

Understanding the Prep Golf America Tournament Recommendation Chart

Our Tournament Recommendation Chart was created to give junior golfers and parents a broad overview of tournament recommendations for junior golfers of all ages and skill levels. This chart is not a perfect fit for everyone and individual preferences should be considered. The chart is designed to lay a platform for junior golfers and their parents to use in order to narrow down a tournament schedule that most accurately applies.

Proper use of the chart starts by using the junior golfers age. From there, determine the junior golfers average scores for the last 6 months. Using a junior golfers handicap is also another way to determine the average scores. If the junior golfer does not have an established handicap, accumulate as many scores as possible from the last 6 months and find the average. Once the average score has been determined, follow the chart accordingly to find what type of tournament schedule is recommended.

The suggested tournament schedule uses four tournament criteria; Local, State, Regional, and National. Local tournaments are recommended for golfers in the beginners stage, while national tournaments are recommended for the most experienced and skilled junior golfers. Notice, there is also the option to play a blended schedule; bouncing between regional and national or local and state tournaments is a great way to make the transition from one level to the next.

Prep Golf America defines the four tournament criteria in the following way:

Local- any tournament organized or run by a local organization, golf course, or person. Examples would be a junior club championship or school run golf tournament.

State- any tournament or tour that operates within one specific state or region of that state. These tournaments are often conducted under a specific tour or state golf association.

Regional- Tour or golf association that operate within specific regions of the country; i.e. Southeastern Junior Golf Association

National- A junior golf tour or organization that operates throughout the entire country. The American Junior Golf Association is the most prominent national tour. There are also many individual tournaments that operate on a national scale ("The Big I", Junior World Championships, etc.)