



## DERBYSHIRE FUTURES ORDER OF MERIT INFORMATION PACK

Changes have been made from previous years so please read thoroughly

### FORMAT:

- Each event will comprise of a 9/8 hole Stroke play competition. For those in the CONGU handicap category there will be a gross and nett event at each venue. We may introduce some new formats this year to add variety to the tour, such as a Flag Competition.
- The 9 hole tour is played as an Order of Merit (OOM). The first 8 events count towards the OOM (best 4 scores to count). The final is run as a team event and is open to all those who enter a minimum of 4 previous events.
- The Order of Merit is open to any junior eligible under the information stated below.
- There is no need for the player to be a member of a golf club however **all players in the 2017 tour must either live in Derbyshire, have been born in Derbyshire, or play/learn their golf in Derbyshire.**
- There are 4 separate competitions being played for on the same day, these are as follows:
  - Under 9 OOM for boys and girls **born 2008-2011, no Congu handicap**
  - Under 10 OOM for boys and girls **born 2007 no Congu handicap**
  - Under 11 OOM for boys and girls **born 2006 no Congu handicap**
  - Under 13 OOM for boys and U15 OOM for girls **boys born 2004-2005/girls: 2002-2005, no CONGU handicap**
  - CONGU Handicap OOM (U13 boys/ U15 girls) **FOR ALL WITH CONGU HANDICAPS Between 16 and 28 (boys) 16 and 36 (girls)** Gross and Nett Competition.

Depending on the range of entries the organisers may alter these categories, for example, introduce an Under 8 competition or merge the U10 and U11 non congu category. This will be decided before the first event.

- Exceptions to the competition categories:**
  - If you have a child who is consistently out performing others their age, you may want him/her to participate in an older OOM. Simply indicate this on the entry or email the organiser for advice.
  - Any player close to getting a handicap may play in the handicap category but if they choose to do so, they must play off a 28 handicap (36 for girls).
- The events are **non-qualifiers for handicap.**

Order of Merit system - points per position as follows:

Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points
1	40	8	14	15 and below	5
2	35	9	12		
3	30	10	10		
4	25	11	9		
5	20	12	8		
6	18	13	7		
7	16	14	6		

- The maximum number of players for each event will be 60 (unless the club can extend the number of tee times provided). Places will be issued on a first come first served basis.
- Start sheets will be emailed to participants approximately 1 week ahead of each event and the results will be issued the day after each event. Results will also be posted on the Derbyshire County Golf Ltd. and Derbyshire Golf websites.

### ON THE DAY:

- All competitors should check in at the registration point at least 40 minutes before their start time and must be at the first tee 10 minutes before their tee time.

- The Under 13 and Under 11 OOMs are played off the same tees as each other. These will be temporary tees set out by the Futures Tour organisers on the day. Holes will have no set length. The Under 10s and U9s OOM is again played off temporary tees however these will be further forward. Those in the CONGU OOM will play off either **RED** tees (girls) or **YELLOW** tees (boys).
- Prizes will be presented at the final on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017. There are no presentations at the other events.
- A parent or named guardian will assist their child throughout the day at each event. This is a condition of entry for safety reasons. The only exception is if your child is in the CONGU Handicap category and over the age of 11. With permission from the organiser they do not need to be present on the course at all times. **The Derbyshire Futures Tour Programme and its representatives will not be liable for any claims of illness, injuries and damage that may arise directly or indirectly as a result of children breaching any reasonable conditions as may be imposed by the Tournament Organisers.**
- A **Supervisor** for each group will be agreed and along with the player's individual scorecards, he/she will record the number of strokes taken by each player after each hole. For further details about the role of Supervisors, see below under 'Information for Supervisors'.
- Only players under the age of 10 are allowed caddies. The caddy may carry the player's clubs however we ask that no advice is given to the player and all decision on club selection etc. are made by the child. The parent or nominated adult for those in other age categories are NOT permitted to carry a bag for the competitors.
- Please ensure you check in advance and **comply with the dress code for each venue**. Good behaviour and golf etiquette will be observed. Course marshals will be present at each event. Poor behavior by a parent/ guardian or child may result in disqualification- a code of conduct will be emailed once entry is received which must be signed by both the player and the parent/ guardian.

#### ADDITIONAL RULES:

- **Advice.** Information communicated to competitors must only be on rules, procedural issues and praise. Competitors must make their own decisions on issues that affect the way in which the shot is played. All supervisors are asked to oversee this. Breach of this rule, in the first instance will result in the supervisor speaking with the parent concerned. A subsequent breach may result in a 2 stroke penalty and further breaches in the competitor being disqualified. A Supervisor must make a note and report it to the Event Organiser when the score cards are handed in.

#### THE FOLLOWING RULES DO NOT APPLY TO THOSE WITH A CONGU HANDICAP:

- **Bunkers.** After 3 failed attempts to play from a bunker, a competitor may **throw his or her ball nearer the hole**. The **3 failed strokes will count** but the throw **will not count**.
- **Maximum strokes per hole.** No more than **10 strokes** in total may be taken at any hole. If a competitor reaches the maximum number of strokes for that hole, they will pick up marking down a 10 on the score card. The maximum number of putts on any green is 4. E.g. If a player plays 4 shots to the green and then has 5 putts, the player scores 8 on that hole.
- **Air Shots.** Air shots **will** be counted – **please note this rule has changed from previous years.**
- Spectators are asked by the organisers to keep a reasonable distance from the players- try to encourage the juniors to interact and learn amongst themselves.

#### INFORMATION FOR SUPERVISORS:

- A Supervisor does not require a full knowledge of the Rules of Golf, but some rules knowledge would be helpful. They are to keep the players' scores for the group and supervise behaviour on the course. Again, information communicated to competitors must only be on rules, procedural issues, praise (and to confirm scores).
- Please encourage your players to play a provisional ball if their original shot goes in to thick rough.
- On completing each hole, please agree the score with the players, and record it on the scorecard- players also keep their own scores for practice.
- When all players in your match have finished, please go to the Registration Desk with all your players, where the scorecard, together with any additional information, will be checked and agreed with you.
- **Please try to encourage the players at all times and make it a positive experience. These are young golfers enjoying a taste of competition, many for the first time.**