

JUNIOR PROGRAM GUIDE 2024



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MISSION

To impact the lives of young people through an active junior golf development program that promotes character development and life-enhancing values through the game of golf.

“Respect the Game, Respect the Course, Respect Each Other . . .”

CORE VALUES

Honesty. Integrity. Respect. Courtesy. Sportsmanship. Fellowship. Confidence. Responsibility. Perseverance. Judgement.

WILLOW PARK TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

We try to teach the game in a very simple manner. No big words, no confusing terms, and concepts. We want all our junior students to enjoy the game at all times. Laugh off the bad shots and admire and revel in the accomplishment of the good ones. We concentrate on the basic fundamentals of the grip, stance, set up and posture, which are trained on the range, creating a reliable routine, so they become second nature on the course. From the youngest of ages, it is important that our juniors start off in the game learning how important their time on the range, and in turn, practice, will be to their development as young golfers.

As we see kids get older and more comfortable and confident with their swing, we try to teach our students how to understand why their shots do what they do. We must understand how and why shots are created, so we can then recreate the shots needed on the course.

We also believe that it is our duty as Golf Professionals to instill in all our junior students the importance of proper golf etiquette. Honour, integrity, honesty, and a sense of fair play, are all things that transcend the game, and hopefully become a part of all our junior’s lives as they grow into young adults in the coming years.

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Code of Conduct

Willow Park takes great pride in all of its members and facilities. Golf is a game of honour in which respect for your fellow competitor and the rules are integral to the game. The Code of Conduct below identifies the minimum standard junior members are expected to meet as members of Willow Park, whether at the Club or while representing the Club.



ATTIRE

Proper golf attire in the Clubhouse and on the course must be worn at all times:

- All clothing must be worn in a neat and respectable way.
- Collared shirts for boys and for girls tailored blouses or golf shirts (which require either a collar or sleeves).
- Tailored slacks, capri pants, shorts or skirts for the girls. **Shorts must fall between mid-thigh and bottom of knees.**
- Boys shirts must be tucked in. Shirts or blouses that are designed and stitched to be worn outside of pants may be worn as long as the shirt is long enough that no skin is showing when the player extends their arms straight above their head.
- Clothing or equipment may not display objectionable or offensive language, garish or vulgar slogans, advertising and/or sports uniforms.
- Advertising or corporate logoed golf wear must be tastefully displayed.
- Hats are to be worn properly (peaks forward) and are to be removed in the Clubhouse.
- Steel spiked shoes are not permitted on the property.
- A fitting night with a selection of Willow Park Junior apparel will be available for purchase at the Junior Orientation on April 11th.

Common Breaches of Dress Code & Unacceptable clothing:

- Blue jeans/denim, rugby pants, cargo pants and cargo shorts (more than four outside pockets), cut offs, short shorts, tank tops, belly shirts, t-shirts, sweat pants, fitness apparel or spandex commonly worn to the gym or a yoga studio, stretch athletic and exercise wear. Collarless shirts and tee shirts for boys. Halter/tank tops and low-rise shirts for girls (no exposed midriff).

ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND DRUGS

- Use of drugs will not be tolerated. Use of alcohol and tobacco is not permitted anywhere on the golf course. For Juniors who are 18 years of age, use of these products is not permitted in and around Junior events.

BEHAVIOUR AT OTHER CLUBS

- You are a guest when visiting other clubs and you represent yourself as well as Willow Park. This Code of Conduct applies. It is important to respect the values and standards of other clubs and adhere to their policies should a stricter code exist.

GOLF COURSE & CLUBHOUSE BEHAVIOR

- The golf club is an adult environment; Juniors are expected to act accordingly conducting themselves in a respectful and courteous manner, demonstrating their understanding of the privilege it is to be a Willow Park Junior Member.
- **Juniors are welcome in the lounge. Recognizing this privilege, Juniors are not allowed to sit at the bar.**
- Abusive or inappropriate conduct or language, including temperamental outbursts, throwing, or breaking clubs, any form of cheating or abuse of the golf course in any way is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

VIOLATIONS OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

If a minor violation occurs, the individual will be prohibited from further participation until he/she complies with the above code. The individual must do so without delay and then maintain the standard. Any such actions that are considered serious may result in the individual being removed or excluded from any Junior Programs or activities until the incident is considered by management.

General Information

LOCKERS

Junior members may rent their own locker or use their parents'.

BICYCLES

Junior members may lock their bikes to the metal railing bordering the Clubhouse, located in the south east area of the parking lot.

WILLOW PARK WEB SITE

Important information and regulations can be found on the Willow Park Web site:

[Www.willowparkgolf.com](http://www.willowparkgolf.com). Included is information on booking tee times, guest policy, hours of operation as well as contact information for all Willow Park members. The web site is kept current and has information of interest and reference including a section devoted to the Junior membership and program. All junior members have access to the member pages on the website. If you have not already been set up with a username and password, please contact the administration office and they will set you up.

CLUB STORAGE

Club storage is available by obtaining a bag number from the Back-Shop staff. Clubs are to be dropped off at the Back Shop for storage. Junior members must not hang around the club storage area and are not permitted to enter the Back Shop.

PLAY RESTRICTIONS

- No Booking privileges before 3 pm on Saturday, Sunday and Holidays. No booking privileges on Tuesdays (League Day for Men and Ladies).
- Juniors ARE allowed to play as early as 1 pm on weekends & holidays, if there is available space on the day of. These times cannot be booked in advance, only on the day of play.
- Playing privileges may also be restricted due to tournament play.

JUNIOR GUEST FEES

Juniors may bring a Junior guest to the course for a reduced guest fee: \$50 for 9 holes | \$75 for 18 holes.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Always be conscious of the safety of other players.
- Realize your shots don't always go as planned; position yourself accordingly.
- Be considerate when others are waiting by limiting your time on the range.
- When adult competitors are warming up prior to tournaments, please refrain from using the driving range or stalls. Instead, use the putting green or short game areas.

Parent Information

PARENTS AND SPECTATORS ON COURSE GUIDELINES

The Junior Committee encourages players to develop their own game.

- During tournament play, parents and spectators are required to keep a distance of 30 paces from players.
- Parents and spectators may not instruct or advise participants during competition.
- If parents and spectators choose to cheer, respect must be shown equally for all players.
- Individuals not adhering to these regulations will be asked to cease the inappropriate conduct or to leave the course during play.

PARENT SUPPORT AND INVOLVEMENT

The Junior Program is developed, organized, and conducted through volunteer efforts. Parents have an important role to play in the junior golf program not merely to make the program run successfully, but to make it an enjoyable and meaningful experience for your child and for you, the parent.

The committee has presented ideas and means by which parents can be actively involved in facilitating the growth and development of their child in not only their golf game, but in all the life skills that are a part of playing the game. This information is designed to encourage parents to get involved and stay involved as their child progresses through their junior golf years; info can be found on the Junior Section of the Willow Park website.

In addition to supporting your child in golfing activity, the program depends on the volunteer time of parents to operate all Junior Program events. Familiar with the game or not, we have a number of areas for you to help out. If you are new to golf, we can pair you with another parent to learn more about golf and how to make it enjoyable for your junior. During the Junior Club Championship, commitment is required from every family whose child participates. One parent volunteer per day, per child as a walking scorer is needed. Please check your calendar and advise the Junior Committee which day fits your schedule. If a parent is not able volunteer, please arrange for a friend with golf "know-how" to volunteer on your behalf.

Parents of Interclub players are expected to assist as a walker/scorer when Willow Park hosts girls and boys Interclub.

DONATIONS

Last year, ~\$2,000 in goods and gift certificates were donated to the Junior program, which significantly enriched the Program. These donations are very much appreciated. The Junior Committee welcomes support from parents and their associations. Please contact one of the Junior Committee members or the Pro Shop. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Golf Etiquette

WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT THE COURSE

- Ensure you are wearing proper golf attire.
- Arrive at least 15 minutes before your tee time. This allows you to obtain your scorecard, sand mix, mark your ball, etc. and be prepared and ready to tee-off. This is also courteous to your fellow players in your group.
- If you plan to practice – factor that in.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT THE FIRST TEE

- Greet and shake hands with every player and introduce yourself to any players that you have not met before.
- Identify your ball to the other players.
- Exchange scorecards if playing in a competitive event.

HOW TO'S IN AND AROUND THE BUNKER

- Enter a bunker from below and to the side, then you won't collapse the sand on a steeper slope, and if your shot doesn't get out of the bunker, your ball won't end up in one of your footprints.
- Carry the rake in with you and lay it gently to the side.
- Exit the same way you entered.
- Rake the bunker and finish by pushing the sand away from you in smooth long strokes.
- Rake in a direction towards the green, not parallel to it, this provides an easier shot for the next player.
- At Willow Park, place the rake with 1/2 of the handle outside the bunker pointing away from the green and the head of the rake inside the bunker. The other 1/2 of the handle and rake is inside the bunker.

WHERE TO PULL CARTS AROUND GREENS AND TEES

- The areas near greens and tees are subject to much wear and tear, and compaction of the ground. The greens, fringes, and tees are areas on which we "play" more than the fairways and thus demand more care.
- Keep carts beyond the bunkers and 10 paces from the green; do not take them between the green and the bunker.
- Keep your cart off the tee box at all times.

WHERE TO PARK PULL CARTS AND PLACE CLUBS IF CARRYING

- At the tee, set your cart on the pathway, opposite the tee marker.
- At the tee, set your carry bag on the tee box, but removed from the tee markers. It should be well to the side of the marker, out of players' swings or practice swings and not behind where the bag will be in player's view.
- On the fairway place the bag off to the side of your ball. If you are stopping near another player's ball; set it down away from the player and out of his view, definitely not behind the player or his ball.
- On the greens, your cart and bag should be placed between the flagstick and where you walk towards the next tee. This really speeds up play! Carts should be outside or beyond the bunkers and 10 paces from the green. Carry bags should be beyond the fringe.
- Helping each other – by pushing a cart around to the back of the green for example – is real courtesy and improves pace of play.

PUTTING GREEN ETIQUETTE

- Avoid walking on another player's line.
- Avoid moving when someone is putting.
- Don't stand along a player's line or in their peripheral view while a player is putting.
- Ensure you remove your ball from the hole with your hand – DO NOT use your putter to scoop it out of the hole as it can damage the edge of the cup.

WHEN TO APPLY BUG SPRAY

- Apply bug spray when you are standing on asphalt pathways, do not spray when on the grass because bug spray will kill the grass, leaving an ugly brown patch.
- The impact bug spray has on grass should remind us to keep the spray away from our mouth and eyes, and to wash thoroughly before we eat food.



Golf Etiquette

HOW TO REPAIR DIVOTS

- **Fill in your divots on tees and fairways with sand mix.**
- **If the divot is intact please replace the divot and step on it to ensure it is flat.**
- Also fill any divots that others have left behind, then flatten with your foot.
- Carry sand mix bottle and use on fairways to fill divot holes.
- Sand mix bottles are also available at some tee boxes throughout the course.

TAKING CARE OF THE GREENS - REPAIRING BALL MARKS

- Greens are the most expensive part of the golf course to build and require extensive maintenance to provide the standard that we want to play on.
- Balls landing on the green leave a ball mark. If these indentations are repaired within 5 minutes they will recover; but if they are left for a day or not repaired at all, it leads to scarred greens, bumpy greens and putts that don't go in the hole, so repairing your ball mark and one other un-repaired marks is a **MUST**.
- The proper way to repair a ball mark:
 1. Use a prolonged ball mark repair tool.
 2. Insert at the edges of the mark, not the middle.
 3. Bring the edges together with a gentle twisting motion, but don't lift the centre. Try not to tear the grass.
 4. Smooth the surface with the sole of your putter. You're finished when it's a surface that you would putt over.
- When removing the flagstick from the hole, make sure you lift it straight up so as not to contact the earthen lip of the cup. If the flagstick is sticky, then twist it as you are raising it.
- Rest the flagstick on the green, don't drop it. Lay it so that it is not near the line of anyone's putt nor on an extension of the line behind the ball or beyond the hole.
- When returning the flagstick, make sure it is placed in straight and gently so as not to damage the lip of the cup. The first player who completes the hole should pick up the flagstick and be responsible for placing it back in the hole at the end of play.

COURSE CARE AND SPRAYING BY TURF STAFF

- Organic fertilizer is sprayed during the season and fungicides are sprayed in the fall to prepare the course for winter.
- The blue colour is not the chemical but is food colouring to enable the crew to see which areas have already been sprayed.
- For you, the colouring is a reminder to wash your hands before eating.

HOW TO RESPECT TURF STAFF WORKING ON THE COURSE

- **Safety should always be our first priority** in a potentially dangerous environment.
- The crew are working and are amidst noisy machinery. Depending on the situation, wait for them to finish or pull to the side before you play, ensure you get their attention.
- Thank them, remember they are providing a service and making the course better for us.
- Never play if they "might be" in the way or have a chance of getting hit.



Golf Etiquette

TYPES OF DISTRACTIONS

Be mindful of minimizing noise, movement, and visuals when your partners are playing for everyone's enjoyment:

Noise

- Talking – voices carry, especially loud or young ones.
- Irons clanging while you are walking – silence them with your hand or towel.
- Putting your clubs down – silence them with your hand or towel. Always put clubs down and away quietly.
- Taking your glove on and off – the sound of a velcro strip can be distracting.

Movement

Many movements will disturb others – some will disturb even those who are on the next fairway. Be mindful of:

- Putting your clubs down, pulling them out of or putting them back in your bag.
- Cart movement.
- Practice swings, before or after your shot.
- Dropping garbage in a waste container.
- Raking a bunker.

Visual distractions to avoid

- Standing on an extension of a player's shot that he/she is about to make.
- Moving yourself or anything else within the player's peripheral view.
- Shadows casting interference, usually later in the day.

CELL PHONE & ELECTRONICS

When using cell phones on the golf course or in the Clubhouse, know that you may be interrupting the experience others are enjoying. With courtesy in mind:

- Set your cell phone to vibrate or silent.
- When making or receiving calls, leave the patio, lounge or dining room to enable others to enjoy their experience.
- If making or receiving calls on the golf course, ensure not to distract your playing partners and other golfers in the vicinity. Please pick up your ball if your conversation is going to impact the speed of play.
- Use of headphones, iPods and other electronic music equipment – for safety reasons – is not permitted while on the course or practice areas but can be used on the driving range only.
- If playing music electronically on the course, please keep the volume at a respectable level as not to distract or interrupt other golfers.
- Ensure your guests are aware of and follow this policy.
- Cell phones are not permitted during tournament play with the exception of scoring on golf genius.

PACE OF PLAY

- Pace of Play affects everyone on the course.
- All players have a responsibility to set a good pace and not hold up those players behind.
- If you do not maintain an appropriate pace it will hurt everyone else that day who tees up after you. It is imperative to maintain a good pace.
- The standard pace at Willow should be 4 hours and 10 minutes for 18 holes. However, the expectation is 4 hours.
- Focus on your game and your next shot. Walk briskly to your ball and plan your shot as you approach it so that you are ready to play as soon as it's your turn.
- Do not move to another player's ball with that player – allow him/her to focus on their shot and you to focus on your game.
- Moving independently to each person's ball speeds up play.
- Take one practice swing at the most.
- It is courteous to assist a fellow player to help find his ball and to do so in an efficient manner. It also minimizes delays.
- If you can't keep up to the group in front of you, it is courteous to allow the group behind you to play through.

Golf Etiquette

SAFETY

Safety in golf is etiquette – and it's everyone's responsibility.

- Avoid swinging your club towards or near anyone. Small pieces of dirt, sand or broken tees could be propelled into another player's eye causing injury.
- If there is any doubt that your shot may reach the group in front of you – wait until they move on!
- If a ball might be going near another person, you “must” warn them, by yelling “fore” loudly and immediately.
- If a ball is heading in a direction and you can't see if anyone is there, you must yell “fore” (e.g. towards another fairway, green, tee, driving range, OB or a backyard). You are responsible to warn others of an errant ball.
- If someone is standing in an area where your shot may go if it is errant, alert them before you play your shot (e.g. if you are playing from a bunker and they are beyond the hole, but in the same direction as you are heading and a thin bunker shot might hit them).
- If you aren't sure that your shot will land in an area where there are no people, or if your ball is leaving your fairway, yell “fore” immediately and loudly enough to be heard up to 300 yards away – over the sound of course machinery noise.
- If you hear someone yell “fore” – immediately protect your face/head and duck behind your clubs or a tree if close by.

SCORING, HONESTY & INTEGRITY

- Record all your shots accurately. If you are also keeping score for a playing partner, it is your responsibility to be observant of that person's play and record it accurately.
- Record the scores at the end of each hole as you walk to or on the next tee. This will speed up play.

HANDICAP

- It's essential that **ALL** players – including novice players – develop a handicap.
- A novice handicap can be calculated based on five, 9-hole scores.
- All scores must be entered in the handicap computer.
- Requires an accurate score on each hole.
- Remember to apply “Equitable Stroke Control” (ESC) adjustment to your hole score before entering it into the computer. This is to be done within 24 hours.
- Juniors must have an established handicap to enter outside tournaments, most WP tournaments and some Interclubs. Handicap factors used in WP Junior tournaments are capped at 54.0 for both and girls.
- Provides a measurement of your development and progress.
- Ask Pro Shop staff how to use the handicap computer.
- Refer to the Handicap Information on the web site for more information.
- Scores are audited by the Junior Committee.
- Check the Junior Board for details.
- If you do not play a full round, you are still expected to put in a score.

For example:

7-9 holes = a 9 hole score. 14-18 holes = an 18 hole score.

To input your score you would take the holes you get strokes on and add them to the par for the hole.

Example:

Hole #8 if you get 1 Stroke you would get a 5 on that hole even though you did not play that hole.



Program Synopsis

RULES SEMINAR

Sunday, April 22nd, 7 – 9 pm

Sign up on the Willow Park website – Junior Section.

- Sessions will concentrate on any new rules that have been implemented as of January 2024.
- Recommended that **ALL** Juniors attend each year. Even the most experienced players always need a review and are able to learn new information.
- Juniors playing interclub and tournaments are required to attend.
- Players are divided into small groups, based on age, experience, etc. Great review for experienced players.

JUNIORS PLAYING IN MEN'S & LADIES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

- The Ladies Committee will invite eligible player(s) at their discretion on a year to year basis However junior girls are not eligible to play in the horseshoe or participate in money games.
- The Men's Committee will invite eligible player(s) at their discretion on a year to year basis However junior boys are not eligible to play in the horseshoe or participate in money games.
- Junior boys and girls are not charged a fee to participate in the adult Club Championships.

INTERCLUB

Junior Interclub – both boys and girls – is an excellent way to hone golf skills and play competitively at other private clubs in the city and nurture golf friendships. Golf is followed by lunch, all courtesy of the host club. After your round, at the scoring table or lunch, please find the coordinator and thank them for hosting us. We realize that this is an exciting opportunity for juniors to play other clubs however there are a limited number of spots. We try our best to accommodate all requests.

- Participating Juniors must have a basic knowledge of golf rules and etiquette.
- Must attend the rules seminar.
- Interclub players are expected to be regular participants at club events.
- Interclub events are separate for boys and girls, with age group divisions.
- Must sign up in advance and will be advised as to which dates they will play; designated players must honour their commitment.

Girls Interclub format

- Weekly team consists of 6 girls: two at ages 18 and under; two at ages 15 and under; and two 9 hole players that have a handicap over 25.
- Tee times are determined by the host club.
- See the Willow Park website – Junior Section, for schedule and sign up.

Boys Interclub format

- Weekly team consists of 6 boys: three at ages 14 or younger; three at ages 14 to 18.
- Boys must have an established handicap and play in Club events.
- Tee times are determined by the host club.
- See the Willow Park website – Junior Section, for schedule and sign up.



Program Synopsis

HANDICAP REQUIREMENTS - CLUB TOURNAMENTS & EVENTS

Twelve events are designed for both new and experienced golfers. We strongly encourage all juniors to establish a handicap even if they play in events not requiring them.

Events requiring a handicap:

- Mid-Summer Classic (choose your own partner).
- Club Championship.
- Junior Ryder Cup (qualifying).
- Eric Homersham Memorial Junior Member Guest.

Events that can be played with or without a handicap:

- Parent-Junior Tournament (alternate shot).
- School's Back Tournament.

Events not requiring a handicap:

- 9-Hole Scramble.
- Golf Games and Social evening.
- Novice Division of Parent-Junior Tournament (alternate shot).
- Schools Out Tournament.
- The Drive, Chip, & Putt competition.

LESSON PROGRAMS

1) Junior Group Lessons (Ages 9 & up)

These lessons build on last year's skills, enhancing confidence to enjoy the golf experience and further development.

- 4 sessions, 45 minutes in length.
- Groups of 4 - 5 golfers based on age, experience, gender.
- Fee \$80.
- Start times range from 4:15 to 6:15 pm depending on age.

Sign up will take place at the Parent Junior Orientation meeting, or on the Willow Park website - Junior Section.

Lessons:

Thursday(s), May 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd
(dates are subject to change)



2) Little Peeps Lessons (Ages 4 & 5)

This is Willow Park's introductory level program for younger children. The program is lead by the Willow Park Professional Team. In each lesson, 'Little Peeps' are in a fun, safe learning environment. At this age level, they will have a chance to learn about safety, swinging clubs and hitting balls (only when it is safe to do so) and will learn where to stand. They will also have a chance to learn some very basic fundamentals.

- Little Peeps is a series of 3 lessons, each ½ hour in length.
- Class size is 4 - 6 children.
- Cost: \$50.

Session #1: Saturday(s), June 8th, 15th, 29th
(dates are subject to change)

Choice of one of two times:

Class 1: 10:00 - 10:30 am.

Class 2: 10:40 - 11:10 am.

*Extra classes will be added if classes fill up

Session #2: Saturday(s), July 6th, 13th, 27th
(dates are subject to change)

Choice of one of two times:

Class 1: 10 - 10:30 am.

Class 2: 10:40 - 11:10 am.

*Extra classes will be added if classes fill up

Sign up will take place at the Parent Junior Orientation meeting, or on the Willow Park website - Junior Section.

Program Synopsis

LESSON PROGRAMS CONT'D

3) Jr. Jr. Lessons & Play Dates (Ages 6 – 8)

Willow Park's Jr. Jr. Program has evolved over the years. The Club is now inviting children ages 6 to 8 to become Jr. Jr. members and as such, emphasis is put on learning to play the game.

- The lesson program picks up where the Little Peeps program left off. Children at this age are now ready to start to learn the fundamentals of the golf swing. Specific emphasis will be on learning a full swing motion and learning the proper grip.
- Rules and etiquette will also be covered.
- The Club's professional staff teaches a series of lessons stressing fundamentals. In the summer months the children will be out on the course learning to play under the supervision of professional staff and parent volunteers.
- Cost: \$80.

Lessons: Sunday(s), June 9th, 16th, 23rd
(*dates are subject to change*)

Class 1: 10 – 10:30 am.

Class 2: 10:40 – 11:10 am.

*Extra classes will be added if classes fill up

On-course Play Dates:

Sunday(s), June 30th & July 14th
(*dates are subject to change*)

- 4 pm start time.
- Play from 30 – 80 yards (short course).
- Volunteer parents & grandparents are encouraged to come out and help with safety (not instruction).

Sign up will take place at the Parent Junior Orientation meeting, or on the Willow Park website – Junior Section.

4) Girls Club (Ages 9 & up)

As participants, young girls will develop the skills, attitudes, and a positive image of themselves as athletes on the golf course that encourages both self-esteem and a lifelong love of the game of golf.

The Girls Club program focuses on introducing girls to social competition and teaching them to compete while developing meaningful friendships at the same time. Activities are provided for various levels with players being encouraged to improve and progress. This season we will be implementing a new program in girls club called Operation 36. This will allow the girls to grow their skills and improve in a fun environment. We will use the lesson series with Operation 36 and add play dates for practicing.

- This program is open to all junior girls ages 9 & up who are Junior members.
- The program and instruction are led by the Willow Park Professional staff, with assistance from older junior / intermediate female members.
- Cost: \$215.

Lessons: Tuesday(s), May 28th, June 4th & 11th
(*dates are subject to change*)

4:30 – 5:30 pm.

Bring a Friend Camp: Tuesday, June 18th

Introduce your friends to the game of golf with this fun evening of golf and friendship.

Play Dates: (*dates are subject to change*)

Saturday, June 29th 5 - 8 pm. Play 9 hole Scramble.

Saturday, July 13th 4 - 8pm. Play 9 holes.

Saturday, July 27th 4-8pm. Play 9 Holes.

Saturday August 17th 4-8pm Play 9 Holes.

Saturday August 31st Play 9 hole Scramble.

Friday September 6th 9 Hole Scramble Wind Up.

Social Events:

TBD – Saturday, July 13th

TBD – Saturday, July 27th

TBD – Saturday, August 17th

Scramble & Awards Party – Friday, September 6th



Program Synopsis

Building on last year we are excited to continue with the level programs – The goal of the Willow Park lesson series is to create an opportunity for all juniors to play and compete at a level that helps them learn. Throughout their time in the program, they will be pursuing the Willow Park Junior Program Levels. These will help to encourage juniors to learn, develop, and improve. In addition to these levels, we will be using Operation 36 which is a program where learning extends past the lesson tee. Please see descriptions for the best level suited for individuals, this will help identify skill levels for juniors and instructor going forward.

5) Level I – Learn to Golf (Ages 9 & up)

This program allows students to continue to focus on their golf game and fundamentals for two straight months (*after the May lesson series have concluded*).

Work will continue with full swing, pitching, chipping, and putting as well as continuing to educate students on etiquette, course safety, and rules. Instruction will include fun games and challenges to assist players in all aspects of their game. This program is well suited for beginner and intermediate golfers.

This level is for students who:

- Play 0 - 10 rounds a month.
- No previous lessons or minimal instruction.
- Would like to focus on fundamentals.
- Have not spent much time on or around the golf course.
- Maximum 6:1 Student Instructor ratio.
- Consists of 6 lessons and 2 on course sessions.
- Cost: \$395.

Lessons: Thursdays from May 30th to July 25th (*dates are subject to change*)

Age 9 – 11, 4:30 – 5:20 pm. Minimum 3 students.

Age 12 & up, 4:30 – 5:20 pm. Minimum 3 students.

On-course Sessions: (*dates are subject to change*)

Thursdays, June 20th & July 25th.

Tee times starting at 5pm and playing 9 holes.

Note: *there will be no lesson July 18th due to the Charity Golf Classic.*

6) Level II – Learn to Score (Ages 10 & up)

The next stepping stone of instruction after Learn to Play, this program allows students to elevate their game with focus not only on their golf swing but also course management. Implement what was previously learned and put it into action on the golf course.

Students will get more instruction with their swing and short game on a technical level. They will gain more knowledge on learning how to play smarter and manage their way around a golf course.

This level is for students who:

- Play 10 - 20 rounds a month.
- Interested in playing club and outside events.
- Work on golf swing on a more complex level.
- Developing handicap.
- Looking to improve technical side of golf game.
- Maximum 6:1 Student Instructor ratio.
- Cost: \$395
- The program consists of 8 lessons and 2 on course sessions.

Lessons: Thursdays from May 30th to July 25th (*dates are subject to change*)

Age 10 – 12, 5:30 – 6:20 pm. Minimum 3 students.

Age 14 & up, 5:30 – 6:20 pm. Minimum 3 students.

On-course Sessions: (*dates are subject to change*)

Thursdays, June 20th & July 25th.

Tee times starting at 5pm and playing 9 holes.

Note: *there will be no lesson July 18th due to the Charity Golf Classic.*

7) Level III & IV - Competitive Golf

This class is meant for those students who can pass Levels I & II and who have played in tournaments previously but would like to be more competitive. Individuals in this level are required to have an established handicap. The program will allow students to take their game to competitive environments. It will include course management, addressing mental aspects, plus continued work on tournament etiquette and rules. This course can be a multiyear program for those students working on level completion or students not ready to move to a higher level.

This level is for students who:

- Play 1 - 3 Times a week.
- Currently play club & outside events.
- Want to improve scoring.
- Work on the mental aspect of the golf game.
- Have an interest in playing more competitions.
- Interested in improving Tournament rounds.
- Maximum 6:1 Student Instructor ratio.
- Consists of 8 lessons and 2 on course sessions.
- Cost: \$395.

Lessons: Thursdays from May 30th to July 25th (*dates are subject to change*)

Age 10 – 12, 6:30 – 7:20 pm. Minimum 3 students.

Age 14 & up, 6:30 – 7:20 pm. Minimum 3 students.

On-course Sessions: (*dates are subject to change*)

Thursdays, June 20th & July 25th.

Tee times starting at 5pm and playing 9 holes.

Note: *there will be no lesson July 18th due to the Charity Golf Classic.*

Program Synopsis

8) Junior Player Development

This program is designed for those players who are interested in achieving their goals in becoming better "players". Whether this means playing competitive golf at a club, local, or above level, or just being a more rounded golfer. Not only will players continue to develop and cultivate the proper fundamentals of the swing, they will also start to work on more of the skills it takes to "play the game". Areas of development include:

- Technical improvement (full swing, approach, short game & putting).
- Course management, or tactical thinking.
- Practice plans.
- Goal setting.
- Managing expectations.
- Game planning.

These skills will primarily be taught in a directed practice setting, where scenarios and challenges will be created that will allow the player to implement technical skills in everyday situations found while playing the game. Students will learn how to THINK their way around the course, as well as how to practice efficiently and effectively.

- 8 sessions on Wednesdays.
- Sessions run from 6 pm – Dusk.
- Typical sessions will consist of 1 – 2 hours of range work and 1 – 2 hours of on-course work.
- Cost: \$750 per student.
- Maximum of 6 students.

Sessions: (dates are subject to change)

Wednesday(s) June 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, July 3rd, 10th, 24th, 31st.

Note: there will be no lesson July 17th due to the Charity Golf Classic.



9) Junior Camps

High Performance Camp:

Saturday April 27th & Sunday 28th, 1 - 7 pm

Designed for students who want to compete in tournaments for the 2024 golf season.

- Practice sessions and on course events.
- Outside specialists who come to help with training.
- 2 meals & snacks
- Maximum 12 students, minimum 6 students.
- Cost: \$500 per student

Summer Camps

Junior Camps are two-day camps that encourage the social and fun side of golf. It will include instruction on full swing, short game and putting. This will also include other games that will work on team building and coordination. Emphasis placed on the fun games, skill contests and challenges throughout the camp.

Full Day Golf Camp

Join us for a new two full day camp this season with golf in the morning and a mix of sports and one day with Pinnovate.

- Snacks & Lunch included daily.
- 9 am - 4 pm daily.
- Cost: \$375 per student.

Camp #1: Thursday & Friday July 11th & 12th
Morning Golf – Afternoon Baseball / Soccer

Camp #2: Thursday & Friday August 15th & 16th
Morning Golf – Afternoon Tennis / Pinnovate Crafts

afternoon activities subject to changes based on final schedule.

Half day Camp

Thursday & Friday, July 25th & 26th

Camp include 4 hours of instruction 4 hours of games, skill contests and golf activities.

- Snacks & Lunch included daily.
- 9 am - 1 pm daily.
- Cost: \$200 per student.

Little Willow Summer Camp (Ages 4 - 8)

Friday, August 9th

One day camp designed for the younger golfers.

- 9 am - 1 pm.
- Cost: \$100 per student



Program Synopsis

CLUB TOURNAMENTS & EVENTS

Junior Club tournaments and social events are uniquely created to engage junior members. Junior events are designed for both novice and intermediate golfers. Not all events require handicaps. Interclub opportunities are also available for both boy and girl Junior members. Watch for Interclub details.

There are no additional costs to participating in Junior events with the exception of the Family Closing Dinner and the guest fee for the Eric Homersham Memorial Junior Member Guest.

Note that all Junior tournaments, with the exception of the Parent-Junior, include a meal for Juniors only. Parents and volunteers may dine on their own account.

Sign up for all Junior Events are made through the Willow Park website – Junior Section. Once you are registered as a Junior member, you will receive your own personal login that is unique to you.

For more information contact:

[Paulette Niedermier](#) Junior Coordinator

[Stu Chan](#) Head Golf Professional | [Nicola Greaves](#) Associate Golf Professional

Junior - Parent Orientation Night

Thursday, April 11th, 6 – 8 pm.

This is an information night for both Juniors and their Parents. Topics will include everything that Junior members and their Parents will need to know to get the maximum benefit from a Junior membership. This will also be a time to order clothing and shoes that we bring in for the season.

- 6 pm registration & light buffet.
- Meeting time 6:30 – 8 pm.
- Willow Park Junior apparel will be available for purchase.

Junior Opening Scramble

Sunday, May 19th

First tournament of the season! All juniors are welcome regardless of established handicaps. The Pro Shop will team you up with other Juniors, matching age, and ability.

- 9 Hole Scramble with 4-player teams.
- Approximate 3 pm start.
- Dinner is served after the completion of play.
- Registration closes for this event on Tuesday, May 14th.

Parent Junior Tournament

Saturday, June 9th

Share the playing field with mom or dad (or a grandparent). . . and if need be, the Pro Shop will set you up with a “parent for the day”!

- Play in the 18 Hole or 9-hole novice division.
- No handicap required for the novice 9-hole division.
- Each 2-person team is made up of one junior and one parent playing alternate shot.
- Approximate 3 pm start.
- BBQ Buffet is available on the patio after the round.
- Registration closes for this event on Tuesday, June 4th.

Junior League

This year we will have more nights to be involved with Junior league. Each Monday that Junior night falls on will have tee times from 5 - 6:30 pm. Juniors will have a chance to sign up until Thursday the week before. There will be games played each week and a season long race for the Cup based on scores and participation. This league will also have extra tee boxes for those who want to take advantage of the shorter course. After the round there will be weekly specials and a prize presentation following the last group coming in. Prizes will include Gross & Net. Sign up is online like Mens & Ladies league. Season long standings will lead to an overall league champion.

Monday(s)

May 13th, 27th, June 10th & 24th, July 15th & 29th, August 5th.

(dates are subject to change, please see junior board for up to date list)

- Junior Nights are Ryder Cup qualifying events.

Competitive Junior Girls

There will be a standing tee time for those girls that are interested in playing outside events or are playing outside events that wish to play on a regular basis in a more competitive environment. This tee time will also have special guests who have played competitively as well as professional staff.

- Standing tee time Fridays at 5:30 pm
(unless there is an event)

If you would like more information or be put on the list, please email nicolagreaves@willowparkgolf.com



Program Synopsis

Drive, Chip, & Putt Competition

Monday, July 1st (Canada Day)

This competition brings together all Willow Park Juniors aged 9-18 in a fun, relaxed and enjoyable competition based on the National Drive, Chip, & Putt competition that is run each year throughout North America.

Kids are divided into groups, by age, and run through 3 separate stations where they will drive, chip, and putt for points. At the end, points are totaled, and winners are awarded medals for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each age group.

- Registration closes for this event on Tuesday, June 25th.

Junior Mid-Summer Classic

Sunday, July 28th

The Classic is a 2-player Scramble where you can choose your own partner.

- 18 hole event with a 9-hole option for novices.
- No handicap if playing in the 9-hole novice division.
- Dinner served after play.
- Ryder Cup qualifying event.
- Registration closes for this event on Tuesday, July 2nd.

Junior Club Championship

Sunday & Monday, July 7th & 8th

It's the tournament of the season where one Junior boy and one Junior girl is crowned as Junior Club Champion, and one Junior crowned 9-hole Champion. A highlight of the tournament is the Horse Race where the top 20 players of the first day's competition play that evening with family and friends coming together in a gallery to cheer everyone on.

- Format is 2-day stroke play.
- All players MUST have a registered handicap to compete.
- Horse Race follows Day 2 competition.
- Dinner buffet follows play on both days.
- Prize presentation follows Day 2 dinner.
- Ryder Cup qualifying event.
- Registration closes for this event on Tuesday, July 16th.

Eric Homersham Memorial Junior Member Guest

Monday, August 19th

Juniors, this is your "Member-Guest"

An opportunity to invite a friend for a day of golf at your Club. The Junior Invitational is a celebration of golf, friendships and camaraderie.

- Approximate 11:30 am tee times.
- Lots of great prizes.
- All players must have a registered handicap.
- \$125 per team.
- Dinner served after the completion of play.
- Ryder Cup qualifying event.
- Registration closes for this event on Tuesday, August 13th.

Junior Ryder Cup

Saturday & Sunday, August 10th & 11th

This prestigious 2-day, 36-hole, 2-team event is led by Golf Professionals Nicola Greaves & Nick Young.

Participants must qualify to play. Qualification consists of a combination of participation points and gross scores accumulated at qualifying events and junior nights. Qualifying players will be notified by Sunday, July 28th.

- Dinner served on Day 2 (Sunday).
- Saturday Round 1: 9 holes, 2 man Alternate Shot / Round 2: 9 Holes Best Ball.
- Sunday Round 3: 9 holes 2 man Scramble & Round 4: 9 Holes singles match play.

Junior School's Back Tournament

Sunday, September 1st

"Celebrate" the end of summer and getting back to school with golf!

- 9-hole individual stroke play event.
- 3 club format.
- Handicaps are required.
- Approximate 3 pm start.
- Dinner served after completion of play.
- Registration closes for this event on Thursday, August 29th.



Program Synopsis

Junior Year End Banquet

Sunday, October 20th

Willow Park's Junior Family Closing Dinner celebrates the camaraderie, skill, friendship, and fun of the Junior golf season. Designed to recognize the achievements of ALL Junior members, it's an opportunity for juniors and parents to celebrate the conclusion of the golf season with a sit-down dinner.

- Features a guest speaker or evening theme and a slide show reflecting the season.
- Refreshments & Social are from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.
- Dinner is at 6:30 pm.
- Throughout Dinner Juniors are recognized for participation and achievements in Club and Golf Canada events.
- Dessert & Conclusion by 8:30 pm.
- Watch for further details closer to event date.

Awards

Most Improved Junior Girls

Most Improved Junior Boy

Ringer Board

Milestones

Eric Homersham Memorial Junior Golf Leadership Award

Tournament Planning

TOURNAMENT SELECTION GUIDE

The Selection Guide is based on an individual's age, handicap, and experience. Use it to assist in planning your tournament schedule.

BG: Beginner Golfer. New to the game. Typically younger in age and with a higher handicap.

IG: Intermediate Golfer. Have an established handicap. Some competitive experience. Player's required handicap varies depending on event.

LHG: Low Handicap Golfer. Players tend to be older, more experienced, and competitive. Typically, boys hdep is 10 or under. Girls hdep, 15 or under.

Competitive Club Events: BG | IG | LHG

Junior Interclub: BG | IG | LHG

McLennan Ross: BG | IG | LHG

City Championships: IG | LHG

Provincials U13,15,17,19: IG | LHG

Maple Leaf Jr Tour: IG | LHG

CJGA Tour: IG | LHG

City Match Play boys only: LHG

Golf Canada Junior Skills Challenge: LHG

Golf Canada Nationals: LHG

Note: Both Alberta Golf and Golf Canada each have an "Order of Merit", which ranks players based on their performance in selected tournaments. One ranking can qualify a Junior for certain tournaments and an invitation to development golf camps and travelling golf teams.

Tournament Planning

CANADIAN JUNIOR GOLF ASSOCIATION TOUR (CJGA)

www.cjga.com | 1-877-508-1069

MAPLE LEAF JUNIOR TOUR (MJT)

www.maplejt.com | 1-877-859-4653

- Designed for junior golfers who have more tournament experience.
- Each of these two tour associations has membership fees of about \$125.
- Each hosts 2 and 3 day events with fees starting at about \$165 for a 2-day event.
- CJGA hosts about 85 events cross Canada, with 8 events in Alberta.
- MJT hosts about 50 events across Canada and Alberta.
- Refer to their web sites for information.

MCLENNAN ROSS SUN JUNIOR TOUR

www.albertagolfjuniors.org/competitions

- Designed as an introduction to tournament play.
- This Tour coordinates 25, one and two day events, across Alberta.
- It is designed to provide junior boy and girl players with an opportunity to enjoy tournament experience and compete with their peers.
- These tournaments are designed for players with both low and higher handicaps.
- Players meet new friends, play new courses in friendly competition, and receive a meal and prizes.
- Entry fee is reasonable – about \$60 for a one day event.
- Players are grouped by age/ handicap. Top players in 3 boy's age divisions and 1 girl's division from each event are invited to the Tour Championship held at Wolf Creek.
- To register, contact the host golf club, provide name, age, handicap and credit card number.
- These events fill up very quickly. You are advised to register more than 30 days in advance.
- For dates, locations, and Tour details, go to: www.mrosssunjrtour.com



Golf Associations

GOLF CANADA

www.golfcanada.ca

Golf Canada is the governing body for golf in Canada. In addition to adult events, Golf Canada conducts junior events for boys and girls: Note that Golf Canada defines Junior as 18 and under as of August 1st.

Golf Canada Events include:

1) Canadian Junior Boys Championship

- Players qualify through the Alberta Boys Championship.
- For tournament details, go to www.golfcanada.ca

2) Canadian Junior Girls Championship

- Players enter directly.
- Applications accepted from players whose handicap index is 17.4 or less.
- Field is reduced to 156 based on handicap of entrants, often down to about a 12 index.
- For tournament details, go to www.golfcanada.ca

THE CALGARY GOLF ASSOCIATION (CGA)

www.calgarygolfassociation.org

The CGA Conducts the **Boys City Junior Championship**.

- Accepts low 10 handicaps in each age group. i.e. ages 12, 13, 14, etc., plus an additional 20 players based on low handicaps regardless of age.
- Winner exempt into 2024 Alberta Junior Championship.
- For tournament details, go to www.calgarygolfassociation.org

THE CALGARY LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION (CLGA)

www.calgaryladiesgolf.ca

The CLGA Conducts the **Junior City Girls Championship** in conjunction with the Maple Leaf Junior Tour.

- For tournament details, go to www.calgaryladiesgolf.ca

ALBERTA GOLF ASSOCIATION (AGA)

www.albertagolf.org/championships

In addition to adult events, the AGA conducts junior events for boys and girls. Registration is online. Please note the early entry deadline dates.

Junior AGA Events include:

1) Alberta U17, U15, U13 Championship

- Open to boys and girls in the specific categories .
- Entry deadline in early May.
- Entry deadline in early June; limited number of players.
- For entry deadlines, location, registration and tournament details, go to: www.albertagolf.org

2) Alberta U19 Championship

- Open to girls and boys 19 and under as of August 1st.
- Open to all level of players with a handicap factor less or equal to 40.4 or less.
- 18 hole event. Multi Day event.
- Entry deadline in early June; limited number of players.
- For entry deadlines, location, registration and tournament details, go to: www.albertagolf.org

3) Men's and Ladies Amateur Championship

- Limited field; register early. (Men's must qualify)
- Open to all Men / Ladies.
- This is an adult event so you must have the ability to play against adults.
- Handicap requirements are on the registration.
- For entry deadlines, location, registration and tournament details, go to: www.albertagolf.org

THE EDMONTON GOLF ASSOCIATION (EGA)

www.egagolf.ca

- Conducts junior and adult events.
- Refer to their web site for information or call at 780-484-8342.



2023 Winners & Champions

WILLOW PARK JUNIORS

Willow Park is very proud of our juniors, their level of participation, sportsmanship, etiquette and most importantly how much fun is had and how many friendships have been formed. We are equally proud of our winners and participants. Thank you for a great year - we look forward to another great year in 2024!

2023 WINNERS & CHAMPIONS - CONGRATULATIONS!

Junior Opening Scramble

Boys: Matthew Pipe, Ben Macpherson, Evan Murphy, Will Duffin

Girls: Moeri Yasuda, Ashley Jardine, Sydney Clark, Charlotte Sentner

Parent-Junior Tournament

Gross Champion: Tom & James Dyack

9 Hole Champion: Ben & Scott Macpherson

Drive, Chip, & and Putt Competition

Ages 9-11: 1st Weston Beatty, 2nd Judah Hornstein, 3rd Jack Collens

Ages 12-14: 1st Aliyah Hull, 2nd Ben MacPherson, 3rd Bracken Gross

Ages 15+: 1st, Aden Turner, 2nd Liam Waites, 3rd Moeri Yasuda/Aiden Richards

Junior Mid-Summer Classic

18 hole champions: Tom Dyack & Zac Lehmann

9 Hole Champions: Weston Beatty & Ewan Fairbairn

Junior Club Championships

Boys: Tom Dyack

Girls: Alessandra Sundquist

9 Hole Division: Weston Beatty

Junior School's Back Tournament

Alessandra Sundquist & Zach Lehmann

Horsrace: 1st Jake Gococo & Aden Turner,

2nd Daniel Waller & Alex Watmough,

3rd Nick Newton & Ryerson Whissell

2023 Junior Highlights

Most Improved Junior Boy - Benjamin Gawryliuk

Most Improved Junior Girl - Sophie Davison

Eric Homersham Memorial Junior Golf

Leadership Award - Chase Collens

Junior Ringerboard

9 Hole Ringerboard - Junior Boy: Liam Evans (33)

9 Hole Ringer Board - Junior Girl: Evelyn Clark (40)

Junior Boys

U13 - Judah Hornstein (60)

U15 - Benjamin Gawryliuk (57)

U15 - Tom Dyak (52)

U19 - Cole Phillips (55)

Junior Girls

U13 - Caroline Niedermier (78)

U15 - Alessandra Sunquist (69)

U17 - Moeri Yasuda (70)

Milestones

Broke 100: Judah Hornstein, Cole Smith,

Moeri Yasuda, Jack Collens, Adam Barva,

Tyler Hoganson, Owen McGeachie,

Chet McGovern-Burke, Caroline Niedermier,

Sophie Davison, Gabriella Hodel.

Broke 90: Cohen Kidd, Isabella Sundstrom,

Moeri Yasuda, Judah Hornstein, Cole Smith.

Broke 80: Chase Collens, Ben Gawryliuk,

Aden Turner, Jordan McGovern, Peyton Sheehan,

Judah Hornstein, Cole Smith.

Broke 70: Luca Marengo, Jake Gococo,

Nicholas Newton

Hole in One Club: Liam Waites

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