

## **Junior Golf Regulations 2018**

### **Junior members are:**

Juniors aged 12-18 years

Juniors aged 10-12 are designated as Cubs (must always be accompanied by an adult)

Juniors must have attained Junior Passport before they can be registered with Ballyneety Golf Club.

A player is a junior until his/her 18th birthday

### **Student Members is defined as:**

University members – third level students attending University, Institutes of Technology or any post second level training courses (19 – 24 years).

### **Playing Times:**

Junior members designated time slots:

Sundays 1pm – 1.30pm 18-hole players

1.30pm - 1.45 9-hole players and beginners April 2<sup>nd</sup> – October 16<sup>th</sup>

1.45pm - 14.00 beginner girls

Wednesdays 10am – 11 am school holidays (TBC depending on Volunteers)

Junior members may play at the following times if available:

Tuesdays and Fridays after 12.00pm and before 4.30pm

Wednesday before 4.30pm (must start round before 4.30pm and keep their place on the course).

Junior Members may only play outside these times if accompanied by an adult member or when receiving tuition from the Professional.

Competitions usually occur on Sundays and Wednesdays through the Summer holidays providing the weather conditions are ok and there are a minimum of 10 players. The entrants must have signed the code of conduct and have acquired the junior passport to play.

Competition entry fee's are: 2Euro for 9 Holes & 3 Euro for 18holes

**NB Juniors must sign in and sign out on the Junior book in the office**

## Eligibility of junior members to play in adult competitions:

Junior Boys	Junior Girls
<p>Have to be either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Aged 15 or</li> <li>b. with an 18 handicap or lower,</li> </ul> <p>To play with an adult member in regular Men's competitions</p> <p><b>EXCEPT:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Captains Prize (Separate competition and prizes for juniors)</li> <li>· Presidents Prize (Separate competition and prizes for juniors)</li> <li>· Club Match play competitions</li> <li>· Intermediate and Minor Scratch Cups</li> <li>· Championship of the course</li> </ul> <p>A Juniors card must be signed by an Adult Member, or any adult with GUI Membership. No two Juniors can sign each other's cards in an Adult Competition.</p>	<p>Will be facilitated in obtaining a Congu Handicap.</p> <p>May compete in and win ladies weekly competitions.</p> <p>Are allowed win all Gross Prizes.</p> <p>Junior Girls are allowed to compete and win ILGU medals</p> <p>May play in, but not win, major competitions (Lady Captain's Prize, Lady President's Prize, Captain's Prize to the Ladies).</p>
<b>Student Level Members</b>	
<p>May play in men's competitions EXCEPT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Captain's Prize</li> <li>· President's Prize</li> <li>· Qualifying rounds for National/International competitions.</li> <li>· They may play in Golfer-of-the-Year competitions but cannot win 1<sup>st</sup> Prize</li> </ul>	

**Juniors are eligible to play in the Barton Shield, Jimmy Bruen, Senior and Junior Cups competitions with the club providing they are selected.**

**Unfortunately, the Pierce Purcell does not allow Juniors to play.**

## Handicaps

An official club handicap in accordance with G.U.I / I.L.G.U guidelines may be allocated by the club Handicap Secretary to all Junior members who return 3 cards, each of 18 holes strokes, which must be signed by a playing member who holds an official handicap. No player shall mark his/her own card. Cards must be marked after each hole.

Cards should be posted in the appropriate competition box and marked "For Handicap"

For the purpose of Junior Member club competitions, players will, if required, be allocated (unofficial) club handicaps by the Junior Members' committee.

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

All Juniors will be allocated a Golfnet card and are requested to register with Golfnet

## **Scorecards**

No Junior may mark his/her own card. The marker should check the score after each complete hole with the competitor and record it.

**All shots have to be recorded to a maximum of 8 shots.**

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 (DQ)** from the competition.

## **Course Etiquette/Code of Behaviour**

Outside of Junior competitions, Juniors playing without an adult must check if there is availability on the course and sign their name in a book in the Pro Shop before playing.

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.

*Players are responsible for their own actions and personal conduct on the golf course.*

## **Safety & the Course**

The most important thing to remember when playing any sport is to look after your health and safety.

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.

Respect officials and accept their decision with grace and not a grudge. This includes the Junior Co-ordinators, Committee Members, Course and Clubhouse staff.

Remember to respect the course.

**Replace divots, repair pitch marks, rake bunkers etc.**

Play quickly and do not hold up any players behind.

Juniors may not cut in on a hole if there are players playing the previous hole.

It is forbidden to look for golf balls in the lakes on the course.

*Juniors who behave badly, whether in the clubhouse or on the course will be disciplined in accordance with club procedures.*

## **In the Clubhouse:**

Juniors may use the bar and restaurant facilities. They must vacate the clubhouse by 7pm if unaccompanied by an adult. If a Junior is accompanied by an adult, they must vacate the premises at 10pm.

Juniors must respect and heed clubhouse staff.

Respect the clubhouse and keep belongings tidy.

Golf shoes must be removed before entering any part of the clubhouse (except the locker room).

## **General Etiquette**

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.

Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat. Shake hands after the event, whoever wins --and mean it.

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.

Respect the golf course. *Practicing on the course is not permitted*, ie: playing multiple balls on an individual hole.

Be organised and on time.

While playing, no Junior player can leave the course - for example to go to the shop outside the perimeters of the Golf course.

Mobile Phones are not allowed in the clubhouse or on the golf course. If they are required, they must be left on silent.

If any Junior member encounters any problems or issues please feel free to talk to Junior Officers or Golf Professionals.

Remember honest endeavour is as important as winning.

## **Coaching**

Coaching is provided in Ballyneety Golf Club by Club Professionals Donal McSweeney, Alan O'Sullivan and Robert Kelly. The time of coaching will be displayed on Junior Notice board. When coaching is being provided at least one adult must be present at all times.

## **Parents/Guardian Role**

Parents should assist in:

- Attending coaching sessions
- The running of Junior competitions
- Providing supervision
- Providing transport
- Parents should also remember that juniors learn by example – applaud good shots by all
- Respect and accept official decisions and teach juniors to do likewise.
- To meet with GUI regulations the Parent / Guardian will have to sign a Leaders code of conduct

## **Dress Code**

The following items of dress are not acceptable on the course or in the clubhouse:

- Tracksuits or Leisure Suits
- Singlets or Sleeveless shirts without collars
- Shorts other than tailored shorts
- Trouser legs tucked inside socks
- Football shirts/jerseys and garment displaying slogans or logos.

Smart casual dress is essential in the clubhouse. Footwear worn on the course is not acceptable in the clubhouse. Wearing of caps/hats is not acceptable in the clubhouse.

All golfers are requested to use golf footwear on the course. The R&A “Golf Rules” which are available in the club should be carried by youth members while playing golf in Ballyneety Golf Club or while representing Ballyneety Golf Club in any other club. Juniors representing Ballyneety Golf Club are expected to behave in a manner, which will bring credit to themselves, the team and the club.

## **APPENDIX-1**

### **Code of Conduct for Young People**

### **(Ballyneety GC Code of Ethics)**

Golf wishes to provide the best possible environment for all young people involved in the sport. Young people deserve to be given enjoyable, safe sporting opportunities, free of abuse of any kind. These participants have rights, which must be respected, and responsibilities that they must accept. Young people should be encouraged to realise that they have responsibilities to treat other participants and sports leaders with fairness and respect.

#### **Young players are entitled to:**

- Be safe and to feel safe
- Be listened to
- Be believed
- Have fun and enjoy golf
- Have a voice in relation to their activities within golf
- Be treated with dignity, sensitivity and respect
- Participate on an equitable and fair manner, irrespective of ability, disability, gender, religion, social class, etc.
- Experience competition at a level at which they feel comfortable
- Make complaints and have them dealt with
- Get help against bullies
- Say No
- Protect their own bodies
- Confidentiality

#### **Young players should always:**

- Treat Sports Leaders with respect, (including professionals, coaches, convenors, club officials, etc.)
- Look out for themselves and the welfare of others
- Play fairly at all times, do their best
- Be organised and on time, tell someone if you are leaving a venue or competition
- Respect team members, even when things go wrong
- Respect opponents, be gracious in defeat
- Abide by the rules set down by team managers when travelling to away events, representing the club, school, province or country, etc.
- Behave in a manner that avoids bringing golf into disrepute
- Talk to the Lead Officer within the club if they have any problems

#### **Young players should never:**

- Cheat
- Use violence or engage in irresponsible, abusive, inappropriate or illegal behaviour
- Shout or argue with officials, team mates or opponents
- Harm team members, opponents or their property
- Bully or use bullying tactics to isolate another player or gain advantage
- Take banned substances, drink alcohol, smoke or engage in sexual behaviour
- Keep secrets, especially if they have been caused harm
- Tell lies about adults / young people
- Spread rumours
- Discriminate against other players on the basis of gender, age, disability, social class, religion, race, etc.

## **APPENDIX-2**

### **Guidelines for Parents**

### **(Ballyneety GC Code of Ethics)**

Golf and its affiliated organisations believe that parents should:

Be a role model for your child and maintain the highest standards of conduct when interacting with young people, other parents, officials and organisers.

Always behave responsibly and do not seek to unfairly affect a player or the outcome of the game.

Never intentionally expose any young participant to embarrassment or disparagement by the use of flippant or sarcastic remarks.

Always recognise the value and importance of the officials and volunteers who provide sporting and recreational opportunities for your child. Do not publicly question the judgement or honesty of referees, coaches or organisers. Respect convenors, professionals, coaches, referees, organisers and other players. Parents are welcome to attend events and coaching sessions but should not interfere with the coach or professional while working with the player.

Encourage your child to play by the rules. Teach your child that honest endeavour is as important as winning and do all you can to encourage good sportsmanship.

Set a good example by applauding good play on all sides. Encourage mutual respect for other junior members, teammates and opponents.

Parents should support all efforts to remove abusive behaviour and bullying behaviour in all its forms. Please refer to bullying policy within Golf's guidelines.

#### **Parents Code of Conduct:**

1. I will respect the rules and procedures set down by Golf.
2. I will respect my child's teammates and leaders as well as players, parents and coaches from opposing teams. I will encourage my child to treat other participants, professionals, coaches, convenors, selectors and managers with respect.
3. I will give encouragement and applaud only positive accomplishments whether from my child, his/her teammates, their opponents or the officials.
4. I will respect my child's leader(s) and support his/her efforts.
5. I will respect the officials and their authority during sessions and events within the organisation and under the auspice of Golf.
6. I will never demonstrate threatening or abusive behaviour or use foul language.



## **Ballyneety Golf Club Junior Code of Conduct Summary**

- 1 Juniors have allotted time to play on the course where adult supervision will be present. These times are 1-2pm on Sundays during the season and 10.00-11.00 am on Wednesdays during school holidays. A Junior can play outside these hours once they are accompanied by a full member/adult or fellow Junior and/or checked in and agreed with the pro-shop/office.
- 2 Golf shoes must be worn, and membership sticker displayed on golf bag at all times
- 3 Juniors may not play in groups of more than four.
- 4 Juniors may not play on their own on the course.
- 5 Juniors must give way to adult members.
- 6 Juniors must sign in and out on the Junior Book in the clubhouse.
- 7 Juniors may not look for golf balls in the lakes on the course.
- 8 Dress code and etiquette code must be adhered to at all times.
- 9 Bullying or horseplay will not be tolerated.
- 10 Cheating during competition may result in suspension.
- 11 Failure to comply with the code of conduct will result in a disciplinary meeting with the Junior Committee.

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Parent/Guardian

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Junior

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_