



PORTLAND PUBLIC GOLF: JUNIOR AND SENIORS DISCOUNTS

The City of Portland's Golf Program offers special discounts to both junior and senior golfers. These special rates are intended to make our golf courses more accessible to young people, still in school, who want to learn the game but cannot afford the normal costs. The Golf Program is an Enterprise Fund within the City of Portland and therefore relies on revenues generated within the program and receives no tax subsidies.

In order to qualify, a young person must not have reached the age of 18 and has attended a short "Introduction to the Game of Golf" session at his or her local City course. Schedules for these sessions are available through the individual pro shops. Upon completion of this course, a "Junior Card" will be issued by the pro-shop and the holder may take advantage of the discounts offered at specified times, seven days a week until he or she reaches the age of 18.

Likewise, a special rate is offered to seniors who have reached the age of 65 and may be on a fixed or limited income and find it difficult to afford regular activity in the sport of golf. In order to take advantage of this discount, a senior golfer is asked to obtain a "Senior Card" at the Rose City Golf Course, located at 2200 NE 71st.

Hours are Monday and Wednesday from 1:00 to 2:30 pm. Cost is \$10.00.

We are often asked why the introductory session is required for juniors or why a special card is required for seniors when a driver's license or other form of picture ID might suffice. In the past, our counter staffs at the golf courses have seen every imaginable form of picture ID from every imaginable state and country on the globe. Much of this identification is not legitimate and can be obtained for a small fee from a multitude of sources. In order to simplify matters for our staff, we decided that an easily recognizable, standard form of ID was preferable.

Both the Junior and Senior discounts that our golf program makes available are intended to recognize the residents of the local area. The costs to provide a round of golf exceed the discounted fees and therefore we prefer to offer it only to local area residents who play enough golf to warrant the small inconvenience necessary to acquire the Junior or Senior card. Out of area junior or senior golfers who do not take the time to acquire ID cards pay full price and thereby help subsidize our ability to offer these lower rates.

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