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Honorable Mayor and members of the City Council:

I am writing this letter to make you aware of what is going on at Johnson Park in hopes that you can rectify the situation there. Johnson Park is a public golf course in the city of Racine; however, I feel as if it is run as a private club, which is unfair to anyone who would like to play golf at their park.

I recently tried to get a tee time on a Saturday or Sunday at Johnson Park, which I found very difficult. First of all, they had a very limited amount of open tee times on weekend mornings -- usually only three or four. This means they are reserving the same tee times to the same people week after week, year after year, which is unfair and not how a public course should operate. Secondly, the people who run Johnson Park have come up with two unrealistic rules for weekend play: Rule #1: You **must** have at least a foursome, Rule #2: You **must** play 18 holes of golf. What this means is that two or three people who want to only golf 9 holes cannot get a tee time at Johnson Park on a Saturday or Sunday morning. Again, does sound like the way a public golf course should be operating? I think not.

Dismayed by Johnson Park's unrealistic rules, I called five other public golf courses in Racine County and discovered that none of these five golf courses have rules about how many people can play or how many holes are to be played, such as the rules of Johnson Park. These five golf courses are: Maplecrest Country Club, Brown's Lake Golf Course, Petrifying Springs Golf Course, South Hills Country Club, and Ives Grove Golf Links. How is it that Johnson Park can get away with something that other public courses in Racine County would dare even think of?

The city of Racine used to have a golf liaison committee. Maybe we should have one again. Johnson Park is **not** run the way a public golf course should be run, and I would like to see something done about it. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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