

2020 Middleton Middle School Golf Program

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Middleton Middle School Golf Program Purpose

The purpose of the Middleton Middle School Golf Program is, in a safe and fun environment, to introduce the game of golf to those who wish to learn and to prepare those with advanced golf skills for the competitive level. We will achieve our purpose by offering the following:

Beginner Level: This level is designed for those with little to no golf experience. Students will be given instruction on golf safety, golf etiquette and the basic fundamentals of golf to include grip, stance, ball position, posture and alignment as well as instruction in putting, chipping, pitching and the full swing. .

Advanced Level: This level is designed for those with advanced golf knowledge and skills. Students at this level will be introduced to different playing formats and will explore their game in more depth to include advanced drills, evaluate personal performance, document club distances, learn shot shaping, and course management.

Golf Program Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in the Middleton Middle School Golf Program, students must be eligible to participate in school activities. Students will not have any pending disciplinary actions or suspensions and will not have an "F" Grade in any school subject. Students with an "F" Grade in ANY subject will not be eligible to participate.

Golf Program Rules and Student Expectations/Responsibilities

Students are required to bring their own equipment to and from practice each day as the golf course will not be able to store equipment this year.

Students will be required to dress in appropriate golf attire while at practice. Golf attire will consist of a collared shirt, shorts, slacks (jeans ok) and appropriate athletic shoes (no open-toed shoes or sandals.) Girls may wear appropriate length golf skirts and short sleeve collared shirts. Please make sure to bring a water bottle and dress appropriately for the weather!

When participating in Wednesday practice, all students are required to walk and either carry their own golf bag or use a three-wheeled push carts. Students are not permitted to rent or operate an electric golf cart.

On non-practice days, the student is responsible for the cost of range balls and course play.

Student Behavior/Conduct

Students who participate in the program understand that it is a privilege and an extension of the school day. Students are to conduct themselves in accordance with the mission statement, rules and regulations of Middleton Middle School.

Students who participate in the program will observe all golf course safety rules and comply with instructions from the golf course staff.

Students understand that golf is a game of honor, etiquette and respect. We certainly don't wish for poor conduct and understand that misbehavior, non-compliance with coaches and/or golf course staff will be handled in the following manner:

- 1.) The student will have a private conference with Coach Pete who will be addressing the behavior that needs to be corrected.*
- 2.) If the behavior continues and is observed a second time the student will again meet with Coach Pete who will notify both parents and school administration. The student will meet with school administration/Athletic Director to determine if any additional action is needed.*
- 3.) If the behavior happens a third time, the student will be dismissed from the program.*

Depending on the severity/nature of the behavior, the golf course staff have the authority to remove a participant from the course and school administration/Athletic Director has the authority to remove a participant from the program.

Parents Role/Responsibilities

Parents are to be encouraging and supportive of the junior program. We ask parents to do this by downloading the Team App to stay updated on practice announcements, ensuring their child has appropriate attire, making sure their child arrives on time for practices and are picked up promptly. Parents understand that this is a club whose goal is to expose the game of golf to those who want to learn and to help prepare advanced golfers for the competitive level. Parents are asked to provide unconditional love and support of their child regardless of their golf performance. When students are taking professional instruction on the lesson tee, parents are politely asked to assume the role of a spectator and are politely asked to refrain from providing any golf instruction whatsoever. When appropriate and necessary, parents can contact Coach Pete at pburton@msd134.org. Emails are expected to be polite, professional and in the best interest of the student.

Coaches Role/Responsibilities

The role and responsibility of the coach is to provide a safe and positive learning environment for all participants. At each practice coaches will continually review safety expectations, golf course rules, etiquette and assign appropriate golf activities for each practice session. Coaches will emphasize a respect for the rules, officials, opponents and self. Coaches will provide practice updates and/or any changes in the schedule by posting them in the Team App. Range balls and course time will be provided by the golf course on Wednesday practice days only. The golf course does have extra clubs available if a student does not have a set of their own.

Communication

Students and parents are asked to download the Team App which has been approved by the Middleton School District and will serve as the method of communication for the Middleton Middle School Golf Program. All communication is visible to all users and the purpose is to provide clear communication on practice reminders, practice updates, meeting places, any changes in the schedule or updates on inclement weather. Questions may be emailed to Coach Pete at pburton@msd134.org and are expected to be polite and professional.

Tee Times/Practice/Play on Non-Practice Days

Juniors are encouraged to play and practice on their own and with friends. If a junior golfer wishes to practice or play they must check in with the golf shop staff. There is no charge to chip and putt on the practice green. Tokens for the range must be purchased in the golf shop. (Prices included below.)

If a junior golfer wishes to play 9 or 18 holes please call the golf course and set up a tee time. Purple Sage does not take tee times for singles and singles might be paired with other groups depending on how busy the course is. Groups of two or more are required to call the golf course and schedule a tee time. Absolutely NO GROUPS OF 6! You are expected to be on time and required to pay your green fees. If you are unable to make your tee time, please call the golf course as a courtesy at (208)459-2223 and let the golf shop know. If your group arrives late, you will be moved to the next available tee time.

Groups of 3 or 4 walking on during a weekend without a tee time are not guaranteed to immediately get out and play. We strongly encourage junior golfers to call and make tee times.

If a junior golfer wishes to purchase an annual pass (\$163.50) they are still required to check in and make tee times as mentioned above. The Annual Junior Pass means that a junior does not have to pay the daily green fee each time they come out to play. The junior pass DOES NOT include range balls and is ONLY VALID for the junior who purchased the pass.

Range balls cost and course play costs on non-practice days are the responsibility of the student!

Purple Sage Golf Course Rates (effective Feb 1, 2020)

Annual Junior Pass: \$163.50 (no age restrictions through high school)

9-hole junior rate: \$9.50 (anytime)

18-hole junior rate: \$11.50 (anytime)

Small bucket (1 token about 30 balls) \$4.00

Large bucket (2 tokens about 60 balls) \$7.00