

2019 Sneds Tour Season Reminders

Membership Packets

Membership packets are being mailed out this week, unless you are playing at Vanderbilt Legends Club, Ted Rhodes, The Grove or at The Little Course next week. If you are competing in one of these events, you will receive your membership packet in scoring.

Waiting List

Each of our events will hold 25 players on a waiting list. Once a player withdraws from an event with a waiting list, we will move the first person on the waiting list into the tournament. You will receive an email notifying you that your registration has been moved from the waiting list and you are now in the tournament. If you are on the waiting list and have not been contacted by our staff **you DO NOT need to show up to the event in hopes that someone will not show up. If you are on a waiting list and know you CANNOT play in the event, please withdraw from the waiting list.**

Withdraw/Transfer from Events

If you need to transfer from one one-day tournament to another or from one two-day tournament to another, please email (tnjuniorgolf@tngolf.org) or call us (615.790.3336), and we will be glad to make the change for you at no charge. You are welcome to withdraw from any event yourself, but the system will charge you a processing fee.

Practice Rounds

The Sneds Tour does NOT provide practice rounds for each event but you are welcome to contact any public facility and arrange a practice round for the posted fee. **Please do NOT contact private facilities to schedule a practice round.**

Course Yardages

The yardage each division will be playing from at each course can be found on the attached yardage spreadsheets or on the website under the "Levels/Divisions" tab.

Registration Deadlines

The registration deadline for each event is ONE WEEK prior at 5:00 p.m. CDT. At this point, we will assess the number of players in each division and call the golf course to confirm the tee times (single tee start, double tee start, etc.). Usually we are able to fill in any groups to make all threesomes. Sometimes, they will allow us to add extra players if there is a waiting list

Tee Times

Three (3) days prior to each event, we will email, text (if you allowed texts on your membership application) and post the pairings on the tournament website. When you receive your pairing, please make sure you check the following:

1. Which course you are playing (some facilities have more than one golf course)
2. The hole number you start on (could be #1 or #10)
3. The time zone of the golf course (**all tee times represent the time zone where the golf course is located**).
4. The correct driving directions to the facility, if you have never been.

If you see an opening in a pairing for your division, please call the office to be added to the event.

If you are playing in a Two-Day event, second round tee times will be posted approximately 30 minutes after the final group has completed their first round.

Withdrawals/ No Cards

Seventy-two (72) hours prior to the first tee time of each event, NO refunds or transfers will be allowed. If you find that you are unable to play, please notify us immediately. We need this information when creating pairings. **If you do NOT contact us, you will be deemed a NO SHOW and subject to losing your spot in your next event.**

Caddies

Players may utilize a caddy in the following divisions:

- *Boys 10 – 13 Tour*
- *Boys 10 – 11 Micro*
- *Boys 8 – 9 Micro*
- *Boys 4 – 7*
- *Girls 12-18 Tour (9)*
- *Girls 8 – 11 Micro*
- *Girls 4 – 7*

A player may utilize one (1) caddy at a time. If a player needs to change caddies during their round, the change MUST take place between holes. As a reminder in the rule changes that took effect earlier this year, **caddies are NO LONGER permitted to assist the player with alignment of both the body and the club.**

What to Expect at An Event

Our staff will arrive at the golf course at least an hour prior to the first tee time to prepare for the day. **If there are to be any weather delays, we will assess the situation that morning and post information on our social media sites (Facebook, Twitter & Instagram). We do NOT make predictions before the day of an event.** Our goal is to play as much golf as possible and keep the field updated on the course condition. Please review the policies on stoppage of play and resumption of play on the Sneds Tour Hard Card.

When you arrive at the course, it is a good idea to make sure you know where your starting hole is located. We always suggest that competitors arrive an hour prior to their tee time. This gives ample time to warm up and be prepared as you arrive to your starting hole at least five (5) minutes prior to your tee time.

On the first tee, our staff will give you your scorecard and you will exchange with a person in your group, so you will be a marker for another player. At the top of the scorecard you are keeping there will also be boxes for you to write down your own scores you make each hole. If you have any questions on scores please make sure they are resolved before you begin the next hole.

The staff will also have you identify your golf ball to the other players in your group. You will be informed of any local rules on that particular golf course, the tees you will be playing for the day,

and also the scoring location for the end of the round. If you have questions, please be sure to ask your starter prior to teeing off.

Please make sure that you keep your rulebook and hard card (please print off website) in your bag at all times. You may carry your cell phone for emergencies ONLY.

During your round, the staff will be circling the golf course to help with pace of play, questions, and any rulings that may arise. If you need a rules official and one is not readily available, please have a spectator call the Sneds Tour Office (615.790.3336), and we will send one to you. You may also invoke Rule 20.1c3 and play a second ball. **Please review this rule and make sure you know how to use it.**

Spectator Do's & Don't's

All Spectators MUST:

- Walk on the cart path (Walk in the rough when cart paths are not present)
- Keep all spectator carts on the cart paths at all times
- Stay at least 30 yards away from the players at all times
- Turn off cellular phones while on the golf course
- Adhere to same dress code as players

All Spectators Must NOT:

- Talk with the players (could be misconstrued as advice)
- Give rulings or advice
- Interfere with any group on the golf course
- Use or be under the influence of alcohol or tobacco products

Scoring

Immediately proceed to the scoring area. Here you will go over your scorecard as well as the card you are keeping. A staff member will be there to help with this process. Please bring up any questions before signing the cards. Our staff member will be glad to add up your score before the card is returned. Once you feel comfortable that all of your hole-by-hole scores are correct and there are two signatures on your card, you can put it in the "scorecard return bucket". **Each player should put their own scorecard in the scorecard return bucket. Once the scorecard is placed in the bucket, NO changes can be made.**

Staff members will post players' scores on the scoreboard and once all scores in your age division have been posted, the awards presentation will begin. The top three places in each division will receive a medal at one-day events and the top two places will receive trophies at two-day events.

Once the medals/trophies have been awarded, the competition is deemed to be CLOSED.

If possible, your hole-by-hole scores will be posted onsite. If there is no Wi-Fi available at the course, the eighteen (18) hole scores will be posted by our office and the staff member on site will post the hole-by-hole scores later that night or the next morning.

Stroke Limit

In an effort to improve Pace of Play on the Sneds Tour, the staff has created a Local Rule that states a

stroke limit of 12 strokes (including “whiffs” and penalty strokes) will be established in the following divisions:

- *Boys 10 – 13 Tour*
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Once a player reaches his/her 12th stroke on a hole, the player **MUST** pickup and walk to the next hole without disqualification.

Out of Bounds Local Rule NOT In Place

The Sneds Tour did NOT adopt the local Out of Bounds Rule that permits a player to drop a ball under penalty of two strokes where the ball entered out of bounds. If a player hits their ball out of bounds, he/she MUST go back to where they last played from under penalty of one stroke and play their next shot.

Course Thank You Emails

At the end of each event, we will send you a reminder email that includes the contact information for writing/emailing the host facility a quick thank you note. We hope you will take the time to do this. It is a simple gesture of appreciation that goes a long way in showing our gratitude to our host facilities.

Course Etiquette

Please leave the facility better than you found it. Remember to repair your divots and ball marks, rake the bunkers, and pick up any trash you might find.

- Each group is allotted 15 minutes to complete each hole (4 hours and 30 minutes/round).
- Realize your group is “on the clock” as soon as you play from the teeing ground on your first hole.
- Play “Ready Golf” throughout your entire round.
- The first person to complete each hole should immediately go to the next hole. The second person to finish each hole has the responsibility of replacing the flagstick after the group has completed the hole.
- Use Rule 20.1c3. If you are doubtful of your rights or uncertain on the correct procedure during the play of the hole, you may, without penalty, complete the hole with two (2) golf balls under Rule 20.1c3. Make sure and declare the ball you want to count before proceeding under this rule. Make sure and report any use of Rule 20.1c3 to a rules official before you turn in your scorecard, even if you score the same with both golf balls.