

Bergen County Department of Parks



The Pioneer Tour is competitive tournament golf for children ages 9-18. It is a fun way to experience competitive golf at some of the finest courses in our area. All participants are expected to understand and abide by the Rules of Golf.

Participants are divided by age into four Divisions: DIV I - boys ages 16 - 18* (18 holes), DIV II - boys ages 13 - 15 (18 holes), DIV III - girls ages 13 - 18* (18 holes), DIV IV - girls & boys ages 9 - 12 (9 holes) but **age 9-12 must first participate in the Q Tour and be promoted by Tour Officials in order to be eligible for The Pioneer Tour.

Pairings for each event will be randomly assigned as the golfers arrive. The Pioneer Tour is an opportunity to meet new people, do not expect to be paired with friends or family.

General Information

Age Requirement: Open to golfers 13-18 (*age 19 allowed if not in college yet.) **See above for 9-12 qualifications. (Age on August 1 determines division).

Registration: To pre-register for the Pioneer Tour please complete the application and send it to the Department of Parks Golf Office. Players wishing to register after **June 23** must do so through on-site/stand-by registration. Available spots will be filled on a first come/first serve basis. On-site/standby registration will be held before tee off at the site of each tournament.

Fee: \$20.00 application fee, plus \$15.00 per event.

Refunds: Tournaments will proceed rain or shine. Call the course on the day of the event for an update. In the event of a canceled event No Refunds are provided. Refunds will only be awarded when participants withdraw prior to Friday, June 23, 2023. Individual Tournament Fee Refunds will only be awarded if the golfer experiences a serious medical condition. Proof is required.

Additional Information: Bergen County offers all persons equal access and opportunities to participate in its services, programs and activities. If any individual needs special assistance or additional information, please contact the Department of Parks Golf Office at (201) 336-7259.

Participant Responsibilities

Mandatory Dress Code: **Participants in all programs must adhere to the dress code.** Tucked in collared shirts with sleeves, golf shoes(w/non-metal spikes) or sneakers, slacks, bermuda type shorts. NOT PERMITTED: Short shorts, sweat pants, "Cargo" pants or shorts, spandex pants, bike shorts, jeans, halter tops, tank tops. Anyone not meeting dress code requirements will not be allowed to participate. NO REFUND.

Time: Participants of The Pioneer Tour should arrive at the golf course no later than 45 minutes before starting time. Upon arrival each contestant must check in before proceeding to the range or the putting green.

Walking the course: All participants are expected to walk the course. Pull carts are allowed, must bring own.

Maximum stroke policy: Divisions I, II, III and IV maximum of double par on any hole. Pioneer Points will be awarded for that days participation.

Spectators/Volunteers: NO SPECTATORS. We welcome volunteers. Players will be paired randomly and volunteers will not be allowed to be with a relative/friend.

Awards: Awards for all tournaments will be sent to recipients via USPS when the season is concluded.



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Soldier Hill Golf Course
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Pioneer Code of Conduct:

Respect the game, respect the course, and most important, respect the people you are playing with.

No other sport places a greater emphasis on the conduct of its participants. Learn and respect the history and etiquette of the game. Take care of the course, make sure to leave it in better shape than you found it. Treat your fellow competitors with courtesy, as you would like to be treated. There are no referees in golf. It is up to the individual to hold themselves to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.



Golf is a game of honor and integrity.

It is the responsibility of every player to know the rules of The Pioneer Tour program and to abide by them. Any player who does not complete a round or does not post a score (except for medical reasons) will be penalized 100 Pioneer points.

Schedule of Events

Dates and times are subject to change. Do not be late for your starting time. Late arrivals WILL NOT PLAY!

Tournament / Date	Location	Starting Time	Type
Masters Thursday, July 6	Valley Brook GC, River Vale - All Divisions	7:00 a.m. Div IV	Shotgun
		9:30 am Div I, II & III	Shotgun
The Heritage Monday, July 10	Rockleigh GC, Rockleigh - All Divisions	7:00 am Div IV - Blue	Shotgun
		8:00 am Div I, II, III Red	Shotgun
The Memorial Monday, July 17	Darlington GC, Mahwah - All Divisions	7:00 am Div IV	Shotgun
		9:30 am Div I, II, III	Shotgun
Open Monday, July 24	Overpeck GC, Teaneck - All Divisions	7:00 a.m. Div IV	Shotgun
		9:30 a.m. Div I, II, III	Shotgun
PGA Monday, July 31	Soldier Hill GC, Emerson - All Divisions	7:00 a.m. Div IV	Shotgun
		9:30 am Div I, II, III	Shotgun
Players Championship Monday, August 7	Rockleigh GC, Rockleigh - All Divisions	7:00 am Div IV - Blue	Shotgun
		8:00 am Div I,II,III Red	Shot Gun
Yaz Consalvo Monday, August 14	Monday Qualifying Round: Must be available for Match Play to sign-up Valley Brook, River Vale - All Divisions	Monday Qualifier 7:00 am Div IV	Shotgun
		9:30 am Div I, II, III	
Tues., Aug. 15, Wed., Aug. 16	Tuesday & Wednesday Match Play: For players who Qualified Valley Brook GC, River Vale	Tuesday, Wednesday Match play - TBA	Tee Times
Tour Championship Monday, August 21	TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP Soldier Hill GC, Emerson	TBA - will be notified if qualified to play	Shot Gun