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2024 OBEE Junior Open Tumwater Valley Golf Club

Special thanks to our generous sponsors: O Bee Credit Union, Titleist, Valley Golf Academy, First Tee and City of Tumwater.

Tournament Mission: Provide an environment where the players themselves work together to navigate the course, work on rulings, lost balls, scoring and learn from their experiences. Understand our focus is not on providing a sanctioned event with spotters, rules officials and more. We welcome those looking for a fun, positive, learning and growing experience.

Basic & General Rules/Format: All players walking only. Exceptions must be approved by Tournament Committee. All divisions play Winter Rules. Individual stroke play utilizing USGA rules of golf & local rules posted on the TVGC scorecard. Range finders permitted providing slope feature is turned off. If you encounter a situation that you are unsure how to proceed, play a second ball and record both scores. Discuss immediately following your round at the scorer's table before signing your card.

Tees & Times: Start times and pairings posted on the city's website no later than April 21, 2023.

- 3 Hole Blue Division will use the modified blue tees ranging from 100 - 200 yards in distance on holes #10, #11, & #9.
- 9 Hole Red Division will play the back 9 holes from the regular course red tees.
- 18 Hole - All female 18 hole players plus all male 18 hole players ages 8-11 will play regular course red tees.
- 18 Hole - All male players ages 12-18 will play from the regular white tees.

Pace of Play/maximum strokes: Players please keep up with the group in front of you (ready golf.) 3 Hole Blue will have a maximum of 8 strokes per hole. Pick your ball up after your 8th shot on any given hole and record an 8 for that hole. "Whiffs" (swing & miss) will count as one stroke each. 9 Hole Red Division players will have a maximum of 10 strokes per hole. Pick up after 10th shot and record 10 on your scorecard. Those unable to keep pace may be asked by staff to move forward and play the gold tees for the remainder of the round to give the player a better experience and keep the pace moving along.

Lost embedded ball & Ground Under Repair: If a ball is lost in play due to "plugging" and the playing group is in agreement that the ball was definitely in play & lost due to plugging, player may take a free drop at the nearest point the group determines the ball plugged. No penalty strokes awarded in this situation. Ground Under Repair: If the group agrees that a ball is in an area that should be marked as GUR, then a free drop will be allowed, no closer to the hole.

Play a second ball: When in doubt on any ruling, announce to your group your intention of playing a second ball from that point forward on that specific hole. Keep track & record both scores for that hole and make sure to address the situation at the scorer's table immediately following your round. Staff will attempt to resolve fairly while educating players on USGA Rules.

Caddies: Walking caddies are welcomed for all divisions (maintaining 6' distancing from other players in the group.) Caddies must place the #1 priority on players having a positive experience. Your duties should not extend beyond carrying/cleaning clubs, assisting with yardages and raking bunkers. Once your player is on the green, your job is done for that hole. Reading putts or aligning shots are beyond the scope of your role for this tourney. Only players allowed in scoring tent.

Parents/Spectators: Simply put, your role is to watch tournament play and exhibit positive sportsmanship throughout your stay. Tournament Staff have the ability to ask spectators to leave or assess penalty strokes on players for parents/spectator behavior extending beyond the scope of your role. Please remain on walking/cart paths.

Rulings & Awards: Tournament Staff have final call on all scoring and rulings. Results will posted on the city's website no later than April 29 at 12:00 noon and awards will be placed on credit books available for use at Tumwater Valley for golf or merchandise. Ties for championship division will be a sudden death playoff. All other divisions determined by scorecard method of #1 handicap hole scores through #18 handicap in order. Prizes awarded based upon lowest gross score by division/age/gender. Decisions of the Tournament Staff will be final.

Thanks for playing!