



# Guidance for Parents & Carers

## Buckinghamshire County Ladies Golf Association (BCLGA)

BCLGA is delighted to welcome you and your child to what we hope is the first of many events that you will be taking part in.

The positive effect of your support, as a parent, can't be overstated. Your behaviour has a real influence on the way your child experiences golf.

First things first – why is your child showing an interest in the sport? Is it to learn a new game? To hang out with their friends? Because they did it in school and liked it? Or because you play?

Make sure they're playing for their own reasons, not yours.

To enable us to provide the best possible experience for you and your child, we kindly request that you read through the following guidance and complete the attached forms.

- Become familiar with the BCLGA Safeguarding Policy and Procedures and be aware of contact details for the County Welfare Officer.
- Complete the BCLGA Junior Player Profile Form promptly and notify BCLGA of any amendments so that we may care for your child as well as possible.
- Read the BCLGA Code of Conduct for Young Golfers and discuss this with your child.
- Introduce yourself to the member(s) of the BCLGA County Junior Committee organising the events your child is participating in.
- When leaving your child, make sure they have the necessary provisions for the day, including the ability to meet the requirements of changing weather conditions. Please ensure that your mobile is switched on so that you can be contacted in an emergency.
- Be punctual when dropping off and picking up your children for/from coaching and competitions.
- Volunteers cannot leave your child alone at the venue and must stay until the last child leaves. If you are likely to be late, please contact the Junior Organiser to discuss what to do.
- Make sure that your child knows what time they will be collected, where they are being met, and by whom.
- Take an interest in your child's activity and progress and be supportive.
- Encourage your child to take part and support county activities such as coaching & competitions.
- Help your child to arrange golf with other juniors away from county organised activities so they have someone to play golf with.
- Discuss any particular requirements your child has that may affect the ability of your child to enjoy the sessions or the ability of coaches and volunteers to meet their needs effectively.
- Raise any concerns you have about the care that your child receives with the County Welfare Officer so that we may address them appropriately and promptly.
- BCLGA volunteers work very hard on behalf of you and your children and need to be able to contact you quickly and reliably. It is your responsibility to ensure that we have valid email and contact numbers for you and to respond promptly to messages and requests from BCLGA organisers.

The transporting of children to and from venues for matches, competitions and coaching is the responsibility of parents. Parents are welcome to contact the parents of other junior girls and make private arrangements to share transport, but this does not fall within the responsibility of BCLGA.