



2024

*Idaho Falls
Junior Golf Program*

*Informational
Booklet*



Sage Lakes (612-8535)



Pinecrest (612-8485)



Sand Creek (612-8115)

*“No matter how good you get, you can always
get better.” Tiger Woods*

Important Reminders for the 2024 Season

- ✓ **In-person Etiquette Seminars are BACK!!** For 2024 your junior **MUST** attend one of the in-person seminars to be eligible to be a member and participate in this league.
- ✓ **Junior Association Members can play for FREE on FAMILY GOLF DAYS**-It is a great opportunity to play our courses with the whole family at a leisurely pace. Read about all the details later in this booklet.
- ✓ **Junior Lessons**- see the last page for junior lesson opportunities.
- ✓ **Register Online**- We are set up for online registration through www.idahofallsidaho.gov/JGA and the cost is \$45. If you would like to pay with check or cash, you can still do so via mail or in-person at Pinecrest Golf Course and the cost is \$40.
- ✓ **Make Tee Times Over the Phone**- Make a tee time for the upcoming Monday Junior Day by simply calling the course any time after the previous Junior Day.

What the Idaho Falls Junior Golf Association is all about

The program provides children 17 and under the chance to:

- ✗ Play 9-holes of golf at Pinecrest, Sand Creek, and Sage Lakes on scheduled Junior Days reserved for the kids. The schedule for these Junior Days is included later in this booklet.
- ✗ Unlimited play on the 6-hole short course at Sand Creek.
- ✗ The opportunity to play, within their age division, in the annual club championship tournament and attend the year end banquet. where tournament trophies and other awards are presented.
- ✗ To become a member a junior **must** fulfill certain requirements.... please read below:

MANDATORY MUSTS

1. Etiquette Seminar & Quiz

All juniors of the Idaho Falls Junior Golf Association must attend and pass a required Etiquette & Rules Clinic **each year** before they are allowed to play golf on junior day.

The purpose of the clinic is to teach & remind kids about the basic rules of the game, safety, consideration for other players, pace of play, and care of the course. The clinic is taught by our local PGA Golf Professionals and Staff. Each junior golfer will receive an Idaho Falls Junior Golf Association

Membership card upon completion of this clinic. The membership card must be carried and shown to the Junior Golf Personnel when playing on junior day and when playing the 6-hole short course at Sand Creek. (If a junior was a member last year, and still has their card, their membership cards will simply be re-activated after the seminar.

Etiquette Clinics will **ONLY** be held on the following days. Juniors do not need to bring clubs to the clinic, just themselves. The juniors need to meet at the clubhouse of the appropriate golf course 10 minutes before the start of the clinic and should plan on spending approximately one hour.

May 25th at Pinecrest Golf Course 8:00am OR 9:00am OR 10:00am

June 3rd at Pinecrest Golf Course 9:00 am ONLY

June 10th at Sand Creek Golf Course 9:00 am ONLY

June 17th at Sage Lakes Golf Course 9:00 am ONLY

2. Everyone must have their own set of clubs.

To help with the pace of play, we do require every junior who participates in the program to have their own golf bag and clubs. For those without clubs, the local course golf shops do offer clubs for sale at reasonable prices. We also offer sets which can be rented for the entire season for \$40. Please contact any of the local golf shops for more information.

3. Dress Code

Proper golf attire (neat and clean) is required. Shirts (t-shirts, etc.) & shoes (tennis shoes, golf shoes, etc.) must be always worn.

4. Kids under age 14 must have Adult Supervision

- If your child is under the age of 14, they will not be allowed to play on Junior Day unless accompanied by someone responsible at least 14 years or older.
- The purpose of this rule is to eliminate problems we've incurred on junior day in the past (acts of vandalism on the course) and to help keep the kids to move along at a reasonable pace, etc.

5. HOW TO SIGN UP

(1) **MAIL or IN-PERSON REGISTRATION:** Cost is \$40.00 (Cash or Check only-no credit cards). Fill out the registration form provided in this booklet and bring it in or mail it to **Pinecrest Golf Course / 701 E**

Elva Street / Idaho Falls, ID 83401 / ATTN: "JR GOLF". (Juniors with a City of Idaho Falls season golf pass pay \$30.00. You must have purchased the season pass before registering)

Registration forms can also be printed off at golfif.com. Go to "leagues" and then click "Idaho Falls Junior Association".

(2) **ONLINE REGISTRATION:** Cost is \$45.00. Go online to www.idahofallsidaho.gov/JGA create a profile, register, and pay! You can also scan the following QR Code to gain access to our online registration portal:

QR Code



How to make a tee time for Junior Day

For kids to play golf on Junior Day, **you must make a tee time**. To make a tee time for the First Junior Day on June 3rd, call Pinecrest any time after May 18th. After that, you can make tee times for future Junior Days one week in advance when you come to play on Junior Day. If you are unable to play on Junior Day, tee times can be made by calling the course. Each tee time will only accommodate 4 golfers. **Please sign up for only ONE tee time**. Juniors may make a tee time for either the front nine or the back nine. We will allow juniors to play an extra 9 holes on junior day if there is space available. Inquire with the Junior Golf personnel after your first round. Some other reminders:

- Tee times are available on a first come, first serve basis.
- We request all juniors to show up at least 15 minutes prior to their tee time to allow for check-in and warm-up.
- If you are unable to make your tee-time, please call the golf shop and cancel your time.

Parents can now play on some Junior Days?

Parents are usually not allowed to play on Junior Days but this year parents

can play on these dates!!!

- Monday, July 1st @ Sand Creek
- Monday, July 8th @ Sage Lakes
- Monday, July 15th @ Pinecrest

On these special Monday's, we will allow non-Junior Association members (parents, family members and friends) the opportunity to play 9-holes of golf with Junior Association Members. Non-members who want to play will be required to pay a reduced green fee price of \$9.99 per person (those with a season pass are exempt). There **MUST** be at least **ONE** Junior Association member in the group, or they will not be allowed to play. Groups will be limited to four players.

How to Check in on Junior Day

1. Arrive at the golf course at least 15 minutes prior to your tee time.
2. Bring and show your Idaho Falls Junior Golf Association Membership card to the Junior Golf Personnel and pick up a scorecard and pencil.
3. The Junior golf personnel will instruct the juniors on where and when to tee off.

Earning Prizes by collecting Junior Participation Points!!

Each Junior is required to **track their own points**. This is a task that requires personal integrity. Enclosed in this booklet is a form to track of participation points which can be earned by completing activities. (Alternate forms can be printed off golfif.com) Each activity must be dated, and the form must be signed by a parent/guardian and the junior prior to turning it in. The form **MUST** be turned into the golf shop at Pinecrest **NO LATER than WEDNESDAY August 7, 2024**. Late forms will **NOT** be accepted. Points will be given based on the following:

- Play on Junior Day (one point)
- Play in the Club Championship (one point)
- Take a lesson (one point for every lesson)
- Play 9 or 18 holes not on Jr Day at **any** course (one point per day)
- Play the Short Course (one point per day)
- Hit a bucket of Balls (one point per day)

Points can only be accumulated starting on Monday, June 3rd and ending on Sunday, August 4th.

Annual Club Championship Details

The annual Club Championship is held at the end of the season. The

tournament is divided into age groups for both boys and girls. Important details are:

- The junior's actual **age as of July 22, 2024**, will determine which age group they will compete for in this tournament.
- Boys ages 12 and up (18 holes) AND Girls ages 13 and up (18 holes) will play on **Monday July 29th at Sage Lakes.**
- Boys ages 9-11 (9 holes- Back 9); Girls ages 9-12 (9 holes-Front 9) will play on **Monday July 22nd at Sand Creek.**
- Boys & Girls 8 & under (6 holes) will play on **Monday, July 22nd at the 6-Hole Short Course at Sand Creek.** (Age 6-8 play 6 holes; Age 5 play 3 holes (1,2, & 3); 4 & under play 1 hole)
- **HOW TO SIGN UP FOR THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP:** Monday, June 24th, is the first day juniors can sign up for the club championship. The sign-up book will be available during Junior Days at the course where Jr Day is held. If you fail to sign up that day you can call Pinecrest Tuesday through Sunday. Juniors can pick the time they want to play and who they play with. Juniors must play on the day and course they are assigned. Tee times will be available on a first come, first served basis and only 4 players per tee time.
- Participants are required to show up at least 10 minutes prior to their tee time.
- **WE NEED VOLUNTEER SCOREKEEPERS.** For the tournament, we'll need volunteer scorekeepers to ensure its success. If your child plans on participating in the tournament, please make a commitment to keep score for a group. Provide your name on the tournament signup sheet (same sheet where juniors sign up for this event) if you can help.
- Trophies will be awarded based on the number of kids in each age group.

End of the year Banquet & Awards Party

We will present awards for the Club Championship tournament, recognize other special awards for those juniors who participated in our program during the summer. **The banquet is open to your entire family.** The association will provide all the food (chicken, salad, rolls/chips, pop, water, and eating utensils. All you need to bring is your lawn chairs and your camera. This year's banquet will be held on **Wednesday, August 14th @ 6:30 pm** at the Short-Range at Pinecrest.

Short Course Privileges at Sand Creek

The 6-hole short course was designed to help novice players gain confidence in their game before taking on the regulation size courses. Playing the short course will help the novice golfer become familiar with how the game is played, etc. Junior course green fees are FREE 7 days a week to all Idaho Falls Junior Golf Association Members. Information on the 6-hole short course at Sand Creek is as follows:

- *The course is open to the public, adults as well as juniors.*
- *The estimated time to play 6 holes is approximately 1 hour.*
- *Junior course green fees are FREE to all Idaho Falls Junior Golf Association Members. You must present your Idaho Falls Jr. Association membership card to the Golf Shop personnel in the clubhouse at Sand Creek (approximately 250 yards from the short course) before you play. Non-IF Junior Association members and Parents green fees are \$5.00 for each 6-hole round played. Annual Season golf passes for our regular courses are **NOT** valid on the short course.*
- *It is recommended that each group of golfers have an ADULT (someone 18 years of age or older) along with them while they play.*
- *Individuals over the age of 9 must play with IRONS ONLY - NO WOODS.*
- *The short course is open to the public seven days a week, 8am to dusk. NOTE: These hours are subject to change without notice for needed course maintenance work, etc. We recommend that you contact the Sand Creek Golf Shop at 612-8115 to confirm the short course hours of operation before you go out to play!*
- *The short course does not take tee times even on Junior Days. Play is on a first come, first serve basis.*

General play Season Pass Prices

Prices for junior golfers to play Pinecrest, Sand Creek, & Sage Lakes are listed below. These prices are for general play at the regulation sized golf courses and do not include Junior Day.

Season Passes for juniors (Must be born in 2006 or later and those who are 18 who are still in high school):

\$315.77 Pass - Good at all 3 courses, Valid for current year, 7 days a week.

\$230.76 Pass - Good at all 3 courses, Valid for current year, Weekdays only prior to 4pm, not valid on Weekends or Holidays.

Daily Green fees - \$15 for 18 Holes and \$10 for 9 Holes, 7 days a week for all kids 17 and under (and those who are 18 who are still in high school).

Have Questions? Need more information?

The Idaho Falls Junior Golf Association is organized and conducted by the Idaho Falls Junior Golf Board. The Board is comprised of four people (Tim Reinke PGA Professional @ Pinecrest, Jack Anderson, Fred Sica, and Kim Berrett). If you ever have any questions or suggestions on the program, please feel free to contact any of them @ ifjrgolf@gmail.com. Also, if you know of a junior who may have financial difficulty in joining this association, please let us know as the Idaho Falls Elks Lodge does provide funding for this program.

Want to help with the program?

We are always looking for Volunteers to help with our junior golf program. If you are interested, please call Tim Reinke at Pinecrest @ 612-8485. Thank you in advance for being a volunteer!

Family Golf Day

Every Saturday Afternoon STARTING at **3pm** during June, July, and August, your family can Come play 9 holes on a fun, no pressure atmosphere that allows your group to play at a leisurely pace. PRICES for 9 Holes: \$9.99 Adults; \$6.99 for kids under 12 and **JUNIOR ASSOCIATION MEMBERS ARE FREE!!** *All kids 13 and under must have Adult Supervision
Please Call to make a Tee Time!

Family Day Schedule 2024 (subject to change-please call course to confirm)

Saturday, June 8th Pinecrest

Saturday, June 15th Sand Creek

Saturday, June 22nd, Sage Lakes

Saturday, June 29th, Pinecrest

Saturday, July 6th, Sand Creek

Saturday, July 13th, Pinecrest
Saturday, July 20th, Sage Lakes
Saturday, July 27th, Sand Creek
Saturday, Aug 3rd, Sage Lakes
Saturday, Aug 10th, Pinecrest
Saturday, Aug 17th, Sand Creek
Saturday, Aug 24th, Sage Lakes

Fun Event for Families

Saturday, August 3rd 23rd Annual Sand Creek Short Course Parent-Junior Golf Tournament. To be eligible to play, a junior must be 17 or under on or before August 3, 2024, or have been enrolled as a senior in high school in the spring of 2024. We will use the junior's age on Aug 3rd for this event.

*Entry fee is \$15 per team which will pay for green fees and prizes.

*We will have several divisions: Father-Son; Father-Daughter; Mother-Son; Mother-Daughter; Grandfather-Grandson; Grandfather-Granddaughter; Grandmother-Grandson; Grandmother-Granddaughter.

*We will award prizes for the top teams at the annual Junior Golf Banquet.

*To play, just show up @ Sand Creek on Saturday, Aug 3rd anytime during the day. No need to pre-register.

*Players may play any time during the day and with any other team that enters or by themselves.

*Format of event: 6 holes, Chapman Format (both players tee off each hole; players alternate 2nd shots; after the 2nd shots, team picks the best location and rotates hitting shots until the ball is holed for one team score.

*Can play one round with Dad, then next round with Grandma, etc.

The Idaho State Junior Golf Association

The Idaho State Junior Tour is a state-wide playing opportunity for junior golfers. They provide competitive junior tournaments throughout the summer followed by a yearend State Championship tournament for juniors who qualified via the weekly tournaments. To register for this program, please go online to **www.idahoga.org**.

LESSON PROGRAMS

1. Private Golf Lessons for Juniors

Private golf lessons are available at Pinecrest, Sand Creek, & Sage Lakes. For prices and package offerings please call any of the courses.

2. Operation 36 Program

**Cost: varies depending on program*

**Boys & Girls Ages 7-18*

**Instructors: Kevin Kavran, PGA and Tyson Bowen, PGA*

Operation 36 provides beginners with the most effective model and technology to learn to play golf. Become a skilled golfer by following a motivating roadmap to shooting Par (36) or better for 9 holes! For more information about Operation 36, go online and visit operation36.golf/ Simply click 'Find A Program' and search Idaho Falls. From there, select the course you want to participate at and submit a player form.

3. Sand Creek Golf Course Junior Group Camps.....please see details on the next page!



Golf Fitness & Fun!! *camp*

Sign your child up today for 4-days of Golf Instruction, Exercise & Entertainment. Our goal is to have every student leave camp with the knowledge it takes to swing a club properly, chip it close, sink a putt with confidence and play a round on the course. Overall we just want your kiddo to have an experience they will remember. Student to instructor ratio will be 6:1 and the camp will be taught by our local PGA Professionals!

\$200 Per student

Email: Thomsean@live.com to Sign-up

Week 1: Ages 5-9 (18 students MAX)

Dates: June 4th to June 7th

Week 2: Ages 9-13 (18 students MAX)

Dates: June 18th to June 21st

Week 3: Ages 5-9 (18 students MAX)

Dates: July 16th to July 19th

Week 4: Ages 9-13 (18 students MAX)

Dates: July 23rd to July 26th

COMPLETE SCHEDULE 

Day 1 9:00-9:30 FITNESS

9:30-10:00 Snack & Game Video

10:00-10:45 Group A FULL-SWING

Group B CHIPPING

10:45-11:30 Group A CHIPPING

Group B FULL-SWING

11:30-11:50 CHIPPING CONTEST

11:50-12:10 Snack & set-up for FUN

12:10-1:00 GOLF BASEBALL

Day 2 9:00-9:30 FITNESS

9:30-10:00 Snack & Game Video

10:00-10:45 Group A FULL-SWING

Group B PITCHING

10:45-11:30 Group A PITCHING

Group B FULL-SWING

11:30-11:50 FULL-SWING CONTEST

11:50-12:10 Snack & set-up for FUN

12:10-1:00 GOLF SOCCER

Day 3 9:00-9:30 FITNESS

9:30-10:00 Snack & Game Video

10:00-10:30 Group A FULL SWING

Group B CHIPPING

10:30-11:00 Group A CHIPPING

Group B FULL-SWING

11:00-11:40 Build a Hole Putting Course

11:40-12:00 Snack & set-up for FUN

12:10-1:00 PUTTING COURSE CONTEST

Day 4 9:00-9:30 FITNESS

9:30-10:00 Snack & Game Video

10:00-10:20 Group A FULL-SWING

Group B SHORT GAME

10:20-10:40 Group A SHORT GAME

Group B FULL-SWING

11:00-1:00 SHORT COURSE TOURNEY

(2-Person Scramble)