

ABOUT OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

Optimist International is one of the world's largest and most active service club organizations with more than 110,000 volunteer members in 3000 Optimist Clubs in the United States, Canada and other nations. Carrying the motto, "Friend of Youth", Optimist Clubs conduct positive service programs

ABOUT OPTIMIST JUNIOR GOLF

The Optimist Junior Golf Program is an exciting and unique junior golf program for ages 10-18. More than 5,000 boys and girls throughout the United States and Canada and in several foreign countries compete in official Optimist Qualifying Tournaments. The best of these golfers, along with international golfers from around the globe, advance to the annual Optimist International Junior Golf Championships. Commonly referred to as *The Optimist*, the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships is one of the largest and most prestigious junior golf events in the world. In addition to top-level tournament golf, participants have the opportunity to meet new friends and to have a great deal of fun. Each year, more than 500 junior golfers from 30 countries participate in *The Optimist*.

PGA National Resort & Spa, located in Palm Beach Gardens, Palm Beach County, Florida, is the home of Optimist International Junior Golf Championships. Combined with a dedication to junior golf that few golf destinations can match, PGA National is the perfect location for *The Optimist*. Besides being the International headquarters of the PGA of America, the resort's championship golf courses have hosted the PGA Championships, the PGA Seniors' Championships, the Ryder Cup, the Grand Slam of Golf, the World Big Tour Match, the PGA Club Professional Championship and the PGA Junior Championship. In addition, Palm Beach County is rated as having more golf courses than any county in the United States.

INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Optimist International Junior Golf Championships will be held at PGA National Resort & Spa, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

July 17-22, 2018 Boys 10-11, 12-13, Girls 10-12
July 22-27, 2018 Boys 14-15 and Girls 13-14
July 27- Aug 1, 2018 Boys 16-18 and Girls 15-18

N.C. West District Qualifying Tournament Information

Date & Time: Monday June 18, 2018 8:00AM

Location: CATAWBA COUNTRY CLUB Newton, NC

Entry-Fee: \$95.00 must be received along with completed application by June 12, 2018. Limited to first 125 golfers. Entries will be verified by mail, phone, or e-mail and must be complete to be eligible.

Lunch After the round lunch will be provided for the players.

Event & Pairings: 18 holes - Stroke play. Pairings (Tee Times) posted 24 hours prior to tournament.

Rules and Etiquette: The rules of golf, published by the U.S. Golf Association (USGA), and subject to local modification will govern play. Caddies are NOT ALLOWED. Pull carts are permissible for boys in the 10-13 and 12-13 age divisions and girls 10-12 and 13-14 age divisions only.

Withdrawal: Full refund only if withdrawal made at least 72 hours prior to day of event.

N.C. West District: (Area) The N.C. West District encompasses 52 counties. They include all counties west of Richmond, Moore, Lee, Chatham, Orange, and Caswell Counties. The West District also includes the six counties listed above.

Age: Verification of golfers age in form of birth certificate or drivers license required prior to participation. Please see Optimist International website for age requirements.

This event is held in cooperation with the National Junior Golf Tour.



AWARDS

The overall low boy and girl in the 16-18 age group will receive an EXPENSE assisted trip to the International Championships at PGA National (includes entry fee - an \$700.00 value).

The overall boy and girl in the other age groups will receive ENTRY to the International Championships at PGA National (a \$590.00 value).

Awards will be presented to the top two finishers in each age division.

Objectives of the Optimist Junior Golf Program

To promote the sport of golf among young people.

To provide an opportunity for junior golfers to participate in Optimist Club, District and International Tournaments.

The Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself:

- To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
- To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
- To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
- To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.
- To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
- To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
- To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
- To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.