

**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, USA, July 23-28 and July 28-August 2, 2009. The 2009 championships will include more than 620 players from 25+ countries. Golfers 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 championships.

Junior golfers who are permanent residents (defined as a golfer who lives **AND** attends school in the nation represented) of nations that do not already send official international designates to The Optimist may submit an "International At Large" application for consideration. Submission of an application **DOES NOT** guarantee acceptance into the playing field. A very limited number of golfers will be accepted in each age division based on golfers advancing to the championships through qualifiers and anticipated field sizes.

**PLEASE NOTE**—International applicants will be considered in the following order:

- Priority 1: Applications submitted by and certified by an International Golf Federation Member Organization (visit [www.InternationalGolfFederation.org](http://www.InternationalGolfFederation.org) for details).
- Priority 2: Applications submitted by a legitimate national or regional junior golf organization that is not a part of the International Golf Federation.
- Priority 3: Applications submitted by individuals. These applications will only be considered if space allows.

**International At Large Application Steps:**

- (1) Review the 2009 Fact Sheet for tournament details, prices, etc.
- (2) Visit [www.optimist.org/golf](http://www.optimist.org/golf) to see if your nation's federation, association, etc. sends international designates to The Optimist. If so, golfers must contact the international organization indicated and are not eligible to submit this application.
- (3) Complete the International 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 must be received by **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 you will be notified of the status by April 29. Official registration materials (tournament details, accommodations, costs and registration forms) will be sent for all accepted applicants. A wait list will be established in each age division if necessary.

In addition to the application steps above, accepted golfers must **REGISTER** and pay for the championships by May 31, 2009. Please refer to the official registration materials for details. If we do not receive registrations by May 31, we will accept golfers from the wait list.

For more information, visit [www.optimist.org/golf](http://www.optimist.org/golf). Please contact the Optimist Junior Golf Department at [golf@optimist.org](mailto: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



**2009 INTERNATIONAL AT-LARGE APPLICATION**

*PGA National Resort and Spa, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida*  
 Boys & Girls 10-11, 12-13 and 14-15 Divisions: July 24-29, 2008  
 Boys & Girls 16-18 Divisions: July 29-August 3, 2008

Optimist Golf policy states that international at-large applicants **MUST** be permanent residents of the foreign nations they are representing. Junior golfers who reside and attend school in an Optimist District must participate in an official qualifying tournament to attempt to qualify. 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 (including city, state/province, zip/postal code and country):  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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):  
 National ranking (specify) \_\_\_\_\_ Regional/State ranking (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

AGE DIVISION FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING:  
*Division corresponds to the age you will be on **July 27, 2009** (10-11, 12-13 and 14-15 divisions) or **August 2, 2009** (16-18 division). Golfers may apply to a higher age division and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> BOYS 10-11  | <input type="checkbox"/> BOYS 12-13  | <input type="checkbox"/> BOYS 14-15  | <input type="checkbox"/> BOYS 16-18  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GIRLS 10-11 | <input type="checkbox"/> GIRLS 12-13 | <input type="checkbox"/> GIRLS 14-15 | <input type="checkbox"/> GIRLS 16-18 |

**Section 2 (to be completed by International Golf Federation official, national/regional organization representative or certified golf professional)**

Name of Home Course: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State/Province, Country: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name of IGF or national/regional official or certified golf professional: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of official/professional: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 3 (to be completed by applicant)**

**Awards/Recognition** (Regional awards, National or International teams, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

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| <b>Date</b><br><i>(most recent first)</i> | <b>National/International Tournaments</b> | <b>Finish / Total Golfers<br/>in Field</b> | <b>Round-by-Round Scores</b> | <b>Total Score</b> |
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| <b>Date</b><br><i>(most recent first)</i> | <b>Regional/State/Provincial Tournaments</b> | <b>Finish / Total Golfers<br/>in Field</b> | <b>Round-by-Round Scores</b> | <b>Total Score</b> |
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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](http://www.optimist.org/golf), call (314) 371-6000, toll free (800) 500-8130 or e-mail [golf@optimist.org](mailto:golf@optimist.org).