



JUNIOR GOLF FOUNDATION

JUNIOR TEE PROGRAM

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Introduction

For most young players and new golfers, the existing ladies tees are too long. The Junior Golf Foundation (JGF) Junior Tees program was designed so that players can have the opportunity to make pars and birdies by playing from a yardage that enables them to reach each green in regulation.

The JGF Junior Tees uses two sets of tees that scale the golf course for players whose driver carry distance is 165 yards or less. It is essential to help players of all ages and ability reach the green in regulation and have the chance to make par, while improving pace of play on the golf course.

At its core, the JGF Junior Tees program uses two sets of tees designed to enable golfers with shorter driver carry distances to enjoy the same golf experience as players with longer driver carry distances. In this way, the program is a step toward introducing the juniors to the golf course and retaining the pace of play.

With the JGF Junior Tees installed at your course, you will find that the number of rounds played will increase, pace of play will improve, and the social atmosphere of your club will become more inviting to golfers who might have previously turned to other activities.

This program was designed with kids in mind. When kids are first learning to play golf, they often lack the physical ability to hit shots long enough to effectively manage the golf course.

On course experience is essential to players learning the game and crucial for the retention of beginner golfers. Kids shouldn't be limited to the driving range or the practice green, and these tees make playing golf possible for these young players.

All Golfers Can Enjoy Playing From The JGF Tees

The JGF Junior Tees should not be limited to young golfers. All golfers, especially beginners and older golfers, will enjoy the experience of playing quicker and shooting low scores. Further, more experienced golfers can use these tees as a way to hone aspects of their approach game or play a faster round.

Course Setup

The JGF Junior Tees program adds two additional tees to each hole in front of the existing forward tees. The Fairway Plates should be placed on level locations in the fairway in an area that maintains the integrity of the hole.

Simple plates similar to the ones used to mark yardages (100, 150, 200 yards) are adequate for the marking of the tees and no further elaborate work needs to be done to facilitate the same. Consideration can be made to add a stake off the fairway to indicate the general area where the Junior Tees are.

Proper Teeing Grounds and Choosing Locations

For standardization and future handicap purposes, the JGF Junior Tees teeing ground should be clearly identified for each hole according to the specific yardage guidelines.

Use these guidelines to find the ideal teeing ground locations:

- Attempt to maintain the integrity of the hole (i.e. dog-legs, shape, strategically positioned approach shots)
- Take the landing area of the tee shot into consideration. Avoid long forced carries, hazards, second shots from the rough, steep hills, or other difficult locations, etc.
- Ensure the selected area drains well, as there should not be an excess of standing water on the teeing ground.
- Install on flat, level area that is not in the rough.
- Every junior tee should match the par of the hole on the existing course. In some circumstances, due to forced carries or uneven teeing grounds, the par of a hole may need to be altered to provide an acceptable location. If so, adjustments should be made on another hole(s) to keep the calculated par the same as the existing course.

Yardage Recommendation

Forward Tee 1 must be placed at a total minimum standard yardage of 1,500 yards on nine holes and 3,000 yards on 18 holes. One hole on each nine must be at least 250 yards.

Forward Tee 2 should be placed at a range of 1,900 to 2,200 yards on nine holes and 3,800 to 4,400 yards on 18 holes.

The table below lists the minimum and maximum yardages recommended per hole:

Junior Tees Yardage

	Par 3		Par 4		Par 5	
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max
JGF Junior Tee 1	50	120	150	200	200	300
JGF Junior Tee 2	50	160	180	240	250	380

Creating an Authentic Golfing Experience

Juniors and beginners need a place of their own on the golf course where they feel comfortable and validated. The following components are essential to enhance and authenticate the JGF Junior Tees at your club:

- Scorecard with yardage and par for Forward Tee 1 and Forward Tee 2.
- Promoting the JGF Junior Tees at your golf course
- A vibrant and active junior program to develop and encourage juniors to play golf
- Finding a junior friendly coach to offer golf instructions to juniors. JGF can help with the JGF Training the Trainer program.
- Participation in JGF programs and activities
- Having regular club junior competitions