

Plymouth Country Club



2020

Junior Golf Handbook

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Junior Golf Program

Welcome to the Plymouth Country Club Junior Golf Program! The Professional Golf Staff continues to develop an organized curriculum that encourages athletic development and fun. We are excited to promote a unique classification system that helps group junior golfers according to skill level and age. The core of our program continues to be our weekly Junior Golf Clinics available to children 6 years of age and older regardless of skill level. However, we encourage each junior golfer to test their skills to be placed in the proper classification group.

The goal of the PCC Junior Golf Program is to create a fun and competitive atmosphere while giving the children an opportunity to enhance their skills on and off the golf course. Topics covered will include practice range and golf course etiquette, rules of golf, fundamentals of the golf swing, as well as the five swings of golf (putt, chip, pitch, full swing iron, and full swing wood).

In 2020, we will provide friendly competition with an Interclub League via PGA Jr. League. As always, our knowledgeable Junior Golf Coaches will be conducting clinics, camps, and private individual / group lessons for junior golfers of all ages and skill levels.

JUNIOR PROGRAM CORE VALUES

Honesty

Integrity

Sportsmanship

Respect

Confidence

Responsibility

Perseverance

Courtesy

Judgement

These are the “9 core values” of the National First Tee program and something we feel strongly about here at Plymouth Country Club. We believe that golf is a lifelong sport that needs to be taught with a responsibility far beyond the game itself.

Everything you need to know about Junior Golf at PCC can be found in the handbook. Please feel free to contact the Professional Golf Staff with any questions.

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Junior Golf Classification System

The development of junior golfers relies heavily on appropriate instruction and proper group assignment. Plymouth Country Club's Junior Golf Classification System is designed to place children in groups based on skill level and age. This allows our coaches to progress kids through the phases of development using an objective criterion and a developmental mind-set. The PCC Junior Golf Program has been broken up into 5 different levels.

Children will be tested on 9 disciplines and, depending on how they perform, they will be placed into a certain level. The 9 disciplines that will be tested are:

1. Target Driver Distance
2. Target 6 or 7 Iron Distance
3. Driver Accuracy
4. Pace of Play
5. Short Putt Accuracy
6. Long Putt Accuracy
7. Chipping Accuracy
8. Golf Facts
9. Golf Etiquette

Each child is placed through the test and is graded on a pass/fail score. The total number of passed proficiencies will determine what level the child earns. Each child, regardless of their chronological age, must go through the testing process to enhance their Junior Golf experience. Please reference the chart on the next page with the descriptions of each test.

Junior golf coaches will have the ability to test children on a regular basis or whenever they feel the child is ready to progress up the ranking system.



Plymouth CC Junior Play Requirements

Level	1	2	3	4	5
Junior Ages	9 & Under	10 & Over	10 to 25	10 to 25	10 to 25
Default Tees to Play	<80 yards on Par 4's & 5's <40 yards on Par 3's	Family	Family	Red	White
Target Driver Distance	<60 yards	60-100 yards	101-140 yards	141-180 yards	>180 yards
Target 6 or 7 Iron Distance	<40 yards	50 yards	80 yards	100 yards	125 yards
Drive Benchmark (3 balls) Hole #1 or #4	n/a	Hit (1) in Fairway	Hit (3) in Fairway	Hit (2) in Fairway	Hit (3) in Fairway
Pace Benchmark (Hole #1 or #4)	n/a	12 Minutes Walking	10 Minutes Walking	10 Minutes Walking	10 Minutes Walking
Putt Benchmark - (3 balls)	n/a	Make 2 from 2-feet	Make all from 3-feet	Make all from 3-feet	Make all from 3-feet
Putt Benchmark - (3 balls)	n/a	(2) 2-putt from 18-feet	2-putt all from 18-feet	(2) 2-putt 40-feet	(2) 2-putt 40-feet
Chip Benchmark (3 balls)	n/a	2 on Green from 20-feet	3 On Green Over Bunker	2 on Green From Bunker	All on Green From Bunker
Golf Facts Benchmark (20 Questions)	n/a	30%	60%	80%	80%
Etiquette Benchmark (10 Questions)	n/a	40%	70%	100%	100%
Play (P) & Practice (PR)	P & PR with Adult ONLY	P & PR with Adult ONLY	P & PR if Approved Status	P & PR if Approved Status	P & PR if Approved Status (Additional access to the course on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays determined by Golf Professional's discretion)

Junior Dress Code

All junior golfers must wear appropriate golf attire as defined by the PCC Dress Code and employ proper golf etiquette at all times.

- No denim clothing of any style is allowed on Club property.
- Golf hats and visors must be worn with the brim facing forward, shirts must be tucked in and shoes tied. Please be aware that boys must remove their hats when entering the clubhouse.
- Tee shirts and collarless shirts are NOT allowed, however long-sleeve mock turtlenecks are allowed. Girl's golf shirts may either be collarless with sleeves or sleeveless with collars. Tank tops are not appropriate attire.
- Appropriate golf shorts shall be no shorter than mid-thigh. Other apparel such as "skorts" (skirt over short type apparel) must also comply with the mid-thigh length. Tennis skirts, cargo shorts / pants, warmup suits, sports shorts, and gym shorts are not appropriate attire on the golf course.

Plymouth Country Club depends on its members and guests to dress in good taste. The Club reserves the right to require any member or guest to change any attire which does not comply with the dress code. The above dress code does not apply to infants and toddlers, three (3) years and under.

Junior Golf Rules and Etiquette

Junior Members (Ages 22 & Under)

Members are responsible for the safety and actions of their children at all times

Golf Course and Practice Range Access For Junior Golfers 9 & Under

Junior golfers who are 9 years of age or younger are not allowed on the practice range or the golf course without an Adult Member. These Juniors are considered to be “Non Approved Status.”

Certification Procedure For Juniors 10 and Older

Juniors whom are age 10 and older have the ability to try and attain “Approved Status.”

“Approved Status” is attained by passing Level 3 of the PCC Junior Golf Program. Attaining “Approved Status” enables Juniors 10 and older to be able to play the golf course at designated times without being accompanied by an adult. Certification is a privilege and Junior Golfers found abusing the privilege will be subject to suspension.

Golf Course Availability For “Non Approved Status”

“Non Approved Status” Junior Golfers must be accompanied on the golf course by an Adult Member at ALL times.

- Monday – Thursday anytime (WITH ADULT MEMBER)
- Friday play is permitted after 3 PM (WITH ADULT MEMBER)
- Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays after 3 PM (WITH ADULT MEMBER)

Golf Course Availability For “Approved Status”

“Approved Status” Junior Golfers are granted access to the golf course at the following times:

- Monday – Thursday anytime
- Friday play is permitted after 3 PM
- Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays 12 – 3 PM (WITH ADULT MEMBER)
After 3 PM (WITHOUT ADULT MEMBER)

Practice Facility Availability For “Non Approved Status”

“Non Approved Status” Junior Golfers must be accompanied on the practice facility by an Adult Member at ALL times. Adult Members shall have priority to use of the practice facilities over Junior Members, except for times immediately preceding their tee time. Junior Members must relinquish their place on the practice facility if an Adult Member or their Guest(s) are waiting.

- Tuesday – Friday anytime (WITH ADULT MEMBER)
- Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays after 12 PM (WITH ADULT MEMBER)

Junior Golf Rules and Etiquette

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Practice Facility Availability For “Approved Status”

“Approved Status” Junior Golfers are granted access to the practice facility:

- Monday – Sunday anytime

Adult Members shall have priority to use of the practice facilities over Junior Members, except for times immediately preceding their tee time. Junior Members must relinquish their place on the practice facility if an Adult Member or their Guest(s) are waiting.

General Practice Facility Rules

- Range balls are to be used only on the practice facility NOT on the golf course
- Proper golf attire is required on the practice facility as on the course
 - No denim
 - Shirts must have collars and be tucked in
 - Hats must be worn frontwards at all times
- Ropes define the hitting area and please confine your practice to this determined area
- Please keep your divot pattern to the smallest area possible by placing the ball at the back end of the previous shot’s divot

Practice Facility – Junior Guests

- Restricted to the day when round is played
- Junior Members must accompany their guest(s) on the practice facility at all times

Locker Rooms and Clubhouse

- Junior Members and their guest(s) ages 17 and under are NOT ALLOWED in the locker room unless accompanied by an adult or using the restroom facilities, but are NOT ALLOWED to loiter, watch TV, or get snacks
- Junior Members and their guest(s) must abide by the Club’s dress code which does not permit the wearing of hats indoors

Golf Course Etiquette

- Play at a good pace and keep up with the group in front of you
- Be ready to play
- Rake all bunkers before exiting to play next shot
- Replace divots, repair ball marks, and repair any damage to green surface
- Place all trash in bins next to tee boxes

Junior Golf Schedule

Junior Camp Ages 6 & Older

The core of our Junior Program will be the weekly Junior Clinics held during the summer months. All juniors must be registered for clinics and walk-ons will not be accepted.

Session 1 – June 30th – July 2nd – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Session 2 – July 20th – July 22nd – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Session 3 – July 27th – July 29th – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Session 4 - August 11th – August 13th – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Junior Interclub League (PGA Junior League)

Open to Boys and Girls ages 9-13. The first 12 juniors to register will be on the team. If we get enough Juniors we will field a second team. The success of the Junior League and the PCC Team depends on all team members showing up for ALL practices and matches. Please only sign up if you can attend ALL practices and matches. If we get enough interest, we will create an additional team. More information listed below.

Junior Club Championship

Wednesday, July 29th

Tee Times beginning at 3:00 PM

Division 1 (18 Holes)

Division 2 (9 Holes)

Division 3 (6 Holes)



Junior Interclub Team

The Junior League Golf is designed to bring a “Little League” atmosphere to the game of golf. With teams of boys and girls, ages 9-13, the program provides a structured league environment for young golfers to compete and have fun. A team is comprised of 12 to 20 junior golfers who participate in local matches (home and away) against area teams. Players must achieve a minimum of Level 3 classification before joining the team. (See classification system above) However, the scramble format provides a comfort zone for the developing player and is designed to better socialize the game for boys and girls.

Regular participation in matches and practices is crucial to the program’s overall success. Please do not sign up if your child cannot participate in the majority of our matches. The FIRST 14 junior full golf members to sign up and can participate in the matches will be accepted onto the team. If we get enough interest we will create an additional team.

ELIGIBILITY

Juniors age 9 to 13 must achieve a minimum of Level 3 classification before joining the team. The full description of the junior classification system can be found above.

DATES & TIMES

- Team Practice Schedule:
 - Wednesday, June 10th at 5 PM
 - Wednesday, June 17th at 5 PM
 - Wednesday, June 24th at 5 PM
 - Wednesday, July 1st at 5 PM
 - Wednesday, July 15th at 5 PM
- Team Match Home Matches will be played on Thursdays at 5:00pm
- Away Matches are subject to availability of host course

Fee: \$300

Includes:

- 2 Team Jerseys (Home & Away), T-Shirt, Hat, Golf Balls, Team Bag Tag, Drawstring Bag, Instruction, and FUN!
- 5 Practices & 5 Matches

Members can sign up by emailing Steve at sfield@plymouthcc.net. If you are unsure of your child’s level or your child needs to be tested contact the Golf Shop with any further questions! We look forward to a fun and competitive Junior League Season!



ELIGIBILITY

The New England PGA Junior Tour is open to all junior amateurs who live in the jurisdiction of the New England PGA from the ages of 9-21 (age calculated September 1, 2020- i.e. if your child turns 14 before September 1, 2020 then he/she will play with 14 year olds). To be eligible for the Graduates Division, the player must have attended college.

FORMAT

All 2020 Junior Tour events will be individual stroke-play competitions. With the exception of the Boys 11 & under division and the Girls 13 & under division who will play 9 holes, all other age divisions will play 18 holes. Elite Tour events are 36-hole events. Please note that players in both Boys 11 & under division, the Girls 13 & under divisions may qualify to play in the older, 18 hole division. If you are in those age divisions and would like to play in the 18 hole division, please contact the NEPGA Director of Junior Golf Operations as it is a case by case basis.

<u>NEPGA Junior Tour Age Divisions</u>	
Boys	Girls
Boys 19-21 (Grad Div/College students)	Girls 14-18(Grad Div/college students)
Boys 16-18	Girls 13 & under (9 holes)
Boys 14-15	
Boys 12-13	
Boys 11 & under (9 holes)	
<u>Elite Tour (Two Day Events-not separate membership)</u>	
Boys 14-18	

Members interested in the NEPGA Jr League can visit the website at <http://www.nepga.com/juniorgolf/> or contact Steve with any questions. sfield@plymouthcc.net.

Junior Golf Instruction Rates

We do our best to try and accommodate everyone and every level. If none of these programs fit, we can also customize golf programs that will fit into your schedule.

Whether your children are beginner, novice, or advanced player there will be something for everyone.

Individual Junior Golf Lesson

One Hour with One Student- \$60-\$80

One Half Hour with One Student- \$30-\$40

Group Junior Golf Lesson

One Hour with Two Students- \$30-\$40 each

One Half Hour with Two Students- \$15-\$25 each

One Hour with Three+ Students- \$25-\$35 each

One Half Hour with Three+ Students- \$15-\$25 each