

Greenore Golf Club

Junior Policy

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Junior Membership

- Applicants for Junior membership must be 9 years of age on January 1st in the year they are applying.
 - Consideration of applications under this age will be undertaken by the Junior committee. Where a child younger than 9 years of age is showing competence, their entry to the club can be considered by the Junior Committee.
 - When a Junior younger than 9 years of age becomes a member, parental supervision must be always present when the Junior is at the club.
 - Juniors and Competitive Juniors under the age of 18 are not permitted in the bar area of the club unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. The Maple room is reserved for Juniors.
 - Juniors are requested to dress appropriately for both course and clubhouse. Jeans and football shirts are not permitted on the course. Football shirts are not permitted in the clubhouse. The wearing of headgear in the clubhouse is not allowed.
- The only restriction on casual Junior play is during adult competition time where Juniors are not permitted to play.
- It is expected that all Juniors will comply with the Junior code of conduct as per the application form and the Club's Safeguarding Policy.

Competitive Junior Status

- A Competitive Junior upgrade has an increase in the annual subscription and allows the Junior to play in adult competitions. A Junior member can upgrade to Competitive Junior status and remain so until the age of 23 if they fulfil any of the following conditions:
 - They are continuing their education at school, university, or a comparable educational establishment.
 - They are in an apprenticeship or training programme.
 - They are unemployed since leaving school

Junior Membership to Full Membership

- Junior status will remain in force until the member reaches the age of 18 in the current year. After this a Junior must upgrade to Competitive Junior status or full membership.

Junior Convenor and Responsibilities of the Committee

- Information on the Junior convenor and members on this committee can be found on the Greenore Golf Club website as follows <https://www.greenoregolfclub.com/our-juniors.html>
- The Junior Convenor will provide updates to the management committee of the club on the club's programme for developing junior boys' and girls' golf.

Safeguarding

- Greenore Golf Club is committed to providing a safe environment for all Junior members to enjoy the sport. To this end, the Club ensures that all adults working with children in the Club are garda vetted and are offered basic safeguarding training courses. The Club requires all adults and children participating in golf to sign codes of conduct as recommended by Golf Ireland.
- The club has appointed a Children's Officer and a Designated Liaison Person
- Further details are outlined in the Greenore Golf Club Safeguarding Policy.

Junior Handicaps

- All juniors are registered on the Club's system of handicaps once they become a playing member of the club, irrespective of whether they have acquired a World Handicap System (WHS) handicap index or not.
- All Juniors are enabled to obtain a WHS handicap index through the following:

Specific to Junior U-18 Boys

- Junior boys with a WHS handicap index of 19.9 or less are allowed to compete in and win men's competitions.
- All Junior boys with a handicap index more than 19.9 are encouraged to compete in Junior competitions and play regularly to improve their handicaps.

Specific to Junior U-18 Girls

- All Junior girls with a WHS handicap index of 39.9 are allowed to compete in and win women's competitions. There are certain competitions where restrictions apply. See Ladies Noticeboard for details.
- All Junior girls with a handicap index more than 39.9 are encouraged to compete in Junior competitions and play regularly to improve their handicaps.

Junior Competitions

- Junior Competitions are played every Wednesday morning during the months of June to August with the 1st and 13th tees reserved from 9.00 am to 11.30 am (or whatever time is required pending numbers)
- There will be no Junior competition during our Open Week
- Other Junior competitions will be introduced occasionally outside of Wednesdays
- Please see <https://www.greenoregolfclub.com/our-juniors.html> for more details.
- Juniors should report to the **STARTER BEFORE** 9.00am so that they are entered into the appropriate competition
- There is a nominal fee for entry into the competition.
- Junior committee members will be the starters and will act as course rangers during play.
- Junior committee members and volunteers are garda vetted and compliant with the Club's Safeguarding Policy

Interclub Team Competitions

- There are several Interclub competitions in which the Club enters each year. Details of these competitions will be accessible in the usual manner both on our website and on the Junior noticeboards
- If a Junior is playing in an adult Interclub competition and there is a clash with a Junior Interclub competition, priority will be given to the Junior competition
- It is an honour for Junior members to represent their club. It is expected they will do so with dignity, pride, and professionalism and that the Club's reputation is not drawn into disrepute on or off the course (at home or in another club)
- The Junior Convenor and selectors will determine the make-up of any team.
- Some events are played away from home, and parental consent to travel to said events is paramount.

Junior Expenses

The club is aware that there is a cost to families of Juniors representing the club in National competitions and scratch cups. The following financial support is available subject to Junior Committee approval.

Competition entry fees and an expense allowance will be covered by Greenore Golf Club for Golf Ireland National Junior events including up to two Scratch Cups.

An annual Capp of €1000 per Junior expense will apply.

To claim for expenses as per above, click on the link or request a claim form from the Club.

Completed forms must returned to the office for the attention of the Junior Committee.

The Management Committee in consultation with the Junior Convenor, reserve the right to cap an individual expense claim.

Representing Greenore Golf Club

Junior Captains

- Each year, it is our intention to identify and select a Junior Captain. Under normal circumstances, there will be a boy's Captain and a girl's Captain.
- Being asked to act in this capacity for your Club is an honour and requires appropriate behaviour throughout your term of office.
- The selection process will be a matter for the Junior Convenor in conjunction with the club Captains and other officers. Their nomination would be final.
- As Junior Captain you will be presented with a club Jumper which you will be expected to wear at all club events, functions and matches in which you are involved.

Within your role, you will carry out various functions including the following:

- Your position should play an important part in attendance at our Junior competition days in the summer.
- Attendance at the presentation of prizes to other Juniors
- Representation and introduction of teams to and from other clubs
- Participate with others in any club programs around course upkeep etc. (e.g., divot repairing)
- Be familiar with the Junior Charter from Golf Ireland