

WEST END GOLF CLUB POLICY FOR JUNIOR/CHILD WELFARE

Children and Young People Policy and Procedures (England Golf Safe Golf Procedures)

Section 5.2 states

“Parents may be encouraged to stay for coaching/competitions and other events where their children are of an age where greater levels of parental supervision are required”.

Section 5.4 states

“Parents should be aware that if children are left at a venue unsupervised, other than to attend specific coaching sessions, competitions, or other organised events the Club cannot accept supervisory responsibility.

As we are talking about a competition then the Club do have some form of responsibility. That could take the form of informing them of who to speak to if they have concerns. The Welfare Officer is in place at West End Golf Club to whom concerns can be reported at any time”.

Conclusion on the Above

We have already adopted the Children and Young People Safeguarding Policy and Procedures which is communicated on our Website and on our Internal Noticeboard. This should be sufficient to cover us for Club Events as stated. Please note the definition of this Junior/Child Welfare Policy is for the age group up to 12 year old.

Actions

We should contact Parents/Guardians of Members to sign a Disclosure Form to accept the Club’s Policy. This being they, not the Club, takes specific responsibility for their child whilst playing golf at West End Golf Club. We should also acknowledge that the Club has a Duty of Care toward children playing golf at West End Golf Club and, in this respect, if you have any concerns then please contact our Welfare Officer, John Stevens on 07762034578.

For Juniors we should state we cannot accept responsibility for visiting Juniors. If any Club brings Juniors to West End Golf Club to play they will need to have at least one adult to accept responsibility in order for them to play.

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