

# THE OPTIMIST



*International Junior Golf Championships*



Jonathan Byrd, 1996  
Optimist Champion



Brittany Lincicome, 2000  
Optimist Champion



Jeff Overton, 2001  
Optimist Champion



Jennifer Rosales, 1997  
Optimist Champion

- 650 junior golfers from more than 30 nations
- Qualify at 50+ sites throughout North America
- District winners receive expense-paid trip to the international championships (restrictions apply)

## Local Qualifier Information

Champions and top finishers also include Jason Day, Bill Haas, Beth Bauer, Nicole Hage and Stacy Prammanasudh.

The Optimist International Junior Golf Championships provides a unique opportunity for junior golfers from around the globe. THE OPTIMIST is a premier program of Optimist International, one of the world's largest service organizations. It's about mentoring, friendships, competition and bringing out the best in kids.

### **Golfing Optimistically**

In more than 50 qualifying tournaments Optimists reach out into their own communities to involve children in the game of golf. Each year 5,000 junior golfers, ages 10-18, participate in Optimist-sponsored events. International participants are representatives of their national golf federation or are selected by their résumé. 650 top junior golfers advance to compete in the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships at PGA National Resort & Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, each summer.

Participants travel from more than 30 countries to represent the best field the world has to offer. The Optimist International Junior Golf Championships is recognized by the American Junior Golf Association, and top finishers earn exemptions into AJGA events. THE OPTIMIST is also nationally ranked by *Golfweek* and the *Junior Golf Scoreboard*.

### **Where It All Happens**

Optimist qualifying tournaments are played on superior courses throughout the United States and Canada. PGA National Resort & Spa, current host site of the PGA TOUR's Honda Classic, has been the home of the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships since 1996. The Champion, Haig, Palmer and Squire courses challenge golfers at the home of the PGA of America. Golfers and their families are housed at PGA National where the links are only a few steps away.

### **Get Involved**

Contact the Optimist Junior Golf office for information on qualifying tournament schedules, local contact information and applications.

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