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To: All State Golf and Junior Golf Associations, PGA Sections, Junior Golf Tours, Independent Junior Golf Tournaments, Regional Associations

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Subj: Eliminating JWD's, WD-injury, WD- questionables

As you probably already know, in the spirit of “sunlight is the best disinfectant”, starting on January 1, 2007, for all tournaments commencing play after that date, the *Junior Golf Scoreboard* accepted results reported with players who were disqualified, withdrew, were no-shows after having started play, or no-carded themselves.

**Taking the lead, suggestions, and actual policies of tours and tournament directors (like the AJGA) we have received a supportive response to encourage the junior golf community to report all WD's as WD's without any qualification starting immediately in 2019. As a junior golf tournament organizer the final decision is yours and we would encourage your team to voluntarily adopt this new policy and publish it immediately on your websites.**

Please take time to review the chart attached. Please also note that your decisions about a player's status are yours alone and are final. We will forward all questions about a particular player or situation to your organization.

In addition, both college golf coach associations (GCAA and WGCA) have issued a joint letter written to the junior golf community about coaches' attitude towards junior golf withdrawals. That letter is attached for you to use as you see fit. You are permitted and encouraged to publish that letter and this one on your website and/or to distribute copies to your players or members in membership materials or at tournaments.

Please see the chart below that outlines the use and guidelines of DQ, WD, NS and NC. These were designed as a result of the conversations we mentioned.

**Some comments:**

- Not coming to a tournament is a DNS – did not start – please do not use WD
- WD's only happen after a player has hit their first shot and
  - when reported should always have a score recorded with them
  - starting a round and not turning in a score is a NC... not a WD
- Using only the WD mark removes the necessity of a tournament director making a judgement call – several directors have thanked us for this
- As before, all official scores reported are calculated in a player's ranking

Please feel free to call with any questions. Your input is welcome. Please see the chart below.

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Overall consideration – do the tournament officials feel that the situation was one in which there was no intention or managed purpose (DQ) or was there intent or a deliberate decision by the player (WD or NC)?

All final decisions rests with tournament officials.

Category name	Designation	Explanation	Report to <i>Junior Golf Scoreboard</i>
No show before competition begins	DNS please get your provider to add DNS to your codes	Those players who do not come to the tournament at all	<b>NO</b> Each organization handles internally
Disqualified	DQ	<i>Reserved for actual USGA rules infraction that occurs without a deliberate or managed intention. NOTE: FAILURE TO APPEAR FOR A TEE TIME AT ALL IS NOT A DQ. SEE “no show” below.</i>	<b>YES + any official scores</b>
Withdrawal – <b>NEW!</b>	WD (After talking to numerous tour officials, everyone agreed a WD is a WD. Relieves the tournament official from determining validity.	<i>Reserved for a deliberate voluntary action or decision not to continue play after having started a competition <u>and</u> turned in a score for the entire stipulated round.</i>	<b>YES + any official scores</b>
No show	NS	<i>Completed one or more rounds – fails to report for tee time and previously has not notified anyone</i>	<b>YES + any official scores</b>
No card (worst action by player)	NC	<i>After having begun competition – a deliberate decision not to sign or turn in a card, walks off the course, etc</i>	<b>YES + any official scores</b>

Examples:

- 1) Player does not come to tournament at all – *handled by tournament organization – **do not report***
- 2) Player tees it up, plays a complete or partial stipulated round, walks off without turning in scorecard for any reason - *NC (Deliberate decision by player)(report all scores for rounds completed)*

3) Player tees it up, plays, signs card, does not call or speak to an official, fails to show for next round – *NS (Deliberate decision by player by not coming to course, calling or speaking to an official)(report all scores)*

4) Player plays, signs card, actually comes to course reports late for tee time or calls to acknowledge being late, – *DQ (While this might be deliberate, giving benefit of the doubt)*

5) Player calls to say they are sick – *WD*

6) Player tees it up, plays, signs card, notifies official that they will not be playing next round, – *WD (Deliberate decision by player to withdraw) (no need for obtaining reason) (report all scores)*

7) Player unintentionally fails to sign scorecard – *DQ (Unintentional action by player)*

8) Player fails to sign card after being given an opportunity to do so – *NC (Deliberate decision by player)(report all scores)*

9) *Player notifies official after the completion of a round they have a hurt back, feel sick, have to leave, strained wrist they are withdrawing. WD (Doctor's notes no longer matter)*