



**2023**

**Welcome Meeting**

# The Front 9 Tour

## General Information



### Membership Cost

- 7-9 = \$175 (participants age on or before June 1st)
- 10-12 = \$225 (participants age on or before June 1st)
- 13-18 = \$275 (participants age on or before June 1st)

\*These fees include all golf clinics, all 8 Tournaments (10-18 Divisions), 6 Tournaments (7-9 Division), those who qualify for the Hayden Hough Jr. Invitational (10-18 Divisions), and practice play less the \$1.00 practice play fee paid by tour members at each practice course. All players must show their Front 9 Tour Card to play at the practice facilities. There will be trophies and prizes awarded at each Tour event as well as an awards ceremony after each Championship tournament at the end of the season.

***Deadline to sign up for the 2023 Summer program is June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023***

- **Seven Life Essentials**

- (Truth lesson and Prayer before each tournament): Honesty, Integrity, Sportsmanship, Determination, Perseverance, Character, Commitment, .

- **Ages:** (as of June 1<sup>st</sup>)

- 7-9: 6 holes Stroke Play from designated tees.
- 10-12: 9 holes Stroke Play from Red Tees
- 13-18: 18 holes Stroke Play from White or Blue Tees. (Yardage of course will determine which tees will be used)

**\*Girls 13-18 will play from the Ladies Tees.**

- **Flights:**

- Each Age Division will be broken down into flights and players will be placed in flights by score so that they are playing against other players in their skill range.

# THE FRONT 9 TOUR GENERAL INFORMATION CONTINUED



- **Can we play "up"?**
  - The Answer is **YES!**
    - **Players under the age of 10** can play up in the 10–12-year-old division upon approval by Front 9 Tour Leadership and they consistently score 60 or better on 9 holes. They will be required to pay the \$225 for Tour Membership. If a tour member wishes to play up on a per tournament bases it will be \$35 a tournament to play.
    - **Players under the age of 13** may also participate in the 13-15 age division upon approval but must pay the \$275 rate for Tour Membership. If a tour member wishes to play up on a per tournament bases it will be \$35 a tournament to play.
- **Can we play in a “Northwest Louisiana Front 9 Tour tournament”?**
  - The Answer is **Yes!**
    - If a Northeast Louisiana member wishes to play in a “Northwest Louisiana Front 9 Tour tournament” there will be a \$35 per tournament fee to play. No player of the year points will be awarded.

## *Front9tour Practice Play Sites and Procedures*

*Front9tour members will be allowed to practice play at the courses listed below*



### **Northwest Louisiana Area Courses**

Huntington Park Golf Course, Shreveport, LA.

Northwood Hills Country Club, Blanchard, LA.

Olde Oaks Golf Club, Haughton, LA.

Querbes Park Golf Course, Shreveport, LA.

Trails End Golf Club, Arcadia, LA.

### **Northeast Louisiana Area Courses**

Black Bear Golf Club, Delhi, LA.

Chennault Park Golf Course, Monroe, LA.

Johnny Myers Golf Course, Monroe, LA.

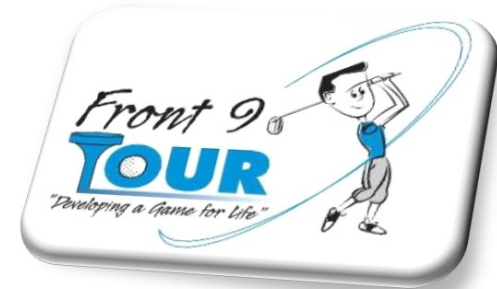
Morehouse Country Club, Bastrop, LA.

Trails End Golf Club, Arcadia, LA.

### **Terms of this Agreement are as follows.**

Practice play will be made available during the months of June, and July of 2023. Front9tour members must show there Front9tour card at all sites and on every visit. **It is understood that no Front9tour member will simply show up at a facility and expect to practice play.** Tour members must call ahead for tee times. Tour members must sign-in at the pro shop prior to beginning their practice play. The tour member will pay \$1.00 per "9 hole" practice round played. Practice play is limited to **Monday through Friday**. Weekends and holidays normal green fee will apply. Other limits may apply please visit [www.front9tour.com/practiceplay](http://www.front9tour.com/practiceplay) for more detail. Practice play does not include golf cart.

# Front9tour Golf Clinics Schedule Northeast Louisiana Area



## 13-18 Division

6:15pm – 7:15pm at  
*Johnny Myers Golf Course*  
2500 Sycamore St. Monroe, LA.

Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

## 10 – 12 Divisions

6:15pm – 7:15pm  
*Johnny Myers Golf Course*  
2500 Sycamore St. Monroe, LA.

Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## 7-9 Divisions

5pm – 6pm  
*Johnny Myers Golf Course*  
2500 Sycamore St. Monroe, LA.

Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Casey Anderson, Rodger Whitten, and Mike Thompson:** will be our instructors for all the clinics in the Northeast Area.

# Parents and Spectators



## ***This policy will be strictly enforced for the benefit of the players:***

- **Parents and spectators are encouraged to attend The Front 9 Tour events. Spectator carts are available for rent at the host facilities discretion. Cost is determined by the host facility. Golf Cart rules must be followed at all times. We ask that you please adhere to the following policies while attending The Front 9Tour Events:**
  - Walk or ride only on the cart paths or roughs where cart paths are not accessible. Always be aware of the group behind you.
  - **DO NOT** talk to the players as this action may be construed as giving advice, resulting in a penalty to the player.
  - **DO NOT attempt to give rulings!** It is the fellow playing partner's responsibility to make a ruling in the absence of a Tour official or a course Marshall.
  - Spectators are encouraged to inform the Front 9 Tour Tournament Coordinators immediately of any rules or etiquette violations. We can only address these situations and limit the violations if they are brought to our attention on site.
  - Cell phones - Turn off or place on vibrate all cellular phones while on the golf course.
  - Spectators are allowed to carry food, water, umbrellas, jackets, towels, etc. for the players.
- \* **The Front 9Tour has been created for JUNIOR GOLFERS, not spectators. Parents or Spectators interference may result in penalties or disqualification of the players. It is the player's responsibility to keep spectators under control. Players are reminded of Rule 8-1 concerning advice and receiving assistance. Please read everything that we send to you. Many of the questions that we address during the season are easily answered by reading the Rules and information pages on the website. It takes dedication and trust in our programs for them to be successful. One of our main goals of the Front 9 Tour is to motivate and educate junior golfers on what we call The Seven Essentials: honesty, integrity, character, sportsmanship, determination, perseverance, and commitment. These life essentials will stay with your children their entire lives. We appreciate your support of the Front 9Tour.**

# *Player* *Responsibilities* **Have FUN!!**



- **The Front 9 Tour Members are expected to:**
  - Read and understand the Membership rules and information section.
  - Follow all guidelines and player policies.
  - Play by USGA Rules and be a good sport.
  - Play 18 holes in 4 hours and 30 minutes or 9 holes in 2 hours 15 minutes.
  - Encourage your playing partners; it does help your game!
  - Be able to score properly.
  - Report any misconduct that may be detrimental to the future of the Front 9 Tour.
  - Respect the game of golf, its rules and values.
  - **Order of play on the green: the first player to put the ball in will head to the next tee and then the second player to putt in will pick up the flag and the rest will putt out and go to the next tee. This will help with the pace of play.**
- **Dress Code:**
  - In accordance with the dress code of the hosting facilities, please follow these guidelines:
  - All shirts must have collars and be tucked in. Girls may wear golf type shirts. **T-Shirts or tank tops are not acceptable.**
  - All shorts must be golf type shorts and Bermuda length. Tennis shorts and short shorts are not acceptable.
  - Blue jeans and denim shorts are not acceptable.
  - All hats and visors must be worn properly.
  - Males are not permitted to wear earrings of any kind.

# Player Responsibilities

## Continued



- **Caddies / Carts:**
  - **This Applies to 10 – 12 and 13 – 18 Divisions only.**
  - Caddies or motorized pull carts are not permitted at any The Front 9 Tour event.
    - **Only exception (for caddies) to this rule is the Tour Championship and the Hayden Houghe Jr. Invitational.**
  - **Caddies are allowed for 7 to 9 Division**
  - Pull Carts will be allowed to help pace of play.
  - Under some circumstances, the Front 9 Tour may arrange or allow for shuttle carts to be utilized.
  - **It is the Players responsibility to keep up with the following:**
  - Schedule of Events
  - His/hers tee time and correct tee.
  - Correctness of points accumulated (contact the Front 9 Tour officials of any discrepancies).
  - The players score for which they are keeping. It is also the player's responsibility to show up to the tee in plenty of time to receive their scorecards, rules sheet, and any additional instructions from the starter.



# Player Responsibilities Continued



- **Cheating:**
  - **Cheating is strictly prohibited.** All cases of cheating will be dealt with in a very serious manner. If incidents of cheating are not reported, not only the player accused, but the player(s) who failed to report the incident will be in violation. If you are suspected of cheating, measures will be taken to monitor your score during subsequent Front 9 Tour events. A cheating violation may result in immediate disqualification from the event and may result in immediate cancelation of Front 9 Tour membership without a refund.
- **Weather:**
  - If weather threatens to be a factor to a tournament, please contact the site where the tournament is being held. They will likely be the determining factor in playing conditions. You may also contact Michael Johnson but, again, the Pro at the course will be the one to make the final decision. In the event that weather threatens during tournament play, we will follow the standard rules of golf by sounding a siren, having players either play out their current hole or mark their balls and seek shelter immediately. The safety of our players is of utmost importance to us.

# Rules and Player Policies



- **Rules of Play:**

- The 2023 USGA Rules of Golf shall govern play. Supplemental Rules of Play will be provided (if needed) at each site. Always carry your Rules Book with you. If you observe a fellow-competitor doing something that might violate a Rule of Golf, you should inform them of their mistake immediately. Otherwise, they may break more rules that will result in more severe penalties. Golf is a game in which we realize that the rules are made to protect the field. By calling a rules infraction you ensure that the competition is fair. Do not be afraid to call a rules infraction. **YOU** are not penalizing them; it is the Rules of Golf. If you are not comfortable informing your fellow-competitor of their violation, then you should inform a Front 9 Tour Tournament staff as soon as possible and they will handle the situation.
- Sky-Caddies and laser range finder devices will be allowed per USGA Rules; however, our local rule will always supersede it: If an electronic device noticeably slows your pace of play or the site of the tournament does not allow them, you will not be allowed to use it. If you continue to use them during a round after being told you cannot, you will be disqualified.

- **Conduct Guidelines:**

- The Front 9 Tour is committed to maintaining sportsmanship, etiquette, and the integrity of the game, the following guidelines for conduct will apply:
  - Any conduct detrimental to a player, his/her equipment, the golf course, the host facility, etc., will not be tolerated.
  - No use of alcohol or tobacco products.
  - No drugs or weapons permitted. Police will be notified in the event of a violation.
  - No cell phones allowed during play.
  - No gambling.
  - No abusive language or profanity.
  - No temper tantrums or club throwing. Any misconduct may result in penalties, point reductions and/or disqualification without a refund.
  - We reserve the right to refuse playing privileges to any current player or applicant whose conduct outside of the Junior Tour is determined to not be in the best interest of the game or the Front 9 Tour.

# Rules and Player Policies continued



- **Pace of Play:**

- USGA Rule 6-7: Slow Play states, “the player must play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines that the Committee may establish. Between completion of a hole and playing from the next teeing ground, the player must not unduly delay play.”
- **New USGA Rules of Golf App.**
  - **As a general rule, these include:**
  - **1<sup>st</sup> Breach:**
    - Any competitor who is discovered taking more than 45 seconds to play a stroke is subject to a warning for slow play and will be advised of the fact.
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> Breach:**
    - A competitor will be notified that exceeding 45 seconds will result in a penalty of one stroke.
  - **3<sup>rd</sup> Breach:**
    - If a player continues to exceed 45 seconds a third violation will result in disqualification.
- A warning is any notice given to a competitor regarding pace of play.
- A competitor’s time to play begins when the competitor has had a reasonable opportunity to reach his or her ball and when it is the competitor’s turn to play and can do so with out interference or distraction.
- Penalties are applied individually, but more than one competitor in a group may be penalized.
- In general, competitors in a group are subject to being timed at any time but specifically when the group is deemed to be out of position and over the allotted pace of play guidelines.
- A group is deemed to be “Out of Position” when it falls more than 15 minutes behind the group in front of them.

# **Player of the Year Points & Tournament Awards 10 to 12 and 13 to 18 Divisions Only.**



- **Player of the Year points will be awarded for each tournament as follows:**
  - Each player will receive 15 points for each player they finished ahead of in their age division. Each player will also receive 10 points for participating in the tournament. The Age Division will be as follows: 10 – 12 years old (Boys and Girls together) , 13 – 18 years old Boys and 13 – 18 years old Girls (If we have 5 or more girls competing during the summer season). Obviously winning is still paramount as whoever has the lowest score will receive the most points.
- **THE PLACEMENT POINTS AND PARTICIPATION POINTS WILL DOUBLE FOR THE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP.**
  - Players will be placed in flights base on their average scores and will play for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophies in each flight but will still only be competing within their Age Division.
- **Hayden Hough Junior Memorial Invitational qualification.**
  - **10 to 12 Division:**
    - The top 35 with ties in player of the year race points.
    - One top 15 score with ties at any Front 9 Tour Tournament.
  - **13 to 18 Division:**
    - The top 35 in player of the year race points.
    - One top 15 score with ties at any Front 9 Tour Tournament.
    - *The Front 9 Tour Summer Invitational scores will also be on the Junior Golf Scoreboard.*



# Questions and Answers