

2023 Summer Junior Golf Program

The Summer Junior Golf Program will be organized by the PGA Golf Professionals and the play days will consist of multiple formats (Scramble, Best Ball, Individual Stroke Play) with team concepts. Registration for the program will be through the registration form, and sign-ups for weekly play days will be through North Star Application. In order to establish a golf handicap and/or advance in divisions, scorecards will need to be turned in outside of the junior golf play days.

This booklet will outline the details of the program in its entirety – including divisions, schedule, dress code, and more. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Golf Shop at (253) 631-3133 or send me an email and I would be happy to help.

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What is our Summer Junior Golf Program?

Our mission is to enhance the enjoyment, knowledge, and appreciation of the game of golf for everyone involved. This program is for all skill levels ages 7-18. Juniors will play 3, 6, 9, and 18-hole divisions, based on skill and knowledge.

Who can play in our Summer Junior Golf Program?

Our Summer Junior Golf Program is open to playing member's children as well as grandchildren. Members may also sponsor one guest for the Summer Program. Member sponsored juniors can play during any of the scheduled Junior Golf days as well as attend all associated junior clinics.

How do I sign up my junior golfer?

Registration forms are available on our website, in the Golf Shop or at the front office. Please return forms directly to the Golf Shop by July 9th, 2023.

How do I register for the weekly play days?

We will offer weekly sign-ups for the play days through our online reservation Application, North Star. Once we receive the completed registration form, we will add your junior to North Star. You will be able to log in and simply book your junior for all events through the "Event Sign Up" tab on North Star.

What is the cost?

The cost for the Summer Junior Golf Program is \$100.00 for members and \$200.00 for sponsored guests. This includes all clinics and play days.

Do I need to stick around during the Summer Junior Golf Program?

Yes! Clinics do not require parent supervision, however, on all play days each group of juniors (with the exception to 18-holers) will need a **certified walker**.

What is a certified walker?

The walker will be certified by the Golf Shop of MVCC. The parent, guardian, or grandparent is responsible for obtaining walker(s) for the junior(s) each day.

What are the Divisions for Summer Junior Golf Program?

We have 3, 6, 9, 18 Hole Divisions. When changing divisions, juniors must pass certain qualifications. If the junior desires to begin junior play in a specific division other than 3-hole division, you must meet the divisions requirements. See below for more information on each division.

3-Hole Division

All players will play 3 holes (#16, #17, #18) from determined yardages (Par 3- 50 yards, Par 4- 100 yards, Par 5- 150 yards) in multiple fun formats. This division requires a minimum of **TWO adult certified walkers** per threesome during the weekly competitions.

To advance from this division, the junior must:

- Turn in three scorecards with 6-hole scores of 85 or less to the Golf Shop (please note that these rounds must be recorded on the junior's own time, outside of play days)
- Pass a test administered by the Golf Shop.

6- Hole Division

The junior will play 6 holes (#10, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15) from determined yardages (Par 3- 100 yards, Par 4- 200 yards, Par 5- 250 yards) in multiple fun formats. This division requires a minimum of **TWO adult certified walkers** per threesome during the daily competitions.

To advance from this division, the junior must:

- Turn in three scorecards with 9-hole scores of 90 or less to the Golf Shop (please note that these rounds must be recorded on the junior's own time, outside of the play days)
- Pass a test administered by the Golf Shop

9-Hole Division

This division plays 9 full holes from the green tees (boys and girls), beginning on the 1st hole after the 18-holer players tee off using different formats selected by the Golf Shop each week. This division requires a minimum of **ONE adult certified walker** per threesome during the daily competitions. A maximum stroke rule will be enforced of 10 strokes per player per hole in this group.

To advance from this division, the junior must:

- Post five, 18-hole rounds. (Please note that these rounds must be recorded on the junior's own time, outside of play days)
 - Boys must score 115 or less for 18-holes. Girls must score 125 or less for 18-holes.
- Pass a test administered by the Golf Shop.

18- Hole Division

This division plays 18- holes beginning from the #1 tee. Boys will play from the white tees; girls play from the red tees. They will be playing multiple different fun formats.

*** Need Help seeing where your junior will fit? Contact our golf professional staff for help (253) 631-3133***

2023 SUMMER JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Junior Summer Play Days:

July 10th (Monday) @ 9:00AM
July 17th (Monday) @ 9:00AM
July 24th (Monday) @ 9:00AM
July 31st (Monday) @ 9:00AM
August 7th (Monday) @ 9:00AM
August 14th (Monday) @ 9:00AM
August 28th (Monday) @ 9:00AM

Junior Events w/ Additional Costs: \$10 Per Player

Family Scramble: Sunday August 13th @ 4:30PM (Shot gun)

Parent-Child Horserace/Carnival: Friday July 7th @ 5:00PM

Junior/Senior Chapman: Sunday July 23rd @ 4:30PM (Tee Times)

Junior Club Championship: September 9th and 10th (Tee Times TBD)

Junior Teaching Clinics with PGA Golf Professionals (1-Hour)

3-Holer: Clinics will take place following daily play around 9:45am

6-Holer: Clinics will take place following daily play around 10:30am

9-Holer: Clinic will take place following daily play around 11:30am

Additional Teaching Clinics Taught by Brian Thornton, PGA

June and July:

- Dates TBD 3-Holers: 10am-11am
- Dates TBD 6 & 9-Holers: 11am-12pm

**Clinics are included with the junior program.*

Additional Information:

Handicaps

All 3 and 6-Hole handicap indexes will be calculated by the MVCC Handicap Chairperson and will be available in the Junior Room. In order to establish a 3- and 6-hole handicap you must turn at least TWO qualifying scorecards into the Golf Shop (these scorecards are from rounds outside of normal junior golf play days). Anytime you play please turn in a scorecard. This will ensure we have an accurate handicap.

All 9 and 18-Hole handicaps will be entered on the Club’s computer for handicap purposes and show be checked by the player before each round of competition. These will be done through GHIN. The fee for a Junior Handicap is \$5 and will be billed to the member account.

Why establish a junior handicap? The Junior Club Championship at the end of the season will have a gross and net division. Juniors can compete in both divisions.

Junior & Walker Dress Code

When playing golf, please come properly attired. Juniors must follow the MVCC dress code. The definition of “Private Golf Club Appropriate” - All Members shall make an effort to be attired in the accepted standard of Professional Golf. Men must always wear collars and women that wear tops with no sleeves must have a collar, if they have a collar, it is acceptable to have no sleeves. Dress denim is allowed in the Clubhouse and Golf Shop but not on the golf course! Shorts and Skirts for both men and women must be “Private Golf Club Appropriate”. This applies to Golf Course and Clubhouse. Hooded or athletic type sweatshirts are not consistent with “Private Golf Club Appropriate” attire.

Junior Golf Play Day Hours

During the Junior Golf Program season, the Junior Room is open at 8:00AM every day. Sign-Up sheets will be available on North Star for juniors to sign-up for the subsequent weekly tee times. In all other cases, juniors must always check in at the Golf Shop before teeing off.

Non-Junior Golf Day Hours: Complete in-season practice and playing schedule for juniors is as follows:

April through September

	Practice:	Play:
Monday	After 11:00AM	After 12:00PM
Tuesday	After 9:00AM	After 12:00PM
Wednesday	Before 10:00AM & After 1:00PM	After 3:30PM
Thursday	All Day	All Day
Friday	All Day	All Day
Saturday	After 9:00AM	After 11:00AM
Sunday	After 9:00AM	After 11:00AM

Qualified Juniors are entitled to play and practice unaccompanied during the above hours. They may also play with an adult golfing member during other adult hours. To become qualified, a junior must pass a test administered by the Golf Shop and pass an assessment by a professional.

Information for Additional Junior Events:

Family Scramble

A fun, relaxed scramble format, this event is the best way to get the whole family involved! We will have “family tees” and encourage all ages to attend! Sign up on North Star.

Junior/ Senior Chapman

All juniors are encouraged to play in this event. It will be a Junior/Senior event categorized by the junior’s division. All divisions begin play on Hole #1, with the 18-Hole Division teeing off first, followed by 9-Hole, 6-Hole, and 3-Hole Divisions. An entry form will be available to each junior member stating entry requirements, entry date deadline, and fee. Three posted scores are required prior to this event, either from Junior Golf regular play or from a combination of scores from the WJGA and Junior Golf. We encourage all juniors to play with an adult member of their family, or if this is not possible, then the adult partner must be a MVCC member. Sign up on North Star!

Parent-Child Horserace

This event will be made up of teams of two consisting of parent/grandparent and a junior golfer. We will be playing alternate shot as one large group. This is open to 3, 6, 9, and 18-holers. Sign Up on North Star.

MVCC Junior Golf Club Championship

This is a 2-day Stroke Play Tournament. Each player will be competing within his/her division. Each participating junior will receive a tee prize. An entry form will be available to each junior member stating entry requirements, entry date deadline, and fee. Please note that it is important to turn in scorecards to establish a junior handicap to compete in the Net Division of the Club Championship. Handicaps will be updated and administered by the Junior Handicap Chairperson. Reminder: Certified walkers will be assigned to a random junior group for this event.

Lessons

Individual lessons are available through the Golf Shop. Please call (253) 631-3133 for details, times, and fees.

Meridian Valley Country Club Junior Golf Certified Walker Rules & Guidelines

One of the main responsibilities of the Certified Walkers in our Junior Golf Program is to help teach and help our children learn how to properly play a wonderful game that will be with them for the rest of their lives. The importance of the Certified Walker being knowledgeable about the rules and etiquette of the game is vital to the instruction of our juniors, to the success of our program and, ultimately, to ensure the tradition of integrity and sportsmanship that are such key components to golf.

Guidelines:

- All Walkers must be certified in order to walk with their junior. The purpose of certification and the Walker rules are to ensure that our juniors are properly taught the rules and etiquette of the game. Please see the MVCC Professional Staff in the Golf Shop to take the Walker certification quiz. It is not as daunting as it sounds and takes only a few minutes to complete. The quiz covers some of the common situations that occur on the golf course and the proper procedure and rulings to follow. If you get a question wrong, the Golf Shop staff member will explain the correct answer. And that’s the whole point – to ensure you understand the rules so that you, in turn, can ensure that rules are explained and understood by the junior golfer. Once you’ve completed the test and the discussion with a Golf Professional staff member, you are certified.
- Walkers may use a cart, but **Junior Golfers may not be transported by the cart during play.**

- Walkers are viewed as caddies by Definition in the Rules. They are allowed to give advice and assist the player with their clubs during regular Junior Golf Days. They are allowed to do this in accordance with the rules provided that the assistance DOES NOT DELAY PLAY. Assistance can be in the form of advice, help with alignment and club selection, as well as assisting with carrying or pushing the golf bag.
- A Walker may carry or push the golf bag to help the pace of play, HOWEVER, the Junior should do the predominant amount of work in carrying or pushing their golf bag and should only be assisted with their bag when the pace of play is lagging. Reminder: Certified Walkers will be assigned to a random junior group for the Junior Club Championship.