

The Optimist International Junior Golf Championship is one of the largest and best-known junior golf tournaments in the world. Each year, more than 650 golfers participate in THE OPTIMIST.

**July 16-21, 2019** Boys 10-11, 12-13 and Girls 10-12  
**July 21-26, 2019** Boys 14-15 and Girls 13-14  
**July 26-31, 2019** Boys 16-18 and Girls 15-18

**Age Divisions**

**Boys 10-11**  
 Ages 10 & 11 as of July 20, 2019  
**Boys 12-13**  
 Ages 12 & 13 as of July 20, 2019  
**Boys 14-15**  
 Ages 14 & 15 as of July 25, 2019  
**Boys 16-18**  
 Ages 16 -18 as of July 31, 2019

**Girls 10-12**  
 Ages 10, 11 & 12 as of July 20, 2019  
**Girls 13-14**  
 Ages 13 & 14 as of July 25, 2019  
**Girls 15-18**  
 Ages 15 - 18 as of July 31, 2019

Nine-year olds may “play up” into the Boys 10-11 or Girls 10-12 division.

**Player Eligibility and Age Verification**

To be eligible, golfers may not have already attended college. Golfers who qualify will be required to submit a copy of their birth certificate, drivers license, baptismal record or passport.

**Tournament Format**

*Boy 10-11, 12-13, 14-15\* and Girls 10-12, 13-14:* Competition is a 54-hole stroke play tournament.

*Boys 16-18 and Girls 15-18:* Competition is a 72-hole stroke play tournament. The top 50 boys and top 50 girls advance to the final round. Golfers who miss the cut may play in the consolation event.

**Courses and Yardages**

Golfers will play on the courses at Trump National Doral as follows. Yardages are posted on website. Course assignments are subject to change.

- Boys 10-11.....Gold Palm course
- Boys 12-13.....Blue Monster course
- Girls 10-12.....Red Tiger course
- Boys 14-15.....Blue Monster and Gold Palm courses
- Girls 13-14.....Red Tiger Course
- Boys 16-18\*.....Blue Monster and Silver Fox courses
- Girls 15-18\*.....Red Tiger and Gold Palm course

*\*Boys 14-15 play one round on each course and will be flighted after 2 rounds. Cut will be based on field size and advance to the final round on the Blue Monster Course. All others will play the Gold Palm. Awards will be given in both flights.*

*\*Boys 16-18 play 2 rounds on the Blue Monster and 1 round on the Silver Fox. Final round on the Blue Monster.*

*\*Girls 15-18 play 2 rounds on the Red Tiger and 1 round on the Gold Palms. Final round on the Red Tiger.*

*Courses may change depending on number of participants.*

# 2019 FACT SHEET

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

For a detailed schedule of events, go to [www.optimist.org/golf](http://www.optimist.org/golf)

### **Boys 10-11, 12-13 & Girls 10-12**

Tuesday, July 16 Arrivals and tournament registration  
 Wednesday, July 17 Practice Round and Orientation  
 Thursday, July 18 Tournament Play - Round 1  
 Friday, July 19 Tournament Play - Round 2  
 Saturday, July 20 Tournament Play - Round 3 & Awards Ceremony  
 Sunday, July 21 Departures / Parent Child Tournament

### **Boys 14-15 & Girls 13-14**

Sunday, July 21 Arrivals and tournament registration  
 Monday, July 22 Practice Round and Orientation  
 Tuesday, July 23 Tournament Play - Round 1  
 Wednesday, July 24 Tournament Play - Round 2  
 Thursday, July 25 Tournament Play - Round 3 & Awards Ceremony  
 Friday, July 26 Departures / Parent Child Tournament

### **Boys 16-18; Girls 15-18**

Friday, July 26 Arrivals and tournament registration  
 Saturday, July 27 Practice rounds and Orientation  
 Sunday, July 28 Tournament Play - Round 1  
 Monday, July 29 Tournament Play - Round 2  
 Tuesday, July 30 Tournament Play - Round 3  
 Wednesday, July 31 Final round (top 50 boys & top 50 girls)  
 Consolation event, Awards Ceremony and departures

### **Rankings**

The Optimist International Junior Golf Championship is included in the *Junior Golf Scoreboard, Golfweek and World Amateur* junior rankings (16-18 divisions only for *Golfweek and World Amateur* rankings).

The OPTIMIST is also included in the AJGA’s “Performance Based Entry system”. Top finishers in certain age divisions are eligible for AJGA exemptions or earn Junior All-Star exempt status. For more information, go to [www.ajga.org](http://www.ajga.org).

### **Rules and Regulations**

The championship will be played in accordance with all USGA and local course rules. Local rules will be covered at player orientation (which is mandatory). All participants are responsible for following the Optimist Golf Code of Conduct, which is available at [www.optimist.org/golf](http://www.optimist.org/golf) and will be sent to all accepted golfers. A spectator code of conduct will also be in effect for all non-participants.

### Carts, Pull Carts and Caddies

Electric carts and caddies are prohibited in all divisions. Spectator carts are not available—**NO EXCEPTIONS**. Parents may rent a electrical scooter from a local vendor.

Pull carts will be allowed in **ALL** age divisions and golfers must bring their own. No pull carts will be rented onsite.

### Distance Measuring Devices

Distance measuring devices are permitted. You may use these devices to measure distance only.

### How to Qualify

In order to play in the Optimist International Junior Golf Championship, golfers must meet one of the following qualifying methods:

- *District Qualifying Tournaments: Optimist Districts in the US and Canada conduct official qualifying tournaments. These events are organized by Optimist volunteers and are overseen by a District Chairperson. A limited number of golfers in each division qualify for the Championship. To view a list of qualifying tournaments and more details, go to [www.optimist.org/golf](http://www.optimist.org/golf). Contact the District Chairperson listed for qualifying tournament details, application information and questions.*
- *Exemptions: Optimist International offers a limited number of exemptions into the Optimist International Junior Golf Championship.*
- *International Golfers: Optimist International has relationships with several national governing bodies. Visit website for a list of national governing bodies.*

For a complete list of exemptions and International Organizations visit: [www.optimist.org/golf](http://www.optimist.org/golf).

### Financial Assistance

Each participating District may sponsor the first place winner in the Boys 16-18 and Girls 15-18 divisions from their own District to the championship. Sponsorship includes the all-inclusive registration fee. If funds allow, Districts may pay winners of other divisions. If a junior golfer qualifies outside of his/her home District, we cannot guarantee the golfer's registration fees will be paid should they win the event. Restrictions apply. Check with your District Chairperson for details. Optimist Junior Golf Tour Events and Tournament of Champions do not qualify for financial assistance.

### Championship Awards

For the international championship, trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each division. In case of ties, there will be a sudden-death playoff for 1st place only. 2nd and 3rd place ties will be determined by a scorecard playoff. Trophies will also be awarded for the lowest score on the last day of play.

### Optimist Parent-Child Classic

Parent-Child Tournaments will be offered on July 21 and July 26. It's open to two-player teams consisting of a junior golfer playing in the Championship. Competition is an 18-hole stroke play event (no handicaps), best ball format, Tee times begin at 7:30 on the Blue Monster. The entry fee is \$220 US per team includes round (green/cart), Optimist gift package and box lunch. Awards immediately following play. Space if limited.

### **Questions:**

All questions should be directed to the Optimist Junior Golf office. Please e-mail [golf@optimist.org](mailto:golf@optimist.org) or call (314) 881-1307 or toll free (800) 500-8130, ext. 207. Or, visit [www.optimist.org/golf](http://www.optimist.org/golf).

### Accommodations and Registration

Trump National Doral Miami, FL, USA is the location of the championship. All hotel registrations are handled through Optimist International. **DO NOT call Trump National Doral directly to book reservations.**

#### **REGISTRATION FEES NOTED BELOW INCLUDE**

- Golf for the golfer (includes tournament rounds only)
- practice rounds must be booked and paid for by the individual player
- five (5) nights lodging for the golfer and all guests (see applicable prices),
- Five (5) breakfasts and four (4) dinners for the golfer and guests, (lunch on your own)
- access to all Optimist functions and special events for the golfer and guests.
- Optimist gift for golfer.

Due to the exclusive nature of the event, **golfers are required to stay at Trump National Doral Miami and pay the inclusive registration fee.**

Guests are not required to stay at Trump National Doral, but are encouraged to do so. A parent or guardian must stay with golfers ages 13 and under. No golfer age 13 and under will be permitted to stay in a room by themselves.

#### **Family One-Room Options**

*Housed in appropriately sized rooms*

Golfer & 1 Guest - \$1,394 US  
Golfer & 2 Guests - \$1,674 US  
Golfer & 3 Guests - \$1,954 US

#### **Family Two-Room Options**

*Housed in 2 appropriately sized rooms*

Golfer & 3 Guests - \$2,634 US  
Golfer & 4 Guests - \$2,914 US  
Golfer & 5 Guests - \$3,194 US  
Golfer & 6 Guests - \$3,474 US

**Golfers coming alone** - \$730 US will be housed with roommate(s)

- If a family is requiring a third room, please contact Optimist Junior Golf
- Optimist Junior Golf reserves the right to house players and their guests at an offsite property should a need arise.
- **Rollaway beds and sofa sleepers are utilized as necessary.**
- All District 1st place winners receive a \$70 discount from the listed prices.
- All golfers who register for the championship via an International application or at-large application must pay an additional surcharge.

### Early Arrival and Late Departure

Rooms may be available for early arrival and late departure. Cost is \$136 (standard room) per night. Contact Optimist International for details and reservations prior to making your travel arrangements. Availability is limited.

### Meals

All registered golfers and guests will receive a meal badge valid for 5 breakfasts and 4 dinners. These meals will be served daily, buffet-style, at Trump National. **Lunch is NOT included in the registration package.** Participants and guests are on their own for lunch.

### Commuters

Optimist Junior Golf offers commuter status only to players who reside and attend school in the Florida counties of Broward and Miami-Dade. The registration fee is \$380 (Boys 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 & Girls 10-12, 13-14) and \$420 (Boys 16-18 & Girls 15-18). The 1st place District Winner discount does not apply to Commuters. The commuter fee includes tournament rounds and access to all Optimist functions and special events.