



Guide to Assisting Junior Golfers

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1. Rules

Get a Rule Book and a scorecard from the Pro Shop and take them with you. Use your best judgement and, in general, take a lenient stance. These young players are learning the rules, too. When in doubt, have the player play a second ball and card two scores. Then, consult the Tournament Director for the call.

2. Keep them moving!

Younger players are slow not only because they take more strokes, but also because they are still learning to maneuver around the course efficiently. Teach them the shortcuts!

- If it's your turn to hit, one practice swing allowed! Period.
- No talking if you're not walking! Move off greens briskly.
- Leaving a bag in the wrong place can cause a double trip.
- Once everyone is putting: "Closest to the hole removes the pole; first one in replaces the pin" (so pin goes in immediately!).
- Card scores on the next tee.
- Ideal playing time is 15 minutes per hole, or 2 hours and 15 minutes for nine holes.
- After taking strokes equal to twice par, player shall place their ball on the front of the green and take a maximum of two additional strokes to complete the hole. Third putt is given.

3. Etiquette

Please teach: manners, etiquette, "honors", avoiding walking on or shadowing another's putting line, stillness & silence for a hitting player, marking a ball and repairing a fairway or green divot. And more. Teach safety! Teach "ready golf".

4. Coaching

Although this is a tournament, coaching is permitted. (a) First, please, know whereof you speak before coaching, (b) keep it brief, (c) help all players equally. While you are not a golf pro, you definitely know enough about the game to be a real help to our young players.



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