

Atlanta Junior Golf - Division Selection Guide**

	18-Hole Open	18-Hole Club	9-Hole Open	9-Hole Club	Beginner
Driver	Drives are struck consistently and placed in accordance with course management plan. Player has ability to shape shots and achieves consistent driving distance.	Increased directional control and develop shot shaping ability. Regularly hits shot as intended but has occasional inconsistencies with direction and distance.	Increased directional control and develop shot shaping ability. Regularly hits shot as intended but has occasional inconsistencies with direction and distance.	Developing rhythm; lower accuracy when trying for distance. Learning to keep ball in play with occasional inconsistent contact.	Developing swing mechanics, can get ball in play but is often inconsistent. Driving distance and accuracy are erratic.
Iron Play	Feels comfortable over a variety of shots; has ability to use any club for an array of shot options. Good consistency; able to control spin and distance.	Improved consistency, variety and directional control; developing spin and shot shaping ability.	Improved consistency, variety and directional control; developing spin and shot shaping ability.	Form developing, beginning stages of directional intent and distance control. Shots are frequently airborne but lack ability to generate consistent power.	Incomplete swing, erratic contact, lacks directional intent.
Short Game	Ability to create shots and use various clubs. Consistently negotiates bunkers and regularly gets the ball up and down.	Increased consistency and intent; lacks variety of shot making options and often fails to execute shot as intended.	Increased consistency and intent; improving variety of shot making options and sometimes fails to execute shot as intended.	Limited shot making ability; difficulty negotiating bunkers and difficult lies	Developing basics; lacks shot intent and speed and direction control
Putting	Consistently controls speed and direction; putts with intent and has advanced ability to read greens. Three putts less common.	Increased speed and direction control; refining green reading ability; Three putts common.	Increased speed and direction control; refining green reading ability; Three putts less common	Limited speed and direction control; developing green reading ability with frequent three putts	Lacks control of speed and direction; three putts frequent, hits with lack of intent
Course Management	Has dependable shot making ability including control of distance and direction; hits shots with intent and chooses from a variety of options.	Has improved shot making dependability with direction and distance; lacks variety of shots and exhibits inconsistencies	Has improved shot making dependability with direction and distance. Improving shot variety and plays with intent. Inconsistencies are becoming less regular.	Player is learning to control where the ball is going but is not comfortable with all shots. Lacks course management intent and inconsistencies are commonplace.	Player is learning to judge where the ball is going and has regular miss hits and lacks intent
Rules Knowledge	Advanced Rules knowledge; familiar with hazard and obstruction relief; able to use Rule 3-3. Knows how to navigate the Rule book.	Strong foundation with the Rules. Knows parts of the course and common Rules. Able to handle Rules situation or knows when/how to find answers or assistance.	Strong foundation with the Rules. Knows parts of the course and common Rules. Able to handle Rules situation or knows when/how to find answers or assistance.	Basic foundation in the Rules; understands general concepts and terms; regularly needs Rules assistance	Little or no Rules knowledge; beginning to understand the parts of the golf course and basic terminology.
What to Expect	Advanced players with tournament experience; focus on competition; established skills	Plays often; seeks competition; focus on fun; refining skills	Has tournament experience; focus on competition; refining skills	First taste of competition; has on course experience; developing skills	Limited experience; new to the game; learning skills
	Works independently without caddie			Needs support of a caddie	

**These guidelines are intended to assist players in selecting the appropriate division. If doubt or concern about selecting a division exists, please contact the Atlanta Junior Golf office for assistance.

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