

Wanaki Junior Golf League - Frequently Asked Questions

Are my kids ready to play in this Junior League? *We require that your kids have played golf for one year on regulation golf courses to be eligible for this program. Also, if your kids have taken junior golf lessons from our teaching staff in previous years and have been recommended to play in this league, they are ready to take this step. If they are not quite ready to conquer organized golf on the golf course, we recommend that they take advantage of one of our "Beginner Junior Golf" sessions with our PGA teaching Professional. Your golfers must be between the ages of 10 and 17 to participate in the Junior Golf League.*

Should I sign my golfer up for the "Experienced" group or The "Novice" group? *If your golfer has played golf regularly and can shoot under 60 for 9-holes, they should be in the "Experienced" group. If your golfer has played but may need some assistance maneuvering through the golf course in a timely fashion and may need a little supervision, sign them up for the "Novice" group.*

How much Wanaki Supervision is on the golf course? *All available staff will be monitoring the golf course to ensure that the kids are acting properly, keeping up with the group in front of them, displaying proper golf course etiquette, and most importantly...HAVING FUN! An ample amount of staff will also be available at check-in and for any pre-round instruction.*

Can I walk along with my child's group? *We prefer that you do not. Our experience has shown that the kids perform better and have a better experience if they are alone (although under our supervision) on the golf course with their friends. There may be occurrences that we may ask a parent to walk along with a group if they may be having some issues maintaining a proper pace of play.*

What Tees do the kids play? *The golf course will be set up for the experienced group to play the RED tees. The Novice group will be informed that they may play the RED tees if we feel they have experience to do so. However, we will have a shortened course set up with PURPLE tees for the players who may not be at the level to play a longer course. The PURPLE tees are designed to make the game more enjoyable for the Novice golfers and give them a legitimate chance of posting a low score on a hole. If your kid is in high school and on the golf team, they may play their usual tees.*

Do the Junior Golfers keep score? *We encourage all of the kids to keep their score on a scorecard and post them inside the clubhouse on a Tournament Score Sheet after their round. The players are only allowed to take 10 strokes at the ball (including putts). After the 10th stroke, the player would pick up their ball and move to the next hole.*

Another popular option that we have been encouraging is allowing the entire group to play a "team scramble" where all players hit their tee shot, take the best shot, and all play from that spot and continue that process until the ball is in the hole. This option helps with the pace of play and allows all players to stay interested...even if they are not playing up to par.

How long does a 9-hole round of golf take? *You should plan on your golfer being on the golf course for 2 hours and 15 minutes. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before your tee time so they can check-in and warm up.*

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What if my golfer cannot play any given week? Do I lose my money? *Not a problem. Once registered, you will have 7 rounds of golf on your kids Punch Card. Each week when they come check-in they will bring their punch card up to be checked in. This will allow for easier check-ins and make up rounds to be counted for. You may use your "make-up rounds" any time during the weekday or weekend Twi-light hours until the end of the golf season. All players will be given a punch card that will attach to their bag.*

What if it rains on one of the days of Junior League? *Very rarely do we cancel an entire day of tee times due to weather. If you are unable to play because of the weather, we will note this and take 2 rounds out of the punch card when you are there next. However, if we cancel the rounds, we will give our rain checks for them to use at another time. In the case of a weather event, Wanaki staff will clear the course accordingly with enough time given for all golfers to get inside safely.*

Can we rent push carts at Wanaki? *Walking carts are available for \$5 per rental. Please note that cart supply is limited and we do not reserve carts. Golf Carts are not rented to Junior Golfers.*

What is the "Pre-Season Online Training Information"? *On June 1, you will be sent a "quiz" (with answers) that essentially outlines our expectations along with some rules that we ask that you and your golfer are aware of to make this summer fun and enjoyable.*

Will Food and Beverage be sold at Wanaki? *Yes, there will be ample opportunities to purchase food and beverage items either inside at the Turn Bar & Grill, or outside at our check-in table. You are encouraged to send a water bottle along with your golfer...especially on hot days. Please note, junior golfers may sit in the clubhouse but may not sit at the bar.*

Are Junior Golfers allowed to play Wanaki at times other than Monday's? *Junior golfers may play anytime they wish as long as they make a tee time in advance. Juniors will receive the discounted Junior rate Monday-Friday and will receive the Junior Twi-light rate weekday and weekend evening. Please be aware that we may restrict a junior tee time to Twi-light hours only. Except for Monday's, the course is not set up for junior play (shortened tees, supervision, etc.). It is very difficult for an inexperienced golfer to "fit in" to a busy play day at the golf course. It is HIGHLY ENCOURAGED THAT YOU MAKE TEE TIMES DURING TWI-LIGHT HOURS or play with an experienced adult.*

What other Junior programs are available at Wanaki? *Beginner Junior Lessons, Individual Junior Lessons, and Junior Clinics will be available throughout the season. Please check our website for continual updates.*

If you have any other questions about Junior Golf at Wanaki, please contact wanakijuniorgolf@gmail.com

Thank you for your support of golf and Junior Golf at Wanaki Golf Course. Remember, it's all about having fun!