

JUNIOR GOLF MANUAL

2019





Junior Manual Galway Golf Club

1. **Introduction:**

The purpose of this manual is to provide information and to outline various policies to parents/guardians, junior members and temporary juvenile members of Galway Golf Club on all aspects of junior golf. We encourage all young golfers to become active participants in the club.

The aim of the Junior Golf programme at Galway Golf Club is to develop the maximum number of junior golfers to the highest standards that they can achieve and to instil in them a love of the game with the utmost respect for the rules and traditions of the game of golf.

Junior members and temporary juvenile members of Galway Golf Club are required to participate in junior club activities. This would include playing in junior club competitions, attending practice and coaching sessions, to represent the club and play in inter-club and GUI competitions, and be available to help out at major club events throughout the year. All junior members and temporary juvenile members will be assessed in accordance with the rules and regulations as set out by the Junior Council.

2. Parents Guardians and Junior Golfers Role



Parents are a valuable and indispensable source of help to the Junior Golf programme.

Parents are requested to assist in:

- Providing supervision at coaching sessions.
- Providing supervision and help out in the running of junior competitions.
- Providing transport to away golf competitions and events.

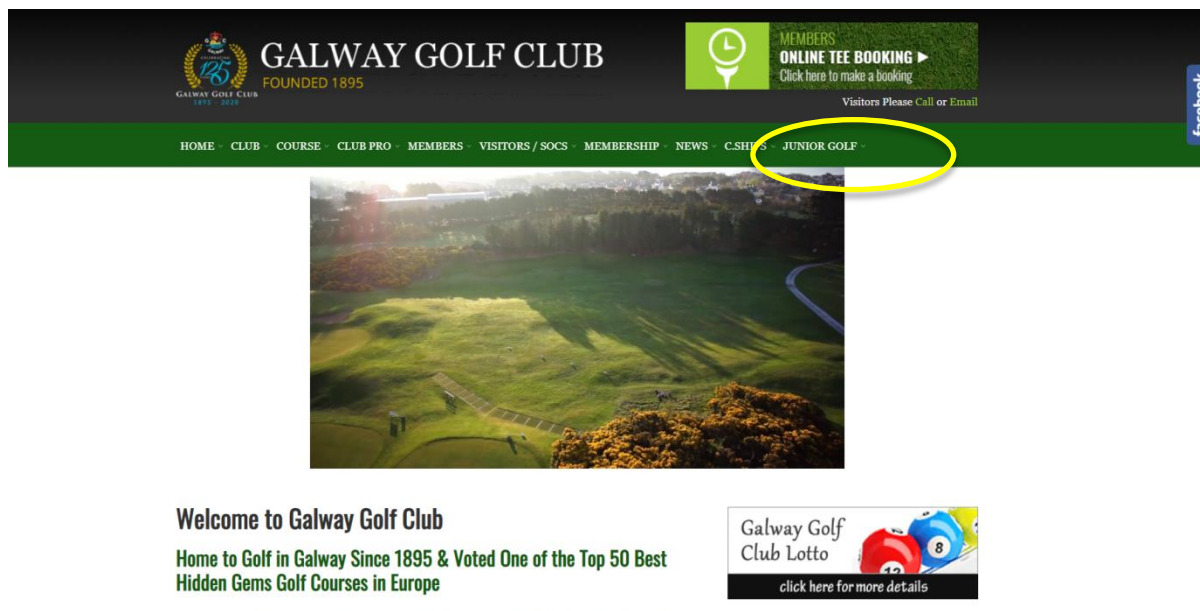
Provide supervision. A supervision rota will be in place for junior golf competitions, coaching and golf outings. It is imperative that parent/guardian attend and supervise their assigned slots. If you cannot attend **THE Parent/Guardian MUST** arrange a swap with another parent/guardian on the same slot. The supervision rota will be available on the *Junior Golf* area on the Galway Golf Club website.

Parents should:

1. Show appreciation for the efforts and work of all those involved in the promotion of junior golf.
2. Encourage juniors to participate – do not force them.
3. Never ridicule or remonstrate with juniors for making mistakes or for losing.
4. Remember that juniors learn by example – applaud good shots by all players.
5. Respect and accept official decisions and teach juniors to do likewise.

3 Junior Golf Website:

- All information relating to junior golf can be located on the *Junior Golf* area on the Galway Golf Club website: <http://www.galwaygolf.com/>



- There are two high level links at the bottom of the Junior Golf home page. One for *Junior Golfers* and one for *Temporary Juveniles*.

Juniors 2019

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Temporary Juveniles 2019

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- Select the *Juniors 2019* golf link to access the junior online competition booking system and to access other information relating to junior golf such as the events calendar, the parental supervision rota, competition results and a variety of other useful information.

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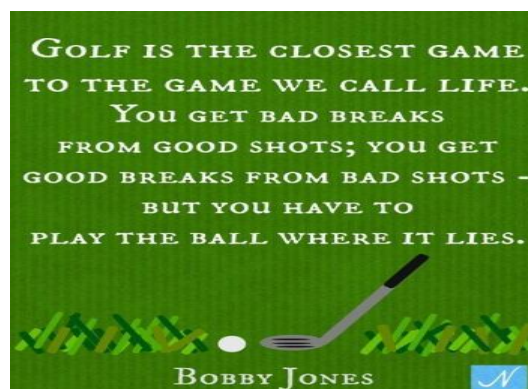
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4 Coaching:

The **Junior Coaching Schedule** will be displayed on the junior noticeboard and on the *Junior Golf Area* of the club website. Please check the time that you have been allocated. If you are unable to attend at this time please inform the pro shop ASAP so that you can be included in further coaching at a later date.

The **Temporary Juvenile Coaching** is during the months of July and August on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9am to 11am. A copy of the coaching schedule will be posted on the website and you will be advised of your allocated coaching day. You are required to attend at least 5 of the coaching sessions.

Practice Mats and Short Game Area: It's recommended that you practice more than once a week. Specific times will be allocated for junior practice during the months of June, July and August. Attendance will be recorded. It is the responsibility of each junior member and temporary juvenile member to ensure that their attendance is recorded. Junior and temporary juvenile members must attend the practice mats at least **10 times** over the summer months.

Putting Greens: Junior members should practice putting regularly, especially the shorter putts. If the putting green in front of the clubhouse is busy please use the putting green in the new practice area. Please play the putting course in the proper manner from holes 1-9 and do not obstruct adults practicing.

Chipping Greens: Please adhere to the rules clearly displayed at the chipping practice area.

5 Competitions and Handicaps

COMPETITIONS FOR JUNIOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Competitions for junior girls and boys will be held in June July and August on **Monday and Thursday mornings with tee times reserved from 8am**. Except Race Week and when GUI Competitions are played.

Please refer to the *Junior Section* of the website for bookings and competition entry. Please refer to the sections in this booklet in relation to Scorecards, Safety on the Course, Etiquette and Dress Code on the Course.

There will also be junior competitions played on the Bank Holiday Mondays, when available. Please refer to the noticeboard and website for details.

There will be **9 hole** junior boys and girls competitions arranged for Saturday evenings at 5pm throughout July and August. These 9 hole competitions are designed for the younger junior golfers who are less confident in playing 18 holes with older golfers and for junior golfers who have not been able to play in the required number of regular competitions throughout the summer. Please refer to the noticeboard and website for details.

Junior Boys and Girls must play in a minimum of 6 Junior Competitions throughout the year

Temporary Juvenile Fun Scrambles will be played on Saturday evenings over the 1st 4 holes from 6pm during July and August. Except Race Week and when GUI competitions are played. Some parents will be asked to supervise. This is a great opportunity to introduce our younger members to play on the main course to learn the skills, rules and etiquette of golf in a fun environment.

Temporary Juveniles must reach a certain standard of golf before they are permitted to play on the course. The coaching team will decide when the temporary juvenile player is ready and will issue them with a tag to indicate that they have permission to play on the course in the company of an adult member. Temporary Juveniles may only play the course from July onwards as per the Golf Club rules.

A Temporary Juvenile must always be under the supervision of an adult while in Galway Golf Club. This includes the Clubhouse, the course and Practice areas.

JUNIOR BOYS HANDICAPS:

Any boy who reaches a handicap of 12 from the red tees will be eligible to apply for a full men's GUI handicap. A junior boy will then be able to play in men's club competitions. The following criteria apply:

Category 1: Handicap of 0-12 can book on-line when the timesheet turns live but must book their tee time after 12 noon.

Category 2: Handicap 13-16 can book on line 3 days in advance but must book their tee times after 2pm

Category 3: GUI handicap of 17 and upwards can call into the pro shop after 12 noon on Saturday and book any time that is free after 3pm for Sunday club competitions.

Category 4: Junior handicaps. Not eligible for open or Club Competitions. They can play in junior competitions. Otherwise they must play with an adult as per the constitution.

Junior members who return scores in golf clubs other than Galway Golf Club, which result in their handicaps being reduced, are obliged to inform the club junior handicap secretary of such scores.



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JUNIOR GIRLS HANDICAPS:

- Junior girls begin playing with a junior handicap of 36 and play off the junior tees (yellow). Any girl who reaches a handicap of 24 from the junior tees will then be invited to apply for a full ladies ILGU handicap. These girls will then continue to play in, and loose shots from their ILGU handicap in the weekly junior competitions.
- If a junior girl has a ILGU handicap she is entitled to play in the ladies weekly competitions. When playing in a ladies club competition, a junior may mark another junior's card but they must be accompanied by an adult member. A junior who has a ILGU handicap may mark an adult member's card.
- Junior girls are entitled to play in and win regular ladies club competitions. Junior girls and student members are not entitled to win first prize in the major competitions i.e. The Lady Captain's Prize or the President's Prize.

Junior girls play for a Junior Captains, Junior Lady Captains and Junior Presidents Prize.

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6 Scorecards:

- No junior may mark his or her own card.
- The marker should check the score after each complete hole with the competitor, and record it.
- On completion of the round, the marker should sign the scorecard and hand it to the competitor. The competitor should check his/her score and agree any doubtful points that may arise with the marker. If either the competitor or marker is in doubt on any point they should seek clarification from the junior committee before signing and returning the scorecard.
- The competitor should ensure that the scorecard bears his/her name, handicap and title and date of the competition. The penalty for breach of the rule is disqualification from the competition.
- The R and A “Golf Rules” which are available in the club should be carried by junior members while playing golf in Galway Golf Club or while representing Galway Golf Club in any other club.
- Juniors representing Galway Golf Club are expected to behave in a manner, which will bring credit to themselves, the team and the club.

Scorecards

When you, as a player, play a round of golf, you need to record how many shots or strokes you hit. Below is an example of a golf club scorecard. It has all

the important information that you will need to fill in the scorecard when you play.

No handicap on scorecard- Disqualification!

Where the 1st player's gross score goes

Your current handicap

Date

Your tee-off time

Juniors and ladies scorecard

Nett score column

The par for each hole on this scorecard

Points scored column

Column which shows how difficult each hole is. Lowest is hardest.

Place for nett score

Place for Stableford points

Place for bogey score

Place for matchplay result

Where the player signs his name

Where the marker of the card signs his name

Helpful indicator about how far the distance markers are from front of each green

Marker's score

Length of each hole from official tee markers

What number hole you are playing

Name of first player

Name of competition

***NOTE – The most important things that should be written on the card:**

Before you start to play are:

Before you leave the course are :

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1. Your **name** in column A under *Player*
2. Your **correct handicap**
3. **Name of competition** e.g. *Junior Competition*
4. **Correct date**
5. **Marker's signature** is correct
6. **Player's signature** is correct

Finally-make sure the gross score tally with your marker.

7 Safety & The Course:

1. The most important thing to remember when playing any sport is to look after your health and safety. Before commencing play, a golfer should always stretch and take a few minutes to warm up. This means more oxygen and blood flow to the muscles. Thus the body muscles can bend and stretch more and the ball can be hit further.
2. Prior to making a practice swing or playing a stroke, the player should ensure that no one is standing close by or in a position to be hit by the club, the ball or any stones, pebbles, twigs etc. which may be moved by the stroke or swing.
3. Do not hit the ball until you are sure that players in front are out of range. Shout 'fore' if your ball is likely to land close to other players on the course.
4. Juniors may not cut in on a hole if there are players playing the previous hole.
5. Respect officials and accept their decision with grace and not a grudge. This includes the Junior Co-ordinators, Committee Members, Course and Clubhouse staff.
6. Remember to respect the course. Repair all divots made after you have taken a shot and any damage on the green caused by the impact of the ball. Before leaving the bunker always rake the sand after hitting to clear your footprints.
7. Don't stand in a place that causes your shadow to be cast across a player's putting line and never walk through a player's putting line.
8. Leave the green as soon as the hole has been completed. Do not mark your scores on the green, wait until you are at the next tee.

9. While playing, no junior player can leave the course - for example to go to the shop outside the perimeters of the golf course.
10. Non-members are not permitted as caddies
11. Play quickly and do not hold up any players behind.
12. Juniors who behave badly, whether in the clubhouse or on the course will be disciplined in accordance with club procedure.



8 Course Etiquette & Code of Behaviour

- Juniors are expected to respect and be courteous to adult members on the course.
- Honour is about being truthful to yourself and the rules of a sport. Golf is a game of honesty, etiquette and maturity. As in all sports, golf should be conducted in an atmosphere of fair play, respect for others and should always be played in the right spirit. Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat. Shake hands after the event, whoever wins -- and mean it.
- Players are responsible for their own actions and personal conduct on the golf course. Never throw clubs in anger.
- Respect fellow team members; give them support when things are going well or badly for them. Respect your opponents; they are not your enemies as they are fellow competitors in a sporting event. Look for your opponent's lost ball.
- Adults have priority on the course and **MUST** be allowed through. Avoid slow play and remember 9 holes should be completed in less than 2 hours.
- Be organised and on time. Don't turn up late for your tee time

- Keep trolleys off greens and outside bunkers. Trolleys should not be taken on to the tee boxes.
- Mobile phones are not allowed in the clubhouse or on the golf course.
- If any Junior member encounters any problems or issues please feel free to talk to Junior Officers or Golf Professionals.
- Play at a good pace and keep the round moving.

9 Dress Code:

Galway Golf Club aims to operate a contemporary and forward thinking dress policy, commensurate with a modern day golf club. It is in all our interests to maintain standards of casual but smart dress in keeping with golfing traditions. Golfers at Galway Golf Club are therefore made aware that the following are required standards that must be adhered to both on the golf course and in the clubhouse.

ON THE GOLF COURSE- Smart casual dress only permitted.

- Tailored shorts must be worn with appropriate sports socks.
- Trouser legs must not be tucked into socks.
- Hats and caps must be worn as they are designed.
- Golf shoes must be worn (soft spikes are recommended).

The following items of dress are NOT acceptable on the course

Denim jeans, singlets, football, rugby, soccer and similar jerseys, hoodies, cargo pants/combats, tracksuits or leisure suits.

IN THE CLUBHOUSE- Smart casual dress must be worn at all times.

Golf shoes are not permitted in the upstairs bar or dining room nor are golf hats or caps. Shoes must be worn at all times when in the bar or dining room. Tailored denim jeans with no fade or tears are permitted in the clubhouse.

Under no circumstances are golf shoes to be discarded at the bottom of the stairs or on the lower ground floor. *Members and guests are asked to be aware that entry to the bar/dining room without shoes is a breach of the club code and will be treated as such.*

The clubhouse has every facility required for changing into and from golfing apparel and changing in the car park is not recommended.

10. Junior Safe Guarding Policies and Code of Conduct

The Galway Golf Club Code of Conduct for Young Players and Parents plus the Galway Golf Club Junior Safeguarding (Code of Ethics) document are available on the junior area on the Galway Golf Club website.

Conclusion

We hope these guidelines will assist both juniors and their parents/guardians in an understanding of any issues pertaining to junior membership. Any further clarification can be obtained from the Secretary Manager or Junior Committee Members.

