

NEWS RELEASE



First Tee - Sarasota/Manatee to play host to National Juniors Left-handed Championship

Sarasota, FL (September 1, 2021) – First Tee - Sarasota/Manatee (FTSM) -- an organization founded in 2000 with the primary goal of impacting the lives of young people by providing educational programs that build character, instill life-enhancing values and promote healthy choices through the game of golf – announces it will team with the National Association of Left-handed Golfers to play host to their inaugural National Juniors Left-handed Championship, December 28 and 29, 2021.

The National Association of Left-handed Golfers (NALG) was established in 1936 with their inaugural National Left-handed Championship held at Norwood Hills Country Club in St. Louis, Missouri. One hundred and forty-seven players from 24 states participated. Quite a feat during the midst of the Great Depression.

The inaugural National Juniors Left-handed Championship will take place December 28 and 29, 2021 at Palm-Aire Country Club in Sarasota, Florida. Registration opens September 1 and continues to December 1 or the first 100 players registered and paid. The Championship is open to Boys and Girls, ages 10 – 18, and will be played in age divisions.

NALG President, Sid Miner explains, “The National Association of Left-handed Golfers has always strived to grow the game of golf. Our commitment continues with the inaugural National Juniors Left-handed Championship being played in Sarasota, FL. NALG is excited to engage junior left-handed players and provide a national championship to showcase their talents.”

Andy Mears, Development Director for First Tee – Sarasota/Manatee adds, “First Tee is about building game changers. To play host to this wonderful inaugural national junior event is exactly what First Tee is all about...bringing young people together and providing opportunity to learn and compete.”

NALG encourages everyone to visit their website to learn more about the association and its history – www.NALG.org Registration for the Junior Left-handed Championship can be found at www.NALG.org

First Tee - Sarasota/Manatee currently serves area youth at its golf course locations and in-school program, as well as, LPGA/USGA Girls Golf of Sarasota/Manatee, Greater Sarasota Junior Golf Association, and PGA Jr. League. FTSM is supported by generous donations from corporate partners, foundation grants, and individual donors.

*For more information about First Tee Sarasota/Manatee, go to
www.FirstTeeSarasotaManatee.org*