



8/21/2024

## Agenda

- **Welcome to Columbus Junior Golf Association (CJGA) Middle School Meeting**
- **Identify Teams:** Brookstone, Calvary, Harris County, Independents, St. Anne Pacelli, St. Luke, Richards, other?
- **Waivers:** waiver form, signatures, fees-\$150, signed forms due by September 2, 2024-discussion
- **General format:**
  - Players required to check in
  - Should arrive at least 10 minutes prior to tee time, if late to tee time a double bogey will be assessed for each hole missed.
  - Make up matches for Bull Creek will be made up at Godwin Creek.
  - CJGA Middle School does not allow for an A-Team player to move to B-Team after the season has begun.
- **Schedule**
  - Season starts September 3, 2024
  - A-Team plays on Tuesdays @ Oxbow Creek & Wednesdays @ Bull Creek
  - B-Team plays on Mondays @ Godwin Creek (and Thursdays if B Team has 33+ players)
  - City Championship date is Saturday, April 20, 2024
  - CJGA City Championship is October 19 @ Bull Creek
  - Callahan Cup (A Team top 24) is November 2 @ Green Island
- **Tournaments:**
  - Discussion-will update and submit to coaches.
- **Participation:** Coaches must submit players by September 2, 2024
- **Questions:**
- **Adjournment:**

## **General Format/Rules**

- There will be two divisions: A-Team and B-Team
- A-Team
  - Players cannot move down to B-Team
  - Matches are played @ Oxbow Creek & Bull Creek
  - Each course is scheduled 3 times.
    - Bull Creek plays 2500 yards for boys (GOLD Tees) and 2437 yards for girls (RED tees).
    - Oxbow Creek plays 2700 yards for boys (WHITE tees) and 2310 yards for girls (GOLD tees).
    - Season is 6 weeks, weather pending
    - Play continues through Spring and Fall Breaks
    - There is a City Championship for both A and B divisions
    - City Championships are on Saturdays
      - A-Team @ Bull Creek
      - B-Team @ Godwin Creek

### **B-Team**

- Players may move up to the A-Team after okaying at least two B-Team matches.
- Program approval is required to approve moving up to the A-Team
- Matches are played at Godwin Creek.
- Godwin Creek plays 1150 yards (RED tees)

## Awards

- A-Team
  - Living the Values and Most Improved Players require a 4-match minimum to qualify-these awards are selected by program staff
  - Season Champion and Runner-up will be awarded
  - Trophies will be awarded for the top 3 players in the City Championship
  - Trophies will be awarded for the Championship Team and Runner-up Team
  - Medals are presented to the medalist of each match, by best score-including ties.
  - Player of the Year is determined by the best average score to par for the season matches for both girls and boys with a 4-match minimum played.
  
- B-Team
  - Living the Values and Most Improved Players require a 4-match minimum to qualify-these awards are selected by program staff
  - Season Champion and Runner-up will be awarded
  - Trophies will be awarded for the top 3 players in the City Championship
  - Trophies will be awarded for the Championship Team and Runner-up Team.
  - Medals are presented to the medalist of each match, by best score-including ties.
  - Player of the Year is determined by the best average score to par for the season matches for both girls and boys with a 4-match minimum played.
  - The B-Team Champion is invited to play in the A-Team Championship.

***\*All players on A-team and b-team qualify to play in their respective City Championships.***

In the event of a regular season tie, the City Championship will serve as a tie-breaker to determine the champion and runner-up.

In case of inclement weather, every effort will be made to call the matches by 1:00 pm on match days. Rescheduling matches will depend on course availability. It is possible that some matches may not be rescheduled.

In the event of a shortened match, a mathematical equation will be used to determine missing scores if all participants have completed 5+ holes. If this occurs, the common number of holes will be used, then the following formula will be used:

- Total score after 5 holes divided by .56
- Total score after 6 holes divided by .67
- Total score after 7 holes divided by .78
- Total score after 8 holes divided by .89

For example, if a player has 33 strokes after 7 holes that total (33) is divided by .78 which results in 42.

In both City Championships, regression will be used to break ties for the top 3 players for trophies.

## **Spring Season**

- A-team top 16 players, with at least 4 matches, and City Championship are invited to play in the Sweet 16 at Green Island. Both regular season matches, and City Championship scores are used to determine seeding. Each player will receive a Sweet 16 plaque. Top 4 qualifying players as of end of season, will receive a trophy.

## **Fall Season**

- A-team top 24 players, with at least 4 matches, and City Championship are invited to play the Champions Cup at Green Island. Both regular season matches, and the City Championship scores are used to determine the top 24. In the event of ties, City Championship scores and regression will be used to determine seeding.
  - #1 Seed will Captain the Red Team, #2 Seed will Captain the White Team.
- There will be a banquet for the top 24 players and up to 2 (max) family members in the Grand Ball Room at Green Island CC. There is no charge for players. Accompanying family members will be charged \$25-\$30 to attend. Committing to the dinner is an obligation for payment, regardless of attendance.
- Each player will receive a Champions Cup plaque. The Captain of the winning team will have their name engraved on the cup, which will be kept at Godwin Creek.

## CJGA Middle School Season Rules

- Players MUST CHECK IN with the starter.
- Both A and B Team matches are played using tee times. Tee times start at 3:40 and end at 5:00. Players with later tee times may be allowed to start early.
- Players should be on the #1 tee 10 minutes before their tee time.
- Late players will be assessed a double bogey for each hole missed and placed with their assigned pairing.
- Spectators at Godwin Creek are limited to 2 adults
- Unattended children are not allowed at any course.
- Parents/spectators can assist a B-Team player for tee to green, but not allowed to help on the green.
- Parents/spectators of A-Team players MUST REMAIN on the cart path (riding or walking) unless assisting in looking for a lost ball.
- A-Team match winners are determined by the total of the best 3 scores. Ties are broken by the 4<sup>th</sup> best score. If both teams don't have 4 scores, the team with 4 wins.
- B-Team match winners are determined by adding the best 2 scores. Ties are broken by the 3<sup>rd</sup> best score. If both teams don't have 3 scores, the team with 3 wins.
- MAXIMUM SCORE is double bogey.
- Practice swings should be kept to 2 or less.
- Play out of bunkers.
- DROP out of penalty areas (red/yellow marked areas). It is a 2-stroke penalty to play out of a penalty area in this program.
- Out of bounds is marked by white stakes. This program plays out of bounds as follows- with a 1-stroke penalty, drop a ball in the fairway near the area where the ball went out of bounds.
- Lost balls are played out of bounds.
- Once addressing the ball, a swing and miss count as a stroke.
- In the fairway or rough, free relief is given from rock areas, dirt areas and tree roots. You may move the ball to the closest point of relief, no closer to the hole, without penalty. This does not apply to balls in the woods.
- Players MUST repair ball marks.
- Players MUST compare, add, and sign scorecards. Cards that are not signed or added will be given the score by program staff. Signing the card indicates submission on the part of the player.
- Team practices at Godwin Creek are included in program fees.
- Bull Creek and Oxbow Creek practices are \$5/9 holes. Tee time reservations are required.

## **Make up matches**

- Both A and B Team matches may be made up at Godwin Creek on Saturday mornings, or on an available weekday.
- Bull Creek make up matches in the Spring, will be played at Godwin Creek on a weekday or Saturday morning.
- Bull Creek make up matches in the Fall will be played at Bull Creek, pending availability.
- Oxbow Creek matches will be made up at Oxbow Creek, pending availability.
- If a City Championship is rained out, efforts will be made to make it up. If a make-up date is not available, regular season scores will determine seeding for the Champions Cup and Sweet 16.
- Champions Cup and Sweet 16 matches will be made up pending availability of Green Island. In the event of a make-up date not being available, regular season scores will be used to determine awards.

## **GODWIN CREEK**

- Hole #1- go to the drop zone on the green side of the creek for any ball in the tree line or in creek with a 1-stroke penalty.
- Holes #2 and #3- use a “lateral penalty” for a ball in the tree line. Using the point where the ball entered the tree line, a player may drop a ball within 2 club lengths, no closer to the hole, with a 1 stroke penalty.
- Hole #5-Players shall use the drop zone on the green side of the bridge (white tee) for any ball in the creek or pampas grass with a 1-stroke penalty.
- Hole #7- any ball within a clubhead length of the fence line is considered in the penalty area, under penalty of 1 stroke, a player shall drop the ball within 2 club lengths, no closer to the hole. If a ball is more than a clubhead length from the fence, and interferes with the player’s swing, the player may take free relief within 1 club length, no penalty.
- Hole #9-A player shall take relief for balls hit in the creek or pampas grass within 2 club lengths, no closer to the hole, 1-stroke penalty.
- Pampas grass-Relief taken within 2 club lengths, no closer to the hole, 1-stroke penalty.



## **Oxbow Creek**

- Hole #4-White tee players shall drop a ball that does not carry the bridge by dropping a ball on the Yellow tee, 1-stroke penalty.
- Hole #5-Players receive free relief from the waste area on the left side of the hole. The ball shall be dropped in the fairway, no closer to the hole.
- Rock, dirt and root areas-free relief, player may lift, clean, and place, within 1 club length, no closer to the hole. Only for balls in fairway or rough, not woods.
- Penalty areas: relief within 2 club lengths, no closer to the hole, 1-stroke penalty.
  - DO NOT PLAY OUT OF PENALTY AREAS!
- Balls determined to be lost or out of bounds are played by taking a drop in the fairway across from where the ball is determined to have 1) gone out of bounds, or 2) reasonably lost in bounds, 1-stroke penalty.
  - DO NOT SEARCH LONGER THAN 3 MINUTES FOR A BALL!

## **Bull Creek**

- Hole #3-Drop behind the creek, in the fairway, for a ball in the creek, 1-stroke penalty.
- Hole #4-Drop within 2 club lengths from point of entry, no closer to the hole, for a ball in the water/red penalty area, 1-stroke penalty.
- Hole #9-For balls in the water or in penalty area right of the cart path-place the ball in the fairway at a point no closer to the hole, where the ball entered the penalty area. Penalty is 1 stroke.
- Rock, dirt, and root areas-free relief, player may lift, clean, and place, within 1-club length, no closer to the hole. Only for balls in fairway or rough, not woods.
  - DO NOT PLAY OUT OF PENALTY AREAS!
- Balls determined to be lost or out of bounds are played by taking a drop in the fairway across from where the ball is determined to have 1) gone out of bounds, or 2) reasonably lost in bounds, 1-stroke penalty
- Bunkers will be played unless determined unplayable before each match. If bunkers are deemed unplayable- free relief by placing/dropping a ball directly behind the bunker is granted.