

GIRL'S GOLF OF HUNTSVILLE PARENT INFORMATION – 2012

ORGANIZATION

VOLUNTEERS: Vicki Carpenter, Charlie Richardson, Dean Kane and Mike McDaniel are the golf professionals, who plan and conduct the instructions, but Girls Golf of Huntsville is run by volunteers – we respectfully request that each family provide one parent to help during the season.

- Please fill out the **Volunteer Application** and you will be contacted. A schedule of volunteers will be made – just tell us when you are available, what you can help with and we can work around your available time.

CLINIC INFORMATION

RAIN OR SHINE: Please bring your daughter **rain or shine** to the clinics – it may be raining where you live but not at Richland Golf Center. Even if it is a rainy day (**UNLESS UNDER TORNADO WATCH**) we will gather in the clubhouse meeting room and watch golf videos, and/or go over rules and etiquette. The girls are expected to walk and carry their clubs when they play – this is a requirement for all junior tournaments. **Please make sure your daughter wears shoes and socks** to the golf sessions – golf shoes are not necessary – tennis shoes are fine. We will provide bottled water at each session.

GOLF EQUIPMENT: Golf clubs may be rented or purchased at a very reasonable rate through Girls Golf of Huntsville.

- Clubs will be fitted at the time of registration – let us know if you need clubs for your daughter.

We use **US Kids Golf Instruction** booklets for our sessions. **It is important for each girl to have her book with her in her golf bag** when she comes to each session. If a book is lost it costs \$5 to replace it. This booklet is a good tool, please have your child read it over – she **must** learn the rules, etiquette and equipment sections. Encourage your daughters to watch golf on TV – it helps them learn the game.

BRING: In addition to her golf equipment please make sure your child brings a light jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt – perhaps a nylon jacket that she can fold up in her golf bag, and mosquito spray. Also, it is helpful that the shorts or pants your girls wear have a pocket to carry tees and ball markers.

GROUPS

We divide the girls into 4 groups for teaching purposes. Group level does not equal years in Girls Golf.

Group I – beginner golfers in the Level 1 US Kids book (blue) – divided by age - Group A (younger) Group B (older)

Group II – consists of girls who have passed Level 1 - this group will use the Level 2 book (gold).

Group III – the girls who have passed the Level 2 book - they will use the Level 3 book (red).

Group IV – advanced - consists of girls who have completed the first 3 levels in our program or who come to us knowing the rules, etiquette and how to play golf. They will play the golf course, be evaluated by video, and work on specific areas in their game as identified by the pro to help them improve their golf game.

Some girls may be in a Group for more than one year. The pro will evaluate their skill level as the clinics progress.

TOURNAMENTS

You can find tournaments being played throughout the state of Alabama and the United States if you so desire! However, we encourage girls who are between the ages of 12 and 17, and are in GROUP III and IV of our program, to participate in the **North Alabama Junior Golf Tour** sponsored by Richland Golf Center. These tournaments are scheduled during June, July and August and the tournament sites are within an hour's drive of Huntsville. – for more information check in Pro Shop.

RULES & REGULATIONS for PARENTS/SPECTATORS

The LPGA-USGA Girls Golf organization has the following goals: learn golf, make friends, sample competition, and provide a supportive learning environment. The program is designed for “THE GIRLS”. It is **their** program and **their** space. It is a time for them to interact with one another, to grow in ability, to become independent, self sufficient, and social in a safe non-invasive atmosphere.

Instructors and volunteers are trained in a manner so that all who come in contact with your child teach from the same golf and safety format. Distractions - such as golf and behavioral advice from others, is not only confusing for all who are within hearing range, but it also sets a mood of disrespect for those who are volunteering their time to help the girls, and will not be tolerated.

During Weekly Clinics

Parents, grandparents, and others who stay and watch the instruction should remain well back of the instruction area and refrain from communicating with the girls in any way. **Do not walk onto the range, putting green, pitching area or golf course at any time.** If you need to leave early, ask a volunteer to bring your daughter to you (we have volunteers assigned as “safety” persons – they can assist you in this task).

During on course Play Days

There are volunteers with every group; do not feel obligated to stay. If you feel you must follow your daughter please stay well behind the group your daughter is with. We will have carts out to assist any girl who needs a bathroom break or any other assistance.

Any questions, suggestions or complaints please feel free to talk to us – we want this to be an enjoyable experience for everyone.

Current information is on our website: www.girlsgolfhuntsville.org

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