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STATE GOLF ASSOCIATIONS TO INDEPENDENTLY SUPPORT JUNIOR GOLF BEGINNING IN 2022

Greenwood Village, Colo. – Junior Golf Alliance of Colorado (JGAC) founding partners, The Colorado Golf Association (CGA) and Colorado Section of the PGA (CPGA), announced plans to serve junior golfers independently beginning in 2022. After six successful years, the JGAC saw significant growth in membership and demand for junior golf playing opportunities from aspiring young golfers throughout Colorado. To ensure the needs of all junior golfers in Colorado are adequately met in 2022 and beyond, both organizations will refine their focus and tailor programs to the specific needs of all junior golfers within their respective organizations.

Beginning in 2022, the CPGA will be offering a schedule of junior golf tournaments releasing on February 25. Under the Youth Pillar of the Colorado PGA REACH Foundation, the CPGA will continue to support national initiatives including Drive, Chip & Putt alongside Augusta National Golf Club; and PGA Jr. League, which provides an onramp to golf for juniors beginning their journey. The CPGA will also remain the host of the prestigious Colorado Junior PGA Championship and bring back the Aurora Junior Championship.

The CGA will administer the nationally acclaimed Youth on Course program, which creates access to golf for kids 18 and under at a subsidized rate. Additionally, the CGA will be conducting its long-standing, historic State Junior Championships and qualifiers in appropriate age categories in a modern and elevated way at CommonGround Golf Course—the home of the CGA.

"The Colorado PGA will remain committed to supporting junior golfers and their families through a combination of existing and new Junior Golf Programs," said Bob Doyle, Interim Executive Director of the Colorado PGA. "Continuing to support core development initiatives while creating a brand new competitive offering is something we are excited about."

"The CGA looks forward to continuing to collaborate with the Colorado PGA to maximize opportunities for ALL junior golfers in Colorado," said Ed Mate, Executive Director/CEO of the CGA. "We are an organization of nearly 70,000 golfers of all ages, and it is our goal to open that door as wide as possible. That all starts with junior golfers, and our emphasis on building Youth on Course is intended to do just that."

Both organizations are committed to the Colorado junior golf community and will work diligently to ensure youth golf opportunities remain available and accessible statewide. Visit www.juniorgolfcolorado.org on February 25th for additional information on 2022 programming and registration processes.

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