



VESPRA HILLS GOLF CLUB 2023 JUNIOR PROGRAM

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Dear Junior Member & Parent:

On behalf of Vespra Hills GC, we would like to welcome you to the 2023 golf season. This is an exciting time in your golf life, and we would like to help make it an enlightening experience. This year at Vespra Hills, we will be offering great variety and structure to our Junior Program.

The weekly Junior Days will be moving to a house league format on Monday afternoons. Juniors will be placed on a team of 8 with and will play a 2 person team game each week with pairs from the other teams. Just like other sport’s house leagues, this will focus on fun, team building, character development, and skills improvement. Each team will have volunteer coaches, team jerseys, pre-golf practice, and a nice mixture of different juniors to get to know and have fun with. The league runs with nine sessions from June 26 to August 21, with a registration fee of \$89+hst per Junior Member, with room for 48 in total.

Vespra Hills continues to be part of the Pepsi Titleist Junior Golf Tour where we compete in both an individual and team competition against 4-6 other clubs each year. This is generally more competitive and suitable for the intermediate to advanced skill levels, however please reach out to us if you are interested.

We also have five Junior golf events planned throughout the year, and a series of half day Junior Summer Camps.

We take pride in our juniors and realize that they represent Vespra Hills GC with the highest degree of excellence. We look forward to seeing you at our Spring Junior Orientation Session.

Best regards,

Chris McNair
General Manager/Head Golf Professional
Vespra Hills Golf Club

VESPREA HILLS JUNIOR POLICIES AND INFORMATION

1. Junior Level Descriptions

Adult Golf Members may register their children to be Junior Golf Members on an annual basis and are considered Affiliated Junior Members. The Unaffiliated Junior Membership will be reviewed annually to ensure we have ample space for Affiliated Juniors first and foremost.

Junior members must be between the ages of 9 and 17, as of May 1, 2023. Access to the different golf areas will be administered by graduated access levels to ultimately achieve a Course Ready Status. Level 1, 2 or 3 will determine what areas of the club and course you have access to.

Mentoring Juniors towards level 1 status is the goal, as this will mean that they are ready to enjoy the championship course and will be a proud example of our Junior Program. The 3-level Course Ready Status is managed by the Junior Program Coordinator(s) with evaluations and refinements occurring on a regular basis.

A new Junior must start at Level 3. In order to move from Level 3 to Level 2 (or from Level 3 to Level 1 (as a result of the Junior's age)), the Junior must pass a proficiency test which is administered by the Junior Coordinator(s).

The restrictions by level are summarized in Chart 1 in the Appendix (page 7).

2. Junior House League and Tournaments

Junior members are encouraged to participate in our Junior Days on Mondays from June 26 to August 21, as well as our scheduled tournaments. These programs are designed to get juniors to play together and keep the game fun. Junior House League is \$89 + hst per junior. A separate House League information site is available in the member event registration area of the club website.

3. Pepsi Titleist Tour

The 2023 program includes 5-6 events planned, spread out over July and August. Juniors that are interested in being on this team should reach out to the Golf Shop prior to the season to discuss as the format is competitive and best suited for intermediate to advanced skill levels. The Pepsi Titleist Junior Tour fee will be \$250 + hst and includes 5 events, a team shirt and hat, lunch at each event, a sleeve of ProV1 golf balls, greens fees, and prizing for each event. If the tour adds a 6th and 7th event, the fee will rise by \$50 + hst per event.

4. Junior Member Orientation

All junior members are required to attend a Junior Member Orientation Session before using the club facilities. Dates will be scheduled for early May and communicated in late April.

A new junior will not have access to any area of the club until they have attended an orientation session (or has passed the proficiency test). A junior may request an earlier or alternative orientation meeting.

5. Playing Privileges

Junior members who have attended the orientation session, reached Level 1 or 2 Junior status may play during the periods in section 7 at the discretion of the Golf Professional Staff.

A Level 2 Junior must be accompanied by a Senior Member. Non-Member parents are not considered Senior Members for this purpose.

VESPRA HILLS JUNIOR POLICIES (Continued)

6. Practice Area Use Privileges

Junior members are permitted to use the Practice Area, if there is adequate space available. On the Driving Range, juniors must give way to Senior Members when space is limited.

All prevailing etiquette and dress code rules must be adhered to on the Driving Range and Chipping Green.

Juniors may not bring guests to the practice areas, including family members or instructors unless authorized by the Head Professional.

7. Tee Access and Booking Procedures

Juniors have access to the golf courses 7 days per week throughout the normal golfing season.

Juniors not play before 8 AM on Weekdays, and may not play before 1:30 PM on Weekends and Holidays. may Ladies and Men's Nights, and other member events may restrict tee access, and these events are all posted on the member calendars. A junior may book no more more than 2 days prior and must do so by phone (online booking not permitted).

8. Check in Process

All members and guests must check in at the Golf Shop prior to teeing off on any course.

Juniors must sign in and out of the club when they arrive and depart. When a junior moves from one area of the club to another, they must notify the Golf Shop when doing so. It is vital for the Golf Shop to Always know where juniors are to avoid any unnecessary delays in locating them.

9. Guests

Juniors are permitted to introduce 1 junior guest per round at the prevailing Junior Guest green fee of \$36 for 18 holes, \$18 for nine holes. Juniors may not introduce guests over the age of 18.

All guest rules apply to Junior members.

10. Power Carts

Junior members are not permitted to rent or drive power carts under any circumstances, regardless of age or driving license status.

11. Dress Code

All Junior members and guests attending the club, must always be attired according the dress code in each area of the club.

Infractions: The Golf Professional (or their designates) have the right to refuse any member or his guests playing privileges if the dress code is not adhered to anywhere on the property.

Junior Members must strive for perfection the way they present themselves at their own club and any other club they visit. Proper dress, etiquette, sportsmanship, and courteous conduct will always reflect positively on their club and themselves. The Dress Code must be adhered to Strictly. There will be no exceptions.

VESPRA HILLS JUNIOR POLICIES (Continued)

Appropriate Golf Course attire includes:

- Collared golf shirts, turtlenecks, always tucked in
- Golf slacks or golf shorts/skorts
- Caps can be worn, but with the peak forward
- Golf shoes or any athletic shoes without spikes while on the golf course

Inappropriate Golf Course attire includes:

- Jeans of any kind
- Gym shorts
- Track or sweat suits
- Beach wear
- Ripped or frayed clothing of any kind
- Shoes with metal cleats or spikes

12. Golf Shop

Junior members are discouraged from loitering inside the Golf Shop, as it may prove to be an unnecessary interruption of day-to-day operations.

All members are prohibited from entering the club storage area below the Golf Shop.

13. Code of Conduct

All Junior Members must abide by and are governed by the Vespra Hills Code of Conduct.

The following are breaches of the Code of Conduct:

- Dress Code Violations
- Repeated Slow Play Warnings
- Etiquette Breaches
- Swearing
- Misbehaving on the property
- Unauthorized use of a power cart
- Abuse of property
- Disrespectful treatment of other members, guests or staff
- Drinking alcoholic beverages
- Theft

14. Rules of Golf

The Rules of Golf are an integral part of the game. You, as a Member, should understand the Rules of Golf. You will be asked, as a participant in a competition, to protect the field from rule infractions.

15. Golf Etiquette

Golf Etiquette is an integral part of the game of golf and the first part of the game you should learn and follow. When you have developed proper Golf Etiquette, you will not be limited with whom you can play.

VESPRA HILLS JUNIOR POLICIES (Continued)

Here are a few Golf Etiquette rules you should abide by:

- Do not move, talk, or stand close to a player or directly behind the ball or hole when a player is making a stroke.
- Be ready to play when it is your turn.
- Do not play until those in front of you are out of range.
- Allow faster groups to play through.
- Leave the putting green as soon as the hole is completed.
- Rake and smooth after hitting out of a bunker.
- Repair your ball marks and a couple more.
- Repair or replace your divots.
- Mind where you lay your golf bag. Do not lay it on the green or apron.
- Make sure the flag has been properly replaced before leaving the green.
- Be sure to yell “fore” if your shot may be in danger of striking another player.
- Be courteous to those in your group and everyone else on the golf course.

16. Pace of Play

Vespra Hills encourages all players to play ‘Ready Golf’. Ready Golf is defined as being ready to play when it is safe to play - rather than waiting for the strict honour system.

Junior Golfers must maintain the pace of play established on the course or determined by the Golf Professional Staff. Should Junior Golfers fail to maintain this pace, they will be asked to step aside, and allow the following group to play through. This rule applies to all members and is not specific to Junior Members.

Ready Golf

The basic elements of “Ready Golf” are as follows, and are recommended for use when safe to do so:

ON THE TEE	The player who is ready should hit. Shorter hitters should hit first.
TEE TO GREEN	Take appropriate clubs when approaching your ball. Be ready to hit when it is your turn.
ON THE GREEN	Continue putting until holed out, if doing so does not interfere with another player’s line of putt.
SHORT CUT	Mark your score on the way to the next tee. Be conscious of the 3 minute lost ball rule.
ALWAYS	Keep up to the group in front of yours.



THE VESPRIA HILLS JUNIOR TOUR

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Date	Event	Format	Tour Status
May			
15	Opening Scramble and Orientation	Scramble	Special
June			
11	Better Ball	2 Person Team Event	Major
July			
1	Canada Day Scramble		
12	Generations Cup	Parent Child	Regular
August			
12/13	Club Championship	Low Gross – Low Net	Major
September			
12	JR Tour Championship	Team Scramble	Major
Mondays	Junior House League June 26 to August 21	Team Based Golf	Regular

Appendix

Chart 1 Junior Level Descriptions

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Practice Areas	Full Access	Full Access (must be accompanied by an adult if under 12 or have Head Professional permission)	Access when accompanied by a Senior Member
Championship Course	Full Access	Full Access (must be accompanied by an adult if under 12 or have Head Professional permission)	Not permitted