

## 2020 Junior Club Championship Rules and Expectations

<b>Division</b>	<b>Tees</b>	<b>Courses Played</b>
Club Championship	White Tees	Red - Blue  Time par: 3 hours 55 minutes
Competitive Division - Boys Division - Girls Division	Red Tees	Red - Blue  Time par: 3 hours 55 minutes
Recreational Division - Boys Division - Girls Division	Red Tees	White Course  Time par: 1 hour 57 minutes
Learn to Compete Division	Purple Tees  Group Scramble Format	White Course  Time par: 1 hour 57 minutes

### **COVID-19 Protocols**

Junior Club Championship participants are allowed to arrive at the golf course 20 minutes prior to their tee time. Upon arrival, you will check-in at the tent with Coach Carly to receive your scorecard and meet your playing partners. Please print off your own copy of this rules sheet and bring it with you. You are responsible for keeping your own score, and the score of one of your opponents. Participants will have roughly 15 minutes to warm up on the putting green and in the hitting net before teeing off. Push carts will be available on a first-come first-serve basis; if you have your own, please bring it.

Prior to the tournament, please read the following rules and expectations.

### **General Tournament Rules:**

1. Every attempt to hit the ball is counted as a stroke. There are no mulligans or re-do.
2. If you lose your ball, or hit it out of bounds, drop a new ball close to where it was lost, and play from there. Add one stroke onto your score as a penalty.
  - A legal drop now occurs from knee height
3. Bunker rakes and ball washers have been removed from the golf course. If you hit your golf ball into the bunker and it comes to rest in a disturbed area (like a foot print), you may take free relief. This means you can move your ball, no closer to the hole, to another area of the sand bunker that has smooth sand with no penalty. Please smooth out the sand trap with your feet after hitting your shot.
4. All flagsticks are to remain in at all times - do not remove the flag! Using your putter (not your feet) gently lift up the mechanism on the flagstick to retrieve your golf ball from the hole.
  - If your golf ball hits the flagstick and bounces away from the hole, it does not count as going in. The ball must come to rest with a portion of it sitting below the hole for it to count as in the cup.
5. If your golf ball enters the pond on the red nine, go to the drop area to play your next shot. Add 1 penalty stroke to your score.
  - A legal drop now occurs from knee height
6. Your group must keep up to the group in front of you. 1 warning will be given out for slow play. There will be marshals out on the golf course to help you search for your ball, give you rulings, and encourage your pace of play. If they ask you to speed up, please do your best to do so!
7. Caddy's are not permitted at this time, except for groups in the "Learn to Compete" division.
8. If playing the white nine and the big cup is in the way of your putt, you may take lateral relief, no closer to the hole, until the big cup hole is no longer in your putting line. There is no penalty to move your golf ball.

9. Physical distancing measures will be in place and must be practiced at all times. Please respect the following COVID-19 requirements:

- Masks are required to enter the clubhouse
- No handshaking or elbow bumping is permitted
- Maintain at least six feet of separation from everyone at all times
- Use hand sanitizer as often as you can, especially before or after entering the washrooms

### **Tournament Expectations:**

Every player participating in the 2020 Junior Club Championship is expected to follow proper golf course etiquette, physical distancing, and abide by the rules of golf. Disrespectful behaviour such as bad language, hitting of golf clubs and poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated.

“Time par” is the amount of time it takes to complete a round of golf at Merry-Hill Golf Club. It is your job as a group to keep up the correct pace of play and finish within the appropriate time. To do this, make sure you keep up to the group in front of you. On Par 3’s, the group in front of you should be leaving the green when you arrive at the tee deck. Please do not tee off until the group is off of the green and out of range. On Par 4’s, you should tee off when they are walking toward the putting green and out of range for your tee shot. On Par 5’s, you should tee off after they have moved out of range of your driving distance.

### ***Expectations on the Tee Deck:***

1. Place your ball anywhere in between and up to two club lengths behind the tee block markers.
2. Be quiet while others are teeing off (or hitting any other shot while playing).
3. Play “ready golf”. This means that you should be ready to play your shot when it is safe to do so. You do not have to hit shots in any particular order among your group. Take a maximum of 2 practice swings.

**Tip:** aim for the yardage markers (the white or red stakes) in the middle of the fairway, or the largest part of the green (not necessarily the flag every time).

### ***Expectations on the Fairway:***

1. Take a maximum of two practice swings. Everyone should stand behind and a safe distance away from the person swinging.

2. Walk quickly between shots and go directly to your ball if you are not in the way of the other person swinging.

3. If you make a divot (a large piece of grass out of the ground) replace it like a puzzle piece – make sure it fits back in the same way it came out.

**Tip:** keep your ball on the fairway for as long as possible, you will get the most distance here.

***Expectations on the Green:***

1. Leave your golf bag beside the green on the side of the green closest to the direction of the next tee. If you are using a push cart for your golf bag, please do not push this across the green.

2. The person farthest from the hole will putt first. If your ball is in front of theirs or in their way, mark your ball with a coin or ball marker.

3. If you make a ball mark (indent on the green), please fix it with a divot repair tool.

4. Once everyone has finished putting, clear the green quickly and move onto the next hole. Mark your scores on the tee deck of the next hole.

Thank you for participating in the 2020 Junior Club Championship! Have fun and good luck!

- Coach Carly