**Welcome to the 2025 PGA Jr. League – Great Lakes Bay Region**

**What is PGA Jr. League?**

PGA Jr. League is a fun, team-based golf experience for youth ages 17 and under. Players compete in a supportive environment with an emphasis on skill development, sportsmanship, and teamwork. Our league features two age divisions:

* **13U** – Two-person scramble format, match play scoring
* **17U** – Varying team formats including scramble, alternate shot, and best ball

All teams compete in seasonal matches and practices, with opportunities for All-Star advancement based on performance, participation, and leadership.

**Meet Your 2025 Coaching Team**

* **Doug Temple, PGA** – Currie 13U & 17U
* **Chad Boyce, PGA** – Saginaw Country Club 13U
* **John Popp** – Currie 13U & 17U
* **Maryanne Lipovsky** – Currie 13U & 17U
* **Calvin Bagley** – Sandy Ridge, Maple Leaf, Bay City CC 17U
* **Walt Wehner** – Floater (All Teams)
* **Zach Zeilinger** – TBD
* **Matt Hechlik & Darnel McKandis** – Bay City CC 13U
* **Dan Gielda** – Sandy Ridge 13U
* **Corey Sajdak** – Maple Leaf 13U

**2025 Season Highlights**

* **Winter Session** @ BC Golf SIM (Feb–Mar): 16 participants
* **Masters of Putt-Putt Family Scramble** (April): 42 participants
* **Summer Season** (June–Aug):
	+ 13U Teams: 9 total (Currie x3, Sandy Ridge, Maple Leaf, Saginaw CC, Bay City CC x2)
	+ 17U Teams: 7 total (Currie x2, Sandy Ridge, Maple Leaf, Bay City CC)
* **NEW Fall Scramble Series** (Aug 11–Sep 15):
	+ 5-week Saturday series at Currie Par 3
	+ Weekly prizes and games
	+ Free for Summer/Winter players (RSVP required, opens July 1)

**Practice & Playing Info**

* Players may attend their own team’s practices **and** any other team’s practices (excluding private clubs).
* Practice schedules available at [**DougTempleGolf.com**](http://dougtemplegolf.com).
* Matches are **shotgun starts** between 8:00–8:30 AM. Arrive **30 minutes early**.
* Scorecards distributed pre-match; **13U home teams must provide 4 adult scorers**.

**Core Values: Safety • Care • Organization**

**Safety**

* All coaches background checked and Safe Sport certified
* Intentional, skill-based practice formats
* Bring hats, water, sunscreen, and snacks
* Follow all CDC/local health guidelines. Stay home if sick.
* Contact Doug at **989-992-0404** for medication-related needs

**Care**

* We follow ADM (Athletic Development Model) and LTAD (Long-Term Athletic Development) principles to:
	+ Foster fun, physical, age-appropriate learning
	+ Support multisport involvement
	+ Develop lifelong athletes and positive sports experiences

**Organization**

* **Communication**: Download the **GroupMe App**
* **Updates & Photos**: Follow us on Facebook: *PGA Jr League – Great Lakes Bay Region*

**Conduct Expectations**

**Players**

* Prioritize FUN, respect, and team commitment
* Communicate match absences via the **Missing in Action** form at **DougTempleGolf.com** (72+ hrs notice)

**Spectators**

* Cheer, encourage—but no coaching or caddying
* Help maintain pace and positivity
* ZERO tolerance for inappropriate behavior
* Golf cart rentals are at course discretion

**Scoring, Match Format & Season Info**

* **13U**: Match play, 2-player scramble (max triple bogey per hole)
* **17U**: Varying team formats, scoring varies by format
* Shotgun starts between 8:00–8:30 AM
* **13U**: Play on Mondays
* **17U**: Play on Wednesdays
* Match = ~2 hr 45 min. Unfinished holes = tied

**Course & League Policies**

* **Dress Code**: PGA Jr. League shirt, golf attire (players & spectators)
* **Range Balls**: Provided minimally
* **Food & Beverage**: No outside food/coolers (except coaches)
* **Pull Carts**: Recommended youth-sized or dual shoulder strap bags
* **Make-Up Matches**: Scheduled by host pros (week of July 28 & Aug 4)
* **Tie Breaker**: Head-to-head, then most points

**Tee Placement & Yardage Guidelines**

| **Tee** | **Age/Ability** | **Max Yards** |
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| Circle | Girls 7–11 | 2,000 |
| Pentagon | Boys 7–11, Girls 12–13 | 2,200 |
| Square | Boys 12–13, Girls 14+ | 2,325 |
| Triangle | Boys 14+ | 2,625 |

*All-Star yardages are longer. Reference the 2025 PGA Jr. League Conditions of Play*

**2025 Championship Season & All-Stars**

**All-Star Selection Criteria:**

1. Practice attendance
2. Match participation and performance
3. Tournament play results
4. Sportsmanship and leadership

**13U**: 1–2 All-Star Teams (8 players each)
**17U**: 1 All-Star Team (8 players)

**Important Tournament Dates:**

* June 14: Match Play Qualifier – Currie
* June 16: First Tee GLB Junior Championship
* June 21–22: Match Play Weekend
* July 11: Stroke Play – Bay City CC
* July 18: Stroke Play – Bay County GC

**Section Championship Schedule – Binder Park GC**

* **13U Qualifier:** Aug 8
* **13U Section Championship:** Aug 9
* **17U Qualifier:** Aug 7–8
* **17U Section Championship:** Aug 8

**National Championship (TBD)** – Aug/Sept
**Fees:**

* Sectionals: No fee (All-Star coaching fees may apply)
* Regionals: $300/player
* Nationals: $500/player
*Players pay their own travel/lodging*

**Need to Miss a Match?**

Complete the **Missing in Action Form** on [DougTempleGolf.com](http://dougtemplegolf.com) at least 72 hours in advance. Inside that window? Message your coach directly via **GroupMe**.