

## **JUNIOR GOLF HANDBOOK - 2020**

### **Introduction:**

The purpose of the Prince George Golf & Curling Club (PGG&CC) Junior Golf Program is to create golfers, not necessarily to produce golf professionals. Early exposure to the game in all its dimensions will ensure life-long benefits in return. The measure of success for a Junior Program should not be the number of College Scholarships or Tour Players it creates; rather a successful Junior Program is one that creates good (respectful and active) golfers. With this in mind, PGG&CC, through the Junior Program, will provide the Junior player with the opportunity to truly enjoy the game of golf. The Junior Program has been designed to meet the needs of all levels of play, whether it is competitive or recreational golf.

### **Rules of Conduct:**

#### 1. Knowledge of and rules of the Official Game:

Rules make it possible for everyone to play with the same basis of fairness and in the right spirit of the game. The golfer learns the rules and then develops a sound working knowledge of them through playing the game. By following the rules, an environment of true sportsmanship and love of the game will develop.

#### 2. Personal Conduct:

During a round of golf, a player will encounter many situations that will test his or her character and personality. Moments of discouragement will occur and the Junior will realize that this is part of the game's challenge. The Junior will learn that keeping one's emotional level under control will provide a rewarding experience. By contrast, the inexperienced player will often resort to behavior which detracts from the true intent of the game. Club throwing, taking divots in anger, kicking the green with spikes and other obvious signs of bad temperament are not permitted.

**IF YOU PLAY GOLF OTHER THAN BY THE RULES OF GOLF YOU ARE PLAYING SOMETHING OTHER THAN GOLF.**

#### 3. Care of the Course:

The average golf hole requires thousands of dollars to construct and additional thousands to maintain. Attention to the following matters will require special effort by the Junior but will soon become a normal part of play.

- **Only hit from the designated tee area.**
- **Spreads sand/seed in the tee area after hitting.**
- **Replaces divots.**
- **Avoids making divots on practice swings.**
- Rakes the sand trap following a bunker shot and replaces the rake within the trap parallel to the direction of play.
- Takes care not to damage the cup.
- Repairs ball marks on the putting green (the player's own plus one more)
- Refrains from scuffing the green with spikes and doesn't walk near the edge of the cup.
- Places the bag of clubs off the green and nearer the next tee before putting.
- Refrains from pulling a cart across edges of the green and between the green and sand traps.
- Discards litter in proper containers.

#### 4. Safety:

- Always waits until players ahead are well out of range before hitting.
- Take care on blind holes.
- Shouts the warning cry FORE, whenever a stray shot could endanger others.
- Takes practice swings carefully, where space is clear of obstructions and other fellow players.
- Stays well behind and to the side of the player striking the ball.
- Stops play when lightening threatens and seeks proper shelter.

#### 5. Speed of play:

A round of golf should take 4 hours or less. The following tips should help speed up the round of golf at any level of play:

- Always be ready to hit in turn. Plan club selection and type of shot while approaching the ball or while waiting for others to hit.
- Set a pace that maintains a comfortable distance from groups ahead and behind. If you lose sight of the players ahead of you, you are playing too slow. Allow faster players to play through.
- Upon reaching the 10<sup>th</sup> green of the par 3, allow those waiting on the tee to hit their shots.
- Watch the flight of your ball closely marking the point where it lands. If thought to be lost or out-of-bounds, hit a provisional ball under the rules of golf before leaving the tee area.
- Limit your number of practice swings. Avoid giving yourself or others a lesson on the golf course.
- Upon reaching the green, leave bags or pull carts nearer the next tee, *never* in front of the green.
- The person whose ball lands closest to the hole tends the flag. The person who holes out first replaces the flag.

- Continuous putt whenever you can without standing on the line of your fellow competitor. Leave the green immediately after finishing. Mark your score on the next tee box.
- Ready Golf Says: allow tee honors to the first player ready to hit.
- Wherever possible, help fellow players rake sand traps.

### **How the program works:**

#### 1. Who is eligible:

- a. Ages 12 to 18  
-eligible to participate in Junior Program & eligible to book tee times
- b. Ages 6 to 11  
-eligible to participate in the Junior Program  
-not eligible to book tee times & -not eligible to golf without parental supervision
- c. There are 120 spots available for Junior Golf. Members will receive priority through the registration process.

#### 2. Tee Times – How to Book.

Juniors tee times are available after 10:30 on Saturdays, Sundays, holidays and outside other prime time hours. Two day advance booking is available.

#### 3. Dress Code - A true golfer always looks presentable on the golf course.

- Shirts with a collar and sleeves.
- Tailored shorts or slacks (no denim, track pants or athletic shorts).

**Remember: golf is a privilege, not a right.**

#### 4. Golf Course and Clubhouse Behaviour

- Golf shoes will have Soft Spikes.
- Golf shoes and golf equipment are not allowed in the clubhouse.
- Remove hats and be on best behaviour.
- Sit on the restaurant side and listen to clubhouse staff.
- Smoking, consumption of alcohol or use of drugs is not permitted.

#### 5. Pro Shop Behaviour

The Pro Shop is a place of business, not a “hangout”. Please limit your activities in the Pro Shop. (eg: entering scores in the handicap computer, arranging lessons and Tee Times).

#### 6. Monday night is Junior Night