



The Prep Tour is very excited to celebrate our 10th year of tournament competitions in 2021. This past year was a challenge to all golfers and their families. The Prep Tour managed these challenges together with our host venues and with the cooperation and understanding of all our competitors. We are proud of how everyone handled the new CoVid 19 rules and stayed safe while still competing in 34 tournaments throughout 2020.

With these new health challenges came new opportunities that highlighted the true benefits of competition and permitted the shedding of some ingrained traditions of golf that allowed this competitive sport to move forward. Mainly, the necessary “spacing” on the greens that permitted the highly efficient use of continuous putting for Prep Tour Tournaments. This simple and minimal change permitted groups to finish more timely and efficiently while keeping them safe and socially distant. **Continuous putting is here to stay at The Prep Tour.** Our Scottish ancestors will just have to “roll” with it.

New for 2021:

- The Prep Tour has invested in new **Golf Genius** Software that supports live digital scorecards to be recorded by all our competitors throughout their round. Gone are the days of asking parents to text the group’s scores into the leaderboard. We want our parents to relax and enjoy their day!
- More Southern Illinois and St. Louis events have been added to better serve our expanding areas. The Gateway Junior PGA, based out of St. Louis, has accepted our Challenge Cup series that will begin this July.
- New Fresh-Soph Girls division will be added to **select** events in order to better provide for an ever-growing competitive HS girls field.
- Dual events will be held on select days that will better serve our expanding geographic areas. Purdue Fort Wayne graduate and Prep Tour Alumnus, Jake Kennedy, will be running new and concurrent events throughout the 2021 season.

The Prep Tour is so grateful for our players, families and golf course hosts, especially in the challenging year of 2020 we all just experienced together. We are hopeful that 2021 will be as uniquely successful for all the changes we celebrate as we navigate the healthy future of competitive golf. There are other ways of showing respect and honoring the game of golf besides a handshake. Stay safe, well informed and we hope to see everyone soon.