

OPTIMIST GOLF

Caribbean Optimists Junior Golf 2024

The **Optimist Caribbean Junior Golf Championship** is an exciting way for Optimists to promote the sport of golf to the young people of their communities.

The best of these golfers advance to the annual **Optimist International Junior Golf Championships** which offers a week of golf, the opportunity to meet new friends, top competition and a great deal of fun. The tournament is a unique golfing experience where junior golfers and their families enjoy golf, meals, off-course activities and housing all under one roof.

In April 2024, Barbados Golf Club in Durants, Christ Church, Barbados, will be the home of the Optimist Caribbean Junior Golf Championship.



Why Golfers Should Attend The Championships

One of the top International Junior Golf Tournaments in the World;

- Ranked by JuniorGolf Scoreboard, Golfweek, Amateur Golf World Ranking and included in the AJGA "Performance Based Entry Process."
- Approximately 30 College Coaches attend and recruit
- Compete against golfers all over the world

Entry Fee

- Barbadian Residents - **BB\$175**
- Non-Barbadian Residents - **US\$100**

Value for a Golfer to Attend

Registration fee includes;

- Tournament entry fee
- Daily lunch packs
- Golf (practice rounds US\$20)
- Access to all Special Events

Date

Practice day: Tue. April 2nd

Tournament days: Wed. 3rd - Fri. 5th, 2024

Schedule

- Tue. - Fri. from 8:30am
- Tues. - Orientation and Mix & Mingle from 6pm.
- Fri. - Prize Giving & Closing Ceremony immediately after play.

District Qualifying Tournaments

Participants in the Optimist Championships are determined through Optimist District qualifying tournaments. Golfers must qualify through Optimist District qualifying tournaments unless they are eligible for an exemption or live in a District that does not offer their age division or does not offer a qualifier. If a junior golfer is unable to play in his/her District qualifying tournament, a golfer may play in several District qualifying tournaments.

Only when Districts do not sponsor qualifying tournaments are participants allowed to submit at-large applications. The deadline for a Junior Golf Chair to submit their qualifier date and location is January 31, but may be extended if chair is actively seeking a date and location and communicating with Optimist Junior Golf staff.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Tournament

Tournament from which junior golfers advance to Optimist International Junior Golf Championships.

Pre-Qualifying Tournament

Any tournament below the District level.

District Winners

First place boy and girl in each age category in a District qualifying tournament.

District Qualifiers

Participants in a District qualifying tournament who have met the established scoring criteria and are eligible to advance to the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships.

REGISTRATION LINK

OptimistBarbados.org/golf/reg

OPTIMIST CARIBBEAN JUNIOR GOLF SECRETARIAT

The Optimist Caribbean Junior Golf Secretariat is responsible for the general promotion and planning of the Optimist Caribbean Junior Golf Championship and provides promotional materials such as logos, press releases and qualifying tournament posters.

REACH THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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ORGANIZING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Faye Wharton-Parris - Committee Chair & Optimist Golf CoChair
- Trenton Weeks- Golf Director
- Betty-June Leacock
- Carmel Haynes
- Edwin Workman

CHAMPIONSHIP POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

2024 Optimist International Junior Golf Championships Trump National Doral Resort & Spa - Miami, Florida, USA

Phase 1 ... July 16-21, 2024 ... Boys 10-11, 12-13 and Girls 10-12
 Phase 2 ... July 21-26, 2024 ... Boys 14-15 and Girls 13-14
 Phase 3 ... July 26-31, 2024 ... Boys 16-18 and Girls 15-18

Age Divisions

The age divisions for the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships age are as follows:

Phase 1

Boys 10-11 Age Division does not celebrate his 12th birthday on or before July 18, 2024.
 Boys 12-13 Age Division does not celebrate his 14th birthday on or before July 18, 2024.
 Girls 10-12 Age Division does not celebrate her 13th birthday on or before July 18, 2024.

Phase 2

Boys 14-15 Age Division does not celebrate his 16th birthday on or before July 23, 2024.
 Girls 13-14 Age Division does not celebrate her 15th birthday on or before July 23, 2024.

Phase 3

Boys 16-18 Age Division** does not celebrate his 19th birthday on or before July 28, 2024.
 Girls 15-18 Age Division** does not celebrate her 19th birthday on or before July 28, 2024.

***18-year-old golfers may only participate in both a District qualifier and the International Championships if they are currently in high/secondary school and a 2024 high/secondary school graduate provided he/she has not started university. Advance Placement (AP) credits in high/secondary school do not count.*

Age Verification/Birth Certificates

District Chairs are responsible for verifying the ages of players participating in Club and District events. Participants should be required to provide their birth certificate as proof of age.

All international championships participants will be required to submit a copy of a birth certificate, baptismal record, drivers' license or passport to Optimist International prior to the international championships. Players must qualify in the age division that they will be playing in at the championships.

Caddies, Carts and Push/Pull Carts

Caddies and electric carts are not allowed in the international championships. Push/pull carts are permissible in all Age Divisions boys and girls.

Distance Measuring Devices

In this competition a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.) the player is in breach of Rule 4.3.

The use of pull carts and DMDs usage is left to the discretion of the Chair based on host site restrictions, course layout, weather conditions, etc.



QUALIFYING SCORING CRITERIA

In order to qualify for the international championships, all golfers must shoot at or below an established target score in the District qualifier. The target scores by age division are listed below. All scores are in relation to par and are for 18-hole tournaments. For multiple-round tournaments, increase the amount over par accordingly. Refer to the table below to determine the exact scoring criteria based on the golf course's established par.

	Boys 10-11	Boys 12-13	Boys 14-15	Boys 16-18		Girls 10-12	Girls 13-14	Girls 15-18
	24-over-par	18-over-par	11-over-par	6-over-par		25-over-par	21-over-par	13-over-par
Par 68	92	86	79	74		93	89	81
Par 69	93	87	80	75		94	90	82
Par 70	94	88	81	76		95	91	83
Par 71	95	89	82	77		96	92	84
Par 72	96	90	83	78		97	93	85
Par 73	97	91	84	79		98	94	86
Par 74	98	92	85	80		99	95	87

