



***Front 9 Tour Northeast  
Louisiana Middle School  
Tournament Program  
“Developing a Game for Life”***



## **Front 9 Tour Northeast Louisiana Middle School Tournament Program**

- **Program Cost: \$115 per participant**
- **Grades:** 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders can play only if the Elementary facility is on the same property as the Middle School.
  - If a 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grader competes in a high school match he/she will not be eligible to participate in any middle school match
  - Front 9 Tour representative will conduct all tournaments.
- **Front 9 Tour run Clinic and Practice time slots**
  - One 2 Hour Clinic
  - Two 1 Hour scheduled Practice time slots
- **School's Boy and Girl teams will be determined by each school's Head Coach.**
- **Teams for tournament play will be scored:**
  - Boys: 5 (A) Team and 5 (B) Team Players
  - Girls: 3 Team and 3 (B) Team Players
- **The golf season: Five 9 hole stroke play matches & One 18 hole championship Match (A team), & One 9 hole championship Match for (B Team).**
  - (A Team) Boys will play from the White Tees.
  - (A Team ) Girls will play from the Red Tees.
  - (B Team) All will play from the Red Tees or modified tees which will vary in links



**Front 9 Tour Northeast Louisiana  
Middle School Spring Program -  
Continued**

## **Front 9 Tour Northeast Louisiana Middle School Spring Championship**

- **Tournament structure: Stroke Play**
  - **Boys Top 5 (A Teamers) and Top 5 (B Teamers) Play in the Championship.**
  - **Girls Top 3 (A Teamers) and Top 3 (B Teamers) Play in the Championship.**
  - If a boys team has more than 10 total boy players than the other team members will play as individual medalist. And if a girls team has more than 6 players than the other team members play as individual medalist. (**Trophies awarded**)
- **North Louisiana Middle School Spring Championship**
  - Top 3 A Teams and top 10 medalist with ties are invited to the Front 9 Tour North Louisiana Spring Championship at Northwood Hills Golf Club (April 11). **Entry fee for Front 9 Tour North Louisiana Spring Championship is \$35.**
  - **Top 2 teams and Top 5 Medalist from the Front 9 Tour NLSC will qualify to play in the USSSA State Middle School Championship Location (TBA) Date (TBA).** (Entry fee for USSSA qualifiers will be paid by Front 9 Tour)

***Roster and participant fees need to be turned in to the Front 9 Tour by  
February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020.***

All tournament information will be posted on the calendar page of our website  
[www.front9tour.com](http://www.front9tour.com).



## *Front 9 Tour Northeast Louisiana Middle School Tournament Program General Rules and Guidelines*

### ○ **Rules of Play:**

- The USGA Rules of Golf shall govern play. Supplemental Rules of Play will be provided (if needed) at each site. Carry your Rules Book with you at all times. If you observe a fellow-competitor doing something that might violate a Rule of Golf, you should inform them of their mistake **Immediately**. Otherwise, they may break more rules that will result in more severe penalties. Golf is a game in which we realize that the rules are made to protect the field. By calling a rules infraction you ensure that the competition is fair. Do not be afraid to call a rules infraction. YOU are not penalizing them; it is the Rules of Golf. If you are not comfortable informing your fellow-competitor of their violation, then you should inform a Front 9 Tour Tournament Coordinator as soon as possible and they will handle the situation.
- Pull Carts will be allowed.
- Range finders devices will be allowed per USGA Rules; however our local rule will always supersede it: If an electronic device noticeably slows your pace of play or the site of the tournament does not allow them, you will not be allowed to use it. If you continue to use them during a round after being told you cannot, you will be disqualified.

### ○ **Conduct Guidelines:**

- The Front 9 Tour is committed to maintaining sportsmanship, etiquette, and the integrity of the game of golf. With this in mind, the following guidelines for conduct will apply:
  - Any conduct detrimental to a player, his/her equipment, the golf course, the host facility, etc., will not be tolerated.
  - No use of alcohol or tobacco products.
  - No drugs or weapons permitted. Police will be notified in the event of a violation.
  - No cell phones allowed during play.
  - No gambling.
  - No abusive language or profanity.
  - No temper tantrums or club throwing. Any misconduct may result in penalties, point reductions and/or disqualification without a refund.
  - We reserve the right to refuse playing privileges to any player whose conduct outside of the Junior Tour is determined to not be in the best interest of the game or the Front 9 Tour.



## **Front 9 Tour Northeast Louisiana Middle School tournament Program Parents, Spectators, and Coaches guidelines**

### ○ **Parents and Spectators:**

#### ○ ***These policy will be strictly enforced for the benefit of the players:***

- Parents and spectators are encouraged to attend The Front 9 Tour events. Spectator carts are available for rent at the host facilities discretion. Cost is determined by the host facility. Golf Cart rules must be followed at all times. We ask that you please adhere to the following policies while attending The Front 9Tour Events:
- Walk or ride only on the cart paths or roughs where cart paths are not accessible. Always be aware of the group behind you.
- DO NOT talk to the players as this action may be construed as giving advice, resulting in a penalty to the player.
- **DO NOT attempt to give rulings!** It is the fellow playing partner's responsibility to make a ruling in the absence of a Tour official or a course Marshall.
- Spectators are encouraged to inform the Front 9 Tour Tournament Coordinators immediately of any rules or etiquette violations. We can only address these situations and limit the violations if they are brought to our attention on site.
- Cell phones - Turn off or place on vibrate all cellular phones while on the golf course.
- Spectators are allowed to carry food, water, umbrellas, jackets, towels, etc. for the players.

### ○ **Coaches:**

- Head Coaches will be allowed to coach there team members during and between holes. The assistant Coaches can coach between the holes only, both can help with locating lost balls and any etiquette violations.
- ***Coaches of individual players are considered to be an assistant Coach and are limited to coaching between holes only.***
- Coaches are able to use cell phones to communication with Front 9 Tour Tournament Coordinator but will need to keep them on vibrate at all times.

Front 9 Tour is a 501©3 tax exempt organization if you have any questions please contact Michael Johnson at (318)294-1711 or [michael@front9tour.com](mailto:michael@front9tour.com)

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*Northeast Louisiana Middle  
School Clinic and Practice  
schedule*

*All Clinic and scheduled Practices are to be supervised  
by a Coach or a Parent/Guardian.*

*Chennault Park Golf Course or  
“The Muny” at Forsythe Park*

- **One 2 Hour Practice Clinic to be run by Front 9 Tour Staff and Coaches.**
- **Two 1 hour practice time slots for each team. February and March** (schedule will be posted on the calendar page of our website [www.front9tour.com](http://www.front9tour.com))