



The Brian Flugstad Golf Academy wants to remind you to set your alarm or DVR for April 1<sup>st</sup> for the Drive, Chip and Putt Finals. Inglewood's own, Taighan Chea will be accompanied by Brian and competing Sunday morning, April 1<sup>st</sup> at Augusta National Golf Club in the 7-9 year boys division. The event will be covered live on the Golf Channel from 5:00am-10:00am PST. There will also be a replay on the Golf Channel Sunday evening from 7:00pm-12:00am. Taighan is scheduled to begin at 8:15am EDT/5:15am PST.

So if you see Taighan around the club over the next couple of days practicing for the competition be sure to wish him luck!

#### **History of Drive-Chip-Putt:**

-Founded in 2013

\*Inglewood's own Devin Andrews competed in the Inaugural Competition (2014)

-Was founded by Augusta National, the US Golf Association and the PGA of America

-It is open to boys and girls of all abilities ranging in ages from 7-15

-There is no cost for entry

-Players compete in a local, sub-regional and regional qualifier (only the winner advances to Augusta)

\*Taighan advanced to the finals by winning at The Olympic Club in San Francisco

-This year there were more than 10,000 kids that entered the competition

-There are 10 kids in each of 8 age division that advanced to the finals

#### **How the Finals Competition Works:**

The finals is scored differently than the three previous stages where each competitor hits 3 drives (awarded points based upon distance), 3 chips (awarded points based upon proximity to the hole) and 3 putts (from 6', 15' and 30' where points are based upon proximity to hole).

In the finals, each of the 80 finalists compete in eight divisions — broken down by girls and boys, ages 7-9, 10-11, 12-13 and 14-15. The format is the same for all divisions.

When a division begins its competition (the order alternates between girls and boys through the various age groups), the players' first stop is the Tournament Practice Area, where each competitor hits two drives. For a drive to count for a score, it must come to rest within a 40-yard-wide landing area. Golfers use their longest drive that stays inbounds. The player with the longest drive overall (distances are measured by laser devices) receives 10 points, the second-longest gets nine, through to the 10th golfer, who gets one.

Next, players move to the short game area adjacent the driving range, where they hit two consecutive chip shots, both from about 40 feet. The distance each shot stops from the hole is measured (also using lasers) and added together. The golfer with the shortest cumulative distance receives 10 points, the second-shortest gets nine, through to one point for the player who finishes 10th.

Finally, players walk to Augusta National's 18th green, where each hits two putts, one from 30 feet and one from 15 feet. The latter is from about the same spot where Adam Scott made his birdie in regulation at the 2013 Masters, before winning in a sudden-death playoff with Angel Cabrera.

The distance each putt finishes from the hole is measured and added together. The golfer with the shortest cumulative distance receives 10 points, and so on.

The golfer with the most combined points after all three contests is declared the division winner, with awards also given for second and third place, along with prizes for the top points earner in each skill. Golfers who finish in first, second and third place in each category also receive an award.

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