

## Introducing the game to the next generation of female golfers

According to a 2019 National Golf Foundation industry report, girls under the age of 18 represent the fastest growing sector in the U.S. golf population since 2010. SentryWorld®, the destination golf course we've operated since 1982, is one of the few courses in Wisconsin selected to host the LPGA/USGA Girls Golf Program. It's a special program—just for junior girls—we offer in addition to lessons for any golfer of any age.

The program introduces junior girls to golf through a variety of activities and games, in a way that makes discovering the game fun, social, and less intimidating for beginners. It's designed both to help the next generation of female golfers experience the personal growth and confidence needed to succeed on the course and in life, and to make golf fun for girls who just want to play with other girls interested in the game.

Katie Kreuser, an LPGA member herself and golf professional at SentryWorld since 2012, teaches the Girls Golf program. Katie is active in promoting and teaching the game of golf to women, men, and children of all ages and skill levels. In 2019, she served as general chair for the USGA 71st U.S. Girls' Junior Championship at SentryWorld. She's also the assistant women's golf coach at the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point. Katie finds the most rewarding part of being a coach and teaching is helping golfers achieve their goals and seeing her students' excitement and progress as they improve their games. The Girls Golf program provides plenty of opportunity to see young golfers develop skills quickly.

"We work on putting and chipping just about every week because it's such an important part of the game," Katie told <u>WSAW-TV 7</u>, which featured our Girls Golf program. "If you can get good at that part of the game, it's going to shave a lot of strokes off pretty quickly."

The next Girls Golf session begins this spring.



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