

2012 Brook Lea Country Club Junior Golf Program



Welcome

Welcome to the Brook Lea Junior Program. We have had an increase in participation the past few years, which is good to see. Our goal is to teach all juniors the basic rules, etiquette and fundamentals of golf. To achieve this we have **teaching clinics on Saturdays and play days on Thursday or Friday's**. We also have **3 golf camps** in June and July which provide a more in depth approach to the game. All of these you can sign up for in the pro shop.

Rules/Etiquette Test- Over the years we have come up with a procedure to allow the juniors to progress in the game and work towards playing without an adult in their group. **Step #1-** Break 60 twice for 9 holes in the presence of an adult. **Step #2-** Get materials from the pro shop to study for the test. **Step #3-** Take the rules/etiquette test in the pro shop and achieve at least 80%

**Passing this test will allow the junior to play under normal hours play and after 12:30 on weekends without an adult in the group.

The clinic dates are on **Saturday's from 2:00-3:00:**

- 5/19, 5/26, 6/2, 6/9, 6/16 & 6/23

Junior Play Days

The play dates are **on Friday mornings after school ends starting at 8:00:**

- 6/29 , 7/6, 7/13 , 7/20, 7/27

Junior Championship is August 11th & 12th.

We divide the juniors into 3 divisions based on age and ability:

4 Holers - These are 5-8 year olds just beginning the game. They play #14-17 from the 150-yard marker.

9 Holers - These are 9-12 year olds who have played the game for a few years and are working toward passing the rules/etiquette test. They tee off around 8:00 after the 18 holers.

18 Holers - More advanced juniors 13-17 years old who are looking to refine their games. They are the first ones to tee off at 7:45.

All Juniors Can Participate and Will Receive Prizes!!

Other Events:

Parent Child Scotch

Sunday, July 22nd 4:30 9 hole shotgun

Parent-Child Bestball

Sunday, July 29th, tee times from 11-12:30

Junior Golf Camps

In 2012 we will again be hosting Junior Golf Camps. It has been somewhat challenging to find dates and times that satisfy everyone. Please understand that we are letting you know now so that you can plan ahead and hopefully include your young golfer in this fun and exciting camps.

The camps are in addition to our Saturday Junior Golf program. The advantages to these camps are:

1. The maximum student to teacher ratio is 6 to 1
2. The lessons are directed more to the individual than the group
3. We will be out on the course during some of the sessions



The Junior Camps emphasize rules, etiquette, fundamentals and having fun. The ages for this should range from 7 to 17. But if you have a child who is younger and you feel could handle this type of camp, they would be welcome.

The member charge for the camps would be \$50 per child.

The '12 schedule for the Junior Camps:

Monday-Wednesday July 9-11

Monday-Wednesday July 16-18

From: 8:00-10:00

Junior Tournament Player Camp:

This camp is to accommodate the juniors who already know the basics of rules, etiquette and the fundamentals. These would be the players at least 12 years of age that want to play in tournaments and learn the finer parts of course management and the golf swing.

Junior Tournament Players Camp:

Tuesday- Thursday June 26-28 from 8:00- 10:00

Sign up will begin: Now

We will take the first 20 juniors to sign up for each session and the first 12 that sign up for the junior tournament Players Camp. Any child of a member both regular and social as well as grandchildren will be eligible to participate. If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail us at hoeckerj@brookleacc.com or call the shop at 247-4577.

Brook Lea C.C. Junior Clinics

Each week a segment of the golf game will be focused on. As you can see by the schedule, we are breaking the clinics into two groups of juniors, age 13-18 and 8-12. We will first cover a skill area, speak about rules and etiquette related to that skill area and finally have a fun competition testing the skills learned that day. All golfers will meet either at the driving range or the putting and chipping greens. The clinics will be held on Saturdays from 2:00 to 3:00.

	<u>Group A</u>	<u>Group B</u>
May 19th	*Full swing/irons *Intro to etiquette *Closest to pin contest	*Chipping *Rules covering relief *Chipping contest
May 26th	*Chipping *Rules covering relief *Chipping contest	*Full swing/irons *Intro to etiquette *Closest to pin contest
June 2nd	*Full swing/woods *Etiquette on speed of play *Long drive contest	*Putting *Rules & etiquette *Putting contest
June 9th	*Putting *Rules & etiquette *Putting contest	*Full swing/woods *Etiquette on speed of play *Long drive contest
June 16th	*Pitching/bunker play *Rules governing bunker play *Rules questions *Bunker contest	*Overall review on swing *Review on all rules *Rules questions *Closest to the line contest
June 23rd	*Swing review *Individual interests *Review on all rules *Closest to line contest	*Swing review *Individual interests *Pitching/ bunker play *Bunker contest

Junior Events

Eligibility: Must be a child of a member who is in a family membership category.

Sign up starts 3 weeks before each event

Parent- Child Scotch:

Sunday, July 22nd

Eligibility: Must be under 18 years old. Does not have to play with their parent. Parent can play with more than 1 child.

Format: 9 hole scotch. Teams are broken down into 3 equal divisions based on total handicap.

This is meant to be a fun event.

4:30 front 9 shotgun

Parent- Child Bestball:

Sunday, July 29th

Eligibility: Child must under 18 years old. Does not have to play with their parent. Parent can play with more than 1 child.

Format: 2 person best ball with full handicap. 9 & 18 hole divisions

Starting Times: Go from 11:00- 12:00 at the minimum

Junior Golf Course Access

Red Tag:

Juniors who have participated in the junior program are eligible for red tags. This means they can use the course as long as an adult accompanies them. Any junior that has not gone through the junior program will not be allowed to use the golf course.



Green Tag:

Juniors who have passed the written etiquette test and have broken 60 for 9 holes twice in the presence of an adult are eligible for a green tag. This means they can play (outside of junior events) without an adult in their group during times that open play rules are in effect.

White Tag:

Juniors who have passed the written etiquette test and have an established handicap of 10 or less are eligible for white tags. This means they can play at times regular members can (using discretion). They must, however, be accompanied by the parent who is the regular member when playing during regular member times.

Guests:

Juniors may bring guests only if they have gone through a golf program at another club and are conscious of course rules and etiquette.

The following times are when the course is available to juniors; please check the golf schedule to see that a tournament would not conflict.

Monday-	Red, Green & White	Anytime
Tuesday-	Red, Green & White	Before 9:00, 10:45-3:00 & After 6:00
Wednesday-	Red, Green & White	Before 7:45, 9:45-2:30 & After 6:15
Thursday-	Red, Green & White	Anytime
Friday-	Red, Green & White	Until 4:00 & After 6:00
Saturday/Sunday	White	Anytime
Holiday's	Red & Green	After 12:30

Advice for Parents

As golf professionals, we are always asked advice from parents on how to develop their young golfers. With that in mind, with some help from the PGA, we have come up with some thoughts that may help you.

As parents there are do's and don'ts that you should be aware of.

Do's:

- Provide support and guidance in golf to make the sport fun
- Participate with your young golfer
- Provide support and guidance
- Encourage participation in other sports
- Understand that juniors lose interest if they feel they cannot match their parents expectations
- De-emphasize winning- their effort is all that counts
- Show how much you enjoy golf
- Forbid cheating and lack of sportsmanship
- Discourage temperamental behavior and vulgarity
- Make sure your child's self esteem is not on the line
- Smile often
- Remember, just like in life, how you act will be copied



Don'ts:

- Expect financial returns from your child's interest in golf
- Put pressure on your child to win
- Get too excited if your child does win
- Force them to play. They won't come back next time
- Show negative emotion, fear or nervousness on the course
- Use love to get your child to work harder
- Equate your own self worth with your child's performance

“Junior Stages of Development”



Up to 6 years: Active start - These children learn purely by watching and imitating and so need a worthy model. Learning occurs on a concrete level, through doing, tasting, smelling, and feeling. Give them a miniature golf club and let them imitate.

Ages 6 to 9: FUNdamentals - Children now discriminate between self and others and so recognize that there is a ball and a target and that one is supposed to meet the other. They also become aware of how they are doing. The game is either friendly and inviting or threatening and repelling. Two essential factors are the opportunity to play and understanding that it's fun and

safe. Continue to avoid adult abstractions; forget formal instruction. Keep it a fun, happy game. Do anything and everything to make it fun and exciting. Stay away from work ethic and swing mechanic issues.

Ages 9-12: Learn to Play - Introduce instruction discretely. Children are in the middle of massive biological brain-growth, and adult abstractions are beginning to be understandable. Instruction should come from a caring, sensitive person and should be simple, precise, and loaded with reinforcement. The adult can discretely create challenge without creating anxiety. Development stops, and can even be reversed, as soon as the child finds that play is no longer safe. The instructor must motivate the child to imagine the good that can happen (and avoid images of what can go wrong). Encourage unstructured play. Go over general knowledge of the rules and etiquette to the game. Keep juniors playing other sports that develop their coordination skills.

Ages 12- 16: Train to Play - This is the time junior decide if they want to play for fun or they want to compete. If they want to play competitively they will need to put time into the game to get better. Continue providing opportunity, equipment, and reinforcement. Keep playing other sports.

Ages 17-20: Learn to Compete - Commit to playing one sport and put the time and effort into different areas of the game including psychology (40% training, 60% competition).



Mental Approach



Develop These Skills:

6-9 Years Old:

- Positive thinking and
- Creative imagery

9-12 Years Old:

- Constructive self- talk
- Confident behavior

12-16 Years Old:

- Pre game preparations and
- On the course focusing- dealing with adversity

16-19 Years Old:

- Self assessment of weaknesses and plan for improving

Safety

Here are some important tips on safety that you should be aware of when taking group instruction or just playing golf with friends and family:

- Never swing a golf club in a group setting
- Swing the club only in designated areas and when all other people are in safe positions
- Never stand in the target line of other people swinging clubs. The club could slip out of their hands or the clubhead could come off
- Never go in front of an established hitting line
- Yell FORE when you hit a ball that might hit someone. Remember this is not a substitute for following safety procedures
- Develop a STOP - LOOK - and SWING routine prior to each swing when playing golf.

2012 Junior Program Sign Up

Dear Parent,

In an effort to give you all the information on this year's Junior Program, we have made up this packet to answer all your questions.

In order to make this year's program the best it can be, we have made some changes that will hopefully peak your young golfer's interest. Keep in mind while the recommended starting age is 8, the child needs to be able to concentrate for the full hour. If you feel your child can't do this, in order to be fair to the other children, they probably should not participate yet.

As has been the Brook Lea tradition, there is no charge for this program. We look forward to a large sign up, so let us know as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

The Golf Staff

Junior's Name _____ **Age** _____

Years Playing _____ **Average Score (If Any)** _____

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***Please Return to the Golf Shop!**