



# Mitchell Spearman Junior Golf Tournament Series



## Welcome to the Mitchell Spearman Junior Golf Tournament Series

The TopGolf Junior Academy is proud to introduce this unique tournament series that allows both boys and girls between the ages of 8 -17 the opportunity to compete during the spring months. The Spring session of the Mitchell Spearman Junior Golf Tournament Series will consist of nine tournaments. These tournaments will allow juniors to compete in a safe and organized atmosphere, overseen by the TopGolf Academy professional staff. These tournaments will serve as a great environment for juniors to grow and develop, while competing with other children their own age. Golf has long been known to be a great character building activity. TopGolf wishes to provide the opportunity for children to benefit from all that golf can offer. The Mitchell Spearman Junior Golf Tournament Series will provide a structured and discipline environment and help produce fine young men and women with a good appreciation and respect for the game of golf.

Each tournament will consist of (2) playing divisions, which will be broken into age specific subdivisions. The first division will be playing 18 holes, while the second division will play 9 holes. Both divisions will be subdivided into age groups, i.e. 8-9, 10-11, etc.

## Membership and Order of Merit

As a Mitchell Spearman Junior Golf Tournament Series Full-time Member, the results of your tournaments will earn you Order of Merit points. These points are accumulated to create the Mitchell Spearman Junior Golf Tournament Series Order of Merit. There will be an Order of Merit for each of the following age groups: 8-9 yrs. 10-11 yrs., 12-14 yrs, 15-17 yrs. The winner of the TopGolf Order of Merit will win a trophy and will have his/her name engraved on the Mitchell Spearman Junior Golf Tournament Series Champion trophy to be displayed in the Great Room of the clubhouse.

The Order of Merit Points are earned according to the chart below:

Tournament with a minimum of 15 entries per age group\*

1st:	130 pts	8th	30
2nd	90	9th	26
3rd	70	10th	22
4th	60	11th	18
5th	50	12th	14
6th	40	13th	12
7th	34	14th	10
15th	8		

\*Tournaments with less than 15 entries will earn a percentage of these points according to the number of entries. Example: for a tournament with 5 entries, 33% of those points will be awarded.

## **Mitchell Spearman Junior Golf Tournament Series Membership Rules**

- 1) A discount will be offered for signing up for the full series before the entry deadline of the second tournament. (March 18). The price for the full tournament series is \$450(18 hole division) or \$235(9 hole division).
- 2) All playing fees must be paid in full before the entry deadline of every tournament.
- 3) A player will be considered a full time member of the Mitchell Spearman Junior Golf Tournament Series after completing his/her third tournament.
- 4) A player must be a full-time member (i.e. play in at least 3 tournaments) in order to win the Mitchell Spearman Junior Golf Tournament Series Order of Merit.
- 5) Players competing in just 2 tournaments are eligible to win prizes for the individual tournaments in which he/she plays.
- 6) There will be four age groups for each tournament: 8-9 yrs. 10-11 yrs., 12-14 yrs, 15-17 yrs. Prizes will be given for each tournament according to the number of entries in each age group.
- 7) A player's privileges may be suspended or revoked with no refund for a serious breach of the Mitchell Spearman Junior Golf Tournament Series Rules of Conduct. See Appendix III for the Rules of Conduct.
- 8) Play may be suspended or canceled due to inclement weather. If a tournament is canceled, it will be rescheduled. There will be no refund if a tournament is canceled and rescheduled.
- 9) A minimum playing level is required in order to compete in the Mitchell Spearman Junior Golf Tournament Series. Any player with an official USGA handicap at the time of entry is qualified to play. If a player does not have an official USGA handicap, a player ability test and a rules test will be conducted at the TopGolf academy.
- 10) Late entries may be accepted after the closing date for entries, but this is at the discretion of the TopGolf Professional Staff and is subject to availability.

## **Tournament Rules and Regulations**

- 1) USGA Rules will govern play. Note: A rules exam will be required to test every player's knowledge of basic rules before the player's first tournament. This test can be found in Annex II.
- 2) Mitchell Spearman Junior Golf Tournament Series local rules can be found in Annex I.
- 3) All disputes shall be decided by the TopGolf Junior Golf Tour Committee.
- 4) All tournaments, unless otherwise stated, will be competed in Stroke Play format.

- 5) A player must be ready to play at the "Tee-Time" of the tournament. Please note that juniors must try to be at least 15 minutes early.
- 6) Topgolf reserves the right to change the venue for any event should it become necessary for any reason and agrees to advise competitors accordingly.
- 7) Tee-times and registration: it is the player's responsibility to make himself/herself aware of his/her tee-time. Tee-times will be posted at TopGolf in the pro-shop. A player may call the pro-shop to find his/her tee-time.
- 8) A player must check in at the course at least 20 minutes prior to his/her tee-time.
- 9) It is the player's responsibility to be at his/her respective tee at least 10 minutes prior to teeing off.
- 10) Suspension of Play: A suspension for a dangerous situation (i.e.: lightning or heavy rains) shall be signaled by three short siren or horn blasts. Players shall discontinue play immediately and seek shelter. Players will be notified when it is safe to continue play.
- 11) Caddies are NOT permitted at any time during a Topgolf Junior Tour event.
- 12) TopGolf Junior Academy Tour players will be required to walk during all tournaments.
- 13) Ties for first place at a tournament will be decided the total score of the holes 9,8,7, and 1. If a tie still remains, a trophy will be awarded to both players.
- 14) In the event of a tie for first place at a given tournament, both players will be awarded the first place Order of Merit Points. This will not take away from the other player's Order of Merit Points.

## Appendix III

### Mitchell Spearman Junior Golf Tournament Series Rules of Conduct:

The Mitchell Spearman Junior Golf Tour takes great pride in the quality of its players, host facilities and broad community involvement at each tournament. In order to make the TopGolf junior academy experience enjoyable and rewarding for everyone, all members are required to adhere to a set of guidelines known as the Rules of Conduct.

#### VIOLATIONS OF CODE OF CONDUCT

Any of the following actions by a TopGolf junior academy member at an TopGolf event, non- TopGolf event or toward another TopGolf member anywhere, constitutes a violation of the TopGolf Code of Conduct:

- Unsportsmanlike conduct, including abusive language, cheating, club throwing, disrespecting volunteers, officials or fellow competitors, or abuse of golf course property
- Not adhering to the dress code at host golf course
- Use or association with drugs or alcohol, or smoking or chewing tobacco products
- Conduct not becoming of a TopGolf player, such as acting in anger or creating other distractions
- Physical abuse, threat of physical or verbal abuse to other players, parents, host golf course staff or members, TopGolf staff or volunteers.

#### REQUIRED DRESS AT THE GOLF COURSE:

- Hats/visors must be worn with brim forward, hats should be removed while indoors
- Collared shirts or mock turtlenecks (host golf course permitting) must be worn and tucked in at all times
- Girls fashion shirts without a collar must have sleeves
- Girls shorts must be no more than 5” above the knee OR the inseam of the shorts must measure at least 5”

Proper attire is required at all times at the host golf course. Should a host golf course have a stricter dress code, its policy will take precedence. Players in violation will not be allowed to tee off.

#### CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATION PENALTIES

Any Code of Conduct violation will result in a written letter to the player and his or her parent/guardian. The TopGolf Tournament Committee may assess any or all of the following penalties based on severity and frequency of the violation(s):

- Depending on the severity of the violation, a tournament disqualification may also result in disqualification from the next event(s) for which a player has been accepted
- TopGolf reserves the right to suspend or revoke a player’s membership for a major breach of the TopGolf Code of Conduct.



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## Spring 2010 Schedule

Important date:

May 22, 7 pm Awards Banquet at TopGolf.

Prizes by Nike Golf will be awarded as well as championship trophies.

**Call TopGolf to register for tournaments  
703-924-2600, [www.topgolf.com](http://www.topgolf.com)**

### Tournament Schedule:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Tee-times</b>	<b>Site</b>	<b>Entry Fee</b>	<b>Entry Deadline</b>
March 13	1:00 & 2:30PM	Herndon	\$55, \$35	March 11
March 20	1:00 & 3:00PM	Greendale	\$55, \$25	March 18
April 3	1:00 & 2:30PM	Herndon	\$55, \$35	April 1
April 10	3:00 PM	Laurel Hill	\$65,\$35	April 8
April 17	3:00 PM	Laurel Hill	\$65,\$35	April 15
April 24	3:00 PM	Greendale	\$55, \$25	April 22
May 8	3:00 PM	Herndon	\$55, \$35	May 6
May 15	3:00 PM	Laurel Hill	\$65,\$35	May 13
May 22	3:00 PM	Greendale	\$55, \$25	May 20
May 22	7:00 PM	Awards Banquet at TopGolf		

