

Guidance for Parents

Bury St Edmunds Golf Club recognises its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of children participating in club activities, and therefore has child protection policies and comprehensive child protection procedures to contribute towards the aim of ensuring that all children at Bury St Edmunds Golf Club have an enjoyable and safe experience of golf. We wish to work in partnership with parents and therefore would ask that they assist Bury St Edmunds Golf Club by considering the following points:

- Take an interest in your child's activity and progress and be supportive
- Praise the effort as well as the results of your child's participation
- Introduce yourself to the Junior Organiser, coaches and Child Welfare Officer
- Find out what the club has to offer in terms of coaching and junior competitions, and become familiar with the rules of the club, including any playing restrictions for children
- Become familiar with Bury St Edmunds Golf Club's Child Protection Policy and Procedures
- Read the Junior code of conduct and discuss this with your child
- Be punctual when dropping off and picking up your children for/ from coaching and competitions- volunteers cannot leave your child alone at the venue and must stay at the club until the last child leaves. If you are likely to be late, please contact the Junior organiser via the Pro Shop to discuss what to do
- Take an interest in who your son/ daughter is playing with, introduce yourself if it is an adult you do not know
- If leaving your son/daughter at the club please make sure they have some spending money, appropriate clothing (e.g. a hat and sun protection cream to protect them from the sun or waterproofs), a drink to take in their bag, dehydration occurs even if it is not that warm. A change of shoes to enter the Club House.
- Complete the Parent consent form promptly, and notify the club of any amendments so that we may care for your child as efficiently as possible
- Discuss any particular requirements your child has that may affect the ability of your child to enjoy the sessions or the ability of coaches and volunteers to meet their needs effectively
- Have clear lines of communication to keep up with your child's progress
- Ensure that the club has an emergency contact number for you when you are away from the club, a mobile would be preferable and that you leave your mobile switched on so that you can be contacted in an emergency
- Raise any concerns you have about the coaching, club procedures, or care that your child receives with the Child Welfare Officer or the Junior Organiser so that we may address them appropriately and promptly
- Make sure that your child knows what time they will be collected, where they are being met, and by whom
- Check your household insurance policy to ensure that your child has adequate and appropriate cover, particularly public liability insurance

The transporting of children to and from the club for matches, competitions, and coaching is the responsibility of parents. The club will only become involved in these arrangements in exceptional circumstances. Parents are welcome to contact the

parents of other junior members and make private arrangements to share transport, but this does not fall within the responsibility of the club

**Parents/Spectators' Code
when watching Junior Competitive Golf**

- Make sure any mobile phone is switched off.
- Do not walk or talk with players.
- Keep to the sides of fairways, away from any ball in play and 50yds from players.
- Do not stand within 'eye-line' of players when putting or teeing off.
- Avoid trampling long grass when helping to search for a ball.
- If a found ball might be the player's, do not touch it.
- Do not carry or handle a player's clubs or offer advice.
- Do not offer information about the Local Rules. Those for the event may be different from those of the club.
- Keep still and quiet and do not use cameras while a ball is being played.
- Golf courses can be dangerous for young children – please keep them safe.
- No dogs allowed.

Failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the following sanctions:-

- a) Spectator given a verbal warning**
- b) Spectator given a written warning from the General Manager**
- c) Ultimate disqualification of the junior player being supported by the offending spectator**

**Parents/Spectators' Code
when walking with Juniors in Social Golf**

- Check in the Pro Shop before going out that the course is open for play.
- Be appropriately dressed for walking on the golf course. The same dress code applies to golfers and parents/carers/spectators.
- Do not use your mobile phone except in an emergency.
- Be aware of other groups of golfers who may be playing in a competition. They should have priority.
- No dogs allowed.
- Do not take young children on the courses as spectators.
- Golf courses can be dangerous places so listen and watch for balls coming from other players.

I agree to abide by the above guidelines whilst spectating juniors during competitions, and am fully aware of the sanctions imposed if not adhered to.

Signed Date
(Parent/guardian)