



GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS

Dunscar Golf Club Limited is delighted to welcome you and your child to what we hope is a long and pleasurable experience for both you and your child.

The positive effect of your support, as a parent or guardian, cannot 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 his or her friends? Because they have experienced it at school and liked it? Or because you or a family member play?

Make sure they are playing for their own reasons not yours.

There is a wealth of supportive information and advice on the “Children in Golf” website <http://www.childreningolf.org/parents-guidance>

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.

It would help to discuss the following safety tips with your child:

- If you are unable to transport your own child to club fixtures always ensure your child seeks your permission prior to travelling with someone else.
- Ensure you know where your child is and how to contact them, if necessary provide them with a means of contacting you i.e. mobile phone, phone card or money for the telephone.
- Tell your child that he or she always has the right to say “no” if they uncomfortable about what an adult is asking them to do.
- Injury – If your child sustains an injury, even a slight one, they should inform the junior Organiser or other adult who is helping with the event, who will advise them whether or not they should continue with the activity

Parents Should;

- Take an interest in your child’s activity and progress and be supportive
- Familiarise yourself with the Dunscar Golf Club Limited’s Safeguarding Policy which is attached.
- Complete the Safeguarding Forms as requested by the club, which will enable event organisers to cater for any particular needs that your child may have (e.g. medical conditions and medications, allergies, learning difficulties etc.), as well being able to contact you in the unlikely event of an emergency.
- Go through the Code of Conduct with your child and return a signed copy to the **Welfare Officer**.
- Be punctual when dropping off and collecting your child to and from scheduled events. It is important to communicate with the relevant organiser if collecting your child after an event, may cause a problem.



- Introduce yourself to the adults involved in the supervision of your child.
- 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 your mobile phone is switched on when you are away from the club, so that you can be contacted in an emergency.
- Know the minimum age limit applicable for children playing on their own on the course or practice areas.
- Provide your child with adequate and suitable clothing such as correct golf attire/ waterproof/windproof clothing, sunscreen and head protection as required by the weather conditions.
- Encourage your child to take part and support club activities such as coaching and competitions.
- Help your child to arrange golf with other juniors away from the club organised activities so they have someone to play golf with.
- Ensure that your child knows that they must sign the Junior attendance book located in the boot room when they arrive and when they leave.

As a parent or guardian you are encouraged to:

Discuss any concerns regarding the organisation of activities or the behaviour of adults towards your child with the club **Welfare Officer**, who will treat any concerns you or your child may have in the strictest confidence.