of dropping in the fairway for a ball lost or out of bounds.
- If there is a Local Rule being used for the event, the Starter will let everyone know.

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.

Pace of Play

- Each group is allotted 15 minutes to complete each hole (4 hours and 30 minutes/round).
- The Rules of Golf allow each player 40 seconds to hit when it is their turn to play.
- Realize your group is “on the clock” as soon as you play from the teeing ground on your first hole.
- Hit a Provisional Ball if you think your ball is lost or out of bounds.
- 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 and tee off if the fairway is clear. Scores may be written down after.
- 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.
- Please keep up with the group in front of you.

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.

- 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.
- There is no registration, just be on your tee at least 5 minutes prior to your tee time.
- 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 download the USGA Rules App on your phone. Print the Sneds Tour Rules of Play Card and always keep in your bag.
- You may carry your cell phone for looking up rules and 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.
- After play, please proceed to the Scoring Area where an official will walk you through the scoring procedure. This is where you bring up any scoring/rules questions before turning in the score cards.

Spectator Do's:

- Walk on the cart path (Walk in the rough when cart paths are not present)
- Always keep all spectator carts on the cart paths
- Always stay even or ahead of your group to help with spotting balls and not interfering with group behind
- Always stay at least 30 yards away from the players
- 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/Awards – Only players and caddies should immediately proceed to the scoring area following play of their last hole. The players will verify each other's scores with the help of a staff member. The caddies are present for any discrepancies.

- 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 no changes may 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, a staff member will announce awards. 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.

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.