



Ottawa Valley Golf Association Launches New Introduction Tour in Partnership with the Canadian Junior Golf Association

Ottawa, Ont. (April 12, 2022) - The Ottawa Valley Golf Association (OVGA) and the Canadian Junior Golf Association (CJGA) are pleased to announce an extension to their partnership for the 2022 season. In addition to the Junior Tour events that they have been running together for the past two years in the Ottawa Valley and Outaouais, the OVGA and CJGA will work together to introduce the **OVGA Introduction Tour** to help introduce new junior players to the game. This model has been used successfully in 2021 by other regions of Golf Quebec.

The OVGA Introduction Tour will run concurrently with the CJGA Linkster tour events in the region and will include four 9-hole tournaments for players between the ages of 6 and 12 to introduce them to organized tournament golf in a player-friendly environment. Parents are encouraged to caddy for their juniors and help them with the Rules of Golf. Assistance will also be available to help procure junior golf equipment for new players.

"The Ottawa Valley Golf Association is excited to build on our partnership with the CJGA and to help grow the game at the grass-roots level. Along with our junior tournament sponsors, we are committed to helping make this great sport accessible to all and work together to break down any barriers we can," says Jim Davidson, OVGA Director of Player Development.

"We are delighted to extend our partnership with the OVGA and partner with a great organization to increase the junior opportunities to those in the area," said Tyler Torrieri, CJGA Director of Tour Operations. "Working with Jim Davidson and his OVGA team these last two years has been amazing. We look forward to expanding on our partnership this year with the OVGA Introduction Tour, and in the years to come."

To register for the OVGA Introduction Tour events, please visit www.ovga.org/tournaments and navigate to the OVGA Junior schedule under Golf Quebec. The OVGA Introduction Tour events for 2022 include:

- May 7 – Canadian Golf & Country Club (East course)
- June 19 – The Marshes (Marchwood course)
- July 19 – Pineview Golf Course (Executive Course)
- August 12 – Falcon Ridge Golf Club (Raceview Course)

About the Ottawa Valley Golf Association

Founded in 1948, the Ottawa Valley Golf Association (OVGA) is a non-profit organization committed to promoting the growth and development of golf in the Ottawa Valley Region. Supporting its affiliates - Golf Québec, Golf Ontario, and Golf Canada - the OVGA is responsible for golf tournaments, junior programs, handicap supervision, the rules of golf, and course rating in the district.

In these efforts, the OVGA supports and works with its approximately 75-member clubs and is proud and appreciative of its 4,000+ boys, girls, women, and men who participate in and volunteer for its competitions.

About the Canadian Junior Golf Association

The Canadian Junior Golf Association (CJGA) is a “registered Canadian amateur athletic association” (RCAAA) not-for-profit registered federally with Revenue Canada. The CJGA is dedicated to providing Canada’s junior golfers with the necessary skills and knowledge required to lay a foundation for a future in competitive golf.

Through its six-stage competitive development program that focuses on tournaments, clinics, international competitions, and mentoring programs with PGA Tour professionals, the CJGA introduces the game to juniors as young as five and offers competitive multi-day events for the more advanced golfer.

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