

May 21, 2019
Thomas Jefferson Golfers,

This letter outlines summer information for all boys interested in playing golf for Thomas Jefferson High School. I plan to use email to keep you updated on summer happenings; so if you have not been receiving email updates, please send your address to:

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Our first required meeting and practice will be on **August 5, 2019**. We will meet at the Kennedy driving range restaurant at **12:30 p.m.** We will collect yellow tickets (signifying that all registration steps are complete), preview the year, and outline objectives and expectations. The meeting is mandatory and you need to bring the following completed forms and items:

- **Yellow Ticket**, instructions are on the **TJ Sports Registration** page (web link: <http://tjhs.dpsk12.org/athletics-home-2/>). Complete all steps and bring your **Yellow Ticket** (received from Athletics department) to the first practice. Steps in the Yellow Ticket process include:
 1. MySchoolBucks Preregistration – use <https://myportal.dpsk12.org/>
 2. Register Online – www.familyid.com/thomas-jefferson
 3. Payment – use MySchoolBucks: <https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/login/getmain?requestAction=home>
 4. Physical Exam – must be less than 1-year old.
 5. ArbiterAthlete Account – text S41176 to 69274 and follow prompts and save/submit.
- Expectations for TJ Golfers with signatures (<http://www.golf.tjctweb.com/packet/TJGolfExpectations.pdf>).

Positions on the tournament team will be determined during the first week of tryouts. Here is what will be included in the fee for each team:

Tournament team (Varsity): 8-week season; start August 5, state tournament end of September

- DPS pay to play fee: \$60.00
 - 7 x 18-hole tournament rounds (\$10/each): \$70.00
 - 2 x 18-hole practice rounds (\$10/each): \$20.00
 - 8 x 9-hole practice rounds (\$5/each): \$40.00
 - 8 x range balls, medium bucket (\$3/each): \$20.00
- TOTAL = \$210**

Development team (Spartans): 6-week season, start August 5, finish Sept. 12.

- DPS pay to play fee: \$60.00
 - 2 x 9-hole tournament rounds (\$5/each): \$10.00
 - 12 x 9-hole practice rounds (\$5/each): \$60.00
 - 8 x range balls, medium bucket (\$3/each): \$20.00
- TOTAL = \$150**

- *We want everyone to participate so if there is a problem with the course fee please see me and let me know.*

TJ golf polo shirts that players keep will be available for purchase. In past years the shirts cost \$35-\$40.

- Summer short-game log (http://golf.tjctweb.com/packet/TJ_SummerShortgame.pdf) – bring your results log of summer practice to get TJ Golf prizes.
- You must provide your own golf equipment, but we do have some club sets that you can borrow for the season. See Mr. Fornstrom or Mr. Smith if you need clubs. The school district and TJHS will pay for green fees and golf balls for tournament use.

Athletes ***will not*** be allowed to practice without a **Yellow Ticket**. **At 2 p.m. on August 5, we will have our first practice.** During the first week, returning players will have a stroke-play tournament with two 18-hole rounds. This tournament will determine placement for the initial tournaments. Beginning players will receive instruction and play the par 3 or West course.

For full practice and tournament schedules, please subscribe to the TJ Golf Google Calendar:

<http://golf.tjctweb.com/calendar.html> The calendar does not supercede instructions given at practice.

Unfortunately, high school golf is a very short season. We will only be able to fit in 15 full-squad practices. This means that summer will be the time to improve your golf game. You need to be ready to shoot low scores when the season begins. Consider taking the following steps to speed your improvement.

- Practice your putting and short game. This is the quickest way to improve scores. 30 minutes three times a week is a great start. Record your results in the attached practice log (or make your own log) and bring it to the first practice to get TJ Golf prizes.
- Play golf! You will get out of the game what you put into it, so get out with your friends and have fun playing the game. Some members of the team will be getting together for **non-mandatory** sessions. This will be a chance for you to play with your peers and improve as a team. There is information on the back for junior passes at Common Ground G.C. and reduced rates for juniors on Denver courses.

If you need to contact me for any reason, please email or call 720 231-5590.

Have a great summer,

Mark Smith

Thomas Jefferson Boys Golf Coach

<http://www.golf.tjctweb.com/>

Contact Information:

All links below are on the TJ Boys Golf Website: <http://www.golf.tjctweb.com/>

Common Ground Golf Course

Junior league, camps, and group lessons. See website for details.

<http://www.commongroundgc.com/learning-center/junior-golf-clinics>

City of Denver Junior Golf Programs

720-865-4653

https://www.cityofdenvergolf.com/junior_golf_first_tee

With \$10 Denver reservation card, juniors can play Monday-Thursday, cost is \$7 for 9 holes or \$12 for 18 holes.

First Tee of Denver

<http://www.thefirstteeofdenver.com/>

I highly recommend this program. It is inexpensive and provides lots of opportunity to improve your golf game.

City of Englewood Junior Golf Programs

303-762-2672

<http://www.brokenteeegolf.com/junior-golf-programs>

Reduced rates and passes for juniors.

Junior Golf Camps

Junior Group Lessons and Clinics

Junior Golf League

Gold Crown Foundation Summer Golf

<http://www.goldcrownfoundation.com/golf/> → includes summer 2-person tournaments for a reasonable price.