

## Southern Arizona Junior Golf Programs

This packet is intended to educate those individuals interested in junior golf programs in Southern Arizona about the various opportunities available throughout the year. The future of golf depends upon the juniors who have been, and will be introduced to the game. The Southern Chapter Junior Golf Committee believes in order for participation to increase, awareness must broaden. This packet serves as an introduction to the junior golf programs facilitated specifically in Southern Arizona and is designed to inform Golf Professionals, Parents, Juniors and the Southern Arizona community. Please feel free to contact the Southern Chapter Junior Golf Committee members with any inquiries.

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## Southwest Section

### Southern Chapter

## The First Tee of Tucson

Classes, clinics, camps, overall golf program for 6-18-year old's

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The First Tee of Tucson is a year-round program that operates out of 7 green grass locations in Southern Arizona, with the home office being at El Rio Golf Course. Other locations include: Randolph, Sewailo, Rolling Hills, Forty Niner, Crooked Tree & Country Club Green Valley. The First Tee services children ages 7-18 at all locations, along with having a class for 5-6-year old's using SNAG (Starting New at Golf) equipment at El Rio only.

Throughout January-May & August-December, The First Tee hosts 3 or 6-week sessions, in which participants will come once a week for that duration of time. Each session costs \$10 total – no equipment is required to come to class either, all kids need to do is show up. Each class consists of: introduction, core value/lesson topic, healthy habit topic, etiquette tip, game of golf tip, rules topic, (5) warm up activities, (3) golf skill stations and a wrap up.

There is a \$25 annual membership fee, which includes a logoed collared shirt and hat. There are different levels to the program in which participants progress by spending a certain amount of time and accomplishing certification, please see the following pages for details. Participants will also receive a "yardage book" for each level, which includes the lessons/activities they will partake in during that level.

*As participants advance through the levels, they become eligible for The First Tee National Opportunities; The First Tee junior golf program doesn't just get kids on the course, it offers exciting opportunities for growth. With the help of The First Tee national corporate partners, more advanced participants can apply to attend these golf and leadership events. These events often become life-changing experiences. Youth will meet new people, play golf, achieve greatness, and exemplify our Nine Core Values.*

*In 2018, The First Tee of Tucson had 2 participants selected for a National Opportunity.*

*Hailey Tellez, a Senior at Mountain View High School, was one of 18 teens from The First Tee selected to play in the team event at TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm. Each team was comprised of golfers from The First Tee grouped with a PGA TOUR player, a wounded veteran, a Special Olympics golfer and a Perfect Sense partner. The pro-am was just one day of a four-day event that happened in the Washington, D.C. area. In addition to the pro-am at TPC Potomac, the teens played another round at The Club at Creighton Farms in Aldie, Va. The golfers also enjoyed a career exploration day at Perfect Sense and a tour of Washington's monuments and museums.*

*Brendan Williams, a Senior at University High School, was selected to attend the Joe Louis Barrow, Jr. Life Skills and Leadership Academy in East Lansing, Michigan on July 25–July 31. Williams joined more than 90 junior golfers from The First Tee, ages 14–17, to participate in this national event. The Joe Louis Barrow, Jr. Life Skills and Leadership Academy is focused on recognizing and rewarding exceptional teen participants in The First Tee for their accomplishments while enhancing skills that will help on and off the golf course. The Academy is hosted by The First Tee headquarters and Michigan State University. The Academy provides participants golf and leadership instruction that incorporate The First Tee's Nine Core Values. During the week-long event, participants will have the opportunity to develop and hone skills to become leaders in their chapters, schools and communities while experiencing championship golf, career exploration and dorm living.*

Throughout the summer, The First Tee hosts (7) 3-day camps at El Rio, (7) 3-day High School Golf Prep Camps at various courses throughout Southern AZ & 6-week sessions at all other site locations. All members of The First Tee of Tucson receive a Member card, which enables them to play golf for free at El Rio & Rolling Hills, for \$1 at all Tucson City Golf Courses, \$5 at Forty Niner and \$25 at Sewailo.

There are various PGA Professionals in town who assist with classes/clinics, but the majority of coaches are volunteers and staff of The First Tee of Tucson. All staff members of The First Tee attend national trainings to learn how to use golf to deliver the life skills curriculum. All volunteers of The First Tee submit a background check, interview and attend a training. Any PGA Professional who volunteers for The First Tee of Tucson receives MSR credit points for the current cycle.

All classes with The First Tee of Tucson do not permit any parents/guardians to be in the designated activity area. Most parents will drop their child off and come back to pick them up after class, however we do designate areas for parents to wait if they do stick around.

The First Tee of Tucson also:

- Hosts free monthly events at the PGA Tour Super Store
  - Don Pooley clinics
  - Ed Britton, PGA clinics
  - Team events
  - Open practice
  - Contest nights
- Hosts (1) clinic in the fall and (1) clinic in the Spring with the Men's/Women's U of A Golf Teams
- Hosts Tucson Jr Golf Annual Rules Clinic & Skills Contest (Prep for Drive Chip & Putt)
- Requests Caddies for the PGA Champions Tour Cologuard Classic Pro-Am Days
- Facilitates the L.E.A.D.E.R Program in conjunction with Tucson Country Club
- Home to the Southern Chapter PGA Jr League – WEST League – 4 teams hosted out of El Rio
- Facilitates all Ricki Rarick Junior Golf Tournaments
- Facilitates all Southern Arizona Jr Golf Association Tournaments
- Fields (2) teams for PING Interclub

- Hosts (2) PGA Jr League Party's per year
- Host of the Tucson Junior Golf Party – end of year event at TOPGOLF
- Host of GIRL POWER – part of curriculum at El Rio – averages 30-40 girls per class

#### What class to sign up for:

- 5-6 years old will be in the TARGET level. Currently Target classes are only offered at El Rio.
- **7-17 years old OR 1<sup>st</sup> time in program:** Sign up for any PLAYer level class. In this level, participants will learn about The First Tee Nine Core Values, be able to understand the basics of golf, and be able to play 9 holes.
- Once a child has completed a minimum of 27 hours in the PLAYer level, and is at least 9 years old, they will be eligible for "certification" to test into the PAR level. ***By no means will a child advance through the life skills levels purely on their golf skills.***
- Once a child is at least 9 years old, and has completed the PLAYer level – they are eligible to be a PAR participant. In the PAR level, participants will learn about "Exploring the Game", "Five Steps for Meeting Someone New", "Staying Cool – The 4 R's" and "Personal Par". After a child has been in the PAR level for a minimum of 36 hours, and is at least 11 years old, they are eligible for "certification" to test into the BIRDIE level.
- Once a child is at least 11 years old, and has completed the PAR level, they are eligible to be a BIRDIE participant. In the BIRDIE level, participants will learn about "Dreams & Goals", "Setting Goals that are Positive & Important to You", "Setting Goals that are Specific & Under Your Control", "Setting Different Types of Goals", "Getting to Your Goal", and "Dealing with Challenges". After a child has been in the BIRDIE level for a minimum of 48 hours, and is at least 13 years old, they are eligible for "certification" to test into the EAGLE level.
- Once a child is at least 13 years old, and has completed the BIRDIE level, they are eligible to be an EAGLE participant. In the EAGLE level, participants will learn about "Staying Well for Life", "Building a Go-To Team", "Appreciating Diversity", "Dealing with Conflicts", "Being a Go-To Person", and "Planning for the Future". After a child has been in the EAGLE level for a minimum of 60 hours and is at least 15 years old, they are eligible for "certification" to test into the ACE level.

**THE FIRST TEE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS QUICK GLANCE**

<b>5 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>5 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>PAR</b>	<b>BIRDIE</b>	<b>EAGLE</b>
<b>Core Lesson Exposure</b>	Core Lessons 1-9	<b>Core Lesson Exposure</b>	Core Lessons 10-15	Core Lessons 16-21	Core Lessons 22-27
<b>Play</b>		<b>Golf Skills Application</b>			
<b>Playing requirement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One 9-hole round</li> <li>Fast/safe/courteous</li> <li>Recorded score accurately (Integrity)</li> <li>No required score or yardage</li> </ul>	<b>Playing requirement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One 9-hole round</li> <li>Fast/safe/courteous</li> <li>Score = 72 and under</li> <li>Required distance = 1,500-1,900 yards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Five 9-hole rounds</li> <li>Fast/safe/courteous</li> <li>Score = 63 and under</li> <li>Required distance = 1,900-2,500 yards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ten 18-hole rounds</li> <li>Fast/safe/courteous</li> <li>Score = 108 and under</li> <li>Required distance = 5,000-6,000 yards</li> </ul>
<b>Putting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9 holes</li> <li>Fast/safe/courteous</li> <li>Recorded score accurately (Integrity)</li> <li>No required score</li> </ul>	<b>Putting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9 holes</li> <li>Maximum of 27</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9 holes</li> <li>Maximum of 23</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9 holes</li> <li>Maximum of 18</li> </ul>
<b>Short Game</b>		<b>Short Game</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 holes</li> <li>Maximum of 12</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 holes</li> <li>Maximum of 21</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9 holes</li> <li>Maximum of 27</li> </ul>
<b>Full-swing (greens)</b>		<b>Full-swing (greens)</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 out of 6</li> <li>Required distance = 55 to 75 yards to middle of green</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 out of 6</li> <li>Required distance = 80 to 100 yards to middle of green</li> </ul>
<b>Full-swing (fairways)</b>		<b>Full-swing (fairways)</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 out of 6</li> <li>Required distance = 160 to 190 yards to a fairway 40-45 yards wide</li> </ul>
<b>Learn</b>	Scored 80% or higher on 10 written (or verbal) questions	<b>Life Skills Knowledge</b>	Scored 80% or higher on 15 written (or verbal) questions	Scored 80% or higher on 20 written (or verbal) questions	Scored 80% or higher on 25 written (or verbal) questions
<b>Appreciate</b>	Score 80% or higher on 10 written (or verbal) questions	<b>Golf Knowledge</b>	Score 80% or higher on 15 written (or verbal) questions	Score 80% or higher on 20 written (or verbal) questions	Score 80% or higher on 25 written (or verbal) questions
<b>Your Game</b>	<i>Measured by observable behaviors associated with the Code of Conduct and reflective of the Nine Core Values</i> <i>Bag Tag checklist</i> 1. Showing Respect 2. Courtesy Toward Others 3. Responsibility for the Course 4. The Honesty of PLAYers 5. Modeling Sportsmanship 6. Developing Confidence 7. Using Good Judgment 8. Playing with Perseverance 9. Living with Integrity	<i>Measured by observable behaviors associated with The First Tee life skills categories and specific strategies</i> <b>Life Skills Application</b>	<i>Bag Tag checklist</i> 1. GAME 2. Respect 3. Meeting and Greeting with A-L-R 4. Three Tips for Having Fun 5. 4 Rs 6. Personal Par	<i>Bag Tag checklist</i> 1. Dreams and Goals 2. Important and Positive Goal 3. Specific Goal 4. Goal Under Your Control 5. Goal Ladder 6. STAR	<i>Bag Tag checklist</i> 1. Wellness 2. Go-to Team 3. Appreciating Diversity 4. CARE 5. Go-to Person 6. Planning for the Future

This chart describes the certification process from one level of The First Tee program to the next. To certify to the next level each participant must

- 1) Spend the minimum required hours in the level
- 2) Pass a golf knowledge written test
- 3) Pass a life skills written test
- 4) Pass golf skills tests
- 5) Demonstrate a complete understanding of The First Tee Nine Core Values

The First Tee Golf Fundamentals Quick Glance

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Fundamentals	Factors of Influence			Level
Distance-response	Size or length of motion	Club selection	Variable amount of energy or speed applied to motion	P L A Y E R
Target Awareness	Target selection	Distance to the target	Reaction to the target	
Get Ready to Swing	Hold	Set-up	Aim and alignment	
Body Balance	Balanced finish	Balanced start	Balanced during swing	P A R
Clubface and Ball Contact	Clubface direction at contact	Centeredness of hit	Impact position	
Swing Rhythm		Swing tempo	Swing sequencing	B I R D I E
Pre-shot Routines		Mental and emotional aspects	Variable playing conditions	
----- ----- Postshot Routines		----- ----- Emotionally neutral response to an undesirable process and/or outcome	----- ----- Memory storage of a desirable process and/or outcome	
Ball Flight		Trajectory	Curvature	E A G L E
On-course Strategies		Self-management	Course management	

# Tucson Conquistadores Junior Golf Program

## Individual Tournament Play

- Southern Arizona Junior Golf Association (SAJGA Series)
- Ricki Rarick Junior Golf Series

Juniors can pay a yearly membership fee, giving them access to both the SAJGA & Ricki Rarick Series for \$75. There is also a \$25 Ricki Rarick membership only, and there is a \$35 August-December SAJGA membership. The Tucson Conquistadores Junior Golf Program is facilitated by The First Tee of Tucson Staff, and is a part of the Tucson Conquistadores Youth Golf Fund 501c(3).

## SAJGA

*Tournament play for 6-18-year old's*

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[www.sajga.org](http://www.sajga.org)

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The SAJGA hosts tournaments once a month on weekends between January-May & August-December. Divisions are listed below; all 6 & 9-hole divisions play on only one day of the tournament while the 18-hole divisions play both days. All 6 & 9-hole division groups have an adult scorekeeper sent with each group to verify scores. All tournaments that reach the minimum criteria are posted on the Junior Golf Scoreboard. Local PGA Professionals volunteer as rules officials.

- Boys & Girls 6-8-year old's – plays 6 holes (only division caddies are allowed)
- Girls 9-10 – plays 9 holes
- Boys 9-10 – plays 9 holes
- Girls 11-12 – plays 9 holes
- Boys 11-12 – plays 9 holes
- Girls 13-14 – plays 18 holes
- Boys 13-14 – plays 18 holes
- Girls 15-18 – plays 18 holes
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## Ricki Rarick

*Tournament play for 6-18-year old's*

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The Ricki Rarick Series hosts tournaments on Mondays-Tuesdays between June & July. There is also an Adult/Jr 2-person scramble tournament as well. The Ricki Rarick program has been around for 65 years, and historically the host golf course facilities donate the course to the program. Tournament registration fees are \$15 per player each tournament, which includes lunch after the round, tee prizes, as well as golf balls and medals for the 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place winners per division. Water & snacks are provided on the golf course during each tournament. Spectators are not allowed; however, an adult volunteer scorekeeper is sent with every group 12 years old & younger. Parents are asked to volunteer as scorekeepers,

Divisions are listed below; each division plays on both days of the tournament. All tournaments that reach the minimum criteria are posted on the Junior Golf Scoreboard. Local PGA Professionals volunteer as rules officials.

- Boys & Girls 6-7-year old's – plays 3 holes
- Boys & Girls 6-8-year old's – plays 6 holes
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*Ricki Rarick*  
*Junior Golf Program*

## PING Interclub

**Local Teams:** Oro Valley CC, Ventana Canyon, The First Tee Tucson @ Rolling Hills, The First Tee Tucson @ El Rio

The PING Interclub creates an atmosphere where boys and girls can experience golf as a team; learning, growing and competing together. While golf is primarily an individual sport, the interclub concept allows junior golfers to develop team-based skills inherent in other sports.

A team, consisting of five to eight junior golfers, can be single-gendered or coed, ages 12-18.

Teams are formed by private, public and resort-style golf facilities. JGU also invites teams formed by local First Tee chapters.

- Boys and girls
- Ages 12-18
- Players at least 12 years of age on the first event of the season
- Players not over the age of 18 on the first event of the season
- All high school students are eligible
- No participant can have completed high school and/or be enrolled in a college or university
- Selecting team members is at the discretion of the host course
- Players can be members of the participating course, juniors taught by course instructors, or members of a local high school golf team

As a member of PING Interclub, your team will compete in five regular-season tournaments within an eight to ten-week period. Four 18-hole tournaments will be played on courses within a predetermined Division. The fifth tournament will be considered a "home" tournament. Participating courses are asked to waive the green fees for their home tournament.

Points are calculated using the PJI scoring system and are based on each player's stroke play total.

- 18-hole stroke play tournaments
- Maximum of 25 players per tournament (Five per team)
- Double par maximum score enforced on every hole
- Every player's score counts toward a team point total
- 725 total points allocated based on players' scores (based on a five team division)
- PJI points are calculated automatically by entering scores on the JGU website
- Season totals and Divisional standings automatically updated and posted on the JGU website
- Course yardages vary based on age and gender, creating an equal playing field

## PGA JR LEAGUE

**Contact:** Mark Thesing, PGA – Southern Chapter PGA Jr League Committee Chair

At its core, PGA Jr. League is a group of local golf teams who play a series of games against each other, utilizing a nurturing and social scramble format. The program is available to boys and girls of all skill levels. PGA and LPGA Professionals exclusively serve as Captains and are responsible for creating a welcoming environment for all that encourages skill and character development.

PGA's Southern Chapter has formed a six-person committee, headed by La Paloma Head Golf Professional Mark Thesing, in order to help streamline the communication and match scheduling among coaches.

- Spring / Summer League – Registration starts Feb 1, season starts May, All-Stars in July
- Fall League – August – December- The season is from September 15- December 15. The fall league is in its first year of existence. This is a great way to continue the Summer league and continue the teaching of the juniors throughout the year. There are currently 10-11 teams signed up for the Fall League.



# 'The L.E.A.D.E.R. Program'

The Tucson Country Club L.E.A.D.E.R. Program is designed with the youth of Tucson in mind. While *partnering with The First Tee of Tucson and Rolling Hills Golf Course*, our mission is to provide meaningful access for our city's youth with Tucson's most successful business and community leaders.

Using the program's L.E.A.D.E.R. acronym for **Leadership - Excellence - Accountability - Diversity - Empowerment - Relationships**, we develop and foster a lasting bond with the youth of our community, while opening their minds and hearts to the possibilities of the world around them.

The Program's efforts will include engagement and leadership through a variety of different events conducted at Tucson Country Club that include: *Speakers Leadership Forum, Club's for Kid's Drive, Youth Instruction Program(s), and our First Tee Volunteer Program.*

***"The value of this program is unimaginable at this point. The steps we are taking is yet another example of our broad reaching efforts to develop, and nurture the youth of Tucson."*** Michael Haywood, PGA



# LPGA GIRLS GOLF OF TUCSON

## **What experience is necessary to participate in the LPGA-USGA Girls Golf of Tucson program?**

Girls Golf of Tucson (GGOT) is a developmental program for all levels of players ages 7-17. No experience is necessary to participate in clinics and girls must attend one clinic or be a Level 2 player for play days.

## **How to Register your daughter for Girls Golf of Tucson:**

(Please note: If you are using a cell phone, not all browsers will allow you to complete the registration. We do know the Google browser works)

From the Home page click on the pink button "2018 Registration"  
(that links you to the LPGA-USGA website for the annual registration)  
Fill in each of the boxes scroll to the bottom of the page and click "submit"

You should receive a confirmation email from LPGA, which means the registration was successful.

After that you only need to go to the "Events" page on our website to register your daughter for the events, fill out the short form and click "submit."

## **What is the annual fee for membership?**

Beginning 2017 the LPGA has decided to waive the annual fee, so it is **FREE** to join.

## **Does my daughter need her own set of clubs and a cart?**

Through donations and fundraising, we have raised money to invest in an inventory of clubs and carts for all sizes. Girls may borrow at set of clubs and a pull cart while in the program. We require a \$15 deposit for the clubs. The girls may switch out clubs as they grow.

## **What is the fee for each event?**

All clinics and play days are \$7 per event payable at the event. The event fee goes to help pay for lunch or snacks, tee gifts, green fees, range balls, etc. GGOT hosts a few special event days--Mother/Daughter event in May and the Father/Daughter event in June which requires a \$35 per two-person team fee. Our Super Girls Golf Day in November is FREE!!

## **How do I know what Level to start my daughter?**

You may start your daughter in any Level based on your best estimate. Levels are based on ability, not age. Refer to the Levels 1-5 on the "About Us" page. A Level change may take place during the year as assessed by our PGA Professional.

## **Where do events take place?**

All events take place throughout the Tucson area at junior-friendly courses.

## **What distinguishes GGOT from other programs?**

GGOT is tailored to the needs and interests of the girls.

GGOT offers multi-levels of instruction.

GGOT offers on-course experience.

GGOT offers several special themed events during the year.



GGOT focuses on FUN!

### **Parent Volunteers!**

We love it when parents offer to help, but it is not required. If you choose to help at an event, just check the box on the entry form so we know ahead of time. We will always assign you to a group with an experienced volunteer plus there is an information sheet on the clipboard you receive to give you hints as well. Based on our experience and to keep things fun for both you and your daughter, we assign you to a group that does not include your daughter.

**LPGA-USGA Girls Golf of Tucson** provides an opportunity for girls, ages 7-17, to learn to play golf, build lasting friendships and experience competition in a fun, supportive environment, preparing them for a lifetime of enjoyment with the game.

**Girls are learning values** inherent to the game of golf such as patience, respect, perseverance and honesty, preparing them to meet the challenges of today's world with confidence.

**A partnership of the LPGA Foundation and USGA** provides resource materials for the program. Our program covers the cost for course access fees, equipment, instruction, snacks, prizes, special events and scholarships through fundraising, membership dues and event fees as well as donations from the community.

**The basic premise of our "girls only" club** is to introduce girls to the game of golf and make it fun for them while they learn. Our events are a combination of basic instruction "clinics" for new golfers and "course play" adapted to the playing levels of the girls.

**Participants are divided into five levels.** All levels include golf instruction and rules geared to the girls' skill level:

Level 1: Beginners or new golfers with very little or no on-course experience.

Level 2: Plays from 100-125 yards from the green.

Level 3: Plays from 150 yards from the green.

Level 4: Plays 9 holes from the Forward tees.

Level 5: Plays regulation 18 holes from the Forward tees.

**LPGA and PGA Teaching Professionals** provide instruction, evaluation and supervision at clinic events. We incorporate rules, etiquette, and terminology appropriate for the various levels. We conduct our events at different golf courses throughout the Tucson and Southern Arizona area and we accept new members all year. Events are held once or twice a month on Saturdays throughout the year.

### **The Five E's of Girls Golf:**

ENRICH girls' lives by expanding their minds and horizons.

EMPOWER girls with confidence and inspire to dream big.

ENGAGE girls with positive female role models and mentors.

ENERGIZE girls with passion for the game.

EXERCISE girls' minds and bodies by helping them unlock their full potential.

**E-Leader Program:** Is a volunteer and mentorship program for girls ages 13-18, looking to give back to help our local program. The girls sign up on-line at [www.girlsgolf.org](http://www.girlsgolf.org) and will enter their volunteer hours (minimum 20 per year) there as well. The activities vary but a few include assisting during clinics with set-up/clean up and teaching, warming the girls up before we begin the event to keep them occupied, check in and registration, etc. The benefits are receiving a college recommendation letter, an opportunity to complete your school service hours, a special E-Leader gift upon enrollment, opportunity of be included in a Leadership Academy and other national events, opportunity to be selected "E-Leader of the Year" and earn additional grant funding for our local program.

**It is our primary goal** that every girl who comes in contact with our program will always feel important, appreciated, respectful, supported and safe. We hope to keep girls engaged in golf, instill confidence and inspire them to live active lives, provide social opportunities and friendships, and encourage family involvement.

### **HOW YOU CAN HELP?**

Volunteer to assist at the events.

Cash contributions to fund equipment, events, instruction, program materials and scholarship assistance.

**Contributions are tax deductible** through The LPGA Girls Golf of Tucson, a 501(c)(3) charitable corporation.

## **GOLF BUCKS**

### **The Rewards Program**

- All Girls Golf participants can achieve prizes at the end of the year.
- Each girl will have an opportunity to earn "Golf Bucks" at each event
- Earned "Golf Bucks" will be deposited into their individual account on a monthly basis
- At the December Holiday Golf Party, "Golf Bucks" may be redeemed for prizes

How to earn "Golf Bucks"

- Attend an event
- Wear Girls Golf tee shirt, hat, visor
- Bring a friend to an event as a guest
- Recruit a friend to join Girls Golf
- Win at skills clinics or on-course events
- Demonstrate team spirit, good sportsmanship, positive attitude

<http://www.girlsgolftucson.org/contact.html>

## Other Events/State Programs

- **Annual Rules Clinic/Skills Contest** – Formerly known as the “Big Break” – hosted at The First Tee of Tucson Learning Center at El Rio Golf Course in April. The skills contest has been redesigned to prepare juniors for the local qualifier for the Drive Chip and Putt.
- **Drive Chip & Putt** – The Tucson local qualifier is historically hosted at Tucson Country Club
- **JGAA (Junior Golf Association of Arizona)** – Statewide junior golf association, hosts events throughout the year in the state of Arizona. Visit [www.jgaa.org](http://www.jgaa.org) for more information or contact Scott McNevin – Executive Director – [smcnevin@jgaa.org](mailto:smcnevin@jgaa.org)
- **US Kids Golf Tour** – junior golf tournaments hosted in the Phoenix area – visit [www.uskidstourgolf.com](http://www.uskidstourgolf.com)

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