



2020 SMARTER THAN SMOKING

GOLFWA JUNIOR TOUR MANUAL

Introduction

Welcome to the Smarter than Smoking GolfWA Junior Tour. One of GolfWA's roles is to create opportunities for all golfers. The tour is a series of events created to allow our beginner junior golfers an opportunity to utilise the skills they are learning on the golf course.

The tour is a fun and friendly place for kids to come and challenge themselves on some of the best courses in Western Australia. The tour is open to all kids 12 years of age **or below** (as at the date of each event). Designed for kids starting out in golf, the tour consists of four divisions; **5 Hole Tiger Tees; 9 Hole Tiger Tees; Modified Stroke; and Stableford.**

As the tour is focused around developing players' golf and life skills we follow five core values and both the tour code of conduct and GolfWA's member protection policy.

5 core tour values:

Sportsmanship

Playing fair and following the rules of golf. Compliment fellow players and treat everyone with kindness

Perseverance

Not giving up and always trying your best

Respect

Being polite and showing support towards all tour participants, chaperones and supporters. Listening to officials and their instructions

Honesty

Being truthful in your words and actions. Making sure to report and record the correct score.

Acceptance

Understanding that it is ok to be different and that everyone should be able to play the game together.



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Code of Conduct

All players, caddies and spectators are required to adhere to the following code of conduct in conjunction with the GolfWA Member Protection Policy

Comply with commonly accepted standards of golfing etiquette.

Focus on the children's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.

Never ridicule or raise your voice at your child, parents, or other children for making a mistake or losing a competition.

Show appreciation for good performance and skilful plays by all players (including opposing players).

Respect officials' decisions.

Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.

It is an offence to throw, or deliberately in anger break golf equipment (including golf balls) during a competition.

It is an offence to utter inappropriate audible obscenities.

It is an offence to fail to comply with the Rules of Golf and Local Rules in force or fail to comply with any other rules, by-laws, directions, instructions, including dress regulations.

Understand the repercussions if you breach, or are aware of any breaches of, this code of behaviour.

The full GolfWA Member Protection Policy can be found at www.golfwa.org.au



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Divisions

Each division is structured on a skill level and modified rules have been designed to reflect the stage of golfing ability the player is at. The divisions have been developed to allow the growth of skills and knowledge, while emphasising the enjoyment of the game and the core values. Entry into each division is based upon a child's ability and not necessarily their age.

So which division will be suiting your child?

Tiger Tees Divisions - Open to players who do not hold an official GA handicap.

Tiger Tee Golf is aimed at kids who are beginners and working to develop on course skills in a fun and encouraging way. The course is shortened with dedicated Tiger Tee markers and a range of modified rules. You can choose either 5 or 9 holes.

The **5 Hole Tiger Tee division** is great place to start if the player has not been on course before.

The **9 Hole Tiger Tee division** allows room for growth before playing the full length nine holes.

Scoring for this division is completed by the group chaperone. You will be required to count your own child's shots (and have them count too) and verify it at the end of each hole with the chaperone. The chaperone will submit the score sheet to the tournament official at the end of the round.

Caddies will be permitted for all participants in the Tiger Tees divisions. Please refer the Smarter than Smoking GolfWA Junior Tour Caddy Policy for further details on the roles of the caddy.



Tiger Tee Rules – To be played in conjunction with the official rules of golf.

1. **Tiger Tee to Green** – a player is allowed **7 shots**, if the player is not on the green in 7 shots they pick up and place the ball on the nearest edge of the green.
2. **Tiger Tee Golf** - allows a maximum of **10 shots** per hole, if the player has not holed out in ten shots they pick up and score 10 (and place a circle around the 10). Scores of 1 to 10 shots where the player has holed out record the score **without** the circle.
3. **Bunkers** – should a player's ball come to rest in a bunker the player is allowed **1 shot to get out**, if the player is not successful they lift and place the ball on the fairway next to the bunker (not nearer to the hole).
4. **Rough** – if a player's ball comes to rest in the rough a player may pick up and drop the ball within two club lengths of the fairway (but still in the rough), not nearer the hole.
5. **Penalty Area** – if a player's ball enters a penalty area it is a **1 stroke penalty** and the player can place a ball within two club lengths of where it entered the penalty area, not nearer the hole.
6. **Out of Bounds** – if a player's ball is out of bounds it is a **1 stroke penalty** and the player can place a ball within two club lengths of the fairway but not nearer the hole.
7. **Windy (miss hit)** – should a player swing and miss the ball this is **not counted** as a shot.

Tiger Tee Prizes

As the Tiger Tees divisions are aimed at kids who are beginners, working to develop on course skills in a fun and encouraging way, there are no formal prizes or presentations. The participants are awarded Tour Tokens (see below for details), which are earned based on skill development and sportsmanship.



Modified Stroke Division - Open to those players who do not hold an official GA handicap OR a male player with a GA handicap of 32.0 or above OR a female player with a GA handicap of 36.0 or above (those players who hold a GA handicap below that which is stated MUST play in the Stableford Division).

The Modified Stroke division is the next level on the tour, aimed at kids who are ready to play nine holes of golf, at full course length, and are still developing their skills and knowledge of the full game. Modified Stroke is also played with **modified rules in place**. They differ from those of the Tiger Tee division as the participants develop their skills and knowledge.

Scoring for this division is completed by both the player and group chaperone. Players will be given a scorecard to complete, as they will need to develop this skill. The cards are completed on the tee box following the hole played and the score verified with the group chaperone.

Caddies are permitted in Modified Stroke. Please refer the Smarter than Smoking GolfWA Junior Tour Caddy Policy for further details on the roles of the caddy.

Modified Stroke Rules - To be played in conjunction with the official rules of golf.

1. **Tee to Green** – a player is allowed **7 shots**, if the player is not on the green in 7 shots they pick up and place the ball at the nearest edge of the green.
2. **Modified Stroke Golf** – allows a maximum of **10 shots** per hole, if the player has not holed out in ten shots they pick up and score 10 (and place a circle around the 10). Scores of 1 to 10 shots where the player has holed out record the score **without** the circle.
3. **Bunkers** – should a player's ball come to rest in a bunker the player is allowed **2 shots to get out**, if the player is not successful they lift and place the ball on the fairway next to the bunker, not nearer to the hole.
4. **Penalty Area** – if a player's ball enters a penalty area it is a **1 stroke penalty** and the player can place a ball within two club lengths of where it entered the penalty area, not nearer the hole.



Modified Stroke Prizes

As the participants strive to improve their skills and begin to become confident with competing, 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will be awarded. A full presentation will follow the round and all participants are encouraged to stay. Tour Tokens (see below for details), will be awarded to participants based on skill development as with other Tour divisions.

Stableford Division – Players who hold an official GA handicap or a male player with a GA handicap of 32.0 or below and a female player with a GA handicap of 36.0 or below.

The graduate level of the tour, the Stableford Division is aimed at kids who are club members with **an official Golflink handicap**. The nine-hole competition is designed to build their confidence before heading into the 18-hole, Junior Open events. As the scores are entered through Golflink and handicapped there are **no modified rules**.

Scoring is completed on an official scorecard by the player. **Stableford** scoring is a points-based system, if you are unsure of how to use your handicap to score this event please speak to the GolfWA tournament official.

Caddies are **NOT permitted** in the Stableford Division. Please refer the Smarter than Smoking GolfWA Junior Tour Caddy Policy for further details on the roles of the caddy.

Stableford Rules

This division is played off the full-length course using the official rules of golf.

Stableford Prizes

To prepare the participants for the competitive nature of 18-hole junior events a full presentation will follow the round. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places will be awarded, and all participants are encouraged to stay. Tour Tokens (see below for details) will be awarded to participants based on skill development as with other Tour divisions.



Tour Tokens

Tour Tokens are a currency based system that will be used to reward participants playing the tour.

Tour Tokens to be accumulated throughout the year. They can then be exchanged for various prizes listed in our catalogue on the GolfWA website.

Tour Tokens can be earned in several ways throughout each event:

- On or off course skills challenges;
- Rules knowledge;
- Beating a personal best;



Tour Tokens are individual rewards for individual accomplishment and will not be published for public knowledge.

Chaperones

Chaperones are appointed to accompany and supervise playing groups and are an important requirement of the tour. They are in place to uphold the integrity of the game and ensure all players have the opportunity to play golf in a fun and supportive environment. A chaperone could be, but is not limited to, a club volunteer, a GolfWA volunteer or the parent/relative of a child in the group. They will be selected and allocated to groups by GolfWA.

ALL participants are required to provide a chaperone at some point throughout the season. We understand that there are times when you cannot, therefore on the entry form there is a place to note when you are available for events.

Chaperone Role:

Pace of Play: - Set the walking pace.



- The groups place in the field is behind the group ahead, not in front of the group behind.
- If the group is falling behind, once the first 2 players have holed out send them to the next hole to tee off.
- Score records are to be completed on the next tee box (not on the green of the hole just played);
- If a ball is hit into the bush and you did not see where it had landed, have the player hit a provisional ball.
- Record times on the score sheet as required.

- Order of Play:**
- 'Ready golf' is the aim of the day;
 - When required, voice the player who you believe should be taking the next shot.

- Scoring:**
- Keep a tally of every shot each player in the group hits.
 - Verify the score with each player at the end of the hole.
 - Hand the score sheet to the GolfWA tournament official at the end of the round.

- Rules:**
- Encourage the use of the modified rules for the appropriate division when required.
 - Make rulings when you have the knowledge to do so. If you are unsure of the ruling have the player play 2 balls for the remainder of the hole and take the ruling to a GolfWA staff member following the round.

- Following the round:**
- **Verify the scores.** Move off the final green to the scoring table. Have the player verify their scores and complete their scorecard if applicable.
 - Take the group to the skills challenges to play for Tour Token and record on score sheet.
 - Record the players answer to the **rules question** displayed for the day.



Observation/

- Feedback:**
- Players who have slow pre-shot routines and are slowing down the group.
 - Parents who may be overstepping the caddy guidelines.
 - Players/Parents who exhibit un-sportsman like behaviour.
 - Players/Parents who exhibit aggressive/abusive behaviour.

A chaperone will be allocated to every group and stated on the event draw.

Chaperones will be required to check-in with GolfWA staff at least 20 mins prior to your allocated group time. They are responsible for the group from Tee-off, throughout the round, and following the round until the score sheet is submitted.

Chaperones are identified in the group by a chaperone vest to be received at check-in.

Smarter than Smoking GolfWA Junior Tour Order of Merit

The Smarter than Smoking GolfWA Junior Tour Order of Merit is a system to reward not only participation, but consistent performance throughout the year. Competitors in every division will receive at least one point for participation.

- A player must play a minimum of six rounds to qualify for a division order of merit.
- A player can qualify in more than one division.
- All divisions will be allocated points as follows: 1st place to receive 15 points, 2nd (14pts), 3rd (13 pts) and will continue down to 1 point. Every player from 15th place and below will be awarded 1 point.
- If a tie occurs for a place, the place points will be added together and split evenly.
Example: 11pts for 5th place + 10pts for 6th = 21/2=10.5 each.
- **Points** will be calculated across an average of the number of events played.



Example: Player X earns – 12pts, 10pts, 6pts, 14pts, 2 pts, 1 pt, 7pts (total points divided by seven rounds) = 7.43 points.

At the completion of the last event of the calendar year the winner of each division will be the person with the highest points.

The Order of Merit is updated following each event and standings will be posted on the GolfWA website along with the score results for the event.

Smarter than Smoking GolfWA Junior Tour – Stableford caddies

Caddie duties for the stableford division are restricted.

Caddies can transport the golf bag, push cart, rake bunkers, search for golf balls and provide food, drink and emotional support.

All golf decisions are to be left to the player.

Caddies are not permitted on the green, the group chaperone is allowed on the green.