



## 2021 TEAM Golf

### Summary of TEAM Golf structure for 2021

In 2021, TEAM Golf will continue to be executed, and will be structured the same as in 2020. The first change would be to address the concept of a “Team”. Instead of a team of 6 or more with subs, we are going to make all teams be represented by 2 players only (no subs). Each team will play a 2-person scramble and most TEAM Golf rules will still apply to the event. Coaches will have the option to continue to run TEAM golf in a similar manner as previous years when it comes to their involvement with practice and events. All sign up entries will now fall on the parents to sign up their kids to play. This will allow players to play in as many TEAM Golf events they want. All sign up entries for TEAM Golf events will be through our tournament software, Golf Genius. Coaches will no longer have the option of providing us a roster for events, this must be done online.

Each two-player team (the parents) will be responsible for signing up for any events that fit their summer schedule. Instead of the typical match play format TEAM Golf has been played in the past, each 2-person team will be competing against their entire age division. (See below for divisions) They will continue to play a 2-person scramble, but instead of scoring points for each hole (match play), teams will be recording actual scores and be posting a 9-hole score (standard scramble). By doing this, we can group kids by age divisions as opposed to skill level.

### Registration and Eligibility

TEAM GOLF is open to all Nebraska Junior Golf Members between the ages of 7 up to the summer of their high school graduating year. All players must be a Member with Nebraska Junior Golf (NJG). This membership fee covers administrative fees associated with running a first-class golf event, including event set-up and time dedicated to administration of the program by staff. Please see the membership section on our website for a breakdown of the membership fees.

All individuals on the coaching staff must pass The Safe Sport Authorization act of 2017. Please contact Director of Nebraska Junior Golf, Kurt Karcher, PGA at [kkarcher@pgahq.com](mailto:kkarcher@pgahq.com) or (402) 489-7760 for more information.

### NJG Membership

Players can visit [www.nebraskajuniorgolf.com](http://www.nebraskajuniorgolf.com) and pay for their NJG Membership online. Due to a signed waiver needed from every player, facilities will no longer be able to have NJG sign up their kids for their membership. Please direct all players to <https://www.nebraskajuniorgolf.com/become-a-member/> to sign up for their 2021 membership.

### Event Registration

All registrations will be ran through our tournament software – Golf Genius. Each 2-person team will need to be signed up through the Nebraska Junior Golf website. **All event deadlines are 7 full days in advance at 11:59pm.**

**All Nebraska Junior Golfers MUST have the event waiver signed by a legal parent/guardian and given to staff at check-in to play in EACH event.**

***\*\*Following a deadline, fee will be refunded in the case of injury or illness if requested prior to the event. No refunds will be given for any reason after the start of an event. Prior to a deadline, your fee may be applied to another event. After a deadline, fees are not transferable. A \$10 service charge will be deducted from all refunds.***

## Fee's

**Event fee's** will be \$40 a team (\$20 per player). **ALL** registrations will be done through our tournament software – Golf Genius. (Described above)

**NJG Membership fee's** will still apply for any player participating in any NJG events this year. (Visit: <https://www.nebraskajuniorgolf.com/become-a-member/> to learn more about membership fees)

The only direct expense of TEAM GOLF is NJG Membership (\$95) and the team event registration fees (\$40 per team - \$20 a player).

## TEAM Golf Language

**Team** – A team will be considered 2-players that pair up together to play a 2-person scramble. Facility team names such as “Wilderness Ridge Divot Dogs” can still be incorporated, but the results of the team will now be reflected on the 2-person team, not the entire Divot Dogs team.

**Pairing** – will be defined as two teams competing in the same age division.

**Practice** – An organized team activity such as playing golf, golf clinics, lessons and more outside of a sanctioned NJG TEAM GOLF event.

**Scramble** – In a two-person scramble, each player tees off on each hole. The best of the tee shots is selected and both players play their second shots from that spot. The better of the second shots is determined, and then both play their third shots from that spot, and so on until the ball is holed.

**TEAM Jersey** – The official NJG TEAM GOLF uniforms will be **optional** to wear for the 2021 season.

## Divisions:

**7-9 Division-** two players that are between the ages 7-9-years old as of July 1, 2021

**10-13 Division** – two players that are between the ages 10-13 years old as of July 1, 2021

**14+ Girls Division** – two players that are girls the ages 14+ as of July 1, 2021. (kids play until their summer prior to starting college)

**14+ Boys Division** – two players that are boys the ages 14+ as of July 1, 2021. (kids play until their summer prior to starting college)

***\*\*Teams in the 13U divisions may be comprised of any combination of boy/boy, girl/girl or boy/girl.***

## Tournament Format

- Each two-person team will be playing in a scramble format. (Definition above)
- Teams will be two people only, no subs
- All TEAM Golf events will be 9-hole events only
- All events will be tee time starts
  - o Each event will start with the youngest divisions and work backwards to the older divisions in tee times
- Events may be limited to a maximum number of teams due to the availability at each facility.

- NJG does not guarantee any number of teams into an event. All registration will be on a first come first serve basis.
- We will acknowledge 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place to the 3 teams with the lowest 9-hole score in each division.
- Ties will be broken by a scorecard playoff starting by the #1 handicap hole until the tie is broken

## Tournament Rules

- 8-stroke limit on all holes.
- All players **MUST** walk during events unless approved by NJG Staff.
- Team members must play the ball within 1 golf club grip length of where the ball lies. In placing the ball, you may not change the condition of the shot.
- This means if a ball is in a hazard or rough, all members of the team must play their shot from the hazard or rough, respectively.
- On the putting green the ball must be placed as near as possible to the original ball.
- You may hole out a short second putt without penalty to speed up play.
- One (1) stroke maximum out of bunkers: If both players fail to hit the ball out of a bunker on their first attempt, they may drop one club length from their nearest point of relief outside the bunker with NO additional penalty stroke added. They must count the stroke they did take from the bunker.
- Out of bounds to be played as a red penalty area.
- Lost balls to be dropped where ball was thought to land with 1 stroke added.
- All drop zones will be indicated by orange drop zone indicators
- You may lift, clean and place your ball.
- There are no penalties for USGA Rules of Golf violations if no distinct advantage was gained.
- Example: If a ball oscillates as the player takes their stance or the ball moves when removing a loose impediment, no advantage was gained and no penalty.
  - These situations will be used as teaching moments for future event competitions.
  - If violation does create a distinct advantage no penalty is ever more than 1 stroke.
- NJG Tournament Officials will be onsite to determine if an act creates a “distinct advantage”

## Yardages

Age	Yardage	Tee Color
Boys 7-8	1,350 Yards	Blue TEAM Golf Tee's
Girls 7-8	1,350 Yards	Blue TEAM Golf Tee's
Girls 9-11	1,500 Yards	Green TEAM Golf Tee's
Boys 9-11	1,800—2,000 Yards	Red TEAM Golf Tee's
Girls 12-13	1,800—2,000 Yards	Red TEAM Golf Tee's
Boys 12-13 & Girls 14+	2,500-2,900 Yards	Black TEAM Golf Tee's
Boys 14+	3,100+ Yards	Tee marker color will vary course to course.

\*\*Please note that tees and yardages are subject to change depending on each host facility.

## Caddie Policy

- Caddies are permitted, and each player may have one caddie to carry their equipment and give advice. The NJG requires all caddies to conduct themselves appropriately at all times.
- Caddies may ride and have golf clubs transported in golf carts.
- Proper dress attire is required of all caddies. Dress code for each event based on facility rules and regulations. Please consult golf course with any questions and always use your best judgment.
- The use of smoking or chewing tobacco product and alcohol by caddies is not permitted.
- Caddies may only give advice to their team. Advice to the other team is not allowed.
- Nebraska Junior Golf reserves the right to suspend and/or ban any caddie from one or more events. Failure to comply with the stated caddie guidelines may result in the immediate removal from the host facility and/or suspension of playing privileges for the NJG Registrant.

## Spectator Guidelines

- Consumption of alcohol is forbidden at all events.
- Spectators should stay one shot ahead of the group they are following or even with the group. This allows spectators to follow errant shots and help identify where golf balls come to rest.
- Spectators are allowed to aid in the search for lost golf balls.
- Spectators should not give rulings, please seek a coach or NJG official if the need arises.
- Spectators should stay on cart paths. In the absence of cart paths, spectators should stay in the rough. Please stay off fairways, tees and greens.
- Spectators are allowed to carry medicine, drinks, food, umbrellas, etc. for players.
- Spectators may not fall behind group as this prohibits other groups from playing up.

## TEAM Golf Championship

- There will be no TEAM Golf season ending championship in 2021. The last regular season event will be the end of the season. But...
  - o There will be a points race for all TEAM Golf 2-person teams who participate in the season events. Teams will accumulate points as they compete in events throughout the season and the top team in each age division will be named the 2021 TEAM Golf Season Champion.
  - o The top three teams of two in each division (6 kids) will be named and recognized as the 2021 TEAM Golf Division All-Stars with the winning team of two named as the Co-Captains.
  - o The points race will be posted and updated on [www.nebraskajuniorgolf.com](http://www.nebraskajuniorgolf.com) as the season goes on.