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BALBRIGGAN GOLF CLUB

Welcome from the 2022 Captains and President:

On behalf of Balbriggan Golf Club, we would like to welcome you as a new or returning member for the year 2022

Over the last number of seasons, the Junior Committee has worked extremely hard to develop new and exciting initiatives for our junior members. As we put you, the junior member at the forefront of decisions made around programmes and activities our junior section over the years has grown.

Although some content may change, the Junior Committee remains dedicated in its primary purpose; and that is to promote golf as a lifelong sport that can be enjoyed by any age or any standard.

We are delighted to continue our relationship with Golf Ireland who enable us to run a sustainable junior section.

We are looking forward to working with you
Best wishes for the 2022 season

Welcome and Induction from the Junior Convenor and Junior Committee.

We hope that being a member of our Club will prove to be an enjoyable experience for you. For those of you that are beginning your golf journey we aim to give you the best possible opportunity to learn golf in a fun and safe environment and develop your skills so that you can progress at a rate that is suitable for your individual needs. For those who are progressing we hope you will avail of the opportunity to enter and play in competitions with other members as well as have the opportunity to be selected for team events.

The Cadet and Junior Convenors work with a group of adult volunteers and we are there to help you as best we can and ensure that your experience at our Club is a positive one. In return we ask that you uphold the rules of the club and always behave in a manner that you are proud of.

Golf Clubs can be busy and sometimes scary places especially if you are new and unsure where things are or who is there to help you. It is hoped that by reading this handbook a lot of your questions will be answered and if they are not covered that you at least know who to contact to find out the answer.

Mission Statement

The aim of our Junior Section of Balbriggan Golf Club is to help you to enjoy your golf whatever level you may aspire to. We also hope to make your golfing experience one of fun in a friendly and safe environment, where great (lifelong) friendships can be made.

All of us at Balbriggan Golf Club are looking forward to a great year.

Important Contacts

Our Golf Club has a number of people committed to helping the junior and cadet section. Below gives a brief description on each role and the name and contact details of that person in the club:

Cadet and Junior Convenors

The cadet and junior convenors look after the cadet and junior sections and are responsible for organising suitable activities for all our young members.

PGA Professional

The PGA Professional delivers the coaching sessions to the juniors and to other club members.

Junior Captains

The junior captains are juniors that represents the junior section and engages with all junior members and can make representation to the junior committee on behalf of our junior and cadet members.

Lady Captain, Men's Captain and President

The Lady Captain leads the Ladies section of the club, the Men's Captain leads the Men's section of the club and the president acts as an ambassador of the club.

Role.	Name.	Contact Details
Club Liaison Officer.	Gerry Cullen	
PGA Professional.	Nigel Howley.	01-8412229
Children's Officer.	Evelyn Tolan	
Junior Convenor.	Jason Quinlan	
Cadet Section.	Rhona Tolan & Breegen Roche	

Juvenile Committee. Jason Quinlan
 Evelyn Tolan
 Rhona Tolan
 Breegen Roche
 Aoife Murphy
 Robbie Murphy

Junior Captain – Boys. Jack Caffrey

Junior Captain - Girls Shonagh Murphy

Balbriggan Golf Club General Information

Dress Codes

In order for our junior section to “Look good, feel good, and play good!” the Junior Committee, Junior Captain and some juniors created the following dress code:

Neat t-shirts

Wear neat trousers – if it is sunny tailored shorts are acceptable

Wear hats – to avoid the UV rays!

It is best you wear golf shoes – so you don’t slip!

The Clubhouse

The clubhouse can be used by all members including the juniors. With this in mind it is important that juniors behave in an appropriate manner whilst using the facilities. As a junior section we have come up with the following Code of Conduct together:

We will remove our golf shoes and hats when entering the clubhouse

We will take off any wet clothing or shoes in the locker room before entering into the Club House

The boys will use the men’s locker room

The girls will use the women’s locker room

We won’t shout or make lots of noise in the clubhouse

We will put our mobile phones on silent and leave the lounge/dining room if we have to take a call

If we move chairs so that we can all sit in a group, we will replace them when we are finished

We will not cause a mess for the staff to clean up

When we go into the clubhouse, we will put our golf clubs in a place that will not be in other members way

We will always be courteous to other members of the club

We will revise this Clubhouse Code of Conduct at the start of each season and each juvenile member will be asked to sign the code.

Tee Time Reservation

Our course can be a busy one and for that reason it is advised that you always book a tee time and check in to the pro shop before going out on the course.

Book your tee times early for your junior competitions. On a Wednesday you must be present 10 minutes before the first tee time as there will be a draw as to who you play with. If you are not able to attend please either remove your name from the timesheet and if it on the day of playing please call and advise you are not able to play so we can facilitate all our young members.

Please note: Cadet members are not permitted to go on the course unless they are with an adult member.

On Course

It is important that when you go onto the golf course, that you are safe and you follow the course etiquette. As the junior section we have agreed the following:

For juniors starting off on the course it can sometimes be intimidating when other members are behind you – try

and use the course at quieter times and if another member is coming behind you simply pull into the side and wave them through

To replace divots on fairways and repair pitch marks on greens

To switch mobile phones on to silent and not take calls

To be ready to play your shot when it is your turn

To always wait until the people in front are at a safe distance before hitting

That players should never stand behind someone when they are swinging a club

To not distract other people on the golf course

To always shake hands with the people you have played with at the end of the round

It was agreed that when going onto the course it is important to remember:

A pitch mark repairer

A ball marker

A pen/pencil

Some golf balls

Only 14 clubs are allowed

Tees

Other Items to consider bringing with you

An umbrella

Waterproofs

A marker pen

Sunblock

Water

Snacks

Local Rules

Local rules are specific to each club and it is important you make yourself aware of them as they may have an influence on the interpretation of the rules of golf. They are usually in place for local features such as young trees that may be staked and therefore you might get a free drop

Competitions

Juvenile competitions are on Wednesdays and Fridays. To enter competitions you should follow the following steps:

Enter your name on the time sheet or ring the Pro Shop

Be at the Club 15 minutes before first tee time on Wednesday as there is a draw to see who you play with.

Friday please be at the Club 15 minutes before your tee time.

On the day sign on in the Pro shop

Fill in your scorecard with your name, handicap and date

No caddies are allowed in any Juvenile competition

Only the player teeing off and the starter or committee member are allowed at the first tee.

There are Six majors and they are

Captains Prize

Lady Captains Prize

Presidents Prize

Professionals Prize

Junior Boys and Girls Captains Prize

Members Prize

There will be circa 24 competitions over the summer months and the player of the year will be based on

Wednesdays competitions with your 8 best scores counting on a points basis as follows

First 15 points and then 12,10, 8,7,6,5,4,3,2. with double points for the majors competitions

Juveniles who are eligible to play in adult competitions can only win a prize to the value of Euro75.

Communication

In Balbriggan Golf Club we use many forms of communication as listed below:

Notice Boards

Notice boards are located in the hall at the entrance to the mens locker room and in the ladies locker rooms. The junior notice board is where information on upcoming events, coaching and other activities will be posted.

Text

The junior club regularly send out text messages to inform juniors and parents/guardians about upcoming events. Please ensure the Communication Officer has your number and/or your parents/guardians number.

E-mail

We communicate with Parents and Guardians via e-mail of upcoming activities or team selections

Whats App

We have set up what's app groups but always involve parents and guardians on this as well

Juvenile Playing Times

Juvenile Competitions

The times for competitions are: - Wednesday - 9:30 to 11:00
Friday - 10.00to 10:45

Competitions will be held on:

Spring Calendar

20th & 22nd February

24th & 26th April

Summer Calendar

Every Wednesday & Friday from 5th June until 27rd August

Final Day, 27th August this is a juvenile & adult foursomes more info to follow.

Autumn/Winter

30th October and 1st November

Casual Golf Please report to the Club Professional Nigel or his assistant Ronan before going onto the course to make sure all is in order to play and always give way to adult members and be aware who is playing behind you and again give way to adults who may catch up on you by calling them through.

Boys who have a handicap of 14 or lower can enter the men's competition by asking in the pro shop for their name to be put on the timesheet and they must always play with an adult member.

Girls who have a handicap of 35 or lower can play in the ladies competition and they must also play with an adult member.

Cadet Section

This is currently for children from 8 to 12 years.

This group meets on Monday evenings – more info to follow. Input from parents is essential with this age group.

Juvenile Sign Up Sheet

Please complete this fom and return it to Gerry/Orla or the office
Juvenile Sign Up Sheet

Juveniles Name:

Date of Birth:

Address:

Parent/Guardian Name:

Parent/Guardian Phone:

Parent/Guardian Email:

Please state any medical/behavioural conditions you feel need to be disclosed:

(Please include all medical details that might be relevant in dealing in with your child in a safe manner, such as allergies, medication, special needs, etc.)

I hereby consent to the above child participating in golf activities of the club in line with the Code of Ethics for Golf for Young People. I will inform the leader of any changes to the information above. I confirm that all details are correct and I am able to give parental consent for my child to participate in and travel to all activities. I am happy for me, and my child, to receive appropriate communication through text and email.

I understand that photographs/videos will be taken during or at golf related events and may be used in the promotion of golf, including social media.

If selected for teams, I confirm I am happy with the travel arrangements the club may arrange for my child.

I acknowledge that the club is not responsible for providing adult supervision for my child except for formal junior club coaching, matches and competitions.

Name:

Signature:

Code of Conduct

We at Balbriggan Golf Club are committed in providing you with the best possible environment to learn and develop your golf skills in a fun and safe manner. We believe as juveniles you have the right to be treated fairly and with those rights come responsibilities that you in turn will treat other juveniles and club members in a fair way. Please read and sign the below Code of Conduct and return to Gerry, Orla or the office.

Juvenile Code of Conduct

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 and victory

Abide by the rules set down by team managers when travelling to away events, representing the club

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.

Self-Declaration

Do you agree to abide by the guidelines contained in the Code of Conduct for Golf for Young People?

Yes

No

Signed:

Date:

Disciplinary Procedure

If the Code of Conduct is broken the following steps will be taken to resolve the issue:

Someone will lodge a complaint about the breakage of the Code of Conduct by a juvenile

The disciplinary committee will hear the case from all parties so you will be given an opportunity to have your say

The disciplinary committee will decide if a rule or regulation of the Code has been broken

They will then, in writing inform the parents of the juvenile involved of the sanctions that will be imposed

If any party does not agree with the decision that has been made they can appeal the decision in writing within a 10 day period

The appeals committee is convened by the Junior Officer/Convenor and the chairperson will be someone from the executive committee and will not include anyone from the original disciplinary committee

The appeals committee should confirm or set aside change any sanction made by the disciplinary procedure

If the issue can't be resolved at local level the complaint will be brought to the national case management committee.

Bullying:

Bullying is defined as 'repeated aggression whether it is verbal, psychological or physical that is conducted by an individual or group against others'. In our activities different people may be involved in some kind of bullying incidents. These may include juveniles, leaders, coaches, parents etc.

As a club we are committed to ensuring that any incidents of bullying are dealt with in an appropriate manner and juveniles know they are in a supportive environment where it is not acceptable to bully and it is ok to tell if you know about incidents of bullying.

Conclusion:

We hope you enjoy your membership at Balbriggan Golf Club for many years to come and embrace the many benefits that golf has to offer.

If you have any question as a result of reading this introduction document, please get in touch with one of the Junior Committee.