

101st Western Junior Championship

June 18 - 21, 2018 Evanston Golf Club, Skokie, Illinois



Entries Close 5 p.m. (CDT) on Friday, May 4, 2018

ELIGIBILITY - The Championship is open to male amateur golfers who are at least **15** years old and not older than **19** as of June 21, 2018. Entrants must have an official USGA 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 conduct unbecoming of a participant (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 automatically exempt** should submit a completed entry form, **including** a golf resume, with the application fee seeking a **D-1 "Special Consideration Exemption"** prior to the deadline date.

ENTRY PROCEDURE

1. All entries must be submitted online at www.westernjunior.com. Late, incomplete, or inaccurate entry forms will not be accepted. There is a \$25 application fee for all applications.
2. The application fee of \$25 (credit card payment submitted online) must accompany each entry.
3. All entries and application fees of \$25 must be submitted online prior to 5 p.m. (CDT) on Friday, May 4, 2018. Only one entry may be filed per player.
4. If an entrant who has paid the entire entry fee (\$325) withdraws before 5 p.m. (CDT) on May 4, 2018, 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, 2018, **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.
5. Upon acceptance into the tournament field, the balance of the entry fee (\$300) - credit card payment submitted online) must be paid to confirm each applicant's acceptance into the event by 5 p.m. (CDT) June 11, 2018. Each applicant who is accepted into the field will be sent a link to make a payment on the remaining balance of \$300.

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 "Special Consideration Exemption" will be emailed notification of their status by 5 p.m. (CDT) on May 11, 2018.

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 44 players and ties for the final two rounds. Those who make the cut will play 36 holes of individual stroke play on Thursday to determine a Champion. Every effort will be made to finish each stipulated round as scheduled by Thursday. All rounds will be played at **Evanston Golf Club**.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, June 18	6:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. 7:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. 6:00 P.M.	Registration (Evanston Golf Club Clubhouse) Practice Rounds Player Cookout (Evanston Golf Club Clubhouse)
Tuesday, June 19	A.M. & P.M.	First Round
Wednesday, June 20	A.M. & P.M.	Second Round (FIELD CUT TO LOW 44 & TIES)
Thursday, June 21	A.M. & P.M.	Third & Fourth Rounds (36 Holes)

FUTURE SITES:	2019	-	Rich Harvest Farms, Sugar Grove, Illinois
	2020	-	Onwentsia Club, Lake Forest, Illinois
	2021	-	Naperville Country Club, Naperville, Illinois
	2022	-	Midlothian Country Club, Midlothian, Illinois

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REGISTRATION - All players **must** register with the WGA on Monday, June 18, from 6:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (CDT) in the Clubhouse at Evanston Golf Club. If you cannot register during this time, you **must** make prior arrangements by notifying the WGA tournament staff in advance by calling (847) 773-1899. 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 in advance of your request for late registration in order to qualify.

PRACTICE - Evanston Golf Club will be available for practice Monday, June 18, for all participants. To reserve your practice round time, please call **Steve Prioletti** at the WGA Headquarters - (847) 773-1899. Each player must personally register with the WGA prior to playing a practice round.

PLAYER COOKOUT - The player cookout will be held on Monday, June 18. Contestants attend as guests of the WGA; parents, family members, and caddies may attend for a fee and by making reservations at player registration on Monday, June 18.

CADDIE POLICY - Evanston Golf Club caddies are available for the practice round and tournament play on a first-come, first-serve basis. A player is not required to employ a caddie for any stage of the Championship. Players that have been eliminated from the tournament **are** allowed to caddie for a player still in the field. Players still competing for the Championship **are not** allowed to caddie for another player in the field. **Penalty: as per APPENDIX I.** If you would like to request a Evanston Golf Club caddie, please check the appropriate box on the online application and contact the Evanston Golf Club Caddie Manager to make arrangements.

CONDUCT CODE - The following actions by players or caddies will be considered violations of the Conduct Code: any abusive language, club throwing, cheating, disrespect of volunteers or officials, abuse of the course or clubhouse, 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 future WGA events.

PLAYER 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 and starting times for the first two rounds of qualifying will be posted outside the tournament office, in the Evanston Golf Club clubhouse and golf shop by 12 noon (CDT) on Sunday, June 17. Pairings can also be viewed at 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 keeper trophy will be presented to the Champion, with medals being presented to the top two finishers.

SPECIAL EXEMPTIONS - The top three finishers in the 2018 Western Junior Championship will be granted exemptions for the 2018 Western Amateur Championship provided there are spaces available. Otherwise, the exemptions will be valid for 2019.

RULES OF GOLF - The 2016 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. **In making a stroke, the player must not anchor the club, either "directly" or by use of an anchor point. Conforming distance Measuring Devices will be allowed during the championship.**

PACE OF PLAY - The Western Junior Championship uses a 4 Checkpoint System as an integral component for its Pace of Play Policy. Players are expected to complete each Stipulated Round within a specified time allotment, including meeting each of the 4 checkpoint hole time requirements. Pace of play targets are printed on each players scorecard and the 4 checkpoint holes are identified on the Teeing Ground of each checkpoint hole. Players failing to meet the Western Golf Associations Pace of Play Guidelines are subject to penalty per the policy. Players are expected to have read and understood the Pace of Play Policy prior to commencing tournament play.

HEADQUARTERS - All inquiries should be directed to the Western Golf Association. After 4:30 PM (CDT) on Wednesday, June 13, the WGA Tournament Office will be located in the Evanston Golf Club clubhouse. The Tournament Office phone number is (847) 773-1899.

TRAVEL TRANSPORTATION AND ACCOMMODATIONS - Upon notice of tournament acceptance, participants should book flight reservations into Chicago O'Hare International Airport (Approx. 25 minutes from Evanston Golf Club) or Chicago Midway International Airport (Approx. 1 hour from Evanston Golf Club). The host hotel is still TBD.

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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 a **D-1 Special Consideration 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 prioletti@wgaesf.org. All players qualifying for an D-1 Special Consideration Exemption will be emailed notification of their acceptance into the starting field by May 11, 2018.

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 may become alternates for exempt players who subsequently withdraw.*

A. Exemptions based on WGA Championships:

- A-1 Posted a 72-hole score in 2016 or 2017 Western Junior.
- A-2 Posted a 72-hole score in the Western Amateur.

B. Exemptions based on National Junior Events:

- B-1 Top 15 finish or round of 16 in match play (2017 or 2018)(Note: Applies only to the oldest age division): *Haas Family Invitational, Simplify Boys Championship, PING Invitational, Polo Golf Junior Classic, Rolex Tournament of Champions, The Junior PLAYERS Championship, Thunderbird International Junior, Jr All-Star at Reynolds, United States Golf Association Junior Amateur, Jr Golf World Cup, Junior PGA Championship, Junior Invitational.*
- B-2 Top 10 finish or round of 8 in match play (2017 or 2018)(Note: Applies only to the oldest age division): *Junior at Lost Spring Presented by Visit Bentonville, Bishops Gate Golf Academy Junior, Bobby Chapman Junior, Junior World, Orange Bowl International Junior, Ping Heather Farr Classic, Scott Robertson, Jones Cup Junior Invitational, The Junior Heritage.*
- B-3 Champion (2017 or 2018)(Note: Applies only to the oldest age division): *Bubba Conlee, Canadian Junior Championship, Doral Publix Junior, FCWT Tour Championship, Hudson Junior, North-South Junior, Optimist International, Press Thronton Future Masters, Junior Rice Planters, Southern Junior, Texas-Oklahoma, Trusted Choice Big I Junior Classic, and any AJGA open tournament from 2017 or 2018 not previously mentioned in B-1 or B-2.*
- B-4 Member of the 2017 Rolex Junior All-American First or Second Teams.
- B-5 Top 50 ranking in GOLFWEEK/SAGARIN Junior rankings at any point between January 1, 2018 and May 4, 2018.
- B-6 Top 5 ranking in the class of 2018, 2019, 2020, or 2021 of the Junior Golf Scoreboard rankings at any point between January 1, 2018 and May 4, 2018.
- B-7 Top 100 ranking in the Rolex AJGA Rankings at any point between January 1, 2018 and May 4, 2018.

C. Exemptions based on National Amateur Events:

- C-1 Match Play qualifier in U. S. Amateur.
- C-2 Match Play qualifier in U. S. Amateur Four Ball
- 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, 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 "Special Consideration Exemption."**