**Calhoun-Gordon County Junior Golf League**

**This league is designed for junior male and female golfers**

**from the 3rd grade to seniors in High School.**

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**THE MISSION**

**To provide a program where local junior golfers**

 **can improve their golf game and Grow**

**their Character through the game of golf and its fundamental**

***values of Sportsmanship, Discipline and Integrity***

Male and female golfers will be divided into three age groups and the age groups will be determined by grade in which the golfer is presently enrolled.

 **Boys**  **Girls**

Grades 3- 4-5 Grades 3-4-5

Grades 6-7-8 Grades 6-7-8

Grades 9-12 Grades 9-12

**Competition**

Competition will consist of 6 holes for boys and girls grades 3 through 5, boys and girls grades 6 through 8will play 9 holes and grades 9-12 will play 18 holes when possible. All golfers are expected to walk and carry their clubs. Pull carts are allowed.

 All competition will comply with the rules set forth by the United States Golf Association (USGA).  These rules will be strictly adhered to unless otherwise noted by the tournament director. Rules committee will consist of the Club Pro and the Tournament Director.

**Cost**

**There is not a fee to join the league, but a $10.00 fee per tournament will be charged. Also all golfers must fill out a registration form before their first tournament.**

**Player Code of Conduct:**

Abusive or inappropriate language; disrespectful behavior towards fellow golfers, officials, volunteers or golf professionals; throwing or breaking clubs; any form of cheating; leaving the golf course without properly notifying an official during a tournament round; and abuse of the golf course in any way will be considered Code of Conduct violations.

 Any player who’s behavior on the golf course it deems un-sportsmanlike will receive a two-stroke penalty. A second offense will result in automatic disqualification from the tournament and a possible suspension from future tournaments.

The use of electronic devices will be prohibited during play.

**Pace of Play:**

All groups must remain in position with the group ahead. (Under no circumstances should a 9 hole round take more than 2hours 15 minutes or an 18 hole round take more than 4 hours and 30 minutes.

              1st Offense- Warning

              2nd Offense- 2-stroke penalty

              3rd Offense- Disqualification

**Spectator Policy:**

Spectators are to remain on or near cart path or in the rough areas at all times during play. Please remain clear of all fairways. Spectators are expected to use golf etiquette as they watch the competition. Spectators are encouraged to praise all competitors.  Spectators are allowed to help player's search for his or her golf balls when deemed appropriate.

**Advice Policy:**

Parents and spectators are extremely important and we welcome all to join our golfers on the course to watch and encourage them as they compete. Please note that parents, guardians and spectators agree to let participants compete without giving any advice or counsel to them during the stipulated round (USGA Rule 8-1) knowing that a violation may cause a two-stroke penalty against their participant without warning. The only exception to the aforementioned policy would apply to the divisions with caddies. Do not give advice to any player. *"Advice is any counsel or suggestion which could influence a player in determining his play, choice of club or method of making a stroke."* Penalty for breach of this rule is two-strokes on the player (USGA Rule 8-1).  Talking to competitors during tournament play is not allowed and can be construed as giving advice. **Parents and/or Spectators may suggest the playing of a "second ball "if there is doubt as to procedure and/or rule (USGA Rule 3-3).**

**Spectators can act as a fore caddie; carry umbrellas, jackets, food or drink, etc.**

**Spectator Carts**

Spectator carts are allowed and may be rented at the pro shop. All carts should remain on the cart paths. Golf carts may be used to transport the competitors (and caddies) from Green to Tee.

**Shuttle Policy:**

Golf carts may be used to transport the competitors (and caddies) from Green to Tee.

**Caddy Policy:**

***This policy only applies to Boys: Grades3- 4-5 & Girls: Grades 3-4-5.***  We suggest players select a parent, grandparent, other family member, or friend at least twelve years of age as their caddy, so that both can experience the joy of competition.

It is the caddy's duty to help the player hit each shot within a reasonable period of time.  The player shall play without undue delay, which is defined as taking no more than 45 seconds to play a shot.  If a player takes more than 45 seconds, he or she may be subject to a penalty.  Please refer to our Pace of Play policy. Allowing a caddy is a special component of our events as our commitment to encourage family interaction

**League Championships**

League Champions in each of the six age groups will be determined by a point system

That awards points for participation and placing in the top five in each tournament.

For playing in an event the each golfer will be awarded 1 point.

Points for placing in the top five will be awarded as follows:

1st place = 7 points

2nd place = 6 points

3rd place = 5 points

4th place = 4 points

5th place = 3 points