

## **Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct**

As a parent/guardian of a junior member, you are encouraged to consider the following messages as Howth Golf Club wants to help you continue to support your child to reach her/his full potential and enjoy time spent playing golf.

### **To help your child have a positive experience, please remember to:**

- Focus on what your child wants to get out of golf
- Be the best role model you can be
- Help your child achieve her/his potential
- Be respectful of other children and coaches
- Communicate with the coach and club

To assist with the promotion of good practice, you are encouraged to:

- Take an interest in your child's activity and progress but always remember that young people play sport for their enjoyment, not for that of their parents.
- Be a role model for all children and maintain the highest standards of conduct when interacting with young people, other parents, officials and organisers.
- Recognise the value and importance of the volunteer leaders who provide sporting and recreational opportunities for your children and liaise with them in relation to times, locations of training sessions, medical conditions or any requirement relating to your child's safety.
- Ensure that you and your child sign the Junior Code of Conduct Form. Go through it with your child and encourage her/him to always play by the rules of the game, work towards skill improvement and to value good sportsmanship.
- Teach your child that honest endeavour is as important as winning, so that the result of a game is accepted without disappointment.

- Set good example by applauding good play.
  - Never ridicule, humiliate or remonstrate with juniors for making mistakes or losing.
  - When leaving your child at the club, make sure you have made the necessary provisions for their requirements and for the weather conditions.
  - Ensure that you have all necessary contact telephone numbers for the Club.
  - Confirm that the club has a contact telephone number, preferably mobile, when you are away from the club and ensure that it is switched on so that you can be contacted in case of an emergency.
  - The club is not a crèche for youngsters at a loose end, especially during school holidays. To assist in this matter, make sure that you have punctual set down and pick up arrangements for your child to ensure that s/he is not left waiting around at the golf club for prolonged periods.
  - Encourage your child to tell you about anyone causing him/her harm.
  - Discuss any concerns regarding the organisation of activities or the behaviour of adults and/or other children towards your child with the convenor or Club Children's Officer.
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- Support every effort to remove abusive behaviour and bullying behaviour in all its forms, in line with the Anti-Bullying Policy.
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- Respect:
    - Golf rules and procedures
    - Your child's teammates and leaders as well as players, parents and coaches from opposing teams.
  - Never indulge in threatening or abusive behaviour or use foul language.

Club officials will deal with any misdemeanours or breaches of this Code of Conduct. Persistent concerns or infringements will result in the parent/guardian being asked not to attend practice, matches or competitions, if such attendance is deemed detrimental to the child's welfare.

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**Signature of Parent/Guardian**

**Printed Name of Parent/Guardian**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_