

# Kalamazoo Junior Golf Association, 12 & Under Tournament Age Division

## 2026 RULES

The **Rules of Golf effective January 2023** and the **KJGA Code of Conduct** will govern play unless otherwise modified by the golf course or tournament staff.

**Boys** will play 9 holes from the Middle or Forward tee markers.

**Girls** will play 9 holes from the Front tee markers.

**Trophies or Medals** will be awarded to the top 3 scores for the boys and the top 3 scores for the girls. In the event of tie for 1<sup>st</sup>, a playoff will be held during the final championship and may be held in regular events pending course availability. When a playoff is not held, in the event of tie for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> place, scorecards will be matched until the tie is broken based on the USGA recommended tie-breaking procedure as follows:

- 1) Best total score of the last 6 holes
- 2) Best total score of the last 3 holes
- 3) Best score of the last hole
- 4) Match scores hole by hole based on the handicap rating of each hole
- 5) Coin toss

**Pace of play** guidelines are in effect (See rule 5.6). Each group will be allotted 14 minutes per hole, which equals 2 hours 6 minutes for 9 holes and 4 hours 12 minutes for 18 holes. Any group that falls behind the group in front of them and is over their 14 minutes per hole allotment may be penalized as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> offense – warning, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense – 2 strokes, 3<sup>rd</sup> offense – disqualification. If a group is out of position, any player in that group taking more than 40 seconds to hit a shot may receive the following penalty: 1<sup>st</sup> offense – warning, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense – 2 stroke penalty, 3<sup>rd</sup> offense – disqualification.

**When in doubt** of a ruling, play a second ball and report to the Committee before signing your scorecard. (See rule 20.1c)

**Maximum Score** per hole: 10 Strokes (See Rule 21.2)

Players are always encouraged to follow the **Rules of Golf**. In the interest of fast play, the following modifications may be used in KJGA events:

- A ball lost or hit out of bounds may be played at a spot between the fairway and where it became lost or out of bounds under penalty of 1 stroke (see Local Rule E-5).
- If a hazard requires a forced carry, players may drop on the opposite side of the hazard, whether a Dropping Zone exists or not, under penalty of 1 stroke.
- Any long grass areas or wooded areas may be played as Lateral Penalty Area. Drop accordingly under penalty of 1 stroke.

Please **respect** the golf course and the others who are playing it. Rake your bunkers, replace your divots, fix your ball marks, and put litter in its place.

**Parents and spectators** are prohibited from offering advice or caddying. Parents and spectators should stay 15-30 feet from players unless helping to speed play, find lost balls, count proper number of strokes, or enforce rules and etiquette. Penalty: 2-strokes for each occurrence.

Remember to thank our volunteers and the staff at each host course for their help in making the KJGA such a success!

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