

## **SUNCOAST JUNIOR TOUR**

### **Nine-Hole Division Player & Family Manual**

## **Welcome to the Suncoast Family**

We are excited to welcome you back or for the first time if your just joining us to another great season on the Suncoast Junior Tour. Our Nine-Hole Division is designed to create a fun, structured, and developmental environment where young players can learn the game, compete, and grow both on and off the course.

This guide serves as your go-to reference for what to expect before, during, and after the season.



## **Division Overview**

The Nine-Hole Division includes:

- Rising Stars Division (Both 10&Over and 9&Under)
- Boys 9 & Under
- Boys 10–12
- Boys 13–15
- Girls Division

These divisions are structured to provide age-appropriate competition while reinforcing fundamentals, sportsmanship, and pace of play.

\*The Suncoast Staff will do our very best to place each player in a appropriate division based on the average score entered in the registration form, and could be subject to change at any point during the season if the players skill level does not fit the division\*

(If a N/A was entered for a players average score they will be recognized as a first time or beginning player and will be place in a Rising Star Division either 9U or 10&UP based on age relative to the start of the first event June 3rd, 2026)

\*Also Most Chase'n Birdies Participants will be place in a Rising Stars Division, unless playing ability has been deemed appropriate to move up.\*

## Corkscrew Cup

At the end of the season, the stakes become even more exciting. The players who collect the most pins will qualify for **The Corkscrew Cup**, our premier Ryder Cup-style team event. The top 10 players from north of Corkscrew Road will compete against the top 10 from south of Corkscrew Road in a truly special year-end competition 🏆.

Here is the Breakdown of how the 20 players will qualify for the Corkscrew Cup 2nd Annual Corkscrew Cup at Quail Village!

North	South
Boys 13-15: Top 2 (Pins)	Boys 13-15: Top 2 (Pins)
Boys 10-12: Top 2 (Pins)	Boys 10-12: Top 2 (Pins)
Boys 9&U: Top 2 (Pins)	Boys 9&U: Top 2 (Pins)
Girls: Top 2 (Pins).	Girls: Top 2 (Pins)
Rising Stars 9&U: Top 1 (Pins)	Rising Stars 9&U: Top 1 (Pins)
Rising Stars 10&Over: Top 1 (Pins)	Rising Stars 10&Over: Top 1 (Pins)

## 17 Practice Rounds

Practice rounds are an important part of preparation and course familiarity.

### Guidelines:

- Practice rounds must be scheduled directly through the pro-shop of the host golf course
- Identify yourself as a Suncoast Junior Tour participant when booking
- All course policies and posted rates apply unless otherwise noted on the Suncoast website under the schedule tab, and then under tournament details for that specific course.
- All yardages, tees, address, practice round information, tee time range, and course specific information can be found on the suncoast website under the schedule tab and under tournament details for that event.


### On-Course Expectations:

- Maintain proper pace of play 🕒
- Repair ball marks, rake bunkers, and respect the course
- Treat practice rounds as preparation, not casual play



## Dress Code


### Players

- Collared shirts or approved golf attire
- Golf shorts, skirts, or pants
- Hats worn forward 
- Golf shoes or appropriate footwear

### Not permitted:

- T-shirts
- Tank tops
- Denim
- Athletic shorts

### Parents & Spectators

- Golf-appropriate attire is strongly encouraged
- Comfortable footwear for walking 
- No gym wear, cutoffs, or inappropriate clothing



## Caddies Policy

- **Rising Stars Division:** Caddies are **required**
- **All Other Divisions:** Caddies are **recommended**

### Caddie Responsibilities:

- Assist with pace of play
- Help with course navigation and safety
- Provide encouragement and support

### Caddies may NOT:

- Give swing instruction during competition
- Make decisions for the player

## **First Tee Protocol**

- Arrive at least **30 minutes prior** to tee time
- Be at the tee **10 minutes early**
- Listen for announcements and introductions

### **On the Tee:**

- Maintain silence and respect 🤫
- Introduce yourself to your group
- Be ready to play when it is your turn

## **Pace of Play & Etiquette**

- Keep up with the group ahead
- Be ready when it's your turn
- Limit practice swings
- Move efficiently between shots

### **Course Care:**

- Repair ball marks
- Rake bunkers
- Fill all divots
- Respect all players and surroundings 🌱

## **Water & Hydration**

- Players should bring water and stay hydrated
- Florida conditions can be demanding ☀️
- We will have Sunscreen, Bug Spray, and small snacks on the first tee so please make yourself at home while your there.

### **Water Cooler Locations:**

- Driving range / practice facility
- 1st tee
- After holes 3 and 6
- Scoring area



## Spectator Cart Policy

- Spectator carts are **based on availability** and may be limited
- Priority should be given to those **unable to walk the course**

### We kindly ask:

If you are able to walk, please do so to help ensure carts are available for those who truly need them.



## Scoring Area Protocol

The scoring area is a key part of player development.

- The scoring table is for **players and Suncoast staff only**
- **No parents or spectators are permitted** in the scoring area

### Player Expectations:

- Players are responsible for approaching the scoring table immediately at the conclusion of their round.
- Review and verify scores carefully
- Learn the process of checking and signing scorecards

This is an important opportunity for players to grow in responsibility and understanding of competitive golf.



## Live Scoring

- There will be volunteers stationed after holes 3 and 6 that will be responsible for entering scores during play.
- Always confirm scores with your group after each hole
- Honesty and accuracy are essential
- **Parents and Spectators** if you wish to follow along with the leaderboards the leaderboard will be accessed through the Golf Genius app all summer. The GGID codes to access each specific tournament can be found in the tournament specific tee time announcement emails which will be sent out two days prior to each event.

Parents and spectators should not assist or interfere with scoring during play.

## **Respect for Host Venues**

We are proud to partner with outstanding facilities.

Please:

- Respect all club rules and policies
- Be courteous to staff and members
- Keep noise levels appropriate
- Dispose of trash properly

Our ability to host events depends on the professionalism of our families.

## **Final Thoughts**

The Nine-Hole Division is about more than competition; it is about growth, confidence, and building a lifelong love for the game.

We are proud of the culture we are building together and grateful for the support of our families, partners, and host facilities.

Let's make it a fantastic season.

As always if you should have any question please don't hesitate to reach out to Chase Marinell or any of the Suncoast Staff at any point before, during, or after the Suncoast season as we all will be happy to help.

**-Suncoast Junior Tour Professional Staff**