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2018 JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM



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COUNTRY CLUB

2018

**Balcones Country Club
Junior Golf Program**

Mission: Provide a fun
experience while learning
the game of golf and the
core values it teaches.

Dear Balcones Country Club Parents and Grandparents,

Welcome to the Balcones Country Club Junior Golf Program! We are excited to announce our 2018 junior golf programming. Our goal is to provide parents with the resources needed to create a positive learning experience – for all players, from 5 to 17, and every skill level, from “new to the game” to “elite player.” Programming will run year round.

Included in this package is the following:

- **For Player Development** – Development Pathway and Skills Progression
- **For Players** – Calendar for Classes, Camps and Special Programs
- **For Families** – Monthly Events
- **For New Players** – Certification Process
- **Additional Resources** – Parent Portal to Track Child Progress and Play in Tournaments

We encourage you to be an active participant in your child’s development. Not only is golf a game they will play for a lifetime, it will also help them to make new friends and learn about important values like hard work and etiquette in a fun and interesting way.

Our goal is to create a fun and enjoyable learning environment.

Our staff is here to support you. If you would like to schedule some time to discuss a plan for your child or ask any additional questions, please let us know.

Take Dead Aim!

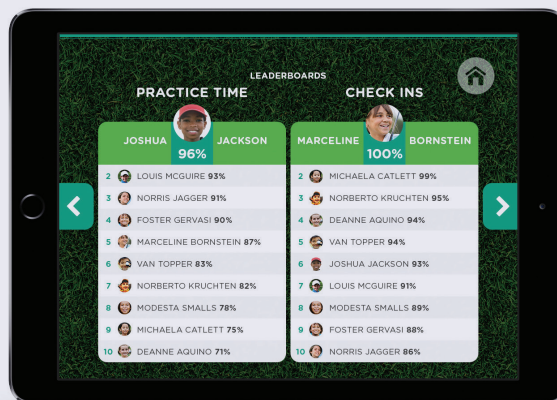
Balcones Country Club Golf Staff

NEW FOR 2018

Junior.Golf

Balcones Country Club will be using the Junior.Golf platform for all youth golf updates and communication. This digital platform will make scheduling, planning and organizing your youth golf calendar as easy as possible.

To create your free Junior.Golf account visit www.junior.golf/register



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Introducing a child to golf is one of the greatest gifts a parent can share with their child. Not only is golf a game of tremendous fellowship that they can play for a lifetime, but it will also serve them well in their career and in living a healthy lifestyle. Getting started the right way is paramount. The pillars for success center on the following: i) focus on fun, ii) having the right equipment, iii) partnering with a PGA professional and iv) taking advantage of PGA Section resources.

Playing for a lifetime

Showing the learning progression

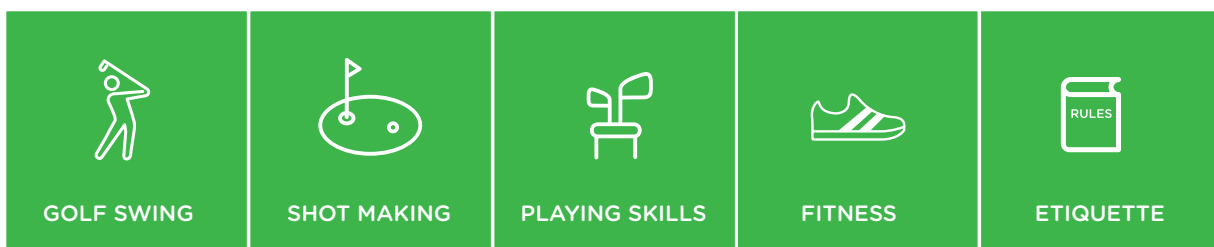
Giving the parents benchmarks for improvement

The player pathway is designed to assist parents with each step of the golf journey - from the beginner just learning the game to the elite player honing their skill set. The pathway begins with parent-child engagement, with the parent introducing the child to the game in a fun and engaging manner. As the child begins to play, they will be introduced to a golf professional to learn the fundamentals for putting, chipping, pitching and swinging. With continued instruction and practice, the player will soon have an opportunity to play in golf events, competitions and tournaments.








The development of junior golfers is heavily reliant on appropriate instruction and proper group assignment. It is essential for a junior golfer to be properly classified. This will ensure their placement in the proper group based on skill level. This allows our coaches to guide players through the phases of development using an objective criteria and developmental mind-set. The Balcones Country Club junior golf program has been broken up into five levels, or hats. A hat will be earned at each level.

Golfers will be evaluated on five building blocks, and depending on performance, they will be placed in a certain hat color. The five building blocks that will be tested include:



Each child is placed through a series of tests and is graded with a pass/fail score. The total number of passed proficiencies will determine what hat color the child earns.

Level	Description	Learning
	<p>Red Hat: Age 5+</p> <p>All players welcome to join. The goal is to teach basic fundamentals of the game in a fun environment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic fundamentals of the game such as grip, alignment, posture and weight shift • Introduction to the golf course and club environment • Certification in putting, chipping and swinging
	<p>Blue Hat: Age 5+</p> <p>Continue to learn the skills progressions and basic fundamentals</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic concepts of the swing plane • Course management principles (reading greens, basic player etiquette)
	<p>Orange Hat: Age 7+</p> <p>More advanced swing principles and increased on course instruction.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced swing principles such as retention of dynamic posture, ball position and stance width, and wrist set and release • Involvement on the golf course, focusing on distance off the tee and yardage control • Initial tournament experience with PGA Section
	<p>Green Hat: Age 10+</p> <p>Advanced dynamic posture and shot making skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next progression for dynamic posture, ball position and stance width, and wrist set and release • Managing the mechanics of junior golfers going through their growth spurt • Shot making skills such as controlling height of ball flight, uneven lies and unique short game shots
	<p>Black Hat: Age 13+</p> <p>Learn trajectory and flight control strategy for tournaments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further refining swing fundamentals • Developing trajectory and flight control • Developing game plans and course management for competitive events

SCORING SKILLS**SWING FUNDAMENTALS**

- Demonstrate 10 finger grip (hands together and thumbs down)
- Demonstrate a “Y” setup with athletic posture
- Demonstrate ability to align body with different targets
- Make five rehearsal swings (holding finish position for five seconds)
- Demonstrate ability to take putting stroke back and follow through properly

FULL SWING SKILLS

- Iron: Hit off a tee, flying ball 15 yards (3 of 5 shots)
- Wood: Hit off a tee, flying ball 25 yards (3 of 5 shots)

SHORT GAME SKILLS

- Putting: Hole 2-foot putts (3 of 5 shots)
- Putting: 2-putt from 10 feet (3 of 5 shots)
- Putting: Hit 20-foot putts within 6 feet (2 of 5 shots)
- Chipping: Hit 20-foot within 8 feet (2 of 5 shots)

SCORING SKILLS

- Be able to hole out from 150 yards in 10 shots or less

RULES, ETIQUETTE AND HISTORY

- Demonstrate knowledge of rules, etiquette, equipment and sportsmanship

SCORING SKILLS

SWING FUNDAMENTALS

- Demonstrate ability to grip the club with top of the thumb covered by the palm of the bottom hand
- Demonstrate proper ball position with an iron and a wood
- Demonstrate a full weight shift from back leg to front leg with proper finish

FULL SWING SKILLS

- Iron: Hit off a tee, flying ball 25 yards (3 of 5 shots)
- Wood: Hit off a tee, flying ball 50 yards (3 of 5 shots)

SHORT GAME SKILLS

- Putting: Hole 2-foot putts (4 of 5 shots)
- Putting: Hole 4-foot putts (3 of 5 shots)
- Putting: 2-putt from 10 feet (3 of 5 shots)
- Putting: 2-putt from 15 feet (3 of 5 shots)
- Putting: 3-putt from 30 feet (3 of 5 shots)
- Chipping: Hit 20-foot within 6 feet (2 of 5 shots)
- Chipping: Hit 40-foot within 10 feet (2 of 5 shots)
- Sand: Hit out of bunker (2 of 5 shots)

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SCORING SKILLS**SWING FUNDAMENTALS**

- Demonstrate rotation of spine and pelvis without excessive lateral movement
- Demonstrate varied stance width and ball position based on the shot being played
- Demonstrate wrist motion compatible with the swing style

FULL SWING SKILLS

- Iron: Hit onto a green from 75+ yards (3 of 5 shots)
- Wood: Hit off a tee, flying ball 100 yards (3 of 5 shots)
- Other: Demonstrate ability to hit high shots or low shots

SHORT GAME SKILLS

- Putting: Hole 2-foot putts (5 of 5 shots)
- Putting: Hole 4-foot putts (4 of 5 shots)
- Putting: 2-putt from 20 feet (3 of 5 shots)
- Putting: 2-putt from 40 feet (2 of 5 shots)
- Putting: 3-putt from 30 feet (3 of 5 shots)
- Chipping: Hit 20-foot within 6 feet (2 of 5 shots)
- Chipping: Hit 60-foot within 18 feet (3 of 5 shots)
- Pitching: Hit 20-yard shot on to green (4 of 5 shots)
- Sand: Hit out of bunker (3 of 5 shots)

SCORING SKILLS

- Shoot 60 or better on 9 holes

RULES, ETIQUETTE AND HISTORY

- Demonstrate knowledge of rules, etiquette, equipment and sportsmanship

SCORING SKILLS

SWING FUNDAMENTALS

- Demonstrate all swing fundamentals
- Complete stable dynamic posture
- Demonstrate good release and impact position

FULL SWING SKILLS

- Iron: Hit onto a green from 75+ yards (3 of 5 shots)
- Wood: Hit off a tee, flying ball 150 yards (4 of 5 shots)
- Other: Demonstrate ability to hit draw and fade shot

SHORT GAME SKILLS

- Putting: Hole 4-foot putts (9 of 12 shots)
- Putting: Hole 8-foot putts (5 of 12 shots)
- Putting: 2-putt from 20 feet (5 of 5 shots)
- Putting: 2-putt from 50 feet (3 of 5 shots)
- Sand: Hit from 10 yards within 15 feet (3 of 5 shots)
- Sand: Hit from 25 yards within 15 feet (2 of 5 shots)
- Pitching: Hit 40-yard shot on to green (5 of 5 shots)
- Pitching: Hit 60-yard shot on to green (4 of 5 shots)
- Sand: Hit out of bunker (3 of 5 shots)

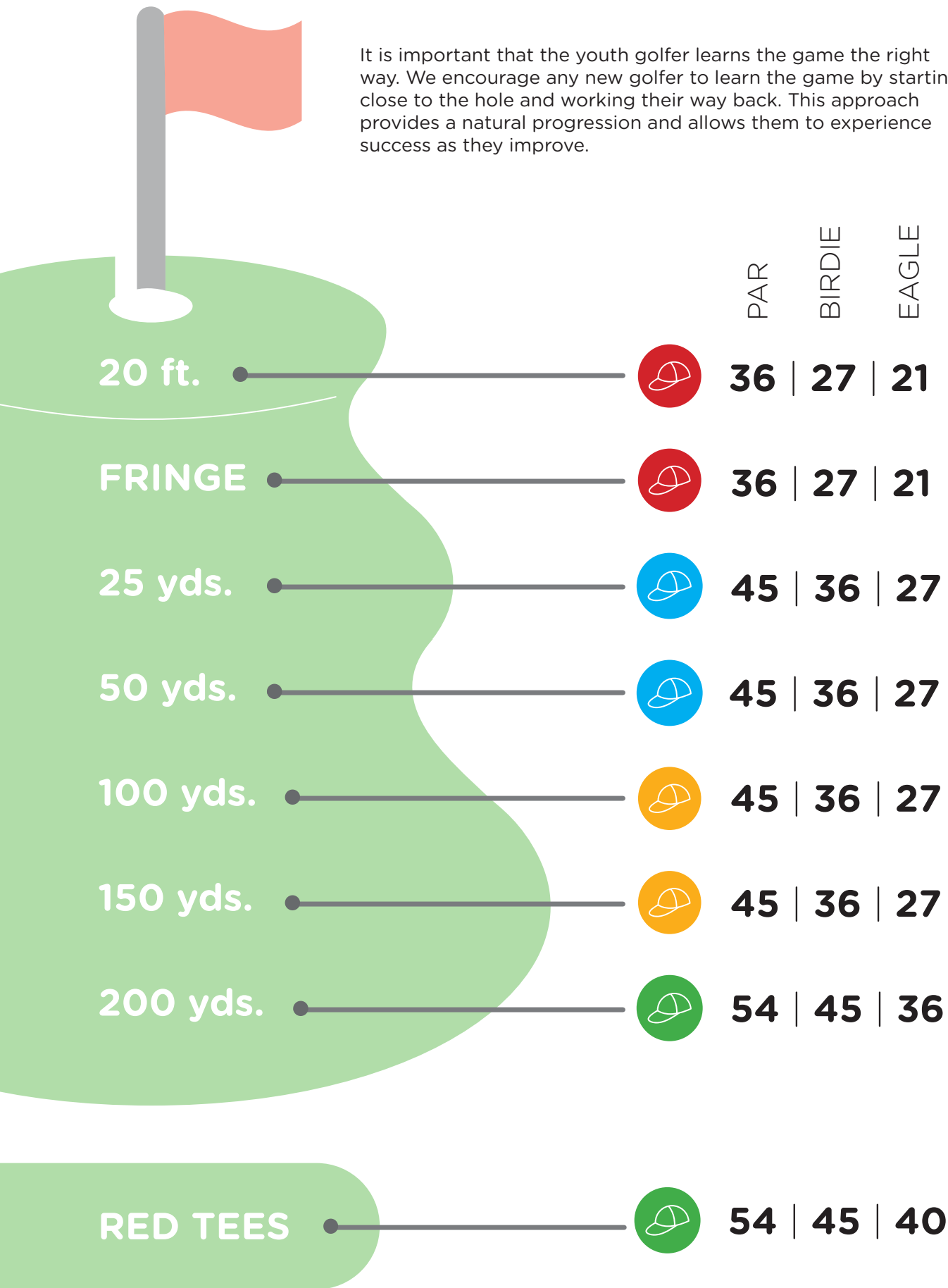
SCORING SKILLS

- Shoot 79 or better on 18 holes

RULES, ETIQUETTE AND HISTORY

- Demonstrate knowledge of rules, etiquette, equipment and sportsmanship

It is important that the youth golfer learns the game the right way. We encourage any new golfer to learn the game by starting close to the hole and working their way back. This approach provides a natural progression and allows them to experience success as they improve.





Holiday Golf Camp

January 2-5

Spring Monthly After School Program

Tuesday and Fridays
4:30 - 5:30pm

2018 Junior Program Kickoff

February 20 (6:30 - 8:00pm)
February 24 (3:30 - 5:00pm)

PGA Junior League

League runs April 1 - July 31
Tryouts early March

Kid's Glowball

March 9

Spring Break Camp

March 13-16

Spring Parent - Child

March 24

Drive Chip and Putt Challenge

Ages 6+
April 6

Summer Kickoff Scramble

May 19

Junior Member/Guest

June 23

Junior Club Championship

July 28-29

Junior/Junior Tournament

July 21-22

Parent Child Championship

August 18

Back to School Bash

August 25

Interclub Matches

TBD

Saturday Junior Clinics

Golf Member - \$10
Social/Tennis Members - \$15
Guest of Member - \$20
• 9:00AM-10:00AM (EARLY BIRDS)
• 10:15AM-11:15AM (SLEEPY HEADS)
Weekly Junior Play Days
• Saturday & Sundays
Tee Times @ 4:00

2018 Summer Golf Camps

- SESSION 1: JUNE 5-8
- SESSION 2: JUNE 19-22
- SESSION 3: JULY 10-13
- SESSION 4: JULY 24-27
- SESSION 5: AUGUST 7-10

2018 Summer Sports Camps

- SESSION 1: JUNE 12-15
- SESSION 2: JUNE 26-29
- SESSION 3: JULY 17-20
- SESSION 4: JULY 31-AUGUST 3
- SESSION 5: AUGUST 14-17

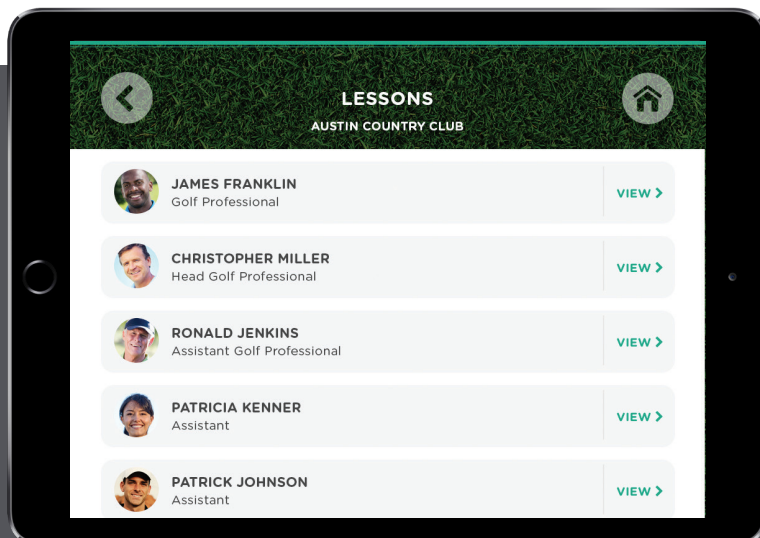
Fall Monthly After School Program

Tuesday and Fridays
4:30 - 5:30

Halloween Junior Challenge

October 27

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LESSONS ON
YOUR JUNIOR.
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Donny - GM



JJ
Director of Instruction



Alexia
Golf Instructor

Junior Golf Rates

Junior Member Rates:

- \$25 - half hour • \$45 - hour
- \$110 series of 5 half hour lessons
- \$200 series of 5 (1) hour lessons
- \$400 series of 10 (1) hour lessons

Junior Non-Member Rates:

- \$40 - half hour • \$60 - hour
- \$175 - series of 5 half hour lessons
- \$275 - series of 5 (1) hour lessons
- \$525 - series of 10 (1) hour lessons

NEVER MISS A PLAYING OPPORTUNITY WITH JUNIOR.GOLF

<p>📅 7/01/16</p> <p>Summer Putting Class 4:00-5:00 p.m.</p> <p>CLASS</p> <p>Fall Workshop 6:00-7:00 p.m.</p> <p>DROP-IN</p>	<p>📅 7/03/16</p> <p>Summer Re-Tooling 2:00-3:00 p.m.</p> <p>EVENT</p>	<p>📅 7/04/16</p> <p>Red, White & Blue Putting Contest 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.</p> <p>EVENT</p> <p>4th of July Tournament 5:00-8:00 p.m.</p> <p>DROP-IN</p>	<p>Click below to view more upcoming events.</p> <p>VIEW MORE</p>
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Easily View and Enroll in all Balcones Country Club events via your Parent Portal



In order to give a player the ability to test and measure their skills progression, it is healthy to identify competition that is aligned with their current skill. The PGA of America offers competitive events for children between the ages of 7 and 18 years old. The PGA Section tournaments are during the spring, summer and fall and create another opportunity for your child to engage in the game.

Little Linksters (Ages 6-12)

Little Linksters is a program where juniors participate in tournaments geared to introduce them to golf. Junior golfers, ages 6-12, are grouped by age, gender and skill level, and play either 5 or 9 holes. The program encourages and motivates juniors to learn the game, enjoy the game, improve at their own pace, and be as competitive as each individual aspires.

Junior Links Tour (Ages 13-18)

The Junior Links Tour is for juniors who have just begun to play golf or need more experience before playing in our Junior Tour. It consists of 9-hole tournaments during the summer, and is open to juniors ages 13-18.

Junior Tour (Ages 11-18)

The Junior Tour program is designed to give skilled junior golfers the opportunity to compete in tournaments against many different people across Southern Texas. This program is for juniors ages 11-18. It is the perfect program for juniors in middle to high school golf programs looking to improve their game in 18 or 36-hole events.

Prestige Tour (Ages 13-18)

The Prestige Tour is the most competitive program that the STPGA offers. Geared towards the best players in Texas, it is a great stepping stone for juniors as they prepare for state and national events. This tour is meant for highly skilled players with tournament experience.



Legends Junior Tour (13-19)

The Legends Junior Tour is open to boys and girls ages 19 and under. This tour will serve as a natural progression for those players who have successfully competed at the NTPGA, STPGA and HGA levels.



Drive Chip and Putt Championship

The DCP Championship is a free nationwide junior skills competition open to boys and girls ages 7-15. Registration opens in March, with qualifiers in Southern Texas taking place in June and July. Visit www.drivechipandputt.com for more information.



PGA Junior League

PGA Junior League Golf is a group of local golf teams who play a series of games against each other, utilizing a nurturing and social scramble format. The program is available to boys and girls, 13 and under, of all abilities. The recommended minimum age is 9. A player cannot be 14 years of age prior to August 1.

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GOLF EQUIPMENT

How it Works

Select the clubs that fit your child's current height. When they outgrow the clubs, come back to Junior.Club and get a new size.



Select Clubs



Arrive at your Door



Swing Away



Grow with Callaway

Starting at \$12/month



Growing with the Game. Made Easy.

Get them started with the Callaway club lengths, weights and lofts designed to give kids everything they need to play well. When they outgrow the first set of clubs, simply return to Junior.Club to select the next size. We'll send out the new clubs and take back the old.



36"-42"



42"-48"



48"-56"



56"-64"

Ready for bigger clubs

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