# Malahide Golf Club

# JUNIOR REGULATIONS

# **Policy Statement of Malahide Golf Club**

Malahide Golf Club is fully committed to safeguarding the well being of their members. Every individual in golf should at all times, show respect and understanding for members' rights, safety and welfare and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the organisation and the guidelines contained in the Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport & Code of Ethics for Golf for Young People.

In working with young people in golf our first priority is the welfare of the young people and we are committed to providing an environment that will allow participants to perform to the best of their ability, free from bullying and intimidation.

# **Membership**

# Eligibility

A Junior Member is a person who is over 11 and under 19 years of age on the 1st of February of the membership year, who following election has paid the appropriate entrance fees, subscriptions, levies and any other charges applicable to this category. Junior membership shall be for a period of one year, it must be renewed by reapplying each year

# **Re-application**

Re application for membership must be made annually to the Honorary Secretary of the club in November and December each year

# **Renewal of Membership**

Demand for places as junior members is high every year. Malahide Golf Club cannot facilitate junior members who do not participate in club activities. Junior members are expected to actively participate in activities organised for them. Typically, those playing in only 3 or 4 competitions stand a high risk of not being readmitted the following year.

**Note:** Only in exceptional circumstances, eg., illness or prolonged holiday absence during the summer, will the Management Committee consider a waiver to this Regulation. In the case of prolonged absence, the Junior Convenor should be notified in advance.

# **Duration of Membership**

Junior membership shall be for a period of one year only. It must be renewed by reapplying each year.

# **Membership Fees**

Annual Membership Fees will be set annually at the Club AGM and shall be paid by the due date. A Junior failing to pay the annual subscription by the due date shall cease to be a member.

# **Progression to Intermediate Membership**

There will be opportunity for Juniors to progress to Intermediate Membership (Age category 20 to 30). Level of participation, handicap, club representation and general behaviour are issues that the Management Committee will take in to account when electing Intermediate Members.

# **Behaviour**

Juniors are required to behave in a proper manner at all times in the Clubhouse and the Golf Course. The Clubhouse and surrounds including the putting green, pro-shop, bagroom and changing room are not to be used for loitering.

# Dress

Juniors are required to be appropriately dressed for golf and to abide by dress regulations for the Clubhouse as laid down. Shoes used on the golf course not permitted in the club house. No member should not enter the clubhouse in stocking feet

# **Time to vacate facilities**

#### Age 14 and under

All juniors aged 14 and under must vacate the golf course and club facilities by 7 p.m., unless accompanied by an adult member or unless they have in their possession the written authority of the Junior/Cadet Convenor.

# Age 15 to 18

All juveniles aged between 15 and 18 must vacate the golf course and club facilities by 8 p.m., unless accompanied by an adult member or unless they have in their possession the written authority of the Junior/Cadet Convenor.

# Members' Bar and Lounge

Juniors are not permitted in the members' bar unless accompanied by an adult member. They may use the lounge area and use the facilities of the restaurant

#### **Snooker Room**

Juniors are not allowed in the Snooker Room unless accompanied by an adult.

#### **Juvenile Visitors**

Juniors may not bring visitors, other than Green Fee paying Juniors (who themselves shall be members of golf clubs) into the Clubhouse premises or on to the course, putting green or practice area without permission from a committee member.

# **Juvenile Competitions**

Competitions for Juniors will be held on dates, confirmed in the club diary, and normally

- Thursdays during June, July and August, Tee Off 8am to normally 12 noon,
- Three Sundays during Summer. Dates and Tee Off times to be notified,
- Other dates as notified.

# **Returning Cards**

All golfers playing in competitions are required to return cards, even if the full course has not been completed. Failure to return cards may result in suspension of handicaps. Scores must be inputted to the computer and the score card duly signed and deposited in the appropriate box.

# Adult Competitions

# **Eligibility to Play in Adult Competitions**

Junior Members shall be eligible to play in such club competitions and interclub matches as the Junior, Men's and Ladies' Committees may decide. Details are in the current year's club diary

#### **Adult Timesheet**

Juniors may not enter their names on the timesheet for an adult competition until the Wednesday after the timesheet goes live on the previous Monday.

Four juniors may not play together in any men's competition. There must be at least one intermediate or adult member in the fourball.

#### **Signing Cards**

Competition or Handicap Cards must always be signed by the Junior Member (the Player) and cosigned by an Adult or Intermediate playing partner (the Marker).

#### **Adult Competition Prize Giving**

Juniors, who are prizewinners in Adult Competitions, may attend prize giving ceremonies, accompanied by an adult.

#### **Juniors Playing in Adult Competitions**

#### Boys

Juniors Boys with a current playing handicap of 14 or under may play in Men's competitions. They are subject to the same rules as all other Juniors both as regards playing golf and being present in the clubhouse.

Junior Boys with a playing handicap of between 15 and 18 may play in men's competitions except in the period between June 1<sup>st</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Junior Boys may play in major club competitions e.g. Captain's or President's Prize, by invitation, but may not win first prize.

# Girls

All Junior Girls with official handicaps will be eligible to play in Ladies Competitions. Junior Girls may play in major club competitions e.g. Lady Captain's Prize by invitation, but may not win first prize.

# **Giving Way**

#### **On Course**

Except when playing in official competitions, Juniors should give way to all other categories of adult members.

# **On Putting Green**

Juniors are expected to vacate the putting green and give way to adults if requested.

# **On the Practice Area**

Juniors are expected to give way to adults if requested.

# **Ride On Buggies**

Only persons over 18 years of age are permitted to drive Ride On Buggies.

#### **Entering/Exiting Course**

Juniors must use the front gate when entering or exiting the Clubhouse or the Course. Access from points on the course boundaries not permitted.

#### **Insurance**

The Management Committee recommends that all golfers should be covered for Public Liability. Members of the GUI and ILGU may avail of the comprehensive insurance cover administered through the Club Office.

#### **Disciplinary Action**

Disciplinary action shall be in accordance with Rule 9 of The Constitution and Rules of Malahide Golf Club (2001) as amended.