



**Junior Golf Program  
2019**

**2019 BETHESDA COUNTRY CLUB JUNIOR GOLF  
COMMITTEE**

Joe Hemsley & Lou Rubino - Golf Chairmen

Ted Pogorelc - Chairman, Junior Golf

**TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Clubhouse Reception  
301-365-1700

Golf Shop- Ted Pogorelc  
301-365-1703

Starter  
301-674-5829

# **JUNIOR GOLF RULES & REGULATIONS**

## **(A) JUNIOR GOLFER**

A Bethesda Country Club junior golfer is defined as any child between the ages of five and eighteen who is the dependent of a member with golfing privileges.

## **(B) TIME ALLOWED ON THE COURSE**

- (1) Junior golfers who have reached their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday may play on the course, including practice tee, and putting green, provided they are with an adult.
- (2) Juniors under the age of 5 years old are not permitted to use the golf facilities.
- (3) In order to use the course without adult supervision a junior golfer must have passed the Junior Golf Certification Process.
- (4) On weekends and holidays all junior golfers may play on the course, including practice tee, and putting green beginning at 12 pm. Junior golfers who have an official USGA handicap of 18 or less will have a priority on the golf course before other Juniors.

## **(C) JUNIOR GOLF CERTIFICATION PROCESS**

- (1) Junior Golfer must answer 50 of 55 questions correctly on the junior golf certification written test.
- (2) Must score 18 strokes or less on holes 1-3 at Bethesda Country Club under the supervision of a member of the professional staff.

## **(D) GOLF ATTIRE**

- (1) Boys are required to wear a shirt with a collar which is tucked in and Bermuda style shorts or pants.
- (2) Girls' shorts and skorts must have a 6-inch inseam or be Bermuda length.
- (3) Soft spiked golf shoes are permitted but not required, tennis shoes are acceptable.
- (4) NOT PERMITTED: metal spikes, ripple sole shoes, short shorts, cargo shorts, bathing suits, jeans, halter tops, mesh shorts, aerobic or exercise outfits, or cut-off shorts.

**(E) EQUIPMENT**

Each Junior Golfer is expected to have his/her own golf equipment which should include a bag, a putter, several irons and/or woods, balls, and tees

**(F) GUESTS**

- (1) Juniors are allowed to invite one guest to play for a \$25.00 fee provided they call ahead to schedule a time permitted by the Starter, and follow all Junior Golf Rules.
- (2) All additional guests after one will be charged a full adult guest fee.
- (3) In town junior guests are not permitted on the weekends.

**(G) ELECTRIC GOLF CARTS**

- (1) No person under 18 years of age may rent or operate a golf cart at Bethesda Country Club.
- (2) No more than two persons shall ride in the golf cart and a cart shall not carry more than two golf bags.

**(H) COURTESY AND SAFETY ON THE COURSE**

- (1) Please replace all divots or use the sand/seed composition.
- (2) Refrain from loud talking and shouting on the course, driving range, or practice areas.
- (3) Rake all sand bunkers after hitting from them.
- (4) Repair your ball mark along with one other on the green before putting.
- (5) Do NOT stand or walk in front of anyone who is hitting the ball.

**(I) COURSE MARKINGS**

- (1) Family golf tees can be found on each hole and are marked by round disks in the fairway.
  - Blue Markers 3,028 yard course (3 holers play from this tee)
  - Gold Marker 4,035 yard course (5 holers play from this tee)
- (2) Yardage marked on sprinkler heads is measured to the center of the green. In addition, there are color coded yardage markers in the fairway.
  - 100 yard marker is red
  - 150 yard marker is white
  - 200 yard marker is blue

(3) Throughout the course there are other markings to define conditions of play.

- White Lines Outlining Grass Area = Ground Under Repair
- White Stakes = Out of Bounds
- Red Lines or Stakes = Penalty Area
- Yellow Lines or Stakes = Penalty Area

**(J) DRIVING RANGE REGULATIONS**

(1) Junior golfers have access to the driving range throughout the week during scheduled hours of operation with the following exceptions:

- Junior golfers should only be at the driving range when there are stations open.
- A junior golfer should always step aside if a member or member's guest is waiting to use a station.
- Junior golfers only have priority on the range during the Wednesday Junior Golf Program in addition to when they are receiving a lesson from a golf professional.
- Junior golfers may use the course, putting green, and short game area at 12:00 pm on weekends and holidays. Junior golfers 13 years of age or older with an established handicap of 18 or less will have priority to use the course, putting green, and short game area before other Juniors.

(2) Junior golfers will respect the use of all facilities at the club

- The use of the driving range and other amenities is a privilege and should be kept in better condition when you left it.
- The misuse of the driving range or part of golf facility will be subject to dismissal from the program and suspension from future use.

# **JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM**

## **(A) THE PROGRAM**

- (1) Starting in the spring there will be weekly clinics to instruct the Juniors and test their skill level. Attending at least one of the introductory clinics in the spring is mandatory for all new Junior Golfers. The participants will be evaluated by the golf professional staff of their skill level for the summer portion of the program. During the summer program a Junior may be reevaluated and moved up to a higher level. Once a Junior moves up, he/she is in that group for the championships. The levels are:
  - 3-Holers
  - 5-Holers
  - 9-Holers
  - 18-Holers.
- (2) The skills evaluated are the player's drive for distance and accuracy, chipping, and putting. The etiquette test is designed and conducted by the golf professionals.
- (3) Beginning in June, organized Junior Golf takes place on Wednesday mornings with clinics to follow play on the course.

## **(B) ELIGIBILITY**

- (1) A participant must be the child of a member with golf membership privileges.
- (2) A participant may join the program if he/she will be at least 8 years old as of August 31 of that year, and must be younger than 18 by January 1 of any year he/she elects to take part in the program.
- (3) A participant must pass the junior golf written rules and etiquette test.
- (4) A participant must be evaluated for skill level by the golf professional and assigned to the appropriate skill level.

## **(C) VOLUNTEERING**

It is required that the parents of the 3-Holers and 5-Holers volunteer a minimum of two days per child to walk with the children on the course. This program cannot operate without volunteer help.

## **(D) WHAT TIME SHOULD I PICK UP MY CHILD?**

- (1) Children should be dropped off in front of the Golf Shop NO LATER THAN 7:45 a.m.
- (2) Children should be picked up in front of the Golf Shop for safety reasons. In general, finishing/pick up times are:
  - 3-Holers: 10:00 a.m.
  - 5 and 9-Holers: 10:30 a.m.

**(E) INCLEMENT WEATHER**

- (1) If the weather does not permit play at 8:00 a.m., the professional staff will conduct indoor instruction on etiquette, course management, indoor putting or stroke instruction. The children should be picked up by 10:00 a.m. If the weather conditions improve, use your best judgment or call the Golf Shop.
- (2) If the weather conditions worsen soon after drop off, the professional staff will conduct an indoor session until 10:00 a.m.
- (3) If the weather conditions worsen after 10:00 a.m., please come and pick up your child.

**(F) JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

- (1) A championship tournament, open to all eligible juniors, will be held each year.
  - The 9 & 18 hole championships will be held July 21<sup>st</sup>.

**(G) JUNIOR GOLF TEAMS**

- (1) An 18-hole team (18 & under) and a 9-hole interclub team (13 & under) will compete in matches against teams representing other area clubs. The format is match play from the white, blue, or gold tees depending on age. Teams will be chosen by the junior golf committee which may use qualification rounds to help determine the participants.
- (2) The PGA Junior League Golf Team (13 & under) plays matches against other area clubs from the family tees using a scramble format. In any given match each participant plays as many as nine or as few as three holes. The team is formulated by a first come, first served based sign-up in the Spring.

## **SPRING CLINICS**

March 27th	*Introduction to Golf (Classroom Setting)*
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Putting
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Chipping/Pitching
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Irons
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	Woods

Note: The mandatory clinic is noted with an asterisk (\*) above and will be free of charge and apply to all NEW Junior Golfers. The charge for the spring clinic is \$100.00. There are two different sessions for each clinic; **4:00-5:00** p.m. and **5:30-6:30** p.m. Call the Golf Shop (301-365-1703) to sign up for the spring clinics.

## **SUMMER SCHEDULE**

\$125.00 per child  
(Regular Play – 8:00 a.m.)

### **3, 5, 9 & 18-Holers**

June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Play
June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Play
July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Regular Play
July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Play
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Play
July 24 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Play
July 31 <sup>st</sup>	Regular Play
August 7 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Play

## **PARENT-CHILD TOURNAMENT**

Sunday August 25th  
12:30-4:00 p.m. Tee Times

## **GOLF BANQUET/AWARDS CEREMONY**

Sunday August 25th  
6:30-8:00 p.m.  
(Call the Clubhouse in early August to make a reservation)

## **Junior Club Championship Finals**

**Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**