

PGA JR. LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP
Presented by National Car Rental
2018 MEDIA GUIDE



GEORGIA (DULUTH)

2017 PGA Jr. League Champion
Grayhawk Golf Club | Scottsdale, Arizona



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Defending Champion: Team Georgia from TPC Sugarloaf (Duluth)

FACTS & FORMAT

Purse and Honors

No prize money is awarded to competitors in the PGA Jr. League Championship presented by National Car Rental. All players compete solely for their team and their team's right of possession of the PGA Jr. League Championship Trophy.

Method of Play

The 12 Regional Champions will compete in round-robin, nine-hole matches that utilize the two-person scramble format. Captains are allowed to substitute players every three holes, so that all team members can participate. Each of the 12 teams will play conference matches on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Top teams will advance to Session 6 on Monday afternoon to determine the Champion.

Eligibility

All-Star teams are assembled based on the number of teams in a local league and the final standings of that league. Below are some examples of how an All-Star team is created:

- At the end of the regular season, a league champion team will be crowned. The winning Captain will be the league's All-Star team Captain.
- Every team in the league will have some representation on the All-Star team, however the actual numbers will vary based on league size.
 - Each All-Star team will be comprised of 10 players. The recommended breakdown is:
 - For a 7-team league: Championship team gets 3 spots, runner-up gets 2 spots, 1 spot each from the remaining 5 teams.
 - For a 6-team league: Championship team gets 4 spots, runner-up gets 2 spots, 1 spot each from the remaining 4 teams.
- For a 5-team league: Championship team gets 4 spots, runner-up gets 2 spots, 1 spot each from the remaining 3 teams, 1 at large spot awarded by league Captains' majority vote.
- For a 4-team league: Championship team gets 4 spots, runner-up gets 2 spots, 1 spot each from the remaining 2 teams, 2 at large spots awarded by league Captains' majority vote.

- At no time, without the expressed permission of PGA Jr. League staff will an All-Star team be permitted to have more than 5 players on its roster from any one team in the league.
- A team may surrender an All-Star spot only upon email confirmation of the voluntary surrender by the surrendering Captain. Once an All-Star spot is awarded to a player, only the player or their parents may surrender the spot via email confirmation.
- All-Star team players must participate in at minimum of three regular season matches.

About PGA Jr. League

PGA Jr. League brings family and friends together around fun, team golf experiences with expert coaching from PGA and LPGA Professionals.

Boys and girls of all backgrounds and skill levels learn and play together in a supportive, two-person scramble format that encourages mentorship, builds confidence and promotes sportsmanship.

With 42,000 participants in 2017 – and Ambassadors including Rory McIlroy, Michelle Wie, Rickie Fowler and Lexi Thompson – PGA Jr. League has wide-ranging appeal for both youth and their parents.

CHAMPIONS THROUGH THE YEARS

	YEAR	CHAMPION	SCORE	SITE
1st	2012	California (San Francisco) Las Positas Golf Course	8 ½ to 3 ½	Cog Hill Golf & Country Club (Lemont, Ill.)
2nd	2013	Georgia (Atlanta) Hamilton Mill Golf Club	6 ½ to 5 ½	TPC Sugarloaf (Duluth, Ga.)
3rd	2014	California (San Ramon) San Ramon Golf Club	7 to 5	TPC Sugarloaf (Duluth, Ga.)
4th	2015	California (San Diego) Encinitas Ranch Golf Course	Playoff (1st hole)	Disney's Palm Course (Lake Buena Vista, Fla.)
5th	2016	California (Livermore) Las Positas Golf Course	8 to 4	Grayhawk Golf Club (Scottsdale, Ariz.)
6th	2017	Georgia (Duluth) TPC Sugarloaf	7 to 5	Grayhawk Golf Club (Scottsdale, Ariz.)

2017 RECAP

2017 Champion: Georgia (Duluth)

Site: Scottsdale, Arizona

Date: Nov. 16-19, 2017

Course: Grayhawk Golf Club (Raptor Course)

Field: 80 (10 per team)

With Olympic gold medalist Kerri Strug looking on, undefeated Georgia vaulted to the mountain top of PGA Jr. League as national champions with a dramatic 6 1/2 to 5 1/2 victory over New Jersey at picturesque Grayhawk Golf Club in Scottsdale, Arizona.

The 6th PGA Jr. League Championship presented by National Car Rental showcased some amazing golf, as Georgia (Duluth) took an early 3 1/2 to 1/2 lead through the first three holes and then held on tight, as New Jersey (Hillsborough) rallied back into serious contention.

This is the second title for a Georgia-based team (Atlanta in 2013).

With the final group watching from the tee on the ninth and final hole played (par 5, 465-yard Hole No. 18), the Georgia team of William Love, 14; Harris Barth, 13; and Strug's nephew Lucas Jinglov, 13, earned a conceded birdie to seal a half-point, and clinch the match. Moments later, their Georgia teammates rushed the green, realizing they had secured a hard-fought national title.

"It was really fun," said Jinglov. "The way we've been treated and everything that's been done for us...It's been a great experience overall."

The Georgia team was on the green in two, before Barth and Love both missed their eagle putt, leaving a short putt for the Championship. Showing tremendous sportsmanship, the New Jersey team of Katie Li, 12; Megan Meng, 11; and Adrian Jordan, 11, conceded the match.



"It means a lot to the team," said Team Georgia Captain Patrick McCrary, a PGA Professional at TPC Sugarloaf near Atlanta. "They worked hard to get here, and it's been a long road. We couldn't be more happy for these kids."

"Signature for Team New Jersey—we dug a deep hole, scrapped out, and fell short," said New Jersey Captain Anthony Latham, PGA. "They played hard, and I couldn't ask for anything more. They never quit."

The 80 boys and girls competing comprise eight Regional Champion teams from a record 42,000 kids who played in PGA Jr. League during 2017.

"There are so many sports that are more individually-focused, and it's nice when there's a team component, particularly when you're young," said Strug from the gallery. "I think it's good to have that ownership but understand the team component, too."