

Castlewood Country Club Junior Merit Program

Purpose:

The purpose of the Castlewood Junior Merit Program is to help junior golfers develop more capability in many aspects of their lives with access to Castlewood Country Club and their ability to interact with the members of the club.

Primary Function:

The primary function of the Castlewood Junior Merit Program is to further develop and advance the golfing capability of Junior Merits in the program as well as Junior Golf in Northern California.

Eligibility:

Castlewood will offer the opportunity of golfing privileges to golfers while they are attending middle school, high school, college, or are high-level amateurs who are pre-Tour professionals. The program is designed to help aspiring young golfers improve their golf games who do not otherwise have access to a quality golf facility. The Junior Merit program will have the following age and/or grade-level restrictions: the youngest Junior Merit allowed must be either in 8th grade or 14 years of age and the oldest Junior Merit may not be over 26 years of age.

Program:

- A. Castlewood Country Club will award up to twelve (12) Junior Merit Scholarships for a period of one year. All Junior Merit Scholarships are reviewed annually.
- B. The term of the Scholarship is September 1st to August 31st.
- C. Applications will be accepted during the months of April & May. Applications must consist of academic record, golf accomplishments, letters of recommendation, personal goals, financial information (if applying based on financial need) and other requested supporting information. The selection process will be completed and all selected Junior Merits notified by July 31st of each year.
- D. The Director of Golf will solicit all local high school golf teams, local junior golf organizations, and head golf professionals of non-private clubs to assemble the best pool of applicants for the Junior Merit program.

Screening Process:

- A. The screening committee will consist of the following members: Golf Committee Chairman(s) (or designee), Junior Golf Chairman, and the Director of Golf.
- B. The Director of Golf will present the applicants to the Castlewood Board of Directors.
- C. The Castlewood Board of Directors shall make final approval of all Merit Scholarships.
- D. Final selections will be based on the following criteria:
 - 1. Quality of application.
 - 2. Golfing Skill.
 - 3. Local golfers will be given priority.
 - 4. Regular use of Castlewood's golf facilities.
 - 5. Access to other golf facilities.
 - 6. Financial considerations. *

***Definition of financial considerations:**

As stated in the purpose of the Merit Program, the family of Merit Scholars should be financially unable to have regular access to another quality golf facility. Furthermore, they cannot be considered legitimate candidates for Regular Membership at Castlewood. No circumstance should exist that display a Merit Scholarship is being sought in lieu of a Regular Membership.

Requirements:

Junior Merit members are expected to stay in complete compliance with the requirements of the program. Failure to stay in compliance with the requirements listed below may result in termination of the scholarship.

- A. All successful candidates will be responsible for the following annual fees: Registration fee of \$50.00 and monthly dues charge of \$10.00 per month.
- B. Transcripts of academic grades must be submitted following each semester. Grades must be maintained at 3.0 or above.
- C. The golfing privileges provided must be utilized regularly.
- E. Conduct, on premises or whenever representing Castlewood, must be exemplary and reflect the characteristics of a Castlewood Junior Merit recipient at all times.
- E. A contract will be signed for each individual year a Merit Scholarship is in effect.
- F. Once approved, the activities of the Junior Merits will be overseen by the Director of Golf.
- G. Parent(s) of Junior Merit recipients must involve themselves in the junior golf activities run by the club by volunteering their time. The volunteer activities will be directed and overseen by the Junior Golf Chairman.
- H. Junior Merit members use their affiliation with Castlewood when in competition outside the program.

Privileges:

- A. Merit Scholarship Awardees may use the golf facilities consisting of the Hill and Valley golf courses, the driving range, and putting & chipping greens.
- B. Time of access is governed by House Rules for play.
- C. Other Club facilities are not available: including the Hacienda dining room, bar, locker rooms, pool, and tennis facility.
- D. Merit Scholarship Recipients may arrange for a billing account in order to purchase needed refreshments while using golf facilities and/or purchase items from the golf shop.
- E. Merit Scholarship Recipients may not bring guests for golf at any time. Parents may accompany Merits on the golf courses as observers after checking in at the Pro Shop.