

JUNIOR CODE OF CONDUCT

The Minehead and West Somerset Golf Club wishes to provide the best possible environment for all young people involved in the sport.

Young players are entitled to:

Be safe and to feel safe'

Have fun and enjoy golf.

Be treated with dignity, sensitivity and respect.

Be allowed to participate in an equitable and fair manner, irrespective of ability, disability, gender, religion or social class.

Experience competition at a level at which they feel comfortable

Be listened to and believed so that they can get help when they feel they need it.

Young players should always:

Be on time for junior sessions and/or matches.

Dress appropriately taking the weather into consideration.

Listen carefully to instructions and follow them.

***Treat others in the way they would like to be treated.**

Treat everyone with respect displaying good manners at all times.

Play fairly at all times and always do your best.

Be gracious to others when they are playing well even though their own play may be disappointing.

Be supportive of others whose game is not going well.

Make sure they make leaders aware they are leaving a venue and never do so until that person has acknowledged that they have heard them..

Discuss any problems they may have with one of the team leaders.

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Young players should never:

Cheat or tell lies

Shout or argue with officials, team mates or opponents.

Harm, bully or ridicule anyone.

Discriminate against other players on the basis of gender, age, disability, social class, religion or race.

Lose their temper on the course, swear or misuse their golfing equipment.

Drink alcohol, smoke, take banned substances or engage in behaviour of a sexual nature.

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REQUIREMENTS FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN ATTENDING LESSONS.

ARRIVE ON TIME

The coach cannot plan his lesson fully until he knows how many participants he has.

Inform the Pro-shop or Junior Organiser if you know you are not able to attend.

If you are on your way but held up in traffic, please phone and make the Coach aware of the situation.

WEAR SUITABLE CLOTHING

Remember that ours is a Links Course. The weather can change quickly and be different to the weather you are experiencing in the garden or town. BE PREPARED. You won't be able to concentrate fully on the lesson if you are too cold or wet.

BEHAVE SENSIBLY

You need to listen carefully to instructions and remember that a golf ball and a golf club will hurt if they hit someone. When you are not being asked to use them leave them in your bag or on the floor so that you are not tempted to move them around thoughtlessly.

You can't listen and neither can others if you are talking.

Go to the toilet before the lesson starts.

If it's very hot have a drink with you and remember to use sun cream.

BE SUPPORTIVE OF EACH OTHER

Learning new skills can be daunting for all of us so we need to be patient and supportive during golf sessions. Some of us, if we are lucky, will discover that we adapt quickly but for others it may prove more of a challenge. Those children may give up trying if they feel that others are being critical of their attempts or even worse, laughing at them or making fun of them.

THERE WILL BE OTHER GOLFERS OUT ON THE COURSE

They need to be able to concentrate on their play so there should be no noise or movement to distract them.

PARENTS MUST:

Collect their child from the front of the PRO's Shop so that they are not negotiating the car park on their own.

Inform the coach or Junior Organiser who is collecting your child if it isn't going to be yourself.