



**105<sup>th</sup> William Y. Dear Junior & 56<sup>th</sup> Boys Championships  
Fiddler's Elbow County Club (River Course) – Bedminster, NJ  
Tuesday-Thursday, June 23-25, 2026**

**MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

**\*\* PLAYERS MUST CHECK IN AT REGISTRATION UPON THEIR ARRIVAL \*\***

**\*\* PLAYERS MUST REPORT TO THEIR STARTING TEE 10 MINUTES BEFORE THEIR STARTING TIME \*\***

**TIME OF STARTING**

Rule 5.3a states: "The player must be ready to play at the starting time and starting point set by the Committee." Penalty for breach: The player arrives at starting point, ready to play, no more than (5) five minutes late: The player gets the general penalty (2 strokes) applied to his or her first hole. Otherwise, the penalty for breach of this rule is disqualification.

**WITHDRAWAL**

**PRIOR TO EVENT:** Notify the NJ Golf by phone (908-241-4653) or email ([tournaments@njgolf.org](mailto:tournaments@njgolf.org)).

**DAY OF EVENT:** A player must call the pro shop at the club and ask that a message is forwarded to NJ Golf.

**No-shows will be suspended from competitions for one year.**

**EQUIPMENT**

**1. The USGA Groove and Punch Mark Specifications (effective Jan. 1, 2010) are in effect for this competition.**

\*\* The NJ Golf strongly suggests that all players verify the conformance of their clubs well in advance of the competition. It is the player's responsibility, not the NJ Golf's responsibility to ensure that all clubs conform. Waiting until the day of the competition is the fault of the player. The Committee is under no obligation to test the club, nor will testing mechanism(s) be available at NJ Golf competitions. The competitor may play. However, if it is later determined that the club is non-conforming, including after the competition has closed, the player will be disqualified.\*\*

**2. Only brands of golf balls on the USGA's latest list of conforming golf balls may be used.**

**3. Only drivers on the current USGA's Conforming driver-head list will be permitted.**

**DRESS CODE**

**Players and spectators must be dressed appropriately.** Those not dressed appropriately will not be permitted to remain on the premises. The following applies: Cargo shorts/pants, denim, t-shirts, undershirts, flip-flops, and sandals are **not** permitted. Appropriate dress includes: A Collared Dress Shirt, Golf or Polo Shirt (tucked in). Hats/visors must be worn forward and removed when inside.

**CONDUCT & COURTESY**

**1. Exemplary conduct is expected of all players, caddies, and spectators. Conduct deemed to be inappropriate may result in disqualification and/or future rejection of entries.**

**2. The use of cell phones is PROHIBITED on the golf course (except for mobile scoring).**

**LOCAL RULES**

**1. The Rules of Golf as approved by the USGA and R&A govern play. Local Rules will be provided onsite.**

**2. Please refer to the NJ GOLF Local Rules & Terms of the Competition "Hard-Card" posted at [www.njgolf.org](http://www.njgolf.org).**

**3. Rule 25 Modifications for players with disabilities. Please refer to the below policy:**

**[https://njgolf.org/media/championships/2025/2025\\_conditions\\_and\\_policies.pdf](https://njgolf.org/media/championships/2025/2025_conditions_and_policies.pdf).**

## **SCORECARDS & SCORING RULES**

Official Scorecards will be distributed by the NJ Golf starter on the starting tee. Upon completing the round, players must report directly to the scoring table where scores shall be checked for each hole and doubtful points settled with the committee. Both the Player and Marker MUST sign the scorecard. The starter will give each group their GGID to allow them to enter hole-by-hole scores for "live scoring" and check the leaderboard through the Golf Genius app.

## **SPECTATORS**

Spectators are welcome, provided they remain clear of play at all times. Spectator carts are NOT permitted, nor are spectators permitted to ride with NJ Golf officials.

## **CLUBHOUSE/LOCKER/PRACTICE FACILITIES**

All facilities (clubhouse, locker room, driving range, putting green) will open each morning at 6:30 a.m.

## **PACE OF PLAY**

The NJ GOLF Pace of Play system will be in effect; [see separate notice](#). Timing guidelines (per hole) will be indicated on each player's official scorecard. Pace of play will be monitored and penalized if necessary.

## **FORMAT & SCHEDULE**

Day 1: 18-Holes, Stroke-Play Qualifying. The low 16 scorers advance to match play. If there is a tie for final qualifying place(s), a hole-by-hole playoff will be held upon the conclusion of stroke play. Players 15 years old and younger will automatically be competing for the Boys Championship, which will coincide with the Stroke Play round of the Junior.

Day 2: Match Play; Round of 16 in the morning; quarterfinals to follow.

Day 3: Semifinals in morning; final match to follow. A player who wins his morning match should be prepared to play the afternoon match 35-45 minutes after the match concludes. The Champion will be exempt into the 2026 U.S. Junior Amateur at Saucon Valley Country Club.

## **TRANSPORTATION / CADDIES**

**CADDIES ARE PROHIBITED IN THIS COMPETITION; MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION IS ALSO PROHIBITED IN THIS COMPETITION.** A player must walk; **Pull/Push Carts ARE PERMITTED.**

## **FOOD & BEVERAGE**

There will be no breakfast at the club. Lunch is included in each player's entry fee on Day 1 and will be available from 11:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Players will receive a lunch ticket upon completing their round or at the registration table. Lunch (for non-players) may be purchased from NJ Golf for \$20.00 cash. During Match Play, players can purchase lunch from the grill room. Parents/spectators are welcome to purchase lunch. Drinking water will be available on the golf course.

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

NJ Golf will exhaust every effort to conduct the competition on its scheduled date. Play would only be disrupted in the case of lightning or unplayable course conditions. Anyone in doubt as to whether play might be delayed, suspended, or cancelled should check the NJ Golf web site: [www.njgolf.org](http://www.njgolf.org) for information.

## **PRACTICE ROUND**

The club has graciously agreed to allow each player in the field one (1) practice round. The fee for a practice round is \$30 payable in the golf shop. Practice rounds are walking only (pull/push carts are permitted). No guest play and no spectators or caddies allowed. Players will be paired up with other players. Players must call the shop to reserve a time and MUST NOT arrive more than **30 mins** prior to their designated time. Practice rounds are available:

*Tuesday, June 16 after 2:00pm*

*Thursday, June 18 after 2:00pm*

*Sunday, June 21 after 4:00pm*

*Monday, June 22 after 2:00pm*

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