

# The Northside ISD Golf Program

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The NISD Golf Program is excited about teaching NISD students about golf because golf teaches life skills that will stay with junior golfers all of their lives. Among all of the sports that a young person can play, golf is unique in many ways that make it worth growing as a sport among our youth.

1. The best reason for a young person to take up golf is that it is a game of manners, or etiquette. It is one of the few games in which the rules are applied by the competitor themselves. To be sure, when the best players of the world are competing in the Opens and the Masters championships, there are rules officials present to ensure that the rules are followed. But in almost every casual round of golf or competitive round of golf played anywhere in the world the rules are applied by the competitors themselves. They occasionally ask for a ruling in the golf shop, but by and large, most golfers play expecting that all of their companions have a working knowledge of the rules, the etiquette, and the sportsmanship of the game. One of the most basic rules of golf etiquette states:

“All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times, irrespective of how competitive they may be. This is the spirit of the game of golf.” Source: USGA

2. Golf teaches young people skills of behavior and manners that carry over into their daily lives. This goal alone is worthy of pursuit.
3. Golf is a life-long sport. All over the country, retirement communities have sprung up surrounding golf facilities because it is one of the few sports that can be played as a young person and still be enjoyed as a participant into our retirement years.
4. It is a great way to meet contacts in the business world. Thousands of dollars of business is done at the golf course. It is difficult to estimate the amount of business that is done on the golf course, around the golf course, or through contacts met at the golf course. A young person who becomes a competent golfer will carry a skill that may enhance his or her other skills as he or she becomes an adult in a competitive business world.
5. It is a sport in which men and women can participate together and even compete together in many types of events. Many of these events are simple outings for fun among friends and others can be so advanced that the winners may qualify for advancement to regional, state, national and even international competitions.
6. It is truly international in scope. Golf courses exist all over the world. Throughout the world, the rules of golf we teach our youngsters in Northside apply in just the same way.