

TWENTY



VALLEY

GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Junior Golfer
Orientation

(For Parents & Players)

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1 Welcome to Twenty Valley

The Board of Directors and fellow members welcome Junior golfers to our club. The Directors encourage the Junior Golf program and recognize that our Junior players will be the future of golf. Twenty Valley has a very active Junior Golf program and volunteers work hard to improve their experience at our club.

As with many sports there are rules and policies. This information package has been developed for Juniors and their parents. Understanding and following the policies of the golf club is just as important as understanding and abiding by the rules of golf.

2 Junior Golf Director

The Junior Golf Director has the following duties:

- Responsible for establishing and maintaining the junior golf program
- Recruits and maintains the necessary membership for the Junior Golf Committee
- Submits the Junior Golf Program annually to the Board for approval
- Submits a final report to the Board of Directors
- Submits the monthly Junior Report for the newsletter
- Submits necessary correspondence on behalf of the committee
- Co-ordinates, chairs and completes minutes for meetings for the committee
- Submits electronic records of Junior Program activities to the Twenty Valley Administrative Assistant for filing and future use
- Provides material for the Twenty Valley Website www.twentyvalleygolf.com

3 Junior Golf Program

3.1 Purpose

In cooperation with the Golf Association of Ontario (GAO) and in support of Future Links, Canada's national Junior Golf Program conducted by the Royal Canadian Golf Association (RCGA), Twenty Valley Golf & Country club supports Junior golf with an environment emphasizing fun and designed to forge a link between Canada's youth and golf.

3.2 Objectives

To provide Junior golf members of the Twenty Valley Golf Club an enjoyable golf experience emphasizing fun through training and on course play at varying levels of skills and competition.

3.3 Principles

- Fun of the game for juniors (and volunteers involved)
- Honesty
- Sportsmanship

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- Building camaraderie
- Developing friendships Developing skills
- Competitive play at various levels
- Adhering to the RCGA and Local Rules of Golf
- Golf Etiquette
- Acceptable speed of play
- Recognition
- Giving Back
- Encourage and educate in opportunities for juniors for advancing education and employment through golf.

3.4 Delivery

The Junior Golf Program will be delivered through three levels of instruction and play. They are the Beginner Juniors, Club Juniors and Touring Juniors (Inter Club and Ben Hogan Tour Juniors).

The specifics for each category are set out in the following information.

3.5 Beginner Junior Golfers (Future Links Program)

- This program is reserved for juniors who are first time golfers or not able to play 9 holes of golf without assistance.
- 2010 Clinic dates are:

Sat July 10th	Sat July 24 th	Sat Aug 14 th
Sat July 17 th	Sat Aug 7 th	*Sat Aug 21 st

There are NO rain dates

- *Sat Aug 21st -Skills Competition, small Field Day and Banquet
- The clinic runs 2 sessions; 12:30 pm – 1:45 pm OR 1:45 – 3:00 pm.
- Teaching will emphasize ball striking, chipping and pitching, and putting.
- Weekly lessons will integrate small competitions to reinforce the drills of the week.

3.6 Fees for 2010

- The fee for the Beginner Junior Golf Program (all 6 sessions):
- Members: \$30 dollars per child.
The Members rate is for the children and/or grandchildren of a member.
- Non-Members: \$60 dollars per child.
A Non-member is any parent that has no membership affiliation to 20 Valley Golf Course.

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- Nieces, nephews, friends and neighbours of a member are considered "Non-members"

3.7 Club Juniors

- Reserved for any junior member who is able to play nine holes of golf without assistance.
- Instruction will take place on the golf course and range.

3.8 Touring Juniors (Inter Club and Niagara District Junior Tour)

- Reserved for any junior member who is able to play golf at proficient level and who has the desire to play and travel outside of the golf club.
- The emphasis will be on identifying junior tours that exist within the region and facilitating the attendance through volunteers. This will cover the Bantam, Juvenile and Junior levels for male and female juniors.
- Range instruction will focus on ball striking, chipping and putting.
- On course play will focus on the rules, speed of play, etiquette, golf course management and the mental aspect of the game.
- Selected members of the club will be encouraged to take part in play to aid in instruction.
- Touring Juniors will be encouraged to take part in the Club Junior events, Junior Inter Club Tour, Ben Hogan Tour and the Club Championships.
- The age categories are as follows. Bantam; under 13 years, Juvenile; ages 14 and 15 and Junior; ages 16 to 18.

4 Golf Professional & Pro Shop Staff

Our Golf Professional Brody Whetham and the Pro Shop staff will provide encouragement, knowledge and act as role models for our Juniors.

Given the correct atmosphere everyone should enjoy watching the Juniors develop their golf skills and knowledge of the game.

Through positive attitude Juniors will continue to improve, become active at the club and continue on as Senior Members, thus maintaining the growth of the overall membership.

The Twenty Valley Pro Shop is a place of business so please observe proper behaviour and no loitering.

The golf Professional's door is always open so please feel free to ask for advice!
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5 Dress Code

5.1 On the Course & Practice Area

Twenty Valley Golf & County Club sets a reasonable standard of dress that is required at all times. Conventional golf attire must be worn at all times on the golf course and practice areas. All articles of clothing must be clean, free of rips and free of holes. Shirts or tops must be worn at all times. Members are responsible for informing their guests of the dress code and are responsible for the attire of their guests.

Male:

Acceptable includes:

- Turtlenecks, mock turtlenecks and collared “golf” shirts tucked in
- “Golf” shorts not more than 6” above the knee
- Soft spikes or appropriate running shoes
- Traditional slacks

Unacceptable includes:

- Denim jeans or shorts (during active golf season – April 15 – Oct 31)
- Short shorts
- Cut offs
- Team shirts
- Tank tops
- Shirts with slogans
- Sweat suits
- Swim attire
- Headgear in clubhouse
- Any garment displaying an offensive statement

Female:

Acceptable includes:

- “Tailored” blouses and slacks
- “Golf” shirts (unless banded, shirts must be tucked in)
- Sleeveless tops with collars
- Collarless tops with sleeves
- Soft spikes or appropriate running shoes
- “Golf” shorts not more than 6” above the knee

Unacceptable includes:

- Denim jeans or shorts (during active golf season (April 15 – Oct 31)
- Short shorts
- Cut offs
- Team shirts
- Tank tops fleece or knit jogging suits
- Spandex
- Shirts with slogans

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Golfers not conforming to this dress code will not be permitted to play at Twenty Valley.

5.2 Clubroom and Dining Room

Members and guests will remove their hats and / or visors when seated for service in the clubroom and dining room, bar included. This ruling applies only to areas mentioned and does not include either of the verandas.

6 Code of Conduct

Golf is a privilege and not a right. Please respect your elders and listen to their advice.

No horseplay of any kind will be tolerated at Twenty Valley golf & Country Club.

Perception is very important so please no LOITERING in the Pro shop, Practice Area, on the verandas or in the Club House.

Juniors are discouraged from remaining at the club during member league play. (Men's League, Couples League, Field Days etc)

Participants of the Beginner Junior Golf Program will be supervised at all times.

7 Etiquette

7.1 On the Course and Practice Area

Safety is most important for all players.

Never stand in front or even beside someone about to strike a golf ball. Slightly behind and far enough away so you are out of the person's vision is the correct position to stand.

There is never any reason to run, unless you are vacating the golf course during a lightening storm.

Always remain quiet while someone is hitting and remember voices carry in the wind so talk soft enough that you won't disturb other players.

7.2 In the Club Room & Dining Room

Always remember to remove your hat when entering the Club Room. To do so is a sign of respect for the golf club and other members. Set a good example for others.

Members are encouraged to relax and enjoy the Club Room. Juniors are offered this same courtesy and should display their very best behaviour at all times.

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8 Member Identification and Password

When joining the club the office manager will provide each Junior with an identification number and an associated password.

The ID number is used to charge food (if authorized), beverages and qualifying pro shop items.

The password is used with the ID number to book tee times on line.

9 Billing Information

9.1 Charging Privileges

In order for Juniors to have charging privileges a parent must leave a credit card number on file with the office manager.

9.2 Monthly

The office manager prepares monthly statements of expenses incurred by members. During the summer they are placed in the Pro Shop for members to pick up. During the off season they are all mailed. Payment is due upon receipt.

9.3 Annually

Annual membership dues and associated fees are billed in January. The statement includes charges for locker rental, range membership, club storage, electric cart storage etc. Payment dates will be provided with the statement.

10 Booking Tee Times

Juniors can book a tee time on line at www.twentyvalleygolf.com or by telephone. The Pro Shop staff will provide instruction to use the system.

Full details are in the Member Directory / Starting Time Policies / Weekday Bookings / Weekends & Holidays.

11 Pace of Play

Groups should play in a maximum of **four hours**. Pace of play must be maintained. Falling one or more holes behind the group in front of you is unacceptable.

If your group is out of position on the course you will be given a **verbal warning** and instructed to get back in proper position as soon as possible.

After sufficient time to get back into proper position and your group is still out of position the group will be instructed to **pick up and proceed to the next tee**. Warning will be reported to the disciplinary committee.

A third time out of position in the same round will result in the group being instructed to leave the golf course.

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At the discretion of the disciplinary committee, groups which are repeatedly slow may lose tee privileges.

12 Handicap

12.1 Handicap Season

The Official 2010 Handicap season for Ontario is April 15th to October 31st. You are required to record all scores in the handicap system any time you play in season.

12.2 Acceptable Scores

Nearly all scores are acceptable because of the basic premise of the Handicap System; "every player will try his/her best at every hole, in every round regardless of where the round was played." and - that all scores are made under the Principals of the Rules of Golf.

The following are acceptable scores:

- 18 holes
- 13 or more holes
- Consecutive and non-consecutive nine-hole scores
- Scores on all courses
- Scores in all forms of competition: match play, stroke play, team competitions
- Scores made under the Rules of Golf
- Scores played with preferred lies (winter rules /"tipping them up")

12.3 Handicap System

There is a computer in the Pro Shop for recording your scores or you can use your home computer. The Pro Shop staff will provide instruction to use the system.

In order to correct any score you may have entered incorrectly you will have to call the pro shop to have them fix it.

12.4 Handicap (Factor) Cards

Players who require a signed approved handicap factor card (to play in outside events) will submit a request form to the Handicap Committee for approval. Request forms are available in the Pro Shop or from the web site (Policies/Handicaps/download Handicap Request Form). Please allow at least 7 days for review and approval.

Note: Handicap cards are only good for 15 days from date of issue

13 Club Championships

Junior players are encouraged to participate in the annual Club Championships held the long weekend in August. Sign up sheets are posted for entrants and there is no fee for a Junior to take part.

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14 Leagues

Juniors are only eligible for Junior League play at the club.

Juniors are discouraged from remaining at the club during other member league play. (Men's league, Couples League, Field Days etc)

15 Junior Member Events

Juniors are invited to play in the Club Championships and the Closing Field Day as well as events specific to Junior players.

16 Web Site

The Twenty Valley Golf & Country Club web site is: www.twentyvalleygolf.com
The site is kept current and we encourage members to visit often.

17 Member Directory

The Member Directory is the member's guide book. It contains member telephone numbers, club policy, membership category playing restrictions and much more. Please pick up a copy from the office.

18 Contact Us:

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