



# 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Meeting Handout Junior Golf Information for 2012 – Michigan District

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Important Dates for 2011:

**Dec 31, 2011:** Deadline to submit your club's Pre-Qualifying Tournament registration.

**Qualifying Tournaments ("Qualifiers") should be held between May 1<sup>st</sup> and June 11.**

Please set a date with your local golf course pro NOW before they close for the season.

The District Tournament **registration deadline is Monday, June 11, 2012.**

Our final count must be sent to The Meadows at Grand Valley State University (our host site in Allendale, just west of Grand Rapids). The District will be locked-in and liable for that number of golfers.

Updates from 2011 include the following:

- ✓ The new girl's age divisions will be: Girls 10-12, Girls 13-14 and Girls 15-18.  
The boys stay the same: Boys 10-11, Boys 12-13, Boys 14-15 and Boys 16-18.
- ✓ Ages are established as of the last day of the tournament  
July 24 for lower divisions and **July 29 for Boys 16-18 and Girls 15-18**
- ✓ The use of distance measuring devices (i.e. rangefinders) is now permitted at all levels of Optimist Junior Golf Tournament play.
- ✓ The use of non-motorized pull carts is expanded to include all lower division golfers.

OI has just produced a new Optimist Jr Golf promotional video:

Link to OI YouTube site: <http://www.youtube.com/user/OptimistIntl>

Direct link to the Optimist Jr Golf promo video: <http://youtu.be/Amdl04x40ZY>

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**Register YOUR Club to hold a Junior Golf Qualifier by Dec 31<sup>st</sup> (please PRINT)**

1. From Optimist Club \_\_\_\_\_

2. Chairperson's name \_\_\_\_\_

3. Email address of the Chairperson:

\_\_\_\_\_

And Phone # with area code (       ) \_\_\_\_\_

4. Name of Golf Course for your Qualifier \_\_\_\_\_

5. Day / Date of your Qualifier \_\_\_\_\_

Choose a date between May 1 and June 11, 2012

Register your club online at [www.MichiganOptimists.org](http://www.MichiganOptimists.org) and follow the links under PROGRAMS. Problems? email to: [tjarratt@vpdesigns.com](mailto:tjarratt@vpdesigns.com) or FAX to 248-625-4423

## Optimist Junior Golf 2012

1. To participate, you MUST register your club by Dec 31, 2011.
2. Michigan Qualifiers begin the first weekend of May and end Sunday, June 10. You need to allow for the possibility of a RAIN DAY.
3. Format: 18 holes stroke play, 9 holes OK for youngest divisions
4. OI Yardages range from 4,795 to 6,800 yards according to age and gender
5. You DO NOT need to serve all age divisions
6. Golf course fees average \$15-\$35 for your Qualifier.
7. You should charge between \$40-\$60 registration fee.
8. The difference will enable you to pay the District registration fee for your qualifying winners in each of the 7 divisions, plus the \$7.50 per player as assessed by OI.
9. Advertisement: This year we are trying to distribute information at the major golf shows: Kalamazoo, Jan 13-15 and Novi, March 2-4 (Lansing?) A one-page flyer will list dates and locations of the Qualifiers, as well as the District site.
10. District entry fees for 2012 will be
  - a. \$ 95 for 18-holes (Boys aged 10-13 and Girls aged 10-14)
  - b. \$125 for 36 holes (two-day tourney, Boys 14-18 and Girls 15-18)
  - c. Additional \$45 charged to District At-Large applicants.
  - d. District fees will be payable online using PayPal.

Junior Golf workshop, including all forms will be held at the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Quarter Meeting Feb 10-12 in Lansing.

Be sure to send your  
Club Chairperson, Committee member or a Representative!  
It is the only time this information will be presented.