



## THE NATIONAL PAN AMERICAN GOLF ASSOCIATION

From the Desk of the President:

To All PAGA Chapters:

A situation has arisen where a junior golfer was allowed to participate in a skins game involving members of the Pan American Golf Association. The parent of the junior paid the fee, but the junior did not win. But the mere fact the junior was exposed to some form of gambling contradicts Section 2 of our National Constitution and could subject our junior program to a potential violation of the UIL and USGA amateur status in an organized wagering, as well as possible repercussion from the IRS for violating our 501(c)(3) status. Do we risk all that we have valued at the sake of one parent's ambitions to showboat their son or daughter. The status was given to this organization to provide opportunities for our juniors to excel in the game and set good values to our juniors. It is this administration's position to keep the spirit of the game free where we do not encourage gambling to our junior programs. All we need is for this thing to escalate where our juniors and the entire junior program are discredited from any UIL or the USGA. National Pan American Golf Association will not sanction such practices.

I hereby ordered all chapters to cease this practice of accepting any money from a junior, whether paid directly or indirectly and including them in wagering.

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