



## **League Parent Guide**

### **About TGA Premier Junior Golf League**

TGA's golf league is a recreational, team-based, inclusive program for boys and girls ages 6-15. The league engages all players through a skill based tryout and progressive 4 player team formats that prepare students for high school golf. The league is geared towards developing young players of all abilities, as each player has the ability to contribute to the team on each hole. Through team golf, players develop skills such as comradery and teamwork, in addition to honesty, integrity and perseverance that golf provides as an individualistic sport. Similar to core sports youth leagues, TGA golf leagues are distinctive in their encouragement towards parent involvement throughout the league as it benefits the child's experience and the leagues success. TGA leagues follow school-based programs in the Player Pathway for youth golf participation and development of skills.

### **League Profile**

#### **Age Divisions and Formats**

- **Ages 6-8 (4 player team)**
  - 4 player Modified scramble – a scramble is played where all players hit from the same spot and then select the best shot of the four. All players then play from where the best shot ended up, repeating this method until one player hits the ball in the hole. The modification to the normal scramble format is that all players hit drives on each hole but the player's shot that is selected must sit out the turn following their shot selection. They will then be able to play on subsequent turns.
  - There is one score total for the team.
- **Ages 9-11 (4 player team)**
  - 4 player Best Ball – Each player plays their own ball on every hole (stroke-play).
  - There are 2 scores total for the team per hole.
- **Ages 12-15 (4 player team with the 2 pairs playing in different groups)**
  - 2 player Better Ball – Each player plays their own ball on every hole (stroke-play).
  - There is 1 score for the pair per hole which is added to the other pairs score at the end of the round for the team score.

### **League Play**

- Spring, summer and fall seasons offered
- All children participate in a skill tryout for team assignments
- After tryouts, a team practice session is scheduled before league play begins
- All age divisions play a minimum of four, 9 hole events with each event taking about 3 hours
- Event formats will either be:
  - Dual Match Format – All teams play in event, one team plays against another
  - Tournament Format - All teams play in event, all teams play against each other
- Matches/tournaments are typically once per week

## **Team Parent / Volunteer Involvement**

### **Tryouts:**

- Volunteers are needed at tryouts to help with registration, skill stations, and scoring
- About a 2 hour time commitment per shift

### **Team parent: (One per 4 player team for the season)**

- Team parent assists as the league manager's liaison to the team, including:
  - Team carpooling coordination
  - Notify league manager if player can't make it to matches
  - Communicates with team members including schedule changes such as weather cancellations
  - Make sure players arrive on time to tee times
  - Attend each match and field any questions from team
- Team parent may caddy for their child and assist with scoring
- About a 5 hour time commitment per week

### **Dual Matches / Tournaments:**

- Caddies: (Ages 6-8 only)
  - Spend the day on the golf course with your child
  - Assist your child with shot making and decisions on team shot selection
  - Carry their golf bag on the course
- Volunteers are also needed to assist with registration and scoring
- About a 2 hour time commitment per week

### **What can I do to help my team succeed?**

- Be encouraging with every team player
- Practice with your child
- Attend tryouts and events
- Volunteer and be involved with your child