

THE OPTIMIST

International Junior Golf Championships

Phase 3

2025 OIJGC HOST SITE INFORMATION

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WILL ASSIST IN MAKING YOUR TOURNAMENT WEEKEND A SUCCESS!

Sunday, July 27 – Tuesday, July 29

FORMAT: 54– HOLE INDIVIDUAL STROKE PLAY IN AGE GROUPS:
BOYS 16-18 (Gold and Blue) and GIRLS 15 -18 (Red and Gold)

Boys 16-18 will play 36 holes after which the top 70 players plus ties will advance to the final round on the Blue Monster. All others will play Red Tiger. Awards will be given in both flights. Boys who make the cut play their Final Round on the Blue, The Clash of Challengers will be on the Red Tiger. Awards will be given in both flights.
Girls 15-18: Will play 36 holes on the Red Tiger. There is no cut. Girls will play their final round on Golden Palm.

PAIRINGS: ROUND # 1 STARTING TIMES WILL BE POSTED BY NOON on Saturday July 26, 2025.
ALL OTHER ROUNDS WILL BE POSTED APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE PREVIOUS ROUND.

*COURSE & INFORMATION	BOYS 16-18	Golden Palm	WHITE TEES	6636 Yards (Par 71)
	Boys 16-18	Blue Monster	BLUE TEES	7003 Yards
	GIRLS 15-18	Red Tiger	RED TEES	5892 Yards
	Girls 15-18	Golden Palm	RED Tees	5906 Yards (Par 71)

*These are maximum yardages and will be adjusted for weather, course conditions, and/or hole locations.

PRACTICE FACILITIES: Complimentary range balls will be provided at the Resort Practice facility on tournament days from 6:30 am until the last official starting time. Players wishing to hit balls after these times must purchase range balls in the golf shop. **No chipping allowed on main putting green by the Flagpole or at the putting green at the practice facility.**

LOCAL RULES & HOLE LOCATIONS: Each player will receive a Notice to Players and a Hole Location sheet at their starting tee.

SCORECARDS: Each player will receive an Official Scorecard at their starting tee. Immediately following play, return your scorecard to the Imperial Ballroom for scoring. **PLAYERS ARE NOT ALLOWED** to bring golf bags or pull carts into the scoring room.

PLEASE leave them outside of the Imperial Ballroom under the awning or on the lawn area. A "BAG DROP" sign will be posted in the area.

PACE OF PLAY: It is vitally important that the correct pace be maintained by all players, **PLAY READY GOLF!** Rules Officials will monitor pace and issue Pace of Play Penalties when necessary.

TIES:	Weather and time permitting, ties for first place will be broken by a sudden death play-off. All other ties will be broken in accordance with the USGA recommendations in Appendix I (See Optimist Local Rules).
SUSPENSION OF PLAY:	<p>When play is suspended by the Committee for a dangerous situation, if the players are between the play of two holes, they must not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If they are in the process of playing a hole, they must discontinue play immediately and not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If a player fails to discontinue play immediately, he is disqualified unless circumstances warrant waiving the penalty as provided in Rule 5.7b.</p> <p>The signal for suspending play due to a dangerous situation will be one long blast of the horn. If possible, mark the position of your ball with a tee and proceed to the evacuation locations on your Notice to Player's sheet. Vans and shuttles will be used to transport the players back to the Clubhouse. ALL PLAYERS MUST THEN PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO THE IVANKA TRUMP BALLROOM, NO EXEMPTIONS!</p> <p>During Suspension of play - golf clubs will be stored in the Smart Boxes at the respective evacuation locations on the golf courses. Players whose evacuation location is the Clubhouse (Ivanka Trump Ballroom), your golf clubs and pull carts are to be placed in the Byron Nelson, Gene Sarazan, Lee Trevino and Payne Stewart rooms, which are located below the Ivanka Trump Ballroom. The entrance to access these rooms are adjacent to the Sam Snead Villa entrance.</p> <p>No PULL CARTS are ALLOWED IN MAIN LOBBY OF CLUBHOUSE</p> <p>(NOTE: If play is suspended on the final round and play cannot be completed by dark or because of a dangerous situation, the tournament will revert to the last stipulated eighteen hole round completed by the entire field.)</p>
SMART BOXES	Players can secure their golf clubs in storage boxes that will be located at evacuation sites on each respective course during weather delays
RESUMPTION PLAY:	Once the Committee has decided to resume play; an announcement will be made to all players. The signal to resume play will be two short blasts of the air horn unless otherwise instructed.
PULL CARTS:	Pull Carts are permitted in ALL age divisions - Boys and Girls.
CELL PHONES/ HEADPHONES	Cell phone and/or headphone usage is allowed to call for a rules official, check scores or in case of emergency. Players may be asked to use phones for live scoring.
HOURS OF OPERATION:	<p>Golf Shop: 6:30 am – 8:00 pm tournament rounds</p> <p>Bag Room 6:00 am – 7:00 pm daily</p> <p>Practice Facility 6:30 am – last tee time - tournament rounds</p>
TELEPHONE NUMBERS:	<p>DORAL 786-402-4000 General Information)</p> <p>Skip Small 904-612-9634 (Rules)</p>

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Rules Procedures and Reminders

THE FOLLOWING RULES REMINDERS MAY ASSIST YOU DURING THE COMPETITION

(These are only summary reminders and do not modify the Rules themselves)

PLAYER'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

The player shall start at the time laid down by the Committee. (Rule 5.3a)

- All players are to be at their designated tee ten minutes prior to their starting time. If the player arrives at his/her starting point ready to play within five minutes after his/her starting time, in the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty as provided in Rule 5.7b, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes. If the player is more than five minutes late, he/she shall be disqualified. The responsibility for playing the proper ball rests with the player. (Rule 7.2)
- Each player should put an identification mark on his/her ball. The Competitor is responsible for the correctness of the score recorded for each hole on the card. (Rule 3.3b) The player shall play without undue delay. (Rule 5.6b)
- The player shall play without undue delay in accordance with any pace of play guidelines laid down by the committee. Between completion of a hole and playing from the next teeing ground, the player shall not unduly delay play.
- If a group is out of position it will be subject to be timed. A player will be allowed 40 seconds to complete his/her stroke. The following are penalties for breach of rule:
- Out Of Position - Not Keeping Up With The Group In Front Of You.
- First Offense - Verbal Warning
- Second Offense - One Stroke Penalty
- Third Offense - Two Stroke Penalty
- For Subsequent Offense - Disqualification
- Note: Timing will discontinue when the group has regained its position. Time previously recorded that may have exceeded the limit, however, will be held over for further occurrence.
- Pace of Play appeal – A player has the right to appeal a pace of play penalty given to him/her but must appeal directly to the Rules Committee before signing and returning his/her scorecard.

OUT OF BOUNDS: In addition to the Out of Bounds defined by a White Line and or White Stakes, all off property fences and roadways will also define out of bounds.

RELIEF SITUATIONS:

Relief from a Red Penalty Area. All penalty areas at Doral are marked as Red Penalty Areas. Your relief options are as follows under penalty of one stroke: (Rule 17.1)

- Play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played.
- Drop a ball behind the red penalty area, keeping the point between which the original ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area the hole, with no limit to how far behind the penalty area the ball may be dropped.
- Drop a ball outside the red penalty area within two club-lengths of and not nearer the hole than the point where the original ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area.

RELIEF FROM TEMPORARY WATER: Temporary Water is any temporary accumulation of water on the surface of the ground which is visible before or after the player takes his/her stance, and is not in a penalty area. (Rule 16.1) Interference by temporary water occurs when a ball lies in or touches any temporary water or when such a condition interferes with the player's stance or the area of his/her intended swing. Relief may be taken as follows:

- Determine the point on the course nearest to where the ball lies which is not nearer the hole, avoids interference by the condition, and is not in a penalty area while taking full relief from the abnormal ground condition.

- The ball shall be lifted and dropped and must remain without penalty within one club length of the determined point of full relief and not nearer the hole. **RELIEF FROM ABNORMAL GROUND CONDITION:** Abnormal Ground Condition is any portion of the course so marked by the order of the Committee. White lines define Abnormal Ground Condition. A ball is in an Abnormal Ground Condition when it lies in or any part of it touches the ground under repair. Relief may be taken as follows:
- Determine the point on the course nearest to where the ball lies which is not nearer the hole, avoids interference by the condition, and is not in a penalty area while taking full relief from the abnormal ground condition.
- The ball shall be lifted and dropped and must remain without penalty within one club length of the determined point of full relief and not nearer the hole.

DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE:

- In stroke play, if a competitor is doubtful of his/her rights or the correct procedure during the play of a hole, he/she may, without penalty, complete the hole with two balls. (Rule 20.1c(3))
- After the doubtful situation has arisen and before taking further action, the competitor should announce to his marker or a fellow competitor that he intends to play two balls and which ball he wishes to count if the Rules permit. The competitor **MUST** report the facts of the situation to the Committee before returning his score card. If he fails to do so, he is **DISQUALIFIED**.

CONDUCT:

Players can be disqualified for actions on and off the golf course. In addition, each room is subject to an on the spot inspection at any time. Unsportsmanlike conduct, including abusive language and club throwing on the golf course will result in the following penalties: First offense – warning; Second offense – two shot penalty; third offense – disqualification. Some penalties may be issued at the full discretion of the Rules Committee.

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL WITHDRAWAL POLICY

- This policy will allow for withdrawals for medical reasons or for emergencies. The medical reason must be verified and approved by Tournament Director to receive a WD. If a player is healthy enough to continue and the player refuses, the player will receive a NC. The entire group involved will be held at the point of stoppage and other groups will play through. A rules official will restart the group. All play must comply with all current Tournament Rules and Policies. The player must notify and receive approval from the Tournament Director or Rules Official prior to leaving the course. This decision is final. If a family emergency, on or off site occurs, a player may be allowed to withdraw. The reason or reasons must be verified by the Tournament Director or Rules Committee. All printed and published results at the end of the Tournament will reflect a withdrawn status.

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL DISQUALIFICATION POLICY

Disqualification will occur if during a competitive round of the Tournament a player refuses to continue play after a medical personnel releases the player to continue play. Failure to report for your tee time, leaving the course without the notification and approval of a Rules Official, or and other already published reason will also be automatic disqualification. All printed and published results at the end of the Tournament will reflect a disqualified status.

- If a player is disqualified prior to the final round during the tournament, the player may play as a marker at the discretion of the Tournament Director based on size of field and other circumstances.
- **DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES** In this competition a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.) the player is in breach of Rule 4.3a(1)