

# State Farm Youth Classic Waiver and Policies

## WAIVER

I hereby certify that facts in this entry form are true and correct. I certify that the birth date is correct. I understand that by participating in The Youth Classic golf tournament, the name, photograph or other image, and other information (including but not limited to age and hometown) relating to the participant may be used for publicity purposes. Publicity purposes may be in the form of brochures, postings on the tournament web site, videos, displays, radio programs, newspaper releases or articles, or other forms of media.

The registrant, for his or her heirs, assigns and legal representatives, releases, discharges and holds harmless The Youth Classic Committee, the Bloomington-Normal Sports Commission, the Bloomington-Normal Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, all tournament and title sponsors and their affiliates, their directors, officers, members, employees, staff, volunteers, agents and representatives from any and all liability for any events or consequences whatsoever and in any manner arising out of or related to Applicant's entry and/or participation in this tournament, including but not limited to personal injuries sustained by Applicant. In the event of a medical emergency occurring during the tournament, the registrant hereby authorizes all necessary measures in the medical treatment of Applicant.

## POLICIES

**Tournament Headquarters and Registration:** Registration will be on Sunday at the assigned course (8am-3pm) or up to 30 minutes prior to tee time on Monday at each course.

**Practice Rounds:** Practice rounds will be held at the course of competition. Individuals are responsible for scheduling their own tee times for practice rounds.

**Starting Times:** Starting times will be posted in advance on the tournament website and available at registration.

**Hotels:** Hotel reservations can be made directly with hotels in the Bloomington-Normal area. A list of hotels is available on the tournament website. ([www.theyouthclassic.com](http://www.theyouthclassic.com))

**Complimentary Lunch:** Lunch will be provided to competitors on Tuesday and Wednesday at their respective course (snacks only for divisions 1B, 1G, 2B, 2G, 3B, and 3G).

**Skills Challenge:** Longest drive, short game, and putting contests will be held on the Monday of the tournament at The Den at Fox Creek. Bring the entire family out to the event and enjoy food and entertainment.

**Code of Conduct:** Violations of the Code of Conduct include: verbal or physical abuse of any person, club throwing, cheating, disrespect of volunteers or officials, abuse of the golf course (divots not replaced, bunkers not raked, ball marks not repaired), discarded trash not placed in proper receptacle, vandalism, use of smoking or chewing tobacco products, use of drugs or alcohol, not adhering to dress code, leaving course during a competition round without permission of a SFYC official, or any other conduct not becoming a SFYC participant. Violations of the Code are subject to a two-stroke penalty or disqualification, dependent on SFYC Tournament Committee decision. Players and parents should always conduct themselves in a professional manner while at event sites. Under no circumstances will displays of temper, either verbally or physically, be tolerated, and such acts will result in the permanent suspension of all parties involved from all tournament courses for the duration of the tournament. Other complaints or violations not specifically covered will be reviewed by the tournament committee and they will determine the final action to be taken.

**Competition:** All play shall be governed by current USGA Rules of Golf and its Decisions, and where applicable, by Local Rules, Conditions, and Definements, subject to changes or amendments by the SFYC Rules Committee. SFYC tournament officials will be at each competition course and will be in charge of tournament activities at that course. Decisions of SFYC officials are final.

**Dress Code: Proper attire is required** on golf course, practice tees and practice greens. Any violation will result in the player not being allowed to participate until he/she has met the regulations. The dress code prohibits shoes having metal spikes, short shorts, tank tops, halter tops, bare midriffs, T-shirts, denim shorts and jeans, and headphones. All hats and caps must be worn properly; collared shirts must be worn and tucked in (girls may wear collarless shirts if it is part of a coordinated outfit). Offensive slogans, language and/or pictures on clothing will not be tolerated.

**Pace of Play:** Rule 6-7 of the USGA Rules of Golf states: "the player shall play without undue delay." The penalty for breach of Rule 6-7 is two strokes in stroke play. The penalty for repeated offense is disqualification. The first group of the day will be

considered out of position if it takes more than 15 minutes to complete any hole. Subsequent groups will be considered out of position if they fall behind the group ahead and take more than 15 minutes per hole. Players in a group who are out of position will be monitored until the group is back in position. Each player will be given 45 seconds to play a shot. Timing of the player will begin when it is his/her turn to play. If the player exceeds the time limit, he/she will be given a warning. Rule 6-7 will go into effect for a repeated offense.

**Caddies, Carts, and GPS/Rangefinders:** No player may ride in a powered golf cart during his/her competitive rounds, with the exception of tournament approved shuttles at certain sites. Players in Divisions 1, 2, 3, and 4 may have **one** caddy but must walk. Caddies in Divisions 1 and 2 are allowed on the green. Caddies in Divisions 3 and 4 are not allowed on the greens. Any person other than the specified caddy for a player may not give advice. Players in Division 5, 6, 7, and 8 may **not** have a caddy and must **walk** and carry their own bag or use a pull cart. USGA approved range finders and GPS devices are permitted for use during State Farm Youth Classic. USGA approved devices only give distances and do not account for variances in weather conditions or terrain (adjusting for uphill or downhill shots).

**Player's Responsibilities:** Be sure to carry enough liquid in your golf bag for at least nine holes. Water coolers and/or fountains will be on each course and will be monitored but may be empty at the time you are there. It is recommended that players carry a current USGA Rules of Golf Book and copy of the SFYC Tournament Information in your golf bag and be familiar with their contents and how to find answers. It is suggested that you know the definitions in the USGA Rules. Contestants and caddies may not have cell phones or pagers on the golf course during competition.

**Scoring:** Parent and/or caddy may count and record scores in Divisions 1, 2, 3, and 4. Each player in Divisions 1, 2, 3, and 4 may have **one** caddy only. Players in Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 may limit his/her per hole score to twice that of par (e.g. par 4; maximum score is 8). It is their responsibility to check the score recorded with the competitor after each hole. Scorecards must be exchanged within each group. Divisions 5, 6, 7, and 8 must exchange scorecards within their group and are responsible for recording each competitor's score after completing each hole. **Competitor and scorer must sign every scorecard before it is turned in to Scorer's Table.** It is each competitor's responsibility to check the card with his/ her score after each round is completed before signing it. Competitors must remain at the Scorer's Table until each card is checked and the SFYC Scorer/Official dismisses the group. Golfers will be placed into flights after the first day of competition, and trophies will be awarded in each flight. Top flight will have 32 golfers and ties. All other flights will have about 16 competitors. Age groups must have a minimum of 32 competitors before flights will be used.

**Spectators:** Spectators are welcome and may follow players in all divisions, but may not communicate with them during their competition round. Clapping and encouragement are allowed as long as it does not interfere with tournament play. Contestants are reminded of the two-stroke penalty for violating Rule 8-1 concerning advice and receiving assistance. Contestants are responsible for actions of parents/spectators and are reminded that significant contact/conversation may be construed as advice by fellow competitors. Spectators are encouraged to come out and watch the competitors compete on their own. A parent/friend caddying for a player in Division 1, 2, 3, and 4 may give advice under the USGA Rules of Golf. *Contestants in Divisions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 are the only people allowed on the greens.* Spectators are requested to **not** carry audible cell phones or pagers on any golf course during competition.

**Starting Times:** Rule 6-3a of the USGA Rules of Golf provides: "the player shall start at the time laid down by the Committee." The penalty for breach of this Rule is disqualification. However, it is a condition of the competition that, if a player arrives at his/her starting point ready to play, within five minutes after their start time, in the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided by Rule 33-7, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole.

**Ties:** Ties for first place in each flight shall be decided by a hole-by-hole playoff immediately following conclusion of play in that division. Other ties will be decided by the guidelines outlined in the USGA Rulebook. In the case of darkness or adverse weather conditions the guidelines outlined in the USGA Rulebook will be used to decide places. Duplicate trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the SFYC Tournament Committee.

**Special Accommodations:** We have added a special needs division to the SFYC. Please use the Special Needs entry form if you wish to participate in that division. Applicants needing special accommodations should notify the SFYC Tournament headquarters. Special Needs individuals have functional limitations relating to learning direction, self-care, physical, cognitive or closely related Development Disability that may or may not require a reasonable accommodation. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to reassign individuals based on degree of ability and/or reasonable accommodation.

**Refund Policy:** One-half entry fee will be refunded if entry is withdrawn prior to 11:59pm on the day registration closes. **No Refunds after registration deadline date.**