



# Rossendale Golf Club



## Junior Section Policies & Procedures



## Useful Contact Numbers

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## **Aims of the Junior Section**

The Rossendale Golf Club Junior section will:

- Develop and implement a plan to attract new members to the Club
- Ensure the health, safety and welfare of children using the club
- Develop the junior section as a vibrant and growing section within the club
- Develop the skills and abilities of all junior members
- Promote the game of golf in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews.
- Provide competitive opportunities for junior members by:
  - Encouraging and supporting junior members to play in club competitions, inter-club competitions and other matches.
  - Encouraging junior members to play golf through active involvement with the other sections of the Golf Club.
- Promote those juniors who show the right attitude, behaviour and ability to the various national bodies who are trying to encourage junior golf development.
- To ensure effective communication with junior members
- To ensure sufficient funding is available to support junior activities

## Clubhouse Rules

The Clubhouse is there for all junior members to use.

Once you are a member you will have the use of your own swipe card which may be used to gain access to the locker rooms and the Clubhouse. If you forget your swipe card you may obtain the door entry code from the professional's shop or by using the door intercom for the office/bar. You may also credit money to your swipe card at the bar and then use it to purchase food or soft drinks from the bar. A discount is given off drinks when purchased using the card.

Sandwiches may be eaten in the lounge/TV area but chips etc. may only be eaten in the restaurant section.

Dress rules- Members and visitors are expected to dress in a manner befitting a respectable golf club. Denim clothing of any type, collarless shirts (T-Shirts), football/rugby shirts, tracksuits or shell suits are not permitted in the Clubhouse or on the course. Baseball caps are not allowed in the Clubhouse and if worn on the course must be worn correctly i.e. not back to front. Locker rooms are provided for members and visitors, changing in the car park is not allowed.

- 1) **Men** - Tailored shorts are allowed in the Clubhouse provided they are worn with knee length stockings, or predominantly white, calf length sports socks. Shirts must be tucked into shorts or trousers. Dress code for winners receiving prizes is jacket and tie. There may be occasions when the dress code is relaxed as decided by the captain.
- 2) **Ladies** - Recognised golf wear on the course: Shirts may be worn outside trousers or skirts if designed to do so i.e. side slits or ribbed welt, no longer than mid hip length. Trousers may be full length or cropped. Shorts must be tailored and of longer length. Skirts or shorts. Golf shoes only. Denim clothing, athletics and beachwear, strappy sun tops not allowed.
- 3) **Socials** – Unless stated otherwise the minimum dress code for Socials is smart casual. Shirts must be worn inside trousers and denim clothing of any type is not permitted.
- 4) **Footwear** – Trainers are not permitted in the Clubhouse at any time. Golf shoes are only permitted in the Changing Rooms or on the balcony.
- 5) **Club Access** – Visitors and Members Guests must be properly signed in by a member using the Visitors Book. Visitors playing a round of golf and paying Green Fees are temporary members and are exempted from this rule. Access to the Clubhouse is not permitted after 11:00 pm.
- 6) **Consumption of food** – Members and visitors are not allowed to bring their own food into the Clubhouse or onto the balcony. The dining area is provided for this purpose and its use is encouraged.
- 7) **Mobile Phones** – Mobile phones are not allowed to be used in the main lounge and dining area. Those who need to use a mobile phone may have them switched to silent mode and must exit the aforementioned areas to use them.

- 8) **Outdoor Clothing** – Outdoor clothing including overcoats, waterproofs, caps and visors etc. must not be worn in the main lounge or dining area. Coat hooks are provided in the foyer of both the ladies' and gent's upstairs washrooms.
- 9) **Juniors** – After purchasing food and drinks juniors are not allowed to stand or sit at the bar.
- 10) **Television** – The television is provided for use by all members and is primarily for sport. Adult members have priority of use.

## Course Etiquette and Rules

1. Every player on the course is of equal standing; even a single player. He/she is allowed to play a maximum of two balls.
2. A player must not play until the players in front are out of range, nor, other than on 'call on' holes, must a player play to a putting green until the players in front have holed out and left the green.
3. It is etiquette to keep up with the players in front of you, not just in front of the players behind you. If there is a possibility of a lost ball, play a provisional ball. If a ball is not found quickly, call the following match through whilst through searching is continued. This applies not only to competitions but also to general play.
4. Any match playing a full round may claim the right to pass a match playing a shorter round. Players having played the 3<sup>rd</sup> may not proceed to play from the 13<sup>th</sup> tee if there are players playing the top section of the 12<sup>th</sup> hole.
5. When the result a hole has been determined, players must immediately leave the putting green and should not re-try their putts or practice putting if players are waiting.
6. Divots or other displaced turf must be replaced at once. Pitch marks on putting greens must also be carefully and immediately repaired.
7. After playing from a sand bunker, players must properly rake the sand and replace the rake in the bunker.
8. Practice swings are not permitted on the tee other than by the player about to drive.
9. Chipping or pitching to the practice putting green prohibited.
10. Players must ensure that, when placing the flagstick on the green, damage is not caused to the putting surface and that neither the players, nor their caddies, damage the hole by standing too close to it. No bag carrying machine or golf bag shall be taken onto the green or their surrounds. Flagsticks must be properly replaced in the hole before players leave the putting green.
11. Practising on the course itself is prohibited and is restricted to the Practice Ground which is defined by the blue posts.
12. Players should not walk over newly turned or seeded areas.
13. No form of footwear other than approved types of golf shoes (i.e. with metal or soft spiked or rubber studs) will be allowed on the course while playing, practising or on the putting green.
14. Mobile phones must be used on the course.

15. Dress standard on the course requires a shirt with collar, which must be worn inside rousers which may be tucked into socks only when worn under waterproofs. Shorts must be tailored and worn with either knee length stockings or predominantly white, calf length sports socks.
16. If you currently play off the red tees and you are playing with other members who are playing off the yellow tees, wait at the side of the yellow tee until they have teed-off and then proceed forward to the red tee. Only tee-up one at a time. There should only be one ball at a time waiting to be hit off the tee.
17. Treat and speak to other members politely. If you are challenged and you are in the wrong, listen politely and apologise, if necessary. If you feel that you are being treated in a discourteous or unreasonable manner do not engage in a heated discussion. Listen to what they have to say, politely ask their name and then report the incident to the Junior Committee or the Professional.
18. Only hit balls from the 3<sup>rd</sup> tee end of the practice area. Form one line and space out if there is more than one person present. Do not practice when people are teeing off on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> tees. Pause a moment until all players have started to walk away from these tees. Do not hit balls on the practice area when others are ahead of you collecting their practice balls.

## **Notice Board**

The Junior notice board is situated in the corridor next to the Secretary's office.

This will have:

1. A list of current junior handicaps.
2. Competition dates and results.
3. Details of coaching//instruction sessions.
4. Copy of the Child Protection Policy
5. Other relevant junior business.

**Please do not write anything on the notice board other than to enter your name in competitions**

## **Playing Times**

During the season you may play outside tee times arranged for Club competitions or visiting parties. These times will be posted on the board outside the Professional's shop. It is always advisable to check with the Professional prior to playing.

At weekends you cannot go out on the course until all adults playing in that day's competition have teed off. You play behind the competition and not cut-in.

The starting sheet for any given day will be held in the Professional's shop and you may book a time on this sheet.

## **Handicaps**

We encourage you to make it a priority to get a handicap as soon as possible. Once you have a handicap you are able to enter club and other competitions.

Through the recommended CONGU scheme, golf clubs can assign junior handicaps up to 54, making it easier for juniors to obtain their first handicap and allowing competition between players from an early stage.

To obtain a handicap you must play three full rounds of golf, holing out at every hole. The scores must be marked on an official club scorecard by member who has a current club handicap. The same person can mark all three cards for you; it doesn't have to be three different members. The cards must be signed by you and the marker. At the discretion of the Home Club it is permissible for Club Handicaps, in the range of 29 to 54 [37 to 54], to be allotted to juniors submitting cards over 6 or 9 holes, such cards to be adjusted to an 18 hole score

The three cards should then be passed on to a member of the Junior Committee or left at the Secretary's office.

Juniors justifying a handicap of 28 [36] or less shall have their handicap controlled and adjusted in accordance with the stipulations contained in the current CONGU® Unified Handicapping System.

Handicaps in the range 29 to 54 [37 to 54] may be allotted as Club Handicaps to those juniors not capable of playing to a handicap of 28 [36] or less.

The Club Handicap Secretary will give you your first handicap. Once you have a handicap it will be posted on the Junior notice board.

Every time you play in an official competition your handicap will be assessed and altered accordingly.

Your age and handicap determine the tees from which you play in competitions:

| <b><u>HANDICAP</u></b> |                                | <b><u>TEE</u></b> |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 29 – 54                | Players up to 15 years of age. | RED               |
| 29 – 54                | Players aged 16-17 years old.  | YELLOW            |
| 28 or less             | All juniors.                   | WHITE             |

**All female members play off the red tees regardless of age or handicap.**

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### **COMPETITIONS**

All juniors with a handicap can play in the junior sections competitions.

Junior males with a handicap lower than their age are eligible to play in adult male competitions. (See rule 13 of Mens Competition rules)

You must first obtain the permission of the Junior Committee and Club Captain. This also incurs an extra subscription i.e. the difference between a Junior subscription and the subscription rate for an 18 year old.

Female juniors are eligible can play in ladies competitions if their handicap is less than 36.

The Junior Order of Merit will be decided over the course of the season from the results of the Medal and Stableford competitions.

First place in each competition will receive 10 points, second place 9 points and so on. Every player returning a card will receive 1 point.

All cards must be completed fully, checked and signed by both the player and the marker. All cards must be handed in no matter how bad you think the score is. NR's (no return) will not be allowed.

All cards must be handed in to the Junior Comps Secretary, Professional or other nominated person or placed in the competition box

## Safety

At Rossendale Golf Course we are concerned that your child is as safe as is reasonably practicable whilst playing golf.

- It is the responsibility of parents or guardians to satisfy themselves that their child is safe and to be accountable for their child's actions at all times.
- Parents or guardians are also reminded that playing golf can put youngsters out of sight in relatively isolated countryside.
- Please do not bring your child to the golf course to play alone. A list of other junior members contact details can be seen in the Club Office or contact the Junior Secretary.
- Please ensure that your child knows what time they are being collected, where they are being met, and who is collecting them.
- Check your household insurance to make sure that your child has suitable insurance cover, particularly public liability.
- If your child has a mobile phone, it is a good idea to keep it with them in their golf bag as a safety precaution. However, whilst on the course, efforts must be made not to disturb other golfers and it is suggested the the phone either be on a Silent setting or be turned off. The phone should not be used except in emergencies.

When children are travelling to away matches, the junior organisers will try to arrange transport. However, it is stressed that the parents must accept responsibility for ensuring their children arrive at the matches on time. It would also be appreciated if parents would offer transport whenever possible.

We are here to try and ensure that all juniors at Rossendale Golf Club have an enjoyable time both on and off the course.

If you have any concerns or questions about the playing or social side of your child's membership please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Junior Committee.