



# **Welwyn Garden City Golf Club Junior Handbook**



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Home to one of the best golf courses in Hertfordshire

## **Introduction (In the footsteps of champions)**

Welcome to Welwyn Garden City Golf Club.

The Club was founded in 1923, about the time Welwyn Garden City was beginning to be developed. It is the home Club of Sir Nick Faldo, probably one of England's most successful golfers, and more recently to Tom Lewis, who as an amateur led the 2011 Open after the first round having played with the legendary golfer Tom Watson. Later that year Tom was a member of the winning Walker Cup team.

Tom turned professional in 2011 and secured his European Tour Card, winning the 2011 Portugal Masters in only his third professional tournament.

Nick and Tom are probably our most successful juniors but other juniors have gone on to become professionals at some of the best clubs in Hertfordshire. Bobby Mitchel at South Herts, Peter Cherry at Ashridge and Tom Lewis's father Brian is a highly regarded teaching professional at the Gosling Stadium Driving Range.

Many juniors who have progressed through the ranks to full membership now play in the scratch teams and represent the club at all levels.

# Junior Pathway

STUART MASON GOLF SCHOOL AND MEMBERSHIP				
PATHWAY	COST	INCLUDES	MEMBERSHIP	TOTAL
LEVEL 1	£99.00	10 x Coaching sessions of 1 hour	£50.00	£149.00
LEVEL 2	£125.00	10 x Coaching sessions of one and a half hours	£75.00	£200.00
LEVEL 3	£150.00	10 x Coaching sessions of 2 hours	£150.00	£300.00
ROLL UP	£12.50	1 x Coaching session of 1 hour	N/A	£12.50

* Maximum of 6 participants per session
* Each level will be completed with an assessment set up to determine progression onto the next Level
* We will NOT provide session coaching in the month of August due to the large volume of those who go away on holiday. This way we maintain session progression without individuals missing out.
* August Holiday Camps will however be available to sign up for and at a separate cost to the above. (Discounts are available for those part of the Golf School)
* Each level of the Golf School will receive, ontop of the coaching sessions, a cap in a colour to identify which stage they are at (if not part of Golf School, there is an option to purchase cap at discounted price)
* Assessments are required to progress through each level stage. This will be 9 Holes only for each assessment.
<b>Level One</b> – Score less than 45 shots from 50 yards in to the green
<b>Level Two</b> – Score less than 45 shots from 100 yards in to the green
<b>Level Three</b> – Play 9 Holes on the main course in under 45 shots to progress to Full Membership and CONGU Handicap

Here at Welwyn Garden City we seek to encourage juniors at every age and at every level.

The junior section meet on Sundays at 13.00pm when practice and competition play takes place. There are regular coaching sessions by the professional staff as determined by the level the participant is in.

This structure is purely a development path to becoming an accomplished golfer and juniors are encouraged to develop at a pace they are comfortable with. *(If under 11's develop at a rapid pace, then there is no restriction to them attaining the full CONGU handicap and playing the full course and junior competitions.)*

If you have the skill and ability you may be the next Sir Nick Faldo or Tom Lewis.

Juniors will be expected to follow this development path and attain an appropriate handicap for their level of ability. To maintain a CONGU handicap status they will be expected to return a minimum of 3 competition cards every year.

## Dress Code

The pictures below show the acceptable standards of dress for the golf course and practice areas. All juniors will be expected to observe these standards at all times.



In the clubhouse, the acceptable dress code is to be smart casual attire.

**The dress of members should never be so casual as to raise objection or give offence.**

Hats, visors, or trainers are not permitted at any time.

Shirts must not be worn outside trousers at any time.

Golf shoes are only permitted in the spike bar.

Flip Flops, collarless shirts, tracksuits and vests are not

acceptable in the clubhouse at any time. **Mobile phones must be on silent in the clubhouse and switched off on the golf course**

## Junior Competitions

<u>Competition</u>	<u>Format</u>	<u>Tees</u>	<u>H/C Allowance</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Spring Stableford	Stableford	W/Y/R	Full	Card for Eclectic
Autumn Stableford	Stableford	W/Y/R	Full	Card for Eclectic
Faldo Masters Medal	Strokeplay	W/Y/R	Full	
Jim Frost Memorial Cup	Stableford	W/R	28/36	Board Comp
Spring Medal	Strokeplay	W/Y/R	Full	Combined nett
Autumn Medal	Strokeplay	W/Y/R	Full	Combined nett
Marco Bowl	Strokeplay	W/Y/R	Full	
Collins Cup	Stableford	W/Y/R	Full	Card for Eclectic
Bill Lawson Memorial Cup	Stableford Matchplay	W/Y/R W/R	28/36	Best 2 nett scores will play 18 hole matchplay on Finals day
Tom Lewis Medal Junior Championship	Strokeplay Matchplay	W/R W/R	28/36 Scratch	Board Comp Best 2 gross qualify for Junior Championship 18 hole matchplay on Finals Day
Whalley cup	Strokeplay	W/R	28/36	Board Comp
Nick Faldo Trophy	Strokeplay	W/R	28/36	Board Comp
Pledge Bowl	Stableford	W/Y/R	Full	Card for Eclectic
Dave Spurr Bowl	Strokeplay	W/Y/R	Full	
Junior Open Application by post only	Strokeplay	W/R 1 <sup>st</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> tees	Full	Max 66 competitors

## **Junior Competition Rules**

### **General**

#### **1.1 Entry to competitions**

- (a) Competitors are required to register with the Junior Organiser and pay the appropriate entrance fee before starting play.
- (b) Registration will take place 30 minutes prior to the posted 1<sup>st</sup> tee time.
- (c) The allocated tee times can be found on the junior notice board along with a listing of all junior events
- (d) Failure to register will result in disqualification.

#### **1.2 Handicaps**

- (a) In competitions where there is a handicap limit, juniors with higher handicaps may enter but must play off that limit.
- (b) It is the responsibility of the competitor to know their current handicap. Current handicaps can be found on the computers in the pro shop and in the clubhouse.
- (c) The junior handicaps will be updated monthly and posted on the junior notice board and on the computer.

### **1.3 Starting Tees**

- (a) All junior competitions will begin at the 1<sup>st</sup> tee.  
**No other tee can be used for starting in a competition.**
- (b) The Junior Organiser may change this without notice for any competition as required by the club. All competitors will be informed at registration.

### **1.4 Junior Members**

- (a) Junior members can play in all junior competitions organised by the club.

### **1.5 Ties**

- (a) Ties in all competitions will be decided by the nett scores or Stableford points over the last 18-holes in 36-hole competitions and the last 9-holes on the card in 18-hole competitions.
- (b) If competitions still tie, the last 9-then 6-then 3-then 1 on the card will be taken.

### **1.6 Tees**

- (a) White tees are to be used for all board competitions.
- (b) All junior competitors shall play from white tees unless their handicap is greater than 28.
- (c) Juniors with handicaps greater than 28 shall play from yellow tees.
- (d) Junior girls shall play from the red tees.



## **1.7 Competition Cards**

- (a) A member of the Professional staff cannot sign competition cards.
- (b) All cards must be signed prior to being returned.
- (c) Cards can be returned to the Junior Organiser or The Pro Shop.
- (d) Failure to return a card will result in the competitor being disqualified.

### **Order of Merit**

Points will be awarded for all junior competitions. 10pts for 1<sup>st</sup>, 7pts for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5pts for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3pts for 4<sup>th</sup> and 1 point for all other competitors.

The winner of the Order of Merit will be the junior with the best total score over all competitions.

### **Golfer of the Year**

Points will be awarded for the 4 board competitions, Dave Spurr Bowl, Bill Lawson Memorial Cup and Junior Open competitions on the same basis as the Order of Merit. The Golfer of the Year will be decided from the top 4 juniors considering handicap reductions through the season, match performance, representative club golf at county level and etiquette on and off the course.

## **Junior Leagues**

The Junior section will be represented in 2 junior leagues, the Lexus (Hatfield) League and the Ver League.

The Lexus League is a competition with teams divided into two types of leagues. The Octagon League which will comprise teams of 8 players and these teams will play home and away on alternate years. The other teams will be divided into Hexagon leagues and will comprise teams of 6 players. The teams in these leagues will play home and away each year. The format for these leagues will be 4BBB. Semi-Finals will be played at the end of September and finals in October half-term each year. The teams will be selected on a merit basis.

The Ver League is a single matchplay competition with 16 teams in the initial draw. It is a knockout competition with winners of the 1<sup>st</sup> round going on to compete for the Cup and the defeated of the 1<sup>st</sup> round competing for the Plate. Six juniors are required to form a team. The team will be selected on a merit basis.

## **Junior Presentation Event**

A presentation event will be held at the end of the season to celebrate the achievements of the Junior Section through the golfing year. It is expected that all winners of the junior competitions will attend to receive their trophies and prizes.

A 2-Ball fun event, open to Junior members and parents, will be held. Full handicap allowance will be given. Any parents without handicaps will be assigned a handicap for the day (28 men 36 ladies maximum).

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