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At Play Better Golf Academy Golf Camps your child's safety is our foremost concern; every PBGA Camp Director is committed to making "SAFETY FIRST" a top priority.

Our goal is to provide every PBGA camper one of those memorable childhood experiences that so many golfers fondly look back upon.

Our cadre of PBGA instructors have all had previous experience in running our camps under the watchful eye of its founder and Director of Instruction, Chuck Lynch. Chuck is a long-standing PGA member and has been recognized by Golf Digest Magazine as one of their Top Ten Teachers in the State of Illinois as well as holding the title of Illinois PGA teacher of the Year. The PBGA Staff is an experienced group of dedicated golf professionals who share a passion for teaching kids the Game of Golf. Our instructors are committed to providing excellence-in-learning within a safe and friendly atmosphere; our approach has proven itself to be successful, with other golf instruction programs having adapted our model over the years.

Since its founding, over twenty-five years ago, PBGA has earned a solid reputation for delivering exciting and challenging technical skills-teaching programs designed to deliver an exceptional golf-learning experience to our students. In addition, PBGA has always been committed to deliver our students with an expanded personal character-building platform within our curriculum. We take great pride in having been an early pioneer in introducing our students to the importance of building personal character and behavior traits; such as respect, personal responsibility, integrity, honesty, perseverance, good decision making, confidence, and self-esteem.

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COVID-19: PBGA Supplemental Camp Safety Guidelines

While COVID-19 has certainly presented the entire world with some huge challenges; it has also caused us to realize just how fortunate we all are to have so many wonderful things around us....for example, our ability to still play Golf! Golf, with its uniquely “singular” playing format, naturally incorporates “Social Distancing” and minimal common touch points into the game.

This year, in addition to maintaining our Standard Camp Safety Policies and Procedures, PBGA has expanded our Camp Safety Guidelines to incorporate a supplemental set of Policies and Procedures that are in line with COVID -19 Safety Guidelines as set forth by The State of Illinois.

We will be updating COVID-19 related information over the course of the summer as changes to State Guidelines or additional Guidelines are published. Policy updates will be able to be viewed on our website: [www. playbettergolfacademy.com](http://www.playbettergolfacademy.com)

The facility will be prepared in advance to provide a safe learning environment. All staff who will interact with campers will be trained regarding best safety practices and what to do in the event of an emergency. Instructors will also be regularly reminding Campers of safety practices and the role they play to support an exceptional camp experience.

Parents and Campers will be advised, from the onset of camp, that anyone who intentionally violates Camp Safety Rules will be immediately removed from further participation in all camp activities for that day, as well as any remaining days in that session. If needed, this same message will be repeated during camp activity sessions.

NO REFUNDS will be given if a Camper is removed from participation due to not respecting the safety of others, or violating Camp Safety Rules.

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What you can do to help us out:

Parents: A Special Request

Parents are being asked to arrive with their Camper thirty minutes early on the first day of camp. Prior to the beginning of the first day of instruction, your Camp Director will be leading a 15 minute, interactive, Parent-Camper-Instructor session. It will provide you with an overview of our Standard Camp Operating Procedures. In addition, we will discuss our supplemental COVID-19 Policy. As always, near the end of the session, we will open the floor to all in a closing question and answers session.

Prior to Arriving at Camp

If your child is sick, has recently been exposed to someone who is ill, or is displaying any of the published COVID-19 symptoms, please do not register for a camp session until receiving clearance from your Doctor.

Once registered for a camp session, if your child then becomes ill, do not attend Camp. Notify us via phone call or e.mail that your child is sick. Cancellation due to illness will not be penalized. This policy will extend itself to non-participation on any given day of camp. PBGA will endeavor to re-schedule your child into a later camp session, depending on availability.

Check the weather forecast daily: Dress your child in a long-sleeve SWEATER or WIND-BREAKER if it's going to be windy, or below 65 degrees; pack an UMBRELLA for ANY level of FORECASTED rain; if it's going to be sunny, apply SUNBLOCK at home.

Please try to have your child use the toilet before you leave home: BASED ON COVID-19 Restrictions, we currently are only providing an outdoor port-a-potty.

If you have any questions or need to cancel your camp session:

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Call us at: 847-436-1652 (Monday through Friday, 9am-5pm, CDT) or
847-894-3731 (Michelle's cell)
e.mail us at: chuck@playbettergolfacademy.com

Camper Checklist

Each Camper is required to bring their own:

- GOLF CLUBS; GOLF BAG; GOLF GLOVE; GOLF BALLS; TEES; BALL MARK AND PLEASE HAVE THEM WEAR A GOOD PAIR OF CROSS TRAINING SHOES Or GOLF SHOES.....**BRING YOUR OWN PULL CART, OR CARRY A LIGHT BAG.** (Please put your Camper's initials on all golf balls with a colorful permanent Sharpie PERMANENT Marker)

- GOLF UMBRELLA

TWO TOWELS: One for cleaning their clubs; One for wiping perspiration

There will be no sharing of any equipment: Camper's personal equipment MUST be cleaned and sanitized PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AT CAMP: NO EXCEPTIONS

- FILLED WATER CONTAINER, BOTTLED WATER OR OTHER TYPE OF HYDRATION Please put your initials on your container with a permanent Sharpie marker
- HEALTHY SNACK IF DESIRED
- SUN PROTECTION: GOLF HAT & SUNBLOCK (initial your container)
- INSECT REPELLENT: (initial your container)
- SMALL BOTTLE of HAND SANITIZER and/or WIPES: (initial your container)
- *FACE MASK: (*OUTDOORS: optional, when social distancing can be maintained*)
(*INDOORS: required*)

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Upon Arriving at Camp

DAY 1: Please plan to arrive 30 minutes before learning sessions begin.

Check-In with a Camp Staff Member at the designated registration area; this will take place one-camper/parent at a time; maintain 6-feet between Campers.

Payment for the Camp is due at Check-in.

Checks or Cash are preferable: Credit cards are also accepted; a 3% convenience fee will be added to the cost of the camp.

Your completed and signed Registration form and acknowledgement of having read and agreed with all Camp Safety Polices, including Covid Policies, must be turned in at registration.

Help your Camper get settled in at his/her “personal storage area” (located under their designated chair under the shade/range shelter). Place ALL of your Campers, Equipment, Clothing, water, sunscreen, etc. items within your Child’s designated area.

After getting settled in, help your Camper to relocate to a take a seat in our “Camper Decompression Area”; look for chairs set up under the shade shelter. Once your Camp Director gives the O.K., parents are requested to maintain Social Distancing and move outside of the Camper Shade Area (behind or to the sides) of the Camper Area; we ask that you remain there for approximately 15 minutes to participate in Welcoming Remarks and an Overview of Camp Activities.

At the conclusion of Camp Orientation, Parents and Players will gather to take a group photo; please follow the Camp Director’s instructions and assist your child

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during the photo shoot.

Once the group photo is completed, Parents may leave. (or stay nearby)

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Driving Range will be open; you can purchase buckets of balls at the Golf Shop. There are also other drive thru and/or carry-out coffee shops, etc., close by.

DAYS 2 & 3: Please plan to arrive 15 minutes before learning sessions begin.

Check-In with a Camp Staff Member at the designated area UNDER THE SHADE SHELTER; this will take place one-camper/parent at a time; maintain 6 feet between Campers

Once the Camper is settled in, Parents may leave.

During Camp

Generally Speaking:

If bad weather suddenly moves in on our camp, The Camp Director and Assistant Instructor will gather the Campers and move them into basement shelter located below the Golf Shop Build'g. *Campers must wear their mask if we move indoors**

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During normal play:

Designated "safety zones" (at least six feet between campers) will be maintained

Campers will be reminded to use hand sanitizer approximately every 30-45 min.

Campers will be reminded to not touch their eyes, nose or mouth.

Campers will not be allowed to share personal equipment: Campers MUST NOT

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TOUCH EACH OTHER; NO HORSEPLAY.

Campers will always be putting with flagstick remaining in the hole.

Traditional celebrations (handshakes, high-fives, etc.) will not take place. Campers will be encouraged to develop their own fun and safe forms of salutations and celebrations.

At the Teaching Facilities & Practice Areas:

Camper “Safety Zones” (at least 6-feet apart) will be designated: campers will be rotating, in groups of four, from training station to training station; putting; chipping; bunker play; golf course.

**Hands will be sanitized after any session that requires “hands-on” coaching.*

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Campers will be educated regarding the importance of remaining within designated safety zones unless told otherwise.

Only one Camper at a time allowed on a Safety Zone.

When exiting a Safety Zone, Campers will be instructed to walk in straight lines while maintaining 6-foot distancing.

Campers will be instructed to NEVER walk into someone else’s Safety Zone.

Campers will be instructed to NEVER swing a club outside of their own Safety Zone, or move outside their Safety Zone to retrieve a golf ball unless instructed.

When an Instructor is speaking, Campers must either follow Instructor’s Directions regarding How/Where to hold their club, place the club on the ground, or hold the club close to themselves, in the “walking cane” position.

Campers MUST obey the directions given by Camp Instructors: when the Camp Instructor tells everyone to stop hitting, campers must obey.

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Campers may NEVER swing a club toward someone; use the club as a “fencing foil”, a Star Wars Laser, or other similar “dueling object”; one warning will be given to any/both campers; at the discretion of the Camp Director, second offense will result in removal from participation, and expulsion from remainder of Camp Program. No Refunds.

PBGA hopes we would never have to enforce an expulsion; however, this is an unusual year: so some unusual policies may ultimately need to be enforced.

After Camp

Days 1 & 2

Parents, please arrive 5-10 minutes before Camp is scheduled to conclude for the day.

This is particularly important for the Morning Sessions, as PBGA Staff needs to clean-up the grounds, sanitize our equipment, set-up for the Afternoon Session...and still be able to grab some lunch between the AM and PM sessions.

You should find your Camper back under the shaded shelter area.

PBGA requires that Campers can only be released back to a Parent or designated adult (as designated by a Parent). You will be required to provide us with that information at check-in on Day 1; to advise us of ANY CHANGES on Day 2 or 3.

The Last Day of Camp

It's a PBGA Tradition....Camper Certificates of Completion will take place under the shade shelter area.

It's always a great time: lot's of cheers; lots of applause; and huge happy smiles!

We look forward to seeing your child at Camp!

A simple text confirmation to Chuck will hold your Child's place, if a slot is available in the requested session.

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THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!!!