



## 2024 Junior Golf Program



Application and Information Packet

Dear Parents/Guardians and Juniors,

Welcome to the 2024 Kestrel Ridge Junior Golf Program. This informational packet contains the following information:

- 2024 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 45 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 for your young golfers. Most of the time will be spent on the practice facility and putting course, with up to two sessions being on-course.

# WEEKLY SESSIONS

*June 18, 25 / July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
(Rain Date: August 6<sup>th</sup>)*

*All sessions will take place on Tuesday mornings.*

## Windhover Group 6 - 8

8:00am – 8:45am: Instruction  
*(June 18<sup>th</sup> and July 30<sup>th</sup> will be the on-course)*

## Kestrel Group 13 - 17

9:15am – 10:00am: Instruction  
10:15am – 12:15am: On-course Play

## Falcon Group 9 - 12

10:30am – 11:15am: Instruction  
11:30am – 12:30am: On-course Play

# 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/Full swing**

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 into the short game, fundamentals for around the green.

Skills games and practice.

## **Week 6 – Game Management, Bunker Play**

On-course, managing your game to play your best golf.

Bunker play and various uneven lies.

## **Week 7 - Competitions and Party**

Groups will compete in a on course tournament.

Kestrel Group – 7-9 holes, tee times starting at 9:00

Falcon Group – 5-Hole team scramble, shotgun start at 10:00  
(Parent/Gaurdian participation encouraged)

Windhover Group – Shortened 4-hole team scramble, shotgun start at 10:00  
(Parent/Gaurdian participation encouraged)

Party & Awards – 11:30 Food and Awards, downstairs restaurant.

# 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 cart.*
- *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 Paul at [paulkostelac@kestrelridgegolf.com](mailto:paulkostelac@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 Paul for assistance.

## Inclement Weather, Rainouts

In the event of inclement weather, we will notify everyone via email, 1 hour prior to your scheduled session. 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 - \$150.00

## Parent/Guardian Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: State: Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Junior Golfer Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Years Played: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Medical Information

Allergies: No: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ Please List: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions: No: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ Please List: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 Paul with any questions or comments at (920) 623-4653