



2023 Junior Golf Program



Application and Information Packet

Dear Parents/Guardians and Juniors,

Welcome to the 2023 Kestrel Ridge Junior Golf Program. This informational packet contains the following information:

- 2023 Program Overview
- Instruction and Sessions Breakdown
- Rules and regulations
- Affiliated costs
- Registration form

Please take the time to review this packet. We ask all parents and/or guardians to be familiar with the information covered in this packet to ensure that you and your junior golfer are properly prepared for the program.

Thank you for your interest and participation. If you have any questions after reading through this packet, please do not hesitate to contact me, to request additional information.

Respectfully yours,

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Program Overview

The Kestrel Ridge GC Junior Program is open to golfers between the ages of 6 and 17. The program is intended to give juniors the opportunity to learn and play the game of golf in a fun and safe environment. We hope to provide your children with a growing interest and skill through increased knowledge of etiquette, rules, and a wide variety of instructional activities.

Junior Golf Groups

Team Kestrel

Open to juniors 13 to 17 years of age. This group will receive 45-minutes of golf instruction by the Kestrel Ridge PGA Professional Staff and volunteers, followed by up to 9-holes of golf. Golfers with prior experience and aspirations to play competitive golf, are encouraged to sign up here.

Team Falcon

Open to juniors 9 to 12 years of age. This group will receive 45-minutes of golf instruction by the Kestrel Ridge PGA Professional Staff and volunteers, followed by 1-hour of on-course play.

Team Windhover

Open to juniors 6 to 8 years of age. This group will receive 60-minutes of golf instruction by the Kestrel Ridge PGA Professional Staff and volunteers. The Windhover Group is an entryway into the game of golf and provides basic instruction to your young golfer. Most of the time will be spent on the practice facility and putting course, with up to two session being on-course.

WEEKLY SESSIONS

June 15, 22, 29 / July 6, 13, 20, 27
(Rain Date: August 3rd)

All sessions will take place on Thursday mornings

Kestrel Group

8:00am – 8:45am: Instruction
9:00am – 11:00am: On-course Play

Falcon Group

9:15am – 10:00am: Instruction
10:15am – 11:15am: On-course Play

Windhover Group

10:30am – 11:30am: Instruction
(June 15th and July 20th will feature on-course instruction)

BREAKDOWN

Week 1 – Intro & Overview of the Golf Course Assessment

Staff Introductions, warm up, on-course rules and etiquette

Week 2 – Putting

Overview, Technique, Establishing a Stroke, Green reading and Practice routines

Week 3 – Pre-Swing Fundamentals

Discussion on various methods, importance of matching up fundamentals to swing
Introduce pre-swing routine, practice methods

Week 4 – Full Swing

Backswing and through-swing similarities, differences
Discussion on impact and how they vary between irons and metal woods
Practice methods and drills

Week 5 – Chipping & Pitching

Intro to short game, fundamentals for around the green
Skills games and practice, specialty shots

Week 6 – Game Management, Bunker Play

On-course, managing your game to play your best golf
Bunker play and various lies

Week 7 - Competitions and Review

Kestrel and Falcon Group will compete in a on-course tournament, Windhover Group will have a Skills Competition

End of Year Party – (TBD), 11:00am-1:00pm

All three groups will compete in a Drive-Chip-Putt Competition
Food and Awards Banquet

Rules & Regs

Children enrolled in the junior golf program are asked to be accompanied by an adult or golf professional while using the facilities. While attending the weekly sessions, please remember the following:

**No child without a valid driver's license will be allowed to operate a golf car.*

**Proper golf etiquette must always be displayed. The golf professional staff and volunteers reserve the right to remove golfers from daily activities, whose actions are deemed unsafe or unruly.*

**Proper Attire- Soft spikes or tennis shoes are recommended, sports cleats or sandals will not be allowed.*

Golf Etiquette, Good to Know!

First and foremost, Have Fun!

Be safe and use caution while using the practice facility and golf course.

No throwing clubs or golf balls.

When playing for score, be sure to count all your strokes, including whiffs.

Be certain that the players in the group ahead of you are out of range before you hit.

Stay clear, behind, and well away from another player when they are taking their shot.

While on the course, please refrain from moving or talking while another player is hitting.

Play ready golf!

Replace your divots, repair ball marks, and rake all bunkers after hitting out of them.

Rest your golf bags on the exit side of the green nearest your next tee off area.

Enter bunkers from the lowest side. Rake sand evenly and place rakes back into the bunker.

Never walk on, in front of or across another players putting line.

Use trash containers for all your broken tees, candy wrappers, soda bottles, etc.

Use ball washers while no one is teeing off.

FAQs

Parental Involvement

Parents/Guardians play an important role in the success of our Junior Golf Program. Participation is not required but we do appreciate having additional adults attend weekly sessions, to support and observe the golfers. If you can attend a session, please contact Joe at joeleonard@kestrelridgegolf.com.

Does my Junior Golfer need Golf Equipment?

Yes. We do not have golf equipment for junior golfers to use. If you do not currently have equipment for your junior golfer, please contact Joe in advance, so that we may schedule a time to perform a club fitting.

Inclement Weather, Rainouts

In the event of inclement weather, please visit our Facebook page to check the status of the weekly activities. In addition, we will notify everyone via email, 1 hour prior to your scheduled session. For this reason, please be sure the email address you use for the contact form, is one that is used and checked regularly.

Registration

Kestrel Group - \$215.00 Falcon Group - \$195.00 Windhover Group - \$170.00

Parent/Guardian Information

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: State: Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Junior Golfer Information

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Medical Information

Allergies: No: _____ Yes: _____ Please List _____

Dietary Restrictions: No: _____ Yes: _____ Please List: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Please return this completed form along with payment to:

(Check Payable to: Kestrel Ridge Golf Course)

Kestrel Ridge Golf Course

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Please call Joe with any questions or comments at (715) 451-1594