

Optimist Junior Golf Committee

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Dear Junior Golfer,

The Optimist International Junior Golf Championships is an elite junior golf tournament that takes place at PGA National Resort & Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, July 23-28 and July 28-August 2, 2009. The 2009 championships will include more than 620 players from 25+ countries. Boys and girls compete in the 10-11, 12-13, 14-15, & 16-18 age divisions. A golfer's division is determined by his/her age on the last day of the applicable championships.

US and Canadian junior golfers **in the boys and girls 10-11 & 12-13 divisions only** who live in an Optimist District that does not offer a qualifying tournament for their age division, are not required to qualify at a District tournament, but may travel to another District to attempt to qualify if they wish. Or, they may submit an "At Large" application for consideration. Submission of an application DOES NOT guarantee acceptance into the playing field. A limited number of applicants will be accepted in each age division based golfers advancing to championships through qualifiers and anticipated field sizes.

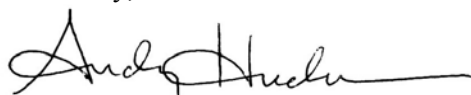
At Large Application Steps:

- (1) Review the 2009 Fact Sheet for tournament details, prices, etc.
- (2) Visit www.optimist.org/golf to see if your home District offers a qualifying tournament in your division. If so, you must play in this tournament or travel to another District to attempt to qualify.
- (3) Complete the at-large application form as indicated.
- (4) Return the application form and a copy of the applicant's birth certificate, baptismal record or passport. Applications and required proof-of-age document must be received on or before **APRIL 22, 2009**. Applications received after April 22 will be considered on a space-available basis only.
- (5) You will be notified via e-mail that we have received your application.
- (6) Applications will be reviewed during the last week of April and applicants will be notified of their status by April 29. Accepted applicants will be sent official registration materials (tournament details, accommodations, costs and registration forms). A wait list will be established in each age division if necessary.

In addition to the at-large application steps above, accepted golfers are required to **REGISTER** and pay for the championships by May 31, 2009. Please refer to the official registration materials for details. If we do not receive your registration by May 31, your eligibility will be forfeited and we will accept golfers from the wait list.

For more information, visit www.optimist.org/golf. Please contact the Optimist Junior Golf Department at golf@optimist.org, (314) 371-6000, ext. 209 or toll free (800) 500-8130, ext. 209 with any questions or for more information.

Sincerely,



Andy Hudson, Director
Optimist Junior Golf

Optimist Golf policy states that golfers in the **Boys and Girls 10-11 & 12-13 division only** who live in a District that does not offer a qualifier in their age division may opt to qualify in another District or apply directly to Optimist International. If you choose to qualify outside your District, there is no guarantee that your registration fees will be paid should you win that event. This application is the only information used to determine acceptance. Additional information will not be reviewed. Applications containing falsified information will not be accepted. **Applications must be submitted with a copy of your birth certificate, baptismal record or passport (no originals).**

Submission of this application **DOES NOT** guarantee acceptance into the playing field. The deadline to submit an application is **April 22, 2009**. The playing fields will be announced during the last week of April and applicants will be notified. It is assumed that all applicants intend to play if accepted. Please check with your parents, teachers, golf coach, etc. for possible conflicts **before** submitting an application. After reviewing your application, you will receive notification via e-mail (preferred), fax or mail. Accepted applicants will be sent official registration materials (tournament details, accommodations, costs and registration forms). Accepted applicants will be required to **REGISTER** and pay for the championships before May 31. **PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY.**

Section 1 (to be completed by applicant)

Applicant Name: _____
First Middle Initial Last

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Complete Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Parent/Guardian Work/Cell Phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____
E-mail is the primary method of communication—PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Gender: Male Female Date of Birth: ____/____/____ High School Graduation Year _____
month day year (to be eligible, golfers may not be enrolled in college)

CURRENT RANKING INFORMATION (if known):
 Golfweek ranking _____ Junior Golf Scoreboard ranking _____ Other ranking (specify) _____

AGE DIVISION FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING:
Division corresponds to the age you will be on July 27, 2009 (10-11 and 12-13 divisions). Golfers may apply to a higher age division and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

BOYS 10-11 BOYS 12-13 GIRLS 10-11 GIRLS 12-13

Section 2 (to be completed by a certified PGA professional or official)

Name of Home Course: _____

City, State/Province, Country: _____

Applicant's average 18-hole score: _____ Par: _____ Handicap index (if known): _____

Name of certified professional/official (please print): _____

Signature of certified professional/official: _____

Daytime phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Section 3 (to be completed by applicant)

Awards/Recognition (All-state, All-American, National or International teams, etc.) _____

Date <i>(most recent first)</i>	National/International Tournaments	Finish / Total Golfers in Field	Round-by-Round Scores	Total Score
___/___/___	_____	___/___	___/___/___/___ =	___
___/___/___	_____	___/___	___/___/___/___ =	___
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I certify that I am an amateur player according to the rules of the USGA and that the information included in this application is true to the best of my knowledge and that falsification of any information could result in disqualification.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Return to:
 Optimist Junior Golf
 4494 Lindell Blvd.
 St. Louis, Missouri 63108
 USA

Or, send by FAX to: (314) 371-6006 (no cover sheet necessary)

All applicants will receive an e-mail notice confirming receipt of application within 2 business days.

At Large Application Deadline:
 Wednesday, April 22, 2009 (5:00 p.m. CST)

Please note:

Acceptance of at-large applicants is based on the number of golfers advancing to championships through qualifiers and anticipated field sizes. Optimist Junior Golf has final authority regarding the selection of at-large participants. The Committee's decisions are final and irrevocable. **All at-large applications must be submitted with a copy of birth certificate, baptismal record or passport by April 22, 2009.** For more information, visit www.optimist.org/golf, call (314) 371-6000, toll free (800) 500-8130 or e-mail golf@optimist.org.