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2010 JUNIOR RYDER CUP, SEPT. 27-28, AT GLENEAGLES IN SCOTLAND; INCLUDES FRIENDSHIP MATCH CELTIC MANOR, SITE OF 38th RYDER CUP

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. – The 2010 Junior Ryder Cup, which will be contested Sept. 27-28, at Gleneagles Resort's PGA Centenary Course in Perthshire, Scotland, will continue to present the expanded Ryder Cup format change of 2008 to foursomes, mixed four-ball and singles competition. The matches mark the seventh formal connection between The PGA of America and Ryder Cup Ltd., which biennially stage the Ryder Cup.

The friendship match will take place on Sept. 29, at Celtic Manor Resort in Wales, U.K. tied into the 38th Ryder Cup.

The United States Junior Ryder Cup Team will consist of six boys and six girls who are American citizens and are members of the high school graduating class of 2011, or younger.

The invitation criterion consists of the following: Alexis Thompson of Coral Springs, Fla., has received the first girl spot on the U.S. team by way of her victory at the 2009 Junior PGA Championship. The U.S. Champion of the U.S. Junior Amateur Championship, July 19-24, 2010, at Egypt Valley Golf Club in Grand Rapids, Mich., will be awarded an automatic berth on the U.S. Team. The third exemption is awarded to the winner of the U.S. Girls' Junior Championship on July 19-24, 2010, at the Country Club of North Carolina in Pinehurst. In addition, the top two boys' and girls' finishers from The PGA of America's flagship junior event, the 35th Junior PGA Championship, Aug. 2-5, 2010 at Sycamore Hills Golf Club in Fort Wayne, Ind., will be eligible. The leading boy and girl in the Junior Ryder Cup final point standings that are determined following the Junior PGA Championship (the final major of the summer) will earn automatic Junior Ryder Cup berths.

The final boys and girl selected to complete the 12-member team will be chosen by U.S. Junior Ryder Cup Captain M.G. Orender and announced at the 35th Junior PGA Championship.

The U.S. Junior Ryder Cup points system consists of the following tiers: a premier tier event victory will be worth 675 points. Points are also awarded at top-tier event Championships, along with PGA Section Championships and USGA Section Championships. Only the Top-15 finishers in premier Championships, the Top-10 finishers in the top-event Championships, and the overall winner from The PGA and USGA Section Championships are eligible to earn points. In addition the PGA of America is awarding points to those juniors who make the cut in a 2009/2010 PGA Tour, LPGA major or USGA national events.

A table outlining the 2009-10 U.S. Junior Ryder Cup Team points system follows:

Rank	2009-10 Premier Championships	2009-10 Top Event Championships	2010 PGA and USGA Section Championships
1ST	675	375	150
2ND	360	180	
3RD	320	160	
4TH	280	140	
5TH	240	120	
6TH	200	100	
7TH	160	80	
8TH	120	60	
9TH	80	40	
10TH	40	20	
11TH – 15TH	20		

A table outlining the 2009-10 Boys and Girls Premier events follows:

U.S. Junior Amateur Championship	July 20-25, 2009	Trump National	Bedminster, N.J.
U.S. Girls Junior Championship	July 20-25, 2009	Trump National	Bedminster, N.J.
34th Junior PGA Championship	July 28-31, 2009	TPC River's Bend	Cincinnati, Ohio
Polo Golf Junior Classic	Nov. 21 -27, 2009	PGA National Resort	Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.
Thunderbird International Junior	May 28-31, 2010	Grayhawk Golf Club	Scottsdale, Ariz.
Rolex Girls Junior Championship	June 14-17, 2010	TBA	TBA
FootJoy Boys Invitational	June 15-18, 2010	Sedgefield C.C.	Greensboro, N.C.
Rolex Tournament of Champions	June 28-July 1, 2010	Blessings Golf Club	Fayetteville, Ark.
U.S. Junior Amateur Championship	July 19-24, 2010	Egypt Valley Golf Club	Grand Rapids, Mich.
U.S. Girls' Junior Championship	July 19-24, 2010	C.C. of North Carolina	Pinehurst, N.C.
35th Junior PGA Championship	Aug. 2-5, 2010	Sycamore Hills Golf Club	Fort Wayne, Ind.

A table outlining the 2009-10 Boys and Girls Top Events follows:

Junior Players Championship	Sept. 4-6, 2009	TPC Sawgrass	Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.
The Ping Invitational	Oct. 10-12, 2009	Karsten Creek Golf Club	Stillwater, Okla.
U.S. Junior Masters	Dec. 20-23, 2009	Ponte Vedra Inn & Club	Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.
Orange Bowl International Junior	Dec. 27-30, 2009	Biltmore Golf Course	Coral Gables, Fla.
Joanne Winter Arizona Silver Belle	Dec. 28-30, 2009	Raven Golf Club	Phoenix, Ariz.
The Verizon Junior Heritage	Feb. 6-7, 2010	Ocean Course & Harbour Town G.L.	Hilton Head, S.C.
Annika Invitational	Feb. 12-15, 2010	Reunion Resort	Orlando, Fla.
HP Boys Junior Championship	Feb. 12-15, 2010	The Club at Carlton Woods	Houston, Texas
Kathy Whitworth Girls Invitational	March 15-16, 2010	Mira Vista Golf Club	Ft. Worth, Texas
Scott Robertson Memorial	May 14-16, 2010	Roanoke Country Club	Roanoke, Va.
PGA Junior Series at Windyke	June 1-3, 2010	Windyke Country Club	Germantown (Memphis), Tenn.
PGA Junior Series at Kearney Hill	June 8-10, 2010	Kearney Hill Golf Links	Lexington, Ky.
PGA Junior Series at Arbor Links	June 14-15, 2010	Arbor Links	Nebraska City, Neb.
Western Junior Championship	June 21-25, 2010	Blue Mound Golf & CC	Milwaukee, Wis.
PGA Junior Series at Fox Run	June 22-24, 2010	Fox Run Golf Club	Eureka, Mo.
PGA Junior Series at USAFA	June 29-July 1, 2010	Air Force Academy	USAFA, Colo. Springs, Colo.
PGA Junior Series at Oak Tree	July 6-8, 2010	Oak Tree Country Club	Edmond, Okla.

PGA Junior Series at Stow Acres	July 12-14, 2010	Stow Acres Country Club	Stow, Mass.
Junior World Championships	July 12-16, 2010	Torrey Pines-North & South	San Diego
PGA Junior Series at Penn State	July 19-21, 2010	Penn State University	State College, Pa.
PGA Junior Series at Yahara Hills	July 24-26, 2010	Yahara Hills - West	Madison, Wis.

The U.S. Junior Ryder Cup Team will depart the United States, on the evening of Sept. 22, and arrive into Scotland's Edinburgh International Airport on Thursday. They will then receive transportation to Perthshire, and play in practice rounds at The PGA Centenary Course, Sept. 24–26. Opening Ceremonies will kick off the event on Sept. 26, followed by foursomes in the morning of Sept. 27, and then Boy-Girl Best Ball on Monday afternoon. Singles matches will complete play on Sept. 28, followed by closing ceremonies on Tuesday afternoon. Participants in the 2010 Junior Ryder Cup will receive the opportunity to play a nine-hole friendship match prior (Wednesday) to the start of the Ryder Cup at Celtic Manor Resort in Wales, U.K.. The matches will feature a mixed four-ball pairing of a USA boy/girl player competing against a boy/girl from Europe for the six matches, which will continue to build international friendships. The boys' and girls' on the team will then travel back home on Sept. 30, or may elect to stay with their parent or guardian chaperones and attend the opening ceremonies of the 38th Ryder Cup at Celtic Manor Resort in Wales, U.K., Sept. 30-Oct. 3. Complimentary Ryder Cup tickets will be offered to the U.S. Junior Ryder Cup team and their parent or guardian chaperones.

For further information about the Junior Ryder Cup, visit **PGAJuniorseries.com**, **PGA.com/Juniors**, **JuniorRyderCup.com** or call PGA of America Headquarters at (561) 624-8400.

Junior Ryder Cup Champions Through the Years

	Year	Winner	Score	Location
Inaugural	1997	United States	7 - 5	Sotogrande, Spain
2nd	1999	Europe	10½ - 1½	Boston, Mass.
3rd	2002	Europe	9½ - 2½	Straffan, County Kildare, Ireland
4th	2004	Europe	8½ - 3½	Westfield Center, Ohio
5th	2006	Halved	6 - 6	Newport, Wales
6th	2008	United States	22-2	Bowling Green, Ky.

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