

Junior Code of Conduct

Howth Golf Club wishes to provide the best possible environment for all its junior members. They deserve to be given enjoyable, safe sporting opportunities, free of abuse of any kind. These participants have rights which must be respected, and responsibilities that they must accept.

Every junior will sign an annual membership application form and the Junior Code of Conduct Form, both of which will be countersigned by at least one parent.

Code of Conduct

- Always remember that the goals of the game are to have fun, improve your skills and feel good.
- Treat other participants, leaders, organisers, team captains and coaches with fairness and respect. Accept their advice and decisions with good grace.
- Respect fellow players and team members; give them support both when they do well and when things go wrong.
- Respect opponents, be gracious in defeat and help them search if they lose a ball.
- Accept apologies when they are offered.
- Winning and losing are part of the sport experience; win with humility and lose with dignity.
- Shake hands, touch putters or otherwise with your markers by way of closing out your game.
- Treat others as you would wish to be treated yourself.
- Respect physical, cultural and racial difference.
- Always behave responsibly and avoid abusive or inappropriate behaviour, including smoking and use of foul, critical or disrespectful language.
- Abide by the rules set down by team managers when travelling to away events, representing the club, school, province or country.
- Behave in a manner that avoids bringing golf into disrepute
- Be organised and on time
- Inform someone if you are leaving a venue or competition

Behaviours to be avoided

- Cheating
- Using violence or engaging in irresponsible, abusive, inappropriate or illegal behaviour
- Shouting or arguing with officials, team mates or opponents
- Harming team members, opponents or their property
- Using bullying tactics to isolate another player or gain advantage
- Taking banned substances, drinking alcohol, smoking or engaging in inappropriate sexual behaviour
- Keeping secrets, that may leave you or others at risk

- Telling lies or spreading rumours about other juniors or adults
- Discriminating against other players on the basis of gender, appearance, age, ability, religion or belief, gender identity, disability, social and ethnic background or political persuasion

Personal Safety Guidelines

Juniors are entitled to:

- Be safe and to feel safe
- Be listened to and believed
- Have fun and enjoy golf
- Have a voice in relation to their activities in Howth Golf Club
- Be treated with dignity, sensitivity and respect
- Participate in an equitable and fair manner, regardless of gender, appearance, age, ability, religion or belief, gender identity, disability, social and ethnic background or political persuasion
- Experience competition at a level at which they feel comfortable
- Make complaints and have them dealt with
- Be safe from the risk of bullying behaviour
- Say 'No' to things that make them feel unsafe
- Privacy and confidentiality

Housekeeping Rules

- Have arrangements in place for a timely pick-up at the end of your game or practice session.
- Always sign in at the Pro-Shop before going out onto the golf course and on finishing play.
- Tell someone whenever you have to leave the club or a competition.
- Look out for yourself and for the welfare of others. If you notice anything of a suspicious nature alert staff at the Pro Shop or a trusted adult.
- Observe instructions and restrictions required by the Rules of the Club and members of staff, which include compliance with playing and age restrictions applicable to the course, bar and clubhouse.
- Comply with safety notices governing the use of the driving range and other practice facilities.
- Juniors Members aged 14 years and over are permitted to caddy for a parent who is a member or when specifically approved to do so, by Club Council.
- Junior Members under 16 years of age are not permitted to be in changing rooms unless accompanied by another junior, or a parent of the same gender.
- Junior Members under the age of 16 years are not permitted to be alone on the golf course, putting greens, practice area or driving range at any time.

Those under 14 years old must have an adult present, even if two or more are together.

- For safety reasons, loitering around the course, clubhouse, putting greens and practice areas or in the changing rooms is not permitted.
- Respect the privacy of all people in changing rooms, showers and toilets.
- Avoid use of your mobile phone in inappropriate locations such as changing rooms. Treat it as you would any valuable item so that you guard against theft.
- If you receive any offensive photo, email or message do not reply. Make a note of the time and date and tell a parent, respected adult or the Club Children's Officer.
- Report any form or incident of discrimination and prejudice you may have noticed in the club to a parent, trusted adult or the Club Children's Officer.
- Tell the Club children's Officer or a responsible adult that you trust, if you consider that you or others have been poorly treated.

Printed Name of Junior Member

Signature of Junior Member

Date: _____

Printed name of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date: _____

