The Legends Golf Club April 2020

# JUNIOR NEWS

# Junior Golf Development at The Legends Golf Club

#### Calendar of Events

#### May 4 through June 1st:

Five Weekly Video Skills and Weekly Challenges.

#### June 8 through July 27th

Weekly Team Matches for all Leagues

# **Leagues Offered**

6U: Ages 6&Under: \$185

13U: Ages 7-13: \$200

17U: Ages 14-17: \$200

# **Scholarships**

Scholarships are available through PGA Jr League to families who qualify. Please contact me for information before you register!



# **PGAJr League Update**

Hello everyone! I want to take this time to tell you how we are going to restructure our PGA Jr League program at The Legends to accommodate stay-at-home orders and potential long-term social distancing.

I will give a detailed description and calendar for each league after I give a rundown of the plan.

As you know, one of the many things affected by the ongoing pandemic are large social gatherings...this, unfortunately, is taking its toll on youth sports. With that being said, I believe that junior golf can still take place with some creative planning. Golf, of all sports, is an individual game that can be learned and enjoyed in small groups.

My plan for league involves replacing weekly team practice with a weekly skill and weekly challenge that can be practiced individually and at the convenience of the player and their family. I like to think of this as a comprehensive Junior Development program that, given success, could continue year-round in various formats!

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# **Meet your Captain**

Crystal Morse is your PGA Jr League Captain at The Legends Golf Club.

She is a PGA Professional and recently won the 2019Junior Player Development Award in the state of Indiana.

Crystal is going into her fourth season as a PGA Jr League Captain. For the last two years The Legends All-Star Team has won the South Sectional Qualifier and finished third in the state out of all the PGA Jr League All Star Teams!

Personally, Crystal and her husband Jim have two young children who participate in PGA Jr League and they recently opened the Morse Golf Academy at The Legends to offer year round, state of the art golf instruction.

#### The Game Plan

The first thing that you need to do is make sure that your child is registered for PGA Jr League! Weekly video lessons and skills challenges will start on May 4. However, you can definitely register after that and just pick up on the challenge that week.

There will be no official team practice at the golf course - I will send out a video to participants each week with a skill they can practice along with a drill or 'how-to' description. Along with that, there will be a quantifiable weekly challenge. This will be a playing challenge or an at-home challenge - results can be sent to me by Sunday afternoon and I will send out weekly results.

Matches will start the week of June 8th. They will be on different days of the week in an effort to only have 2 teams (24 kids) at the course on any given match day.

# Cancellations/Team Kits/Fall League

**Cancellations**: Anyone who previously registered has the opportunity to cancel their child's participation for a full refund as long as it is done before Team Kits are ordered (Mid-May).

**Team Kits**: Team Kits include two jerseys, a hat, drawstring bag and bag tag.

**Fall League**: Due to the extension of summer League, there will be no official PGA Jr League Fall League. The Legends may host its own fall league for those interested, but that is tbd.



# **League Details and Dates**

#### 6U League: For ages 4-6

This is a developmental and fun intro league for ages 4-6. Even suggested for a 7 year old who is new to the game and has a younger sibling who is also playing. Parents will be asked to get involved and help caddy for their child on match days. Matches will consist of playing 3 holes from a modified distance on the Par 3 course. Total time commitment will be approximately one hour on match days.

**Cost**: \$185

Registration: The code you will need to register is Legends6U. Limited to 14 players.

**Videos/Skill Development**: Starting May 4 weekly videos will be focused around what parents can do with their young children to develop fundamental golf skills and have fun!

Matches: Matches will take place on Tuesdays, June 9, 16, 23 and 30th at 5:30.

## 13U League: For ages 7-13

This is a developmental and competitive league. There will be a post season for our 12 player All Star team; the date for that is yet to be determined. Matches will be 6-9 Holes on the Par 3 for most players and some matches will be played on the Championship Course for more advanced players.

**Cost:** \$200

**Registration**: No registration code is required. Limited to the first 72 players. There will be 6 teams consisting of 12 players each. Siblings will be placed on the same teams. At least one player from each team will be selected for the All-Star Team.

**Videos/Skills Challenge**: Starting May 4 weekly videos will be focused on developing a specific skill or fundamental. I will post a description along with a drill or 'how-to' for each skill. Along with a skill, I will post a challenge for participants to complete each week. This will be on the golf course or at-home depending on your ability to get to the golf course.

Matches: Matches will start June 9 and be on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays - your team will only compete one of those days!

	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
Week 1	1 vs 5	2 vs 6	3 vs 4
Week 2	3 vs 6	1 vs 4	2 vs 5
Week 3	5 vs 6	2 VS 4	1 vs 3
Week 4	1 VS 2	3 vs 5	4 vs 6
Week 5	4 vs 5	1 vs 6	2 vs 3
Week 6	Playoffs based on Total Team Points.		

### 17U League: For ages 14-17

This is also a developmental yet competitive league for the junior who has aged out of the 13U League. Jim Morse, PGA Director of Instruction will be Co-Captain for this League. Matches will consist of individual and team competitions. We will use the Par 3 and the Championship Course.

Cost: \$200

Registration: The code you will need to register is Legends17U. Limited to 24 players.

**Video/Skills Challenge**: Starting May 4 a weekly video will be posted to help develop a specific skill or fundamental and a drill or 'how-to' to go along with it. Also, a weekly challenge will be give for the players to compete at the golf course or at home depending on their ability to get to the golf course.

Matches: Matches will be 9 Holes and be held on Thursdays at 5:30. June 11, 18, 25 and July 9, 16, 23.

Both Jim Morse and myself will have complete open lines of communication throughout PGA Jr League - if you have a question or if your junior needs more individualized help we will happily respond via e-mail, phone or you can sign up for a private lesson with either of us.

As far as private lessons go - once the stay-at-home order is lifted, we will continue with lessons both outside and at the Morse Golf Academy, taking into consideration the sanitary guidelines and social distancing recommendations.

#### **Registration Information:**

To register for any of the PGA Jr Leagues you can go to <u>www.pgajrleague.com</u> and search for The Legends Golf Club. You should see a description of the League so that you know which one to register for.

For those registering for the 6U League - there is not an 'official' 6U League through the PGA, so it will still say 13U. You need to look in the comments to make sure it is the 6U League.

#### **Spectator Carts:**

Just an FYI to all parents and grandparents: due to the Covid-19 pandemic, golf cars are limited to one rider per cart unless you live in the same household. This has put a strain on the supply of golf cars at the course and there will likely be NO spectator carts allowed during matches this summer. I will communicate more about this topic as match dates get closer!

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