



# 2019 PGA Junior League at Hawks Landing Golf Club

## General Overview

PGA Jr. League is a fun, social and inclusive opportunity for boys and girls, ages 13 and under to learn and enjoy the game of golf. Boys and girls of all backgrounds and skill levels learn and play together in a supportive, two-person scramble format that encourages mentorship, builds confidence and promotes sportsmanship. The team vs. team competitions are structured into local leagues that provide a less stressful scramble format versus stroke-play competition. Much like other recreational league sports, participants wear numbered jerseys and play on teams with their friends.

## Mission, Vision & Values

PGA Jr. League is the flagship youth pillar program of PGA REACH, with the goal of making the program accessible to all interested kids in the United States and around the world. As such, the program focuses on fun, recreation, good health and sportsmanship. PGA Jr. League 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 to transition youth golfers onto more advanced learning practices.

## 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 - HLGC Professional Staff

(Primary Captain is PGA Head Professional, Rich Bartley)

Each Team Captain has four (4) primary functions:

1. Recruit a roster of 10-12 players to play on the PGA Jr. League team. *HLGC will have two teams in 2019 and therefore as many as 24 player spots available.*

## **Team Captain – HLGC Professional Staff Continued**

2. Communicate practice and competition times to team members
3. Coach the team during competitions (or arrange for volunteer coaches). Captains and Coaches may provide coaching to their players at any time during a competition, but pace-of-play must be maintained while doing so. **(NEW in 2019)**
4. Arrange and update Team Homepage on the **PGA Jr. League website**  
Each facility will generally host two or three home and away competitions during the regular season. Each competition is HLGC-vs-Another Local Team, not a tournament, and includes the following:
  - At least 4 tee-times for 9-hole matches
  - At least 2 adult match-monitors (visiting team also recommended to provide 2)
  - A competition schedule based upon local leagues, which is by rotation, versus participating clubs. (starting times vary and are set by each home club)

## **Parents Overview and Other Information**

### **Youth Eligibility**

PGA Jr. League 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 2019 season no participant who turns 14 before August 1st, 2019 will be eligible to participate.

### **Youth Skill Level**

PGA Jr. League 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 Jr. 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.

### **Scramble**

A scramble is a popular format that encourages teamwork and problem solving. Its nurturing nature creates a fun environment where the negative effect of performance errors is minimized. Each player will tee off at the beginning of each hole. The team then selects their best shot of the two and then each player plays again from the spot of the selected shot. Repeat this process until the ball is in the hole. The team with the lowest score wins the hole. Scramble play is not recognized in the Rules of Golf, but the PGA of America feels it is important to establish some guidelines by which this format can be reasonably governed. All players should be familiar with the USGA Rules of Golf, as PGA Jr. League is governed by these rules except where modified by local rules. Additional modifications and information can be found within the PGA Jr. League Conditions of Play Handbook.

## **Team Not Individual**

There is no individual scoring in PGA Jr. League. The two-player scramble Match Play style 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.

## **Flags**

Each competition consists of four 9-hole matches. Each 9-hole match is broken down into three 3-hole segments that we call "Flags". Whichever team wins the most holes within each flag (i.e. 3 holes-to-0 or 2 holes-to-1 hole), wins the corresponding flag. 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 Jr. 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. When the player is not one of the two active players in his or her team's match, they can still play an integral role in the success of their team by helping in reading putts, discussing strategy, repairing ball marks, aiding with pace-of-play and offering other valuable assistance. At no time should a substitute ever feel left out of the team's efforts!

## **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 and Coaches must successfully complete a background screen prior to any interaction with players. In addition, all registered Captains and Coaches must complete a required Abuse Prevention Systems training course and successfully pass the two-hour long presentation's examination quiz afterward. PGA Head Professional and Captain, Rich Bartley, was certified as a PGA Youth Safety Advocate on 1/25/19.

## **Match Rules**

Only players may call rules infractions. All rules infractions must be made/declared on the course and ruled upon prior to the start of the next hole. Team Captains will communicate on any possible infraction and determine the correct ruling based upon presented facts from both parties. Please keep in mind that PGA Jr. League's primary focus is fun, learning and safety. Within these primary interests, most infractions may be only initially addressed and not effectively ruled as penalties unless the offender repeatedly breaches a post-warning rule or if there has been an intentional breach of the rules to gain an advantage. The maximum penalty for any rules infraction in PGA Jr. League is one stroke. Please review the PGA Jr. League Conditions of Play for further explanations on the rules as they pertain to PGA Jr. League.

## Time Commitment

The time commitment required of PGA Jr. League 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 somewhat limited during the regular season as most teams in a local league are generally bound together geographically. A breakdown of timing and scheduled practices, scrimmages and regular season matches is listed later within this information.

## Financial Commitment

PGA Jr. League 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 and the full registration fees will be paid this year via the **PGA Jr. League website** (NEW). As PGA Jr. League 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](mailto:PGAREACH@pgahq.com).

## Spectator Expectations

PGA Jr. League 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 Jr. League. Spectators are not just allowed - they are encouraged! 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 Jr. League is for players to have fun with friends.
- Spectators agree to refrain from participating in players' strategic decisions.
- Spectators agree to stay on the cart paths, if applicable, at all times unless otherwise authorized.
- Spectators agree to defer the review and enforcement of rules decisions to the PGA Jr. League Officials. Failure to do so results in a first offense warning and the second offense being loss of hole and possible expulsion.
- Spectators agree to abstain from coaching the players.
- Spectators agree to abstain from caddying. Escorting players via golf cart between holes is acceptable, based upon facility.
- Spectators are encouraged to cheer, have fun and be supportive of the players.
- Spectators agree to demonstrate sportsmanship, respect and a positive attitude.
- Spectators agree not to argue with other spectators, players, Captains, Coaches, host facility staff or PGA Jr. League Officials. Failure to comply will result in the immediate removal of the individuals involved for the remainder of the competition. **ZERO tolerance. NO warnings will be issued.**
- Parents will find and **MUST sign and return** the Parents/Spectators Code of Conduct sheet found at the end of this packet.

## **Advancement Overview**

While PGA Jr. League 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 Jr. League also engages advanced players who critically provide peer mentoring to their younger, developing teammates. Following the PGA Jr. League regular season, "All-Star" teams will be formed from all teams in our local leagues. 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 competitions called Section Championships to earn a spot at one of twelve Regionals held across the country, in order to advance to the PGA Jr. League Championship presented by National Car Rental.

## **All-Star Teams**

All-Star players must be 13 years of age or under on August 1, 2019 in order to be eligible to participate in the postseason. All-Star players will have to produce birth certificates prior to Regional competitions. 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 Jr. League website.

## **PGA Jr. League Player Highlights @ Hawks Landing (HLGC) Include:**

- Pre-season short orientation/parent Q&A session
- 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 match competitors @ HLGc
- Players will receive two high-quality custom Garb jerseys: one blue and one orange (home and away), PGA Jr. League ball cap, performance tee-shirt, bag tag, draw string bag, as well as additional programming items.
- Opportunity for All-Star Advancement and Post-Season Competitions

### **Per Child Registration Procedure and Fee:**

All players must be registered for the current season by their parents.

Full program fees are listed within the on-line facility registration and are also below. Parents must first sign-in or create an account by going to the PGA Jr. League website or by [clicking here](#). You will need a password to access our information. **Our team password is hawks in lowercase.**

The fee to play on Hawks Landing's PGA Junior League team is \$225 and also requires a pre-payment of \$75 to PGA REACH for a comprehensive total of \$300 per child.

## FAQ's and Q&A

- It is the responsibility of the Team Captain(s) to have no less than 3 parents/adults supervising all competitions as Team Monitors or scorekeepers.
- There is a PGA Jr. League Store which parents can access and purchase various items in support of our PGA Jr. League Team. To access the on-line store, **click here**.
- Parents and most companies are welcome to Sponsor our PGA Jr. League Teams. Sponsorships will be honored and proudly displayed at all home PGA Jr. League events. Please contact **Rich Bartley, PGA** for information on sponsoring our 2019 PGA Jr. League Teams.
- **NEW** - It is recommended at all venues that participants use different tee boxes during competitions. Boys 11 & under and Girls 13 & under will play the forward junior league tee. Boys 12 & over will play the back junior league/family tee.
- Wisconsin will once again conduct two Section Championship Qualifiers and a Final Four Section Championship in order to crown one All Star team as our Wisconsin Champion. At each qualifier, the teams will post an aggregate 9 hole score much like a high school event (i.e. 130). The partner scramble format still applies with the only change being each team must hole out. **Below is How it Works:**
  - The teams will be split up on two different nines translating into five teams competing to advance. This means the two low teams will advance (one from each nine) to give us our "Final Four". The teams will be seeded based on score and play single-elimination match play to determine the Champion.
  - The Final Four Section Championship will be Sunday, August 18th at The Legend at Bergamont with Round One times beginning at 10:00am. The Section Champion advances to the Midwest Regional held at White Hawk CC in Crown Point, IN on September 14th - 15th for a chance to compete at the National Finals held at Grayhawk Golf Club in Scottsdale, AZ with dates pending.
  - There is NO additional cost to participating in the post season. National Car Rental and the WPGA administer the event with help from the host professionals. This is designed to be a fun but competitive experience for kids as we celebrate another great Jr. League season. There will be food and awards following play.

### **Here is a snapshot of the Section Championship Qualifiers:**

#### **Section Championship Qualifier #1**

Dretzka Park GC, Menomonee Falls

Sun., August 4th 2:00pm shotgun

**Nine & Hole Assignment TBD**

Lake Geneva

Legend Clubs

Milwaukee Public

North Shore 1

West Milwaukee 1

**Nine & Hole Assignment TBD**

Janesville-Beloit

Kenosha

Madison South

North Shore 2

West Milwaukee 2

#### **Section Championship Qualifier #2**

Mascoutin GC, Berlin

Sun., August 11th 2:00pm shotgun

**Red Nine & Hole Assignment TBD**

Appleton

Chippewa Falls

Madison West

Sheboygan

Wausau

**\*\*Madison Developmental - TBD**

**White Nine & Hole Assignment TBD**

Fond du Lac

Green Bay

Madison East

Madison North

Reedsburg

## FAQ's and Q&A Continued

- Hawks Landing has once again been invited to The First Tee Skills Challenge at the American Family Insurance Championship at University Ridge on Tuesday, June 18th. HLGC will bring a team of 6 kids between the ages of 10-15 for a fun competition which will include a long drive, bunker shots, putting, etc....Last year was rained out, but the previous year fifteen teams participated and had a great time competing. Cherokee was the winning team. Steve Stricker, Jerry Kelly, Skip Kendall, Andy North and Jim Schuman were there to meet the kids and offered encouragement.
  - Hawks' First Tee Skills Challenge Team will be by invitation only and most competitors will be selected from our PGA Jr. League Teams.

### Q1. 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.

### Q2. 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.

### Q3. 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.

### Q4. 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.

## Additional Information for Golfers

- **SAFETY FIRST!** - Golf is a very safe sport as long as you follow these simple rules:
  1. Stop and look before you swing to make sure other players are clear. Also, when you are walking, make sure no one is hitting around you!
  2. Rule of 5 - Be sure there are **5 BIG STEPS** between you and other players. Always strive to use the Rule of 5!
  3. Club Check - Hold your club upside down until it is your turn to swing. If it is not your turn to play, put your club away!
  4. Listen to adults because they care about your safety.
  5. Don't forget to yell "**FORE!**" if your ball comes close to landing near someone else.
- **FUN IN THE SUN!** - It is great to play outdoors!
  1. Wear sunscreen. If the sun is in the sky, make sure to reapply!
  2. Wear a hat. A hat protects your face, which is the most important place!
  3. Find shade. When you start to fade, find a spot in the shade!
  4. Drink **LOTS** of water. Drink water each day to stay hydrated the right way!
  5. Watch for storms and lightning. Thunder can be frightening, but the danger is in the lightning!
- **ETTIQUETTE**
  1. **HAVE FUN**
    - Make friends and say "Hi" to other golfers.
    - Wait your turn.
    - Never stand near or in front of someone who is hitting their ball.
    - Be quiet and stand still while others are hitting.
    - Play quickly!
    - Listen to and learn from players more experienced than you.
  2. **TAKE CARE OF THE COURSE**
    - Leave the course better than you found it.
    - Walk softly and carefully on the greens.
    - Always rake sand before leaving a bunker.
    - Repair your divots.
    - Fix your ball marks and the ball marks of others that they may have forgotten.

## Regular Season Practice & Scrimmage Schedule:

For All Teams/Players, unless otherwise noted:

- Saturday, May 4 - Orientation & Short Practice @ 3:00 p.m. (2 hour estimate)  
Saturday, May 11 - Full Practice @ 3:30 p.m. (2 hour estimate)  
Saturday, May 18 - Full Practice @ 3:30 p.m. (2 hour estimate)  
Monday, May 27 - Scrimmage @ 3:30 p.m. vs. Nakoma GC? (2.5 hour estimate)  
Friday, May 31 - Scrimmage @ 4:00 pm (2.5 hour estimate)  
Sunday, July 28 - Parent/Child Event - All PGA Jr. League Players and a Parent are welcome to participate. Additional information pending  
Monday, August 12 - Hawks Jr. Golf Closer - All PGA Jr. League Players and Hawks Tuesday Lesson Series participants are welcome. Date and additional information pending.

## Regular Season Schedule and Starting Times for Madison South League:

(HLGC, University Ridge GC 1 & 2, Edelweiss GC, Monroe GC & Vitense Golfland)

### Saturday, June 1st

University Ridge 2 @ Hawks Landing Match begins @ 4:00 p.m.

### Monday, July 1st

Edelweiss Chalet @ Hawks Landing Match begins @ 8:30 a.m.

### Thursday, July 11th

Hawks Landing @ Vitense Golfland Match begins @ 10:00 a.m.

### Friday, July 12th

Monroe GC @ Hawks Landing Match begins @ 8:00 a.m.

### Saturday, July 27th

Hawks Landing @ University Ridge 1 Match begins @ 5:00 p.m.

## Regular Season Schedule and Start Times for Madison West League:

(HLGC, Bishops Bay CC, Blackhawk CC, University Ridge GC, Pleasant View GC & Vitense Golfland)

### Sunday, June 9th

Hawks Landing @ University Ridge Match begins @ 5:00 p.m.

### Friday, June 14th

Hawks Landing @ Blackhawk Match begins @ 8:30 a.m.

### Wednesday, June 19th

Vitense Golfland @ Hawks Landing Match begins @ 8:30 a.m.

### Sunday, July 21st

Hawks Landing @ Bishops Bay Match begins @ 4:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, July 24th

Pleasant View @ Hawks Landing Match begins @ 8:30 a.m.

**Parents and Players must read, review, sign and return the following two pages to PGA Head Professional and Team Captain, Rich Bartley.**

**Thank you very much for your understanding.**

## **Honesty & Golf Etiquette Overview**

Honesty within all aspects of the game of golf is essential to each person's integrity. During our PGA Jr. League, there will be moments where we will be on-course either learning course etiquette and/or general course procedures. Please make sure to reiterate to your junior golfers how imperative it is to always remain level headed and honor yourself and the game through your own actions. Whether it's on the practice facility or on the course itself, we expect each person to conduct themselves in an honorable and respectful manner.

Inappropriate behavior and poor etiquette will not be tolerated. Please know there will be follow-up by the Professional Staff, if and when your junior's conduct is unbecoming.

Good etiquette, both personal and golf related, are essential when conducting oneself in and around the game of golf. Please sign below to indicate that you have read, shared and fully understand this overview which pertains to honesty and proper behavior of all Junior Golfers while on-site at HLGC. Please also make sure to either physically return or email this signed page to PGA Head Professional, Rich Bartley after reviewing all materials. Thank you very much.

**Junior's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Junior's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT'S SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Parents/Spectators Code of Conduct Overview

Dear Parents,

The purpose of PGA Junior League is to foster an inclusive and positive environment for aspiring players in an effort to grow their love for the game of golf. As a parent of a PGA Junior League participant, we encourage you to engage in upcoming matches by positively cheering on the kids as they play. While these matches have an element of competition to them, all parents and spectators will be held to a high standard and are expected to use caution in becoming overly vocal during matches.

It is a PGA Junior League rule that no spectator shall interfere with the flow of play or object to any ruling given by a captain, coach or rules official. If an issue arises during play with a parent or spectator, please see the host PGA Professional or another PGA Junior League captain/coach. Any disrespectful behavior and conduct detrimental to the spirit of the PGA Junior League will not be tolerated.

The Golf Professionals and Captains of each Greater Madison Area PGA Junior League Team have mutually agreed upon a team penalty for disrespectful parent and/or spectator conduct. Disrespectful behavior during a match is subject to incurring a one point penalty for the team. Further negative behavior may result in removal of the offending parent and/or spectator from the respective facility.

Please sign and return this 2019 PGA Junior League parent behavioral compliance form after reviewing all Hawks Landing PGA Junior League information.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have further questions you are welcome to view the PGA Junior League handbook for additional details on the format and rules of play.

The 2019 Conditions of Play for [PGAJrLeague.com](http://PGAJrLeague.com), can be found at [PGAJrLeague.com/Format](http://PGAJrLeague.com/Format) or directly by [clicking here](#). For those new to golf or PGA Jr. League, the Conditions of Play handbook breaks down the rules of PGA Jr. League. Captains and Coaches are not required to enforce all of these rules during the regular season, but this handbook does govern all postseason play. We encourage everyone to familiarize themselves with the Conditions of Play.

Thank you very much for supporting PGA Junior League. I look forward to working with your child(ren) and having a great time teaching them rewarding and life-long values throughout our time together.

Kindest Regards,

Richard N. Bartley, Jr., PGA Head Professional/Membership Coordinator

Hawks Landing Golf Club