

# 95<sup>th</sup> Western Junior Championship

June 18 - 22, 2012 The Country Club of Florida, Village of Golf, Florida



## Entries Close 5 p.m. (CDT) on Friday, May 4, 2012

**ELIGIBILITY** — The Championship is open to male amateur golfers who are at least **15** years old and not older than **19** as of June 22, 2012. Entrants must have an official handicap index not exceeding **3.0**. Each entry must be approved by a parent or guardian. All entry forms are subject to approval or rejection by the Western Golf Association (WGA) at any time before or after the start of play. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct (see CONDUCT CODE on page 2 of this entry form).

**FIELD** — The field may be limited by the WGA to a maximum of 156 contestants. The WGA shall determine the players who are exempt into the field in accordance with the exemption categories listed on page 3 of this entry form. Eligible players who are not exempt should submit a completed entry form, **including** a golf resume, with the application fee seeking an D-1 Exemption prior to the deadline date.

### ENTRY PROCEDURE

1. All entries must be submitted online at [www.westernjunior.com](http://www.westernjunior.com). Late, incomplete, or inaccurate entry forms are not acceptable. There is a \$20 application fee for all applications.
2. All entries and application fees of \$25 must be submitted online prior to 5 p.m. (CDT) on Friday, May 4, 2012. Only one entry may be filed per player.
3. If an entrant who has paid the entire entry fee (\$225) withdraws before 5 p.m. (CDT) on May 4, the entry fee will automatically be refunded following the tournament. The \$25 application fee will be deducted from all refunds. If an entrant withdraws for any reason after 5 p.m. (CDT) on May 4, **no refunds** will be given. If you cannot compete and do not officially withdraw **prior** to the tournament, you will be treated as a “no-show” and will be subject to exclusion from future WGA sponsored events.
4. The application fee of \$25 (credit card payment submitted online) must accompany each entry.
5. Upon acceptance into the tournament field, the balance of the entry fee (\$200 - credit card payment submitted online) must be paid to confirm each applicant's acceptance into the event. Each applicant who is accepted into the field will be sent a link to make a payment on the remaining balance of \$200.

**TOURNAMENT ACCEPTANCE** — Players qualifying for an exemption into the tournament in categories A, B, and C will be notified of their acceptance into the tournament after receipt of the application and application fee, provided there are spaces available. All players applying for an D-1 Exemption will be emailed notification of their status on May 11, 2012.

**FORMAT** - The Western Junior Championship is a 72-hole stroke play competition. Following the conclusion of the second round (36 holes), the field will be cut to the low 70 players and ties for the final two rounds. All Rounds will be played at **The Country Club of Florida**.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, June 18	6:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. 7 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. 5 p.m.	Registration (The Country Club of Florida clubhouse) Practice Rounds Contestant Cookout (The Country Club of Florida clubhouse)
Tuesday, June 19	AM & PM	First Round
Wednesday, June 20	AM & PM	Second Round (FIELD CUT TO LOW 70 & TIES)
Thursday, June 21	AM	Third Round
Friday, June 22	AM	Final Round

<b>Future Sites:</b>	2013	-	Meridian Hills Country Club, Indianapolis, Indiana
	2014	-	Flossmoor Country Club, Flossmoor, Illinois

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**REGISTRATION** - Players **must** register with the WGA on Monday, June 18, from 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (EDT) in the Clubhouse at The Country Club of Florida. If you cannot register during this time, you must make prior arrangements by notifying the WGA tournament staff in advance by calling (847) 724-4600. Failure to register will result in your entry being withdrawn. Late registration, with prior approval, will be available at the Monday night cookout. WGA tournament staff must be notified of your intentions for late registration in order to qualify.

**PRACTICE** - The Country Club of Florida will be available for practice Monday, June 18, for all participants. To reserve your practice round time, please call **Marty Norris** at WGA Headquarters - (847) 724-4600. Each player must personally register with the WGA prior to playing the practice round. **PLEASE NOTE:** The Country Club of Florida's golf course and practice facilities will be unavailable prior to Monday, June 18th.

**CONTESTANTS COOKOUT** - The **mandatory** contestants cookout will be held on Monday, June 18. Procedures and rules of play will be discussed. Contestants attend as guests of the WGA; parents may attend for a fee and by making reservations at player registration on Monday, June 18.

**CADDIE POLICY** - Country Club of Florida caddies will not be available for any stage of the Championship. If you need a caddie you must make your own arrangements. Please note: Parents are allowed to caddie for their son. Pull carts are not permitted by any player or his caddie during any stage of the Championship. Players that miss the cut are allowed to caddie for another player that made the 36-hole cut. Players still competing for the Championship are not allowed to caddie for another player in the field. **Penalty: Disqualification of both players.**

**CONDUCT CODE** - The following actions will be considered violations of the Conduct Code: any abusive language, club throwing, cheating, disrespect of volunteers or officials, abuse of the course, leaving the course during your competitive round without permission from a WGA official, any use of or association with drugs or alcohol, not adhering to the dress code during any portion of the tournament, any vandalism at a host hotel, and/or any other conduct not becoming of a Western Junior competitor. The penalties for Conduct Code violations, based on the severity of misconduct, may be any or all of the following: a warning, disqualification of the player from the tournament, suspension of the player indefinitely from WGA events.

**DRESS CODE** - Golf slacks only. Shorts are not allowed during any portion of the Championship. Golf/Bermuda style shorts will be allowed during **practice rounds only** on Monday, June 18 (Caddies may wear golf/Bermuda style shorts during all rounds of the championship). Collared shirts must be worn during all phases of the tournament. Players in violation of the dress code will not be permitted to start the competition. A violation of the dress code by a player during the stipulated round must be rectified without undue delay or the player will not be allowed to continue play. Proper dress code is required at all times while at the host facility, including in the clubhouse and at all practice facilities before and after play.

**FOOTWEAR** - It is a condition of the competition that shoes with metal or traditionally designed spikes are prohibited. Penalty for breach of this condition: **Disqualification.**

**STARTING TIMES** - Pairings will be available on Monday, June 18, at registration and will be posted at The Country Club of Florida pro shop on the same day. Pairings can also be viewed at [www.westernjunior.com](http://www.westernjunior.com). **Pairings will not be available from WGA Headquarters in advance.**

**AWARDS** - WGA maintains a permanent trophy in conjunction with the Western Junior Championship. The name of the champion will be engraved on the Milton Woodard Trophy. A Western Junior trophy will be presented to the Champion, with medals being presented to the top three finishers.

**SPECIAL EXEMPTIONS** - The top three finishers in the 2012 Western Junior will be granted exemptions for the 2012 Western Amateur Championship provided there are spaces available. Otherwise, the exemptions will be valid for 2013.

**RULES OF PLAY** - The USGA Rules of Golf, as modified by local rules established by the WGA, will be used. The WGA tournament committee reserves the right to alter any of the conditions and schedules herein. Changes in tournament format caused by force majeure shall be within the sole discretion of the WGA officials. The decisions of the WGA tournament committee in any matter shall be final. **The one (1) ball condition will be in effect for tournament play. Distance Measuring Devices will not be allowed during competition.**

**HEADQUARTERS** - All inquiries should be directed to the Western Golf Association. After 4:30 PM (CDT) on Friday, June 15, the WGA Tournament Office will be located in The Country Club of Florida clubhouse, telephone number TBD. (Phone number will be published in the Player Handbook)

**TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION** - Upon notice of tournament acceptance, participants should book flight reservations into Palm Beach International Airport (Approx. 30 minutes to CC of Florida) or Ft. Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (Approx. 45 minutes from CC of Florida).

**ACCOMMODATIONS** - The host hotel for the 95th Western Junior is the Marriott Delray Beach, 10 North Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach, FL 33483. The special tournament rate is **\$139.00**. Contestants are expected to make their own reservations by calling (561) 274-3200.

**WITHDRAWAL POLICY** - If an entrant who has paid the entire entry fee (\$210) withdraws on or before 5 p.m. (CDT) on May 4, 2012 the entry fee will be refunded automatically. If an accepted player withdraws for any reason after 5 p.m. (CDT) on May 4, 2012, **no refunds** will be given. If you cannot compete and do not officially withdraw **prior** to 2 p.m. on Monday, June 18, your spot in the championship will be forfeited and you will be treated as a "no-show" and will be subject to exclusion from future WGA sponsored events. Any player who withdraws during the competition for reasons deemed unsatisfactory will be subject to exclusion from future WGA championships.

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## Exemption Categories

### Exempt Players:

Players in category A, B, or C are automatically exempt into the starting field **providing:** (1) they also meet the eligibility requirements under the ELIGIBILITY section of this entry form, i.e., age, handicap, **and** (2) there are spaces available.

### Non-Exempt Players:

If a player is not exempt under any of the below exemption categories and is eligible, he should submit a completed entry form with application fee seeking an **D-1 Exemption** prior to the deadline date. D-1 candidates should submit a golf resume (maximum of one page) and/or exemption request letter to further their case for consideration to [timson@wgaesf.com](mailto:timson@wgaesf.com). All players qualifying for an D-1 Exemption will be mailed notification of their acceptance into the starting field on May 11, 2012.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** *The field may be limited by the WGA to a **maximum of 156 players**. Those not originally accepted into the 156-man field will become alternates for exempt players who subsequently withdraw.*

### **A. Exemptions based on WGA Championships and State Junior Events:**

- A-1 Posted a 72-hole score in 2010 or 2011 Western Junior.
- A-2 Posted a 72-hole score in the Western Amateur.
- A-3 Current Champion of a State Golf Association's Junior Stroke Play Championship. (Note: Applies only to the oldest age division and does not apply to state high school champions or PGA section champions.)

### **B. Exemptions based on National Junior Events:**

- B-1 Top 15 finish or round of 16 in match play (2011 or 2012): *FootJoy Invitational, HP Boys Junior Championship, PING Invitational, Polo Golf Junior Classic, Rolex Tournament of Champions, The Junior PLAYERS Championship, Thunderbird International Junior, USGA Junior.*
- B-2 Top 10 finish or round of 8 in match play (2011 or 2012): *AJGA Junior at Innisbrook, Bobby Chapman Junior, Junior World, Laredo Energy Junior at Traditions, Orange Bowl International Junior, Heather Farr Classic, Scott Robertson, The Junior Heritage*
- B-3 Champion (2011 or 2012): *Bubba Conlee, Canadian Junior Championship, Doral Publix Junior, FCWT National Championship, Hudson Junior, North-South Junior, Optimist International, Pepsi Little Peoples, Press Thronton Future Masters, Junior Rice Planters, Southern Junior, Texas-Oklahoma, Trusted Choice Big I Junior Classic, and any AJGA open tournament from 2011 or 2012 not previously mentioned in C-1 or C-2*
- B-4 Member of the 2011 Rolex Junior All-American First or Second Teams
- B-5 Top 50 ranking in GOLFWEEK/Titleist Junior rankings at any point prior to May 4, 2012.
- B-6 Top 5 ranking in the class of 2012, 2013, 2014 or 2015 of the Junior Golf Scoreboard rankings at any point prior to May 4, 2012.
- B-7 Top 100 ranking in Polo Golf Junior rankings prior to May 4, 2012.

### **C. Exemptions based on National Amateur Events:**

- C-1 Match Play qualifier in U. S. Amateur.
- C-2 Match Play qualifier in U. S. Public Links.
- C-3 Top 30 finish in any of the following stroke play amateur events: *Azalea, Dogwood, Jones Cup, Monroe, Northeast, Players, Porter Cup, Southern, or Sunnehanna.*
- C-4 Match Play qualifier in any of the following amateur events: *British, Canadian, North/South or PNGA Amateur.*

### **D. Exemptions based on Special Considerations:**

- D-1 A limited number of exemptions, based on special considerations and/or written invitation, may be granted by the Committee. Requests for a special consideration exemption may be submitted to the Western Amateur Committee by applying online. **If you do not qualify under the exemptions listed in A, B, or C please apply for a D-1 exemption.**