



***JUNIOR  
HAND BOOK***

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Welcome to Mississippi Golf Club!

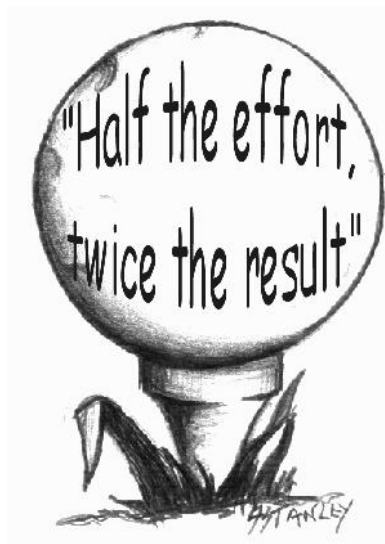
At Mississippi Golf Club we try to offer the best golfing opportunity to our young members. Some of the best players in the Ottawa area have come from our Golf Club. We have one of the most popular junior programs in the area for both new and advanced players. We regularly host OVGA (Ottawa Valley Golf Association) junior events and have a full schedule of events for our junior members.

We hope you participate in our junior program. It is a great opportunity to improve your game and make some new friends. Some of the friends you make here may be friends for life.

Mississippi is a friendly club and if you have any questions feel free to ask the Pro Shop staff. They are there to help.

We hope you enjoy your golf experience at Mississippi and that you remain a member for years to come.

Enjoy your summer!



## **BASIC GUIDELINES**

- Junior members are defined as those who are 18 or younger as of April 15<sup>th</sup> in the current year.



## **DRESS CODE**

### ***Ladies***

1. Ladies' shorts, skirts and dresses should be of modest length and in good taste.
2. Jeans, cut-offs, halter tops, bare midriffs, gym and track shorts, jogging suits or sweat pants are not permitted

### ***Men***

1. Jeans, cut-offs, gym shorts, track shorts, tennis shorts, sweat pants, jogging suits, swim suits, Logo type T-shirts (except tasteful golf related logo) are not permitted.
2. Men's tailored shorts or dress sport pants are encouraged. Rugger pants, which are neat and tidy are permitted.
3. Muscle shirts or tank tops are not permitted.
4. Appropriate shirts must be worn at all times.

### ***General***

1. Mississippi permits the use of soft spikes on the playing area of the golf course and in the clubhouse. Other non-golf footwear must be approved by the Pro/Manager.
2. Dress regulations are in effect on all Club premises. This includes the parking lot, clubhouse, pro shop and the playing area.
3. The spirit of the dress code (which has been long standing) is simple and reasonable. At the Golf Club you are expected to wear golf type clothing. This applies to members and parents. The Pro/Manager and the Board of Directors have the authority to disallow the use of the facilities if the rules are not adhered to. Special Club events may result in the lifting of the dress code regulations, upon approval of the Board of Directors.



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## **PACE OF PLAY**

It should take no more than 4 hours and 15 minutes to play an 18-hole game of golf. Whether you are a new golfer or advanced, we expect you to play at that pace or faster. If you are having trouble on a hole, please pick up and walk ahead. You should always keep up with the group ahead of you.



## **GOLF ETIQUETTE**

A group of golfers tee off every 8 minutes.

When they follow a consistent pace throughout the game, this 8 minute spread can be maintained until the 18th green. Unfortunately some group's fall behind 10 minutes or more, this backs up play!

By following some of these tips and reminders, you will help keep pace and have a more enjoyable round of golf.

- ➡ Try playing ready golf, where order of play is based on who's ready, not on who's away.
- ➡ Always be prepared to play when it is your turn to hit. Don't wait until it is your turn to figure out which club to use, or to determine the line of a putt; use the time while others are hitting to make those decisions.
- ➡ On the tee, pay attention to your partners' drives. If they lose sight of their ball, you can help direct them to it and avoid any searching.



- ➡ Carry extra tees, ball markers and an extra ball in your pockets so you never have to return to your bag to find one when needed.
- ➡ Keep pace with the group AHEAD of you.
- ➡ Always place your bag off the green near the exit to the next tee.
- ➡ Use trees and bunkers and other visible landmarks as reference points to find your ball. Do not spend more than 2 minutes looking for a lost ball.
- ➡ Rake any sand traps after use.
- ➡ Replace your divots!
- ➡ Repair your ball mark plus one other on each green.
- ➡ Once all tee shots have been made, each player should proceed directly to his or her own ball.
- ➡ If extra clubs have been used for chipping, lay them beside the flag so as not to forget them.
- ➡ Mark your scorecard after reaching the next tee, not while lingering on or near the just-completed green.
- ➡ Don't bother marking lag putts - go ahead and putt out if it's short enough.
- ➡ When chipping around the green, carry both the club you'll be chipping with plus your putter so you don't have to return to the bag.
- ➡ Your group may not mind your loud tone, but other groups will. This is not a playground or hockey rink!

➡Familiarize yourself with our dress code and follow it. (ie. shirts tucked in, no denim, no hats in clubhouse)

➡As a player, you also have a responsibility to learn and understand the Rules of Golf.

At the end of the round, shake hands with your fellow players, congratulate the winners, console the losers, and thank them for their company. At the end of the day, the great pleasure of the game is the time you get to spend with your friends.

If you are unsure, ask your fellow players for advice, or talk to the staff in the Pro Shop.

Unlike many sports, golf is played, for the most part, without the supervision of a referee or umpire. The game relies on the *integrity* of the individual to show consideration for other players and to abide by the Rules. All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times, irrespective of how competitive they may be. This is the spirit of the great game of golf.

If a player consistently disregards these guidelines during a round or over a period of time to the detriment of others, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken. Such action may, for example, include prohibiting play for a limited time on the course or in a certain number of competitions. This is considered to be justifiable in terms of protecting the interest of the majority of golfers who wish to play in accordance with these guidelines.





## **RESERVING A TEE TIME**

Members of Mississippi Golf Club can book tee times in one of two ways:

- by using our on-line reservation system at [www.mississippigolfclub.org](http://www.mississippigolfclub.org)
- by calling the Pro Shop at 613-257-3396

Please contact the Pro Shop to find out your user name and password. The staff will walk you through the booking process.

## **KEEPING A HANDICAP**

Members of Mississippi Golf Club are encouraged to keep track of their scores in order to establish a handicap. This is done by logging onto [www.golfcanada.ca](http://www.golfcanada.ca) Please check with the Pro Shop staff to find out what your user name and password are.



## **JUNIOR PLAY**

1. Fully privileged members adults will have preference on the tee between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on weekday evenings over playing groups of Juniors. Groups of Juniors having one or more adults in the playing group will have the same preference as if all members of the group were adults.
2. Groups of juniors may not obtain weekend starting times until 11:00 a.m. Friday.
3. Groups of juniors may not play before 11am on Weekends unless they are accompanied by an adult.
4. Juniors with handicaps of 15 and under may play in all Club tournaments except Men's Thursday Night League.
5. Juniors 12 years of age or under may play only in the company of one or more fully privileged members.
6. Junior members may invite any non member junior (15 years of age and younger) to play for only \$10 after 4:00 any day.

## CLUB TOURNAMENTS AND EVENTS

### General Information

- Junior events are open to all members of Mississippi Golf Club who are 18 years of age or younger on April 15<sup>th</sup> of the current year.
- For Club tournaments and events, male junior members play from the white tees and female juniors play from the gold tees.
- Junior members with a handicap of 15 or under who choose to play in adult events (e.g., the Open Championship) cannot simultaneously compete in junior events.
- Juniors are responsible for signing up for these events. Sign-up sheets for each event are posted on the Junior Board in the basement lobby of the clubhouse. The draw is also posted in the lobby and the Pro Shop a couple of days before the event.
- Any special rules (e.g., preferred lies due to course condition) will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Pro Shop.
- Prizes for each event are awarded to both male and female juniors.
- An additional fee is charged to play in most junior events.
- The dates for these events vary from year to year and are included in the annual Playing Schedule. Pick up a copy in the Pro Shop.
- Junior golfers of all abilities are encouraged to participate in Mississippi's Club tournaments and events.





### **Junior Opening**

The Junior Opening tournament is an 18-hole stroke play event, with prizes awarded for low gross and low net scores. This event is usually held in May.

### **Junior Club Championship**

The Junior Club Championship is a two-round, stroke play event. The golfer with the lowest gross score over both rounds wins the championship. In the event of a tie, the players involved compete in a sudden-death playoff. The Junior Club Championship is held in August.

### **Junior/Adult Chapman**

This is an 18-hole, team (any junior member with any adult member) Chapman format event. Both team members tee off (yellow or white depending on the tees that they would normally play). Each player then hits his partner's ball. The team then picks the best ball position to play their 3<sup>rd</sup> shot from. The ball that is selected is then hit by the partner that did not hit the previous shot. The team then alternates shots until the ball is holed. Team net scores are calculated by subtracting 40 per cent of a team's combined handicap from the gross score. The tournament is usually played in July.

### **Junior Closing**

The Junior Closing tournament is an 18-hole, stroke play event, with prizes awarded for low gross and low net scores. This event is usually held near the end of August.



## ***INTER-CLUB EVENTS***

### **General Information**

- Teams from Mississippi compete against teams from other clubs.
- Team members are selected based on their scores in qualifying rounds. The dates for the qualifying rounds and for the events themselves are posted in the Playing Schedule for each season, available in the Pro Shop and online.
- Any special rules (e.g., preferred lies due to course condition) for the qualifying rounds will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Pro Shop.
- There is an entry fee for qualifying rounds. However, the club pays the team entry fee for each competition (most events include a meal) and provides team shirts for a nominal fee.



### **OVGA Junior Intersectionals**

Mississippi's Junior Intersectional Team competes against teams from other clubs in the Ottawa Valley Golf Association (OVGA). Qualification for the team is based on the best one out of two 18-hole scores, playing from the white tees. The team consists of 12 members – 10 regulars and 2 alternates. For the intersectional competition which is played in late July, the Ottawa Valley Golf Association divides the junior teams into divisions of 4 teams. The winner of each division advances up a level the following year. The losing team will drop a level.

### **The M. J. Blakely Trophy – Annual Upper Valley Golf Association (UVGA) Competition Since 1961**

The Blakely Tournament is an 18-hole, stroke play competition involving junior teams from Mississippi, Arnprior, Renfrew and Pembroke. Two qualifying rounds are played to select a 10-member team. The best 6 scores from each team are counted toward a final team score. The low team score is the Blakely Tournament champion. The tournament rotates between the four clubs.





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