



### **Inclusive Team for Junior Golf**

St Jude's golf team consists of boys & girls entering the 6-8 grade. The kids play 7-14 matches depending on their "level of play" as assessed based on the student's tryout scores. If your child is younger than 6<sup>th</sup> grade, but has an interest and experience golfing on the course in the past, they are welcome to tryout to be placed on a team. We typically have kids in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade that golf.

### **Teams**

Based on scores from tryouts, students are placed at the Varsity, JV, and Instructional level. Please note that although the name "Instructional" might imply that instruction is provided, outside of few group lessons scheduled during the summer, there is no on course instruction that takes place. Players should have taken some golf lessons in the past and be familiar with general course of play.

Students are also allowed to play up if they are on a lower team but they cannot play down. For example, if a golfer is on the JV they may be asked to fill in on the Varsity. However, a Varsity golfer cannot fill in on the JV.

### **Season & Courses**

Both the varsity and JV play 14 matches beginning approximately the last week of July. The instruction league plays 10 matches total, typically at Robin's Nest and Delhi Par3. They typically start the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of August. The Varsity teams play at "accelerated" courses like Neumann, Meadow Links, Circling Hills and Miami Whitewater. V teams typically play at Robins Nest, Woodland, and Meadow Links. The season ends with a championship match for each level. Teams must qualify to participate in the championship.

The full list of courses is on the WAC Website:

<https://www.hometeamsonline.com/teams/default.asp?u=WACGOLF&s=htosports&p=locations>

Although teams typically consist of about 8 students, only 6 students are scheduled for each match. This helps to accommodate some of the conflicts that come with other fall sports such as football and soccer as well as late summer vacations. They will break into groups of 2 and be paired with 2 golfers from another school to make a foursome. At the conclusion of 9 holes, the top 4 scores for each team will be used to submit to the league. All players cards must also be collected after the matches and submitted to the coordinator.

### **Fees and Equipment**

The St Jude Athletic Association fee covers WAC *League Fees* and a SJAA fee of \$15 per student/sport. If your child already has a shirt and it fits for this year, we strongly encourage them to wear it. If you need a new shirt, you will pay the actual cost of the shirt once they're ordered during the summer (approximately \$28-\$30) Please note: The St Jude Athletic Association fee does not cover green's fees. These range from approximately \$7.00 to \$8.50 depending on the course played.

Students must provide their own golf clubs. If you're new to golf, I high recommend you check out Play It Again Sports or Craigs List before you invest in new clubs.

### **Practice**



Unlike other sports at St. Jude, the golf team does not have formal practice times. However, we may try to arrange some informal practice times as the season draws near if there is enough interest. If we have enough money available from the activity fee, the coordinator may arrange some group lessons.

### **Course Rules (vary by Division)**

Current rules are posted on the WAC Website:

<https://www.hometeamsonline.com/teams/default.asp?u=WACGOLF&s=htsports&p=custom&pagename=Rules>

### **Parent Involvement**

Since we do not have formal coaches in golf, parents are required to serve as a volunteer at a minimum of 2 matches. This is especially important at the Instructional Level of golf where the golfers might not be as familiar with the rules of play. You do NOT have to know a lot about golf to help out here. The parent volunteer will gather each student's greens fee and submit one single payment at the course. They'll help pair the kids off, greet the opposing team's coach and then get the kids moving. For the parent volunteer, it's simply a matter of keeping the kids moving along on the course & ensuring no delay of play, reminding them to confirm their strokes after each hole, etc. The volunteer parent (who is technically serving as 'coach') is welcome to jump on a golf cart so they can move amongst the groups. At the conclusion of the match, the parent gathers the scores and submits them to the golf coordinator ASAP. However, if you'd like, you can add up scores to determine which 4 scores from each team should be submitted. Scorecards should also be collected. Ultimately, finals scores need to be submitted ASAP to the golf coordinator.

### **Tryouts**

In mid-May through mid-June, four dates are scheduled for tryouts at Robins Nest. For St Jude, tryouts will take place the week after Memorial Day and will wrap up by June 7<sup>th</sup>. Ideally, we want two scores from each player to assess an appropriate play level for the season. Players are permitted to submit two or more scores. The best two scores are used to make their average. Scores must be submitted by June 15<sup>th</sup>, hence the early tryout dates. **There are sometimes conflicts with the tryout dates/times based on vacation schedules and other spring sports. Please contact the golf coordinator to make arrangements if this is the case.**

Note: As of September 2015, the fee at Robins Nest is \$8.00.

For tryouts, the WAC Golf League mandates that all players hit from the white tees at Robin's Nest. The League also requires that all lost balls take a penalty stroke and drop at the site of loss or entry into the cornfields, tree lines on 8 & 9, and the tree line on the driving range on 1 & 2. A player can only score a maximum of 8 per hole. The League is quite particular about the rules because the submitted team scores determine which level of teams St. Jude will field this summer. (We are not guaranteed a spot in the Varsity League) The WAC Golf League has 8 varsity and 8 JV teams in addition to an instructional league. See below for additional information on the rules of play. Please note that after tryouts, Varsity and JV will continue to play the white tees at Robins Nest, however, Instructional leagues will tee off from the forward tees.