Junior Guidance Notes: Competitions

Our Club Council and Staff are here to help you enjoy your golf and provide support and opportunities to develop your game in a friendly and safe environment. This guide has been put together to help you enjoy your golf and to understand how to participate in competitions.

If you have any questions, please ask a member of staff, the Junior Convenor or Council Members.

Check in

On the day of the competition, check in at the Pro Shop and Sign in to the Competition.

Getting Ready to Play

1. Prepare your scorecard before going to the First Tee by completing the following:

   I. Name of Competition.
   II. Player's Full Name.
   III. Player's Handicap Index and Course Handicap.
   IV. Date of Competition
   V. Start Time.

2. Be at the First Tee ready to play 10 minutes before your start time.
3. Introduce yourself at the First Tee to your playing partner(s).
4. Swap scorecards.
5. Your golf ball should have an identification mark on it, you must show your partner(s) the golf ball that you are using.
6. Tee off at your start time in the order of the Draw.
7. Pay attention to your partner's shots so that you know where the ball has been hit and what they have scored at each hole.

8. The score must be recorded on the scorecard after each hole is played, before playing the next hole or (on the last hole) leaving the area to the rear of the 18th Green:

   I. Confirm the score with the player that you are marking and record their score. If this was not the score you thought they had, go through the hole shot by shot to confirm the correct score.
   II. Record your own score in the Marker's Score column.
   III. If there is a third player in your group, you may also record their score too.
   IV. After the 9th Hole, confirm the Front 9 score with your partner(s).

V. After the 18th Hole, confirm the Back 9 score and Total with your partner(s).

During the Round

1. Be respectful at all times, particularly when someone else is playing – be quiet and stand still.
2. Be prepared to play when it is your turn to play.
3. Avoid walking on someone's line on the green.
4. Wait at the green until everyone has finished and the first person to hole out should be responsible for putting the flag back in the hole once everyone has holed out.

After the Round

1. Shake hands and thank your playing partner(s) after every round.
2. Check scores with partner(s).
3. Once you have agreed that all scores are correct, the scorecard must be signed by the Player and the Marker.
4. Record the Finish Time.
5. Return Scorecard to Scorecard Box after entering Scores on PSI Terminal or on your HDID (HowDidiDo) Account.

Rules of Golf

Knowing the Rules helps you avoid penalties in a competition and enjoy the game. A copy of the R & A Rules can be found online @ https://www.randa.org/en/ or download the R & A Rules app.

Etiquette – Respecting the Course And Others

Golf isn't just about hitting good shots; it's also about looking after the course and showing respect to the people you're playing with and others on the course.