



## Long Island Chapter Levels of Play

### Beginner

As a beginner golfer, you are new to the game. You have begun your journey to learn this game on the driving range, practice areas, or at a lesson and are ready to take on the course. As a beginner golfer, your focus is learning golf etiquette and swing fundamentals. Your handicap is yet to be established.

**League course suggestions:** Dix Hills and Harbor Links.

**Long Island Chapter events:** all

### Beginner Plus

As a beginner plus golfer, you are more confident with the basics of the golf swing. Your knowledge of golf etiquette, rules, and the appropriate pace of play is emerging. As a beginner plus golfer, you can keep your score and you are close to establishing or have a handicap.

**League course suggestions:** Dix Hills, Harbor Links, Pine Hills, Spring Lake.

**Long Island chapter events:** all

### Intermediate

As an intermediate golfer, you feel comfortable on the golf course. You know how far you hit the clubs in your bag. You have an understanding of the rules of golf and will seek out resources for a ruling when you are unsure. You understand the importance of the pace of play and move through the course at a pace of 2:15 for 9 holes or 4:30 for 18 holes. You have an established handicap.

**League course suggestions:** Bethpage, Eisenhower, Oyster Bay, Pine Hills, Spring Lake, Travel, and Windwatch.

**Long Island chapter events:** all.

**National events:** competitive.

### Advanced

As an advanced golfer, you follow the rules of golf and etiquette consistently. You utilize knowledge of your ability to strategize and plan shots based on the lie and yardage left for the next shot. The pace of play is a mindset for you. As an advanced golfer, your established handicap is typically under 25.

**League course suggestions:** Bethpage, Eisenhower, Oyster Bay, Long Island Match Play, Pine Hills, Spring Lake, Suffolk Match Play, Travel, and Windwatch.

**Long Island chapter events:** all.

**National events:** competitive.