

Canadian Optimist Junior Golf National Championships 2011 Highlights

The Twentieth Annual National Optimist Junior Golf Championships were held this year under mixed weather conditions. There was quite heavy rain on the morning of the second day and windy conditions on the final day. One hundred and forty golfers came together to compete in the six separate age divisions. With a few exceptions, several players had a chance to win their division on the final round of the 54 hole tournament.

Boys 16 - 18 Division – This was a closely contested division. Defending Champion, Tim Gillespie of Hepworth, Ontario, shot 226 for the tournament, the same as Sam Hebert of St. Thomas. Tim was awarded second place via a card playoff. Crawford McKinlay of Blenheim, Ontario was this year's Champion beating Tim and Sam by 3 strokes. He shot 76-72-76 over the three rounds.

Boys 14 – 15 Division – Hanish Nagrani of Welland, Ontario and Trevor Ranton of Waterloo, Ontario went into the medal round tied at 148. Hanish prevailed in the final round to beat Trevor by three strokes. Jacob Parkhill of Ingersoll, Ontario had a division best final round of 75 on the final day to finish third.

Boys 12 - 13 Division – Max Clift of Kitchener, Ontario held a four stroke lead over William Stadder of Windsor, Ontario and Josh Posteraro of Courtice, Ontario heading into the final round. Max went on to win by three strokes shooting 227 for the tournament. Josh had 230 to place second with William coming in with 234 to take third.

Boys 10 – 11 Division – Peyton Callens of Langton, Ontario opened with a 73 in the first round and was never seriously challenged. He finished the tournament with three consistent rounds of 73-72-75 for a 220 total for the tournament. Nick Naumovski of Halton Hills, Ontario finished second while Tyler Read of Brockville placed third.

Girls 15 – 18 Division – Adrienne D'Alessio of Woodbridge, Ontario, Olivia Richards of Waterford, Ontario and Julie Whalen of London, Ontario all had a chance headed in the medal round. Adrienne and Olivia both shot matching 78's which meant Adrienne tournament total 230 bested Olivia by three Strokes. Julie placed third.

Girls 10 – 14 Division – Alyssa Getty of Leamington, Ontario shot a one under on the first day and never looked back. Her 71-69-73 – 213 tournament total earned her the division championship as well as the overall tournament championship. Shanshan Li of Woodstock, Ontario placed second with Divya Chawla coming in third.

Each Division Champion is entitled to apply to compete in the 2012 Optimist International Championships at the PGA National Resort and Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.