



PGA Jr. League Golf @ Hawks Landing Golf Club

General Overview

PGA Junior League Golf is a fun, social and inclusive opportunity for boys and girls, ages 13 and under to learn and enjoy the game of golf. It features team vs. team competitions in structured leagues that provide a popular, less stressful scramble format as opposed to stroke-play competition. Much like other recreational league sports, participants wear numbered jerseys and play on teams with their friends.

Mission, Vision & Values

PGA Junior League Golf is the key youth initiative of PGA REACH, the charitable arm of the PGA of America. As such, the program focuses on fun, recreation, good health and sportsmanship. PGA Junior League Golf is recreational and developmental in nature and works with PGA Sections and local youth organizations across the country to offer an alternative, social golf format. This unique approach highlights team play versus individual competition and serves as a feeder system to transition youth golfers to existing junior golf programs.

History

PGA Junior League Golf launched as a pilot program in 2011, with teams competing in four select markets: Atlanta, Tampa, Dallas, and San Diego. The Atlanta team won the inaugural JLG World Series held in September 2011 at TPC Sugarloaf in Duluth, GA. In 2012, PGA Junior League Golf saw close to 2,000 participants on over 120 teams in more than 20 select markets. In 2013, PGA Junior League Golf became available nationally. Since its inception, participation in PGA Junior League Golf has skyrocketed, with 36,000 youth participants competing on 2,900 teams in 47 states and all 41 PGA Sections in 2016.

The PGA of America

Since its founding in 1916, The PGA of America has maintained a twofold mission: to establish and elevate the standards of the profession and to grow interest and participation in the game of golf. By establishing and elevating the standards of the golf profession through world-class education, career services, marketing and research programs, The PGA enables its professionals to maximize their performance in their respective career paths and showcases them as experts in the game and in the multi-billion dollar golf industry. By creating and delivering world-class championships and innovative programs, The PGA of America elevates the public's interest in the game, the desire to play more golf, and ensures accessibility to the game for everyone, everywhere. The PGA brand represents the very best in golf.

Team Captain – Professional Staff

Each Team Captain has four (4) primary functions:

1. Recruit a roster of 10-12 players to play on the PGA Junior League 13U team
2. Communicate practice and competition times to team members
3. Coach the team during competitions (or arrange for volunteer parent coaches)
4. Arrange and update Team Homepage on the PGA Junior League website

The facility will host a total of 2-3 home competitions during the regular season. Each competition is one (1) team-vs-team, not a tournament, and includes the following:

- 4 tee-times for 9-hole matches
- 2 adult match-monitors (visiting team also recommended to provide 2)
- A competition schedule, which is by rotation and set below, but all match dates and times are currently pending unless otherwise noted. Participating clubs and starting times vary and are set by each home club.

Parents Overview and Other Information

Youth Eligibility

PGA Junior League Golf is open to any child 13 & under. The recommended minimum age is nine (9), however many Captains permit younger players to participate. A player cannot be 14 years of age prior to August 1st (which coincides with the end of the regular season) of the year in which he/she participates. For example, for the 2017 season no participant who turns 14 before August 1st, 2017 will be eligible to participate.

Youth Skill Level

PGA JLG is an inclusive program that encourages all skill levels. We suggest that players achieve a minimum basic level of competence in at least one discipline; driving, chipping or putting, before joining a team. The scramble format provides a comfort zone for developing players. For the accomplished junior who may already be competing in individual tournaments, PGA Junior League offers the opportunity to develop leadership skills in a team setting and most importantly, play on a team with friends. Many teams will still want to win, but the stress often associated with individual medal play tournaments is eliminated by the low-pressure format and the camaraderie of playing on a team with friends. Our goal is to foster an enjoyment of the game that will last a lifetime.

Team Not Individual

There is no individual scoring in PGA Junior League. The two-player scramble format allows for all participants to feel connected with the team. Strong play is rewarded, while a poor shot does not lose the hole. Players of all skill levels are welcome and will contribute to the team's success. Every player gets to play...in every competition!

"Flags"

Each team-vs-team competition consists of four 9-hole matches. Each 9-hole match is broken down into three 3-hole segments that we call "Flags". Actual "Flag" stickers are awarded to participants upon capturing a 3-hole point for their team. The stickers are collected by the players throughout the season, and proudly displayed on their PGA Junior League bag-tags as a sign of accomplishment.

Substitutions

In all matches, coaches have the opportunity to substitute players at the beginning of each new "Flag". Each player is guaranteed to play at least one "Flag" in each competition. Substitutions allow coaches to create pairs that maximize the team's chance for success, while still preserving the most enjoyable overall experience for each player.

PGA of AMERICA's Youth Safety Policy

The PGA of America and its charitable foundation, PGA REACH, are committed to creating a safe and welcoming environment for youth to enjoy golf. In accordance with the PGA of America's Youth Safety Program, all Captains, Coaches and Volunteers must successfully complete a background screen prior to any interaction with players.

Time Commitment

The time commitment required of PGA Junior League Golf varies from facility-to-facility and team-to-team. In general, over the course of a regular season (June - July) one should expect to participate in four or five matches (plus additional scrimmages) at approximately 2.5 hours a piece. Additionally, a couple hours or more of instruction are included. Travel time should also be factored, but is generally limited during the regular season as all teams in a local league are bound together geographically.

Financial Commitment

PGA Junior League Golf is uniquely positioned as welcoming as a recreational youth sport and is typically priced accordingly. As the program is organized at the local level by individual facilities, and PGA or LPGA Professionals who serve as Captains, the registration fee varies from team-to-team. Facilities will charge for each youth, in addition to the initial registration fee paid through www.pgajlg.com. As PGA Junior League Golf is the key youth initiative of PGA REACH, the PGA of America's charitable foundation, the program is committed to limiting cost as the barrier to entry for youth and golf. To request further information regarding scholarship availability, please contact PGAREACH@pgahq.com.

Spectator Expectations

PGA Junior League Golf is the perfect spectator sport for the entire family. Often matches are scheduled to provide parents, grandparents and friends the opportunity to participate in the welcoming, inviting and recreational nature of PGA Junior League Golf. Spectators are not just allowed - they are encouraged!

Spectator Expectations Continued

That being said, there are a few guidelines - like many youth sports - that must be agreed to by anyone spectating a match:

- Spectators acknowledge that the goal of PGA Junior League Golf is for players to have fun with friends.
- Spectators agree to refrain from participating in players' strategic decisions.
- Spectators agree to defer the enforcement of rules to players and team leaders.
- Spectators agree to abstain from coaching the players.
- Spectators agree to abstain from caddying.
- Spectators are encouraged to cheer, have fun and be supportive of the players.
- Spectators agree to demonstrate sportsmanship, respect and a positive attitude.

Volunteer

Similar to other recreational sports youth sports, PGA Junior League Golf thrives on the involvement of the community. While PGA and LPGA Professionals exclusively serve as team Captains, parents often get involved as Assistant Coaches to handle detailed scheduling, administrative management of the team, as scorers during individual matches or to provide post-game snacks. If you are interested in becoming an Assistant Coach, please speak with your Team's Captain or register by using the link on the PGA Junior League website.

Advancement Overview

Following the conclusion of the regular season, the competition heats up as post-season play begins! While PGA Junior League Golf is predominantly recreational and developmental in nature, there is no denying that the thrill of competition fuels some of the fun. The competitive aspect of PGA Junior League Golf also engages advanced players who critically provide peer mentoring to their younger, developing teammates.

The post-season is comprised of "All-Star" teams formed from all teams in a local league. The player composition of these All-Star teams is based on the number of teams in the local league and the final league standings. All-Star teams compete in a series of sub-regional championships to earn a spot at one of eight regional championships held across the country, in order to advance to the PGA Junior League Golf Championship. The eight regional champions will then compete for the PGA Junior League Golf Championship.

All-Star Teams

Each All-Star team is made up of a combination of 10 players from the local league. Each All-Star team must have at least one player from each of the league's teams. The remaining players on the team will be determined by the final league standings. No one team is allowed to have more than five players on a league's All-Star team. The Captain of the regular season league champion will be that league's All-Star Captain. For the detailed All-Star team selection process, please [view the Frequently Asked Questions](#) within the PGA Junior League website.

PGA Junior League Player Highlights Include:

- Instruction from Professionals (Team instruction & practice schedule is listed below)
- 3-4 team practices and/or inter-squad matches
- 4-5 regular-season league competitions
- In-round beverages & Post-round food for all competitors @ HLGC
- Team Jerseys & PGA Junior League Bag Tags
- Awards & Opportunity for All-Star Advancement

Per Child Registration Fee:

(pricing below includes PGA pre-payment)

Fees to play on a PGA Junior League team are as follows (requires pre-payment of \$75 on-line to the PGA of America):

If paying via check, then please make \$165 or \$220 check payable to Hawks Landing.

HLGC/Dual Club Golf members children - \$240

All other Hawks affiliated children/grandchildren or other - \$295

Additional Information - FAQ's and Q&A

- It is the responsibility of the Team Captain to have no less than 3 parents/adults supervising all competitions as Team Monitors or scorekeepers. Volunteers are appreciated in several areas, so please contact the Team Captain for Volunteer opportunities.
- All participants will use the same tee boxes, regardless of age or gender by league.
- Every player attending a competition will play in a match. Teams must have a minimum of 8 players to start a match. Each player in attendance must play at least one "Flag" (3-hole segment). Player substitutions will be allowed at the beginning of each new "Flag" (4th and 7th hole). Players must stay with the original match they are assigned to.

What is the schedule on League Days?

Each club sets their own starting times. It is up to parents and/or guardians to keep a relatively tight schedule. If a match begins at 7:30 am, then parents should have their youngster(s) there at least 25 minutes prior to the first tee-time. There will be a team meeting 15 minutes prior to the first tee-time. In this example it would be at 7:15 am. The Home Captain or other officially declared Volunteer Captain would gather the youngsters and explain the course rules prior to teeing off. **Each match will then consist of 9-holes of scramble play, and will last approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes.** Youngsters are expected to walk and carry their own golf bags. Spectator carts are at the discretion of the host captain or professional staff. Courses may charge for spectator carts and you accept any and all responsibility for damage or injury while operating a cart at each respective facility. Please contact the respective golf course for questions on spectator carts.

What is the protocol during rainy or inclement weather days?

Weather conditions that affect competition days are decided by each host facility. Make-up dates are difficult to schedule between clubs, but we will do our very best to re-schedule a canceled competition. In event of cancellation with no make-up date, the teams will split flags. If weather cancellation occurs during competition then remaining undecided flags will again be split.

How are pairings handled?

The visiting captain will fill out their line-up card and hand to the Home Captain to create his/her pairings. Juniors should be mixed up by ability on each Club's team, but the Captain makes the final pairings determination for each group and match.

What is the dress code for participants?

Although not all golf courses have dress codes, many, if not most, do. Therefore, it is a good idea to find out what the dress code is before going to play golf. Try speaking to someone in the professional golf shop of the course to find out the course's exact dress code. Or, you can play it safe by wearing long pants (no jeans or cargo pants) and a collared shirt (tucked into your pants).



Please remember to never show up to a country club wearing flip flops, jeans, or tee-shirts before your round. Also please remember if you are wearing a hat, "bills" always face forward. You are also expected to remove your hats when shaking someone's hand following the competition.

Regular Season Practice and Scrimmage Schedule:

For All Teams/Players, unless otherwise noted:

Sunday, May 21	- Practice @ 4:45 p.m.	(1.5 hour estimate)
May 21 Practice has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 3 at 2:30 p.m., due to weather		
Sunday, June 4	- Practice @ 4:45 p.m.	(1.5 hour estimate)
Sunday, June 11	- Scrimmage @ 3:00 p.m.	(2.5 hour estimate)
Saturday, July 29	- Scrimmage @ 3:30 p.m.	(2.5 hour estimate)

Regular Season Schedule and Starting Times for Madison West League:

(Hawks Landing GC, University Ridge GC, Bishops Bay CC, Blackhawk CC and Vitense Golf and)

Match 1 Completed by Monday, June 19th

University Ridge	@	Hawks Landing	Wednesday, June 14 @ 8:00 a.m.
Bishops Bay	@	Vitense	TBD
Blackhawk	@	Bye	Bye

Match 2 Completed by Thursday, June 29th

Vitense	@	Blackhawk	TBD
Hawks Landing	@	Bishops Bay	Tuesday, June 27 @ 4:00 p.m.
University Ridge	@	Bye	Bye

Match 3 Completed by Monday, July 10th

Hawks Landing	vs.	Vitense	Sunday, July 9 @ 3:30 p.m. (AT HLGC)
Blackhawk	@	University Ridge	TBD
Bishops Bay	@	Bye	Bye

Match 4 Completed by Thursday, July 20th

Blackhawk	@	Hawks Landing	Friday, July 21 @ 8:00 a.m.
University Ridge	@	Bishops Bay	TBD
Vitense	@	Bye	Bye

Match 5 Completed by Monday, July 31st

Vitense	@	University Ridge	TBD
Bishops Bay	@	Blackhawk	TBD
Hawks Landing	@	Bye	Bye (Inter-club Scrimmage)

Regular Season Schedule and Start Times for Madison Developmental League:

(Hawks Landing GC, Bishops Bay CC, Blackhawk CC and Lake Windsor GC)

Match 1 Completed by Monday, June 19th

Hawks Landing	@	Blackhawk	Saturday, June 24 @ 4:00 p.m.
Lake Windsor	@	Bishops Bay	TBD

Match 2 Completed by Monday, July 10th

Bishops Bay	@	Hawks Landing	Sunday, June 25 @ 3:30 p.m.
Blackhawk	@	Lake Windsor	TBD

Match 3 Completed by Monday, July 31st

Blackhawk	@	Bishops Bay	TBD
Hawks Landing	@	Lake Windsor	Monday, July 24 @ 4:00 p.m.