

Howth Golf Club is dedicated to providing a safe environment for juniors where they are given an opportunity to acquire the knowledge and the skills to play the game of golf through a comprehensive junior programme. Howth Golf Club values and appreciates its junior members and encourages them to have fun as they learn and develop their golfing skills.

In return junior members are expected to observe the rules & byelaws of the club and to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner consistent with the culture and values of the club and the etiquette of the game of golf. The Club Council reserve the right to suspend or terminate any junior member if it deems any rules have been broken or not adhered to.

### Summary of the Basic Rules, Byelaws & Etiquette

#### Clubhouse

Appropriate footwear & clothing must be worn in the clubhouse.

Golf clubs and golf equipment must not be brought in through the front door.

Golf shoes are not allowed in the clubhouse, except the locker room.

Only food purchased in the bar or lounge may be consumed in the clubhouse.

When the golf course is closed the practice facilities are also closed.

During these events Juniors are not permitted to be on the premises.

Juniors are permitted to use the clubhouse at other times as long as other adult members are present within the clubhouse.

# **Club Environs & Course**

Membership tags must be displayed on golf bags at all times.

Golf shoes must be worn on the course.

Practicing – a maximum of two balls in play at any one time, subject to pace of play and not holding up other golfers.

Call the players behind through when you have to search for a ball if likely to cause delay or when you are holding up the group behind. Stand well clear and allow the group to play through uninterrupted.

Juniors under 16 years are not allowed to play alone on the course.

Juniors under 16 are not allowed to play in a two ball with a non-related adult member.

In the interests of personal safety juniors under 16 years of age must be accompanied on the course by a related adult after 8.00 pm and all juniors under 16 must leave the clubhouse, inclusive of practice ground and putting green, by 8 p.m.

Junior members not playing in a competition must give way to adults on the first tee.

Junior members (boys) with a handicap of 18 or less may enter their names on a competition time sheet only after 48 hours have elapsed after the time sheet has opened.

Junior members, not playing in a competition, are not allowed to play within competitions irrespective of gaps in the competition timesheet, except with the express permission of the Ladies or Men's Committees.

#### **Putting Green**

**a.** Flags to be replaced when putting practice finished.

Chipping, kicking of balls or swinging of clubs is not allowed.

Proper etiquette is to be observed on practice ground and due respect shown to others.

# **b.** Practice Ground

Use the designated area only.

Practice in one direction only and only uphill.

Juniors must pay €1 to get a basket of balls from the ball dispenser unit. Picking balls off the range to use for practice is prohibited.

All divots on the driving range tee must be repaired with the divot mix provided.

Baskets must be returned to the ball machine and not be left on the practice tee.

Junior Categories: Category 1 Junior: Age 16, 17, 18,19 on January 1<sup>st</sup>. (For administrative purposes) Category 2 Junior: Age 12,13,14,15 on January 1<sup>st</sup>

Cadets: Age 8,9,10,11 on January 1st.