



Participant Guide

9th Annual Jr. Team Match Play Championship
RTJ Capitol Hill (Legislator)
February 18-19, 2023

**Welcome to the 2023 Joshua Cup,
the 9th Annual Jr. Team Match Play Championship, presented by Step by Step Golf.**

On behalf of the Step by Step Golf Tournament Committee, it is my honor to welcome you to the 9th Annual Joshua Cup Jr. Team Match Play Championship. We believe you are in store for one of the most unique, rewarding, and fun events in the world of junior golf.



But, don't take our word for it. Just ask the participants from 2022, who witnessed the closest event in the history of the Joshua Cup. The winning points were earned by the last group on the last hole, with approximately 100 people in the gallery watching! It was intense, and The Americans, captained by Rob Huddleston, came away with the victory.

We're in store for another exciting tournament this year. We have assembled a field of 36 golfers representing seven states (Missouri, Arkansas, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida). Participants earned their way into the field through their 2022 season points status with Southern States Jr Golf, or through a special invitation such as having participated in the previous year's event.

Please take a moment to scroll through the last few pages of this document and read about several very special organizations. The Joshua Cup would not be possible without their support. All proceeds from The Joshua Cup will benefit [The Thrive Foundation](#). Every dollar you spend while at the tournament (dinner tickets, jackets, shirts, books, etc..) all benefit this amazing foundation.

Take note of a few reminders:

- Family Fellowship Night on Wednesday, February 15th: [RSVP HERE](#)
- Friday Night Dinner & Open House: \$10 per person, more details will be announced regarding location, time, and menu.
- Saturday Morning Opening Ceremony: Begins at 9:00am on the Scoring Deck behind the Clubhouse.
- Sunday Morning Breakfast Buffet: Free for players and caddies. \$15 per person for additional family members.

Thank you so much for your participation in this year's event. If there's anything we can do to improve your experience, don't hesitate to let us know. And please check out [The Thrive Foundation](#). You'll be sure to find videos, training, and other resources that will help your family deal with whatever circumstances you may be facing.

See you soon!

Todd and Leslie Gober



*Rob Huddleston
Team Captain*

2022 Champions

Player	Hometown	Tee Assignment
Carson Daniel	Bolivar, TN	SBS Blue (6,726)
Chance Elston	Collierville, TN	SBS Blue (6,726)
Payne Bius	West Memphis	SBS Blue (6,726)
Baylor Hinton	Tupelo, MS	SBS Blue (6,726)
Leo Huddleston	Maryville, TN	SBS Blue (6,726)
Stewart Claassen	Franklin, TN	SBS Blue (6,726)
Grey Collard	Memphis, TN	SBS White (5,665)
Wil Huddleston	Maryville, TN	SBS White (5,665)
Connor Daniel	Bolivar, TN	SBS White (5,665)
Luke McClanahan	Bowling Green, KY	SBS White (5,665)
Isabella Bugg	Franklin, TN	SBS White (5,665)
Kiersten Riggins	Trussville, AL	SBS White (5,665)
Sydney McClanahan	Bowling Green, KY	SBS White (5,665)
Kristen Lingle	Huntsville, AL	SBS White (5,665)
Klare Jamison	Huntsville, AL	SBS White (5,665)
Grady Thomas	Knoxville, TN	SBS White (5,665)
Mathile Walker	Memphis, TN	SBS Red (5,100)
Anna Bell	Poplar Bluff, MO	SBS Red (5,100)



*John Hunt IV
Team Captain*

Player	Hometown	Tee Assignment
Jake Moffitt	Ripley, MS	SBS Blue (6,726)
Will Nolte	Biloxi, MS	SBS Blue (6,726)
Craig Bullock	Ripley, MS	SBS Blue (6,726)
Kaden Cobbs	Eva, AL	SBS Blue (6,726)
Haydn Robertson	Maumelle, AR	SBS Blue (6,726)
Sam Otwell	Signal Mountain, TN	SBS Blue (6,726)
Drew Fisher	Hoover, AL	SBS White (5,665)
Ryker Huther	Sorrento, FL	SBS White (5,665)
Maxwell Hunt	Brentwood, TN	SBS White (5,665)
Hayden Nall (manual)	Cleveland, TN	SBS White (5,665)
Emma Fortier	Hoover, AL	SBS White (5,665)
Carmen Britt	Hoover, AL	SBS White (5,665)
Stella Forney	Bowling Green, KY	SBS White (5,665)
Evelyn Tankersley	Montgomery, AL	SBS White (5,665)
Ramsey Milling	Madison, MS	SBS White (5,665)
Isabella Curtis	Little Rock, AR	SBS White (5,665)
Catherine Bowie	Memphis, TN	SBS Red (5,100)
Jaydn Campbell	Jonesboro, AR	SBS Flags (4,500)



Tournament Format & Scoring

	Round 1 (Saturday Front 9)	Round 2 (Saturday Back 9)	Round 3 (Sunday Front 9)	Round 4 (Sunday Back 9)
Format	Scramble	Total Shamble	Modified Alternate Shot	Total Shamble
Scoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 point per hole 1 bonus point to the winning twosome 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 point per hole 1 bonus point to the winning twosome 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 points per hole 2 points to the winning twosome 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 points per hole 2 points to the winning twosome
Total Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 points available per match 90 points available for Round 1 (9 matches x 10 points each) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 points available per match 90 points available for Round 2 (9 matches x 10 points each) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 points available per match 180 points available for Round 3 (9 matches x 20 points each) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 points available per match 180 points available for Round 4 (9 matches x 20 points each)

- Joshua Cup is a team event featuring two teams of 18 players each.
- Each foursome is a 2 vs. 2 contest (match play with points earned on each hole)
- The foursome will compete in two separate matches each day
 - Saturday Front 9 = Round 1
 - Saturday Back 9 = Round 2
 - Sunday Front 9 = Round 3
 - Sunday Back 9 = Round 4
- 36 total matches will be contested
- 540 points available
- The first team to reach 271 points wins the Cup

Total Shamble:
 Both players per side tee off on every hole. Partners will choose the drive they wish to play, similar to a scramble. Both partners will play their second shot from that spot and both balls will be in play at that time. Both partners will hole out and will add their scores together. For example, if one player makes a four and the other player makes a five, the total score for the twosome is nine. This score will be compared to the team total for the opposing twosome to determine who wins the hole.

Modified Alternate Shot:
 Both players per side tee off on every hole. Partners will choose the drive they wish to play and will alternate shots beginning with the second shot.



The Hardware

Pictured below: Rob Huddleston,
2022 American Team Captain,
With sons Leo (left) and Wil (right)



The Joshua Cup

The Joshua Cup is one of the most impressive pieces of hardware in all of junior golf! The winning captain will take ownership of the trophy for one year.

- 2013: Mike O'Berry
- 2014: Mike O'Berry
- 2015: Jason Nall
- 2018: Chris Logan
- 2019: Chris Logan
- 2020: Chris Logan
- 2021: Greg Herrington
- 2022: Rob Huddleston

The Jason Nall Most Outstanding Participant Award

Jason Nall is one of the most influential people in the world of junior golf. In 2013, he co-founded The Joshua Cup and has played an integral role ever since. In 2020, Step by Step Golf recognized Jason's contributions by naming our MVP award in his honor.

At the conclusion of the tournament, one participant will receive this award based on two factors: 1) quality of play on the course, and 2) demonstration of the tournament spirit through attitude and team camaraderie.

Pictured below: Jason Nall (left)
Todd Gober (right)





FAQs

⁶ Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. ⁷ “Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.

Joshua 1:6-7

- Why is it called “The Joshua Cup”?
The purpose of the event is to support and encourage families with children between the ages of 10-18. Given the pressures of the world, through sources such as social media, we know it takes a special courage to fight through these challenges. The type of courage required is shared with us in the book of Joshua, specifically in the first chapter, and this story has been the focus of our event from the beginning.
- What is Step by Step Golf?
Step by Step Golf is a division of The Thrive Foundation. We host multi-day golf events at world class destinations, combined with fellowship activities.
- What is Thrive Foundation?
The Thrive Foundation is a Christian educational and consulting ministry. We help people improve their circumstances by developing awareness of themselves and the world around them, motivation to think and act differently, and the life skills to do it.
- How do we handle rules questions or potential violations during play?
Use the Step by Step Golf “Hard Card” as the source of truth for rules questions. Players and caddies within each foursome are encouraged to solve questions within their group. Playing two balls is not an option in match play. The scenario must be solved in the moment. If assistance is needed, please call the Head Rules Official, whose phone number will be provided on the scorecard.
- Where do we go if we have questions?
Start with the [News & Notes page](#). If you cannot find your answer, please call your Team Captain.
- Can we play a Friday practice round?
Yes, please call the RTJ Capitol Hill Pro Shop at [\(334\) 285-1114](tel:3342851114). Green fee and cart fee will need to be paid when you check in.
- Who can attend the Opening Ceremony?
Everyone is welcome! This is one of the most anticipated events of the year. Don’t miss it.
- Are carts provided?
Carts are provided for players and caddies. Spectators will need to contact the pro shop to verify availability and cost.
- 1. When will tee times be posted?
Saturday pairings and tee times will be announced at the Opening Ceremony on Saturday morning. For players with later tee times, due to your arrival by 9am for the Opening Ceremony, be prepared for a two hour gap. The restaurant/clubhouse is very nice and will be serving food.

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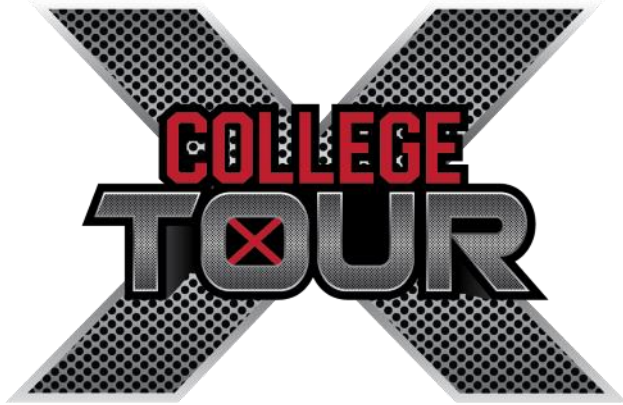
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