



Junior Golf Handbook



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Padbrook Park Junior Mission Statement:

"Our mission is to provide a safe environment for the young golfer to develop their game and flourish as both player and individual"



**Welcome Message from
Mr. Tom Evans, Captain
Padbrook Park Golf Club**

I would like to welcome all our young golfers to Padbrook Park. 2010 promises to be an exciting year. The Saturday morning sessions are getting a good number of keen juniors between 6 and 14 years and there is still room for more. So, if you have any friends who might like to try, they are welcome to come along, and you can also teach your Mums and Dads how to play. I am there most Saturdays with my son Harry, and it has

been very noticeable the improvement the group has made in all aspects of golf. Not only the ability to hit the ball, but an understanding of the rules, scoring, equipment and etiquette. But you don't have to wait until Saturday to practice. The driving range is open every day and most evenings, the putting and chipping greens are also a vital place for improvement. Stuart has big plans for the junior section in 2010 and will be talking to you all in the near future.

If you ever have any queries or questions you can e-mail me at padbrookcapt2010@aol.com

Best wishes
Tom Evans
2010 Club Captain

Did you Know....?

Stuart Disney, the Professional at Padbrook Park is a PGA Advanced Professional, being the first British-based Professional to be awarded the Advanced Diploma in Golf Studies. He is also an England Golf Academy Coach and the Devon County Girls Coach

Who is in the Junior Section

Junior Organiser	Stuart Disney
Coaching and Development	Stuart Disney
Junior Club Competitions	Stuart Disney
Junior Practice	Stuart Disney Sue Scargill
Administration	Cary Rawlings Stuart Disney
League Matches	Stuart Disney
Welfare Officer	Cary Rawlings
Handicap Secretary	Chris Senik
Junior Captain 2010	Alex Held

Contact Numbers

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Mr. Andy Rooker	Club Vice-Captain	07714 251779
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Master Alex Held	Junior Captain	

The Padbrook Park Golf Club Child Protection Policy

The Padbrook Park Golf Club Child Protection Policy will be available to all members, parents, staff, volunteers and participants.

The policy will be reviewed every year by the Management Committee and amended as appropriate. Guidance from golf's governing bodies will be sought as part of the review process.

The management committee has a responsibility for ensuring that the policy and procedures are implemented, including taking appropriate disciplinary action necessary.

The Club Welfare Officer has a responsibility for responding to allegations, concerns or child protection incidents, passing on information to the appropriate national governing body lead protection officer and informing the appropriate club staff.

Parents have a responsibility to work together with the club in implementing procedures and providing their children with the necessary information to safeguard themselves.

Padbrook Park Golf Club is committed to:

- The promotion of junior golf within the club by producing a club development plan
- Promote membership vacancies and create links with schools and the local community
- Provide a recognised junior section within the club – to encompass both boys and girls in a safe enjoyable environment
- Representation on the club management committee – the Junior Organiser
- Provide a welcoming environment for all junior golfers
- Provide basic teaching to all new junior members – incorporating technique, rules and etiquette. Course management and obtaining a handicap
- Adopt child protection (CIG) guidelines (see section 11 – child protection & equity)
- Provide a junior coaching program – to monitor and measure progress based on the achievement of clearly defined performance targets
- Provide a junior membership system with minimal restrictions – in terms of initial entry and membership policies
- Maintain accurate records for every junior member
- Provide regular junior competitions – age should not be a barrier
- Minimise the restrictions on juniors regarding times of play on the course
- Offer membership places for all juniors when they reach the age of entry into adult membership

The junior member shall commit to:

- Attendance at basic coaching/teaching sessions to establish minimum attainment targets – golf is a very technical game and if a junior has reached a minimum standard their enjoyment will increase
- Adherence to club rules – juniors should commit to a code of behaviour both on and off the golf course
- Participation in at least four club competitions or practice sessions per annum – to prevent sleeping members from congesting membership places and to aid the junior organiser in maintaining more accurate handicap records
- Read and follow the rules on etiquette guidance

Structure to support young golfer development at Padbrook Park Golf Club

- Padbrook Park Golf Club committee
- Secretary and administration
- Policy team: setting the strategic vision and development and monitoring the processes and out-comes
- Professionals training/coaching team
- Captains committee representative
- Junior Organiser and welfare officer
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Who's Who at Padbrook Park

Operational team: day to day management: responsible to Junior Organiser
Junior Captain and vice-captain
Junior Organiser: club nights, coaching, internal and administration.
Volunteers' responsible to Junior Organiser

Specific information for parents/carers

- Introduce themselves to the adults involved in the supervision of the junior section
- Spend some time talking to the Junior Organiser, PGA Professional/Coach and child welfare officer
- Find out what the club has to offer; what is the package? When are coaching sessions and junior competitions; are there any playing restrictions for children who are beginners
- Obtain any good practice guidance for children from the club and go through it with your child
- Know whether there are any age restrictions regarding children playing on their own on the course
- Be punctual when dropping off and picking up your children for/from coaching and competitions
- Take an interest in who your son/daughter is playing with, introduce yourself if it is an adult you do not know
- Have clear lines of communication to keep up with your child's progress
- Ensure that the club has an emergency contact number for you when you are away from the club, a mobile would be preferable, and that you leave your mobile switched on so that you can be contacted in an emergency
- Advise the club Welfare Officer/Junior Organiser if your child has any particular needs (e.g. allergies, learning disabilities) to ensure they are provided for in the best way possible

Individuals working at Padbrook Park will receive support through education and training to be aware of and understand best practice and how to manage any welfare or child protection issues which may come to light.

Padbrook Park Golf Club will work in partnership with parents to review and implement child protection and welfare procedures.

Padbrook Park Golf Club's policy and procedures are based on the principles of UK and International legislation and government guidance and take the following into consideration.

The Children Act 1989 and 2004

The data protection act 1994 and 1998

The Police Act 1997

The Human Rights Act 1998

The Protection of Children Act 1999

Caring for the young and vulnerable – Home Office guidance for preventing the abuse of trust 1999

The Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000

What to do if you are worried a child is being abused 2005

Working together to Safeguard Children 2006

The UN Convention of Rights of Children

Any subsequent legislation relating to child protection would implicitly be incorporated into this document.

The purpose of this information brochure is to provide you with relevant information about how Padbrook Park Golf Club promotes golf for young players. You will note that a copy of the brochure your child will receive is enclosed which provides greater detail about young persons golf to help your child gain maximum benefit from participation in a full range of activities.

Should you want to know more or want to help in anyway please contact the Junior Organiser or the Secretary Manager.

What does the club expect from you?

What to wear...

All golfers are respectfully requested to adhere to the Padbrook Park Dress Code on the course. The following is intended to be used as a guide to what is considered acceptable dress standard.

ACCEPTABLE



**Headgear must be worn correctly
– not back to front**

Shirts

Men's shirts must have collars and sleeves and should be worn inside trousers or shorts
Ladies shirts must have a collar

Shorts

Tailored shorts of an acceptable length are permitted.

Socks

Socks must be worn and those worn with shorts must be white ankle socks or knee length socks

Shoes

Golf Shoes must be worn on the course



NOT ACCEPTABLE



Shirts

No T-shirts; football, rugby, or similar, shirts must not be worn outside shorts or trousers

Shorts

No beach shorts; denim shorts or jeans

Socks

No trousers tucked into socks; long socks rolled down

Trousers

No Denim on the course

Junior Section

Padbrook Park Golf Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well being of all its members. The club believes that it is important that all members, administrators, volunteers and parents associated with the club should at all times respect the rights and worth of every person and help create an environment free from fear or harassment, and encourages members to be open at all times and share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspects of the club with the Junior Organiser or Club Welfare Officer.

As a member of Padbrook Park Golf Club you are expected to abide by the following Junior Section Rules

1. All members must play within the rules of the game and demonstrate fair play and apply golf's standards both on and off the course.
2. All members must respect club officials and their decisions.
3. All members must respect their opponents and respect physical, cultural and racial differences. Treat others as you would wish to be treated yourself.
4. Lookout for yourself and others and speak to the Junior Organiser or Club Welfare Officer if you consider that you or others have been mistreated.
5. All members must wear suitable clothing and footwear for the conditions of play and to adhere to the club dress code at all times.
6. Members should keep to agreed timings for their training and competitions and inform their coach if they are going to be late.
7. Members should pay any fees for training or events promptly.
8. Whilst representing the club in junior matches, junior members, no matter what their age are not allowed to consume alcohol of any kind.
9. Junior members are not allowed to consume or use any non-prescribed drugs of any kind on the club premises or whilst representing the club.

You should not take part in any irresponsible, abusive, inappropriate or illegal behavior or any behavior that will bring the club into disrepute and the use of foul language will not be tolerated.

These rules are in place for the wellbeing of all members to enjoy their golf in pleasant surroundings.

Knowing the Club's Bye Laws

Juniors' Section

1. Boys and girls are to conform to the bylaws of the juniors' section and the full club rules. Boys are allowed to enter men's competitions upon achieving a handicap of 28 or under.

2. Girls must also conform to the bylaws of the ladies section. Girls are allowed to enter ladies competitions upon achieving a handicap of 36 or under.

3. Boys and Girls have equal rights to enter junior competitions.

4. Under no circumstances are juniors to: allowed to:-

Play cards, be involved with any form of gambling or play other games for money.

Consume alcohol at the golf club if under the age of 18.

Discipline

All dealings with juniors are to be undertaken in accordance with Children In Golf – Protecting the Future and Junior Organisers Handbook issued by the EWGA and EGU.

Course Restrictions for Junior Members

All Juniors

When the course is officially closed for a competition, junior members are not allowed to play the course unless involved in the competition, until the course reopens.

All tee-times must be booked through the Pro Shop.

Juniors should respect other members whilst practicing golf.

All Juniors must abide by the rules published by the club to all members regarding the use of the practice ground and driving range.

Juniors with a handicap of 28 or less

Such juniors enjoy the same playing rights as adult members. Priority must be given to players in any competition or match.

Juniors with a handicap of 29 or above

Priority on the course must be given to full adult members at all times.

Juniors under 12 years old

Must be accompanied by an adult on the course.

What should you expect from the Club...

You should be able to ask questions and find support at Padbrook Park Golf Club. The Professional, Stuart Disney and all staff at Padbrook Park are here to help you.

Junior Section Leaders are there to help, please raise any relevant topics with them directly.

The Padbrook Park Golf Club office is open during the week and Cary Rawlings and Stuart Disney are available if help or advice is needed.

The Golf Club wants you to enjoy your golf here and wants to support you in succeeding in this great game.

Accordingly, once a Junior member has achieved a CONGU Handicap, they have equal rights to enter men's and ladies competitions.

The following poem should help you remember these important points...

Slow Play By R.U Guilty

Be ready on the 1st tee and stand
With ball on peg and club in hand.
On next tee, saving time is not hard.
One drives off and one marks card.
Don't leave trolleys in the way
Or those behind must wait to play.
Keep up with the players ahead of you,
To lose a hole is strictly taboo.
Lost ball? Where is it? Not a clue?
The following players, you must call through.
If a slowcoach you must stay...
Please start much later in the day!

Important Dates – What's On

If you need to keep up to date with what is happening in terms of fixtures, matches and social events, please log-on to the dedicated junior section of the Padbrook Park at website www.padbrookpark.co.uk/golf_junior.php

You can also keep right up-to-date with everything at Padbrook Park by following us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/padbrookpark and our Facebook page – just search "Padbrook Park"

Also keep an eye on the Junior Notice board located next to the changing rooms.

How to get a handicap...

CONGU recommends the following procedures for allotting and adjusting handicaps for juniors.

1. Obtaining a Handicap.
 - 1.1 To obtain a handicap a junior shall submit 3 cards at his or her home club (preferably over a measured course) each of which shall be signed by a person acceptable to the club committee.
 - 1.2 Any score more than 2(3) over par shall be amended to 2(3) over par. (The maximum reduction under this clause shall be 6 strokes per round)
 - 1.3 After these reductions have been made an exact handicap shall be allotted equivalent to the number of strokes by which the best of the rounds submitted differs from the SSS of the course.
 - 1.4 Juniors justifying a handicap of 28 (36) or less shall have their handicap controlled and adjusted in accordance with the stipulations contained in the current CONGU Standard Scratch Score and Handicapping System.
 - 1.5 Handicaps in the range 29-54 (37-54) may be allocated as "club handicaps" to those juniors not capable of playing to a handicap of 28 (36) or better.
 - 1.6 At the discretion of the club it is permissible for handicaps in the range 29 to 54 (37 to 54) to be allocated to juniors submitting over 6 or 9 holes, such cards to be adjusted to an 18 hole score. This concession will most likely apply to juniors of 14 years or under.

Where do I get Information?

The Junior notice board is situated next to the changing rooms and is the first place to look for up to date information as is the Junior Section on the Padbrook Park website. Please check it regularly.

What are the coaching/playing opportunities?

Junior Group coaching takes place every Saturday morning. Two groups are run, 9.30 – 10.30 for the little ones and 10.30 – 11.30 for the older ones. The cost is just £3 per junior. All coaching is done by fully qualified professionals. Using The Golf Foundation Junior Passport, all juniors are encouraged to work their way through the passport, gaining vital skills and knowledge along the way.

Every Thursday evening throughout April – September, a Junior Evening is held to encourage Juniors to play the newly designed Padbrook Park Junior Course. Juniors have the opportunity to obtain a handicap, make new friends and compete in competitions. Stroke Play, Stableford and Match Play events are organised.

Please check the Junior Notice Board and with Stuart or Alistair in the Pro Shop for the most up to date information on coaching and playing dates coming up. In addition to the regular Saturday morning coaching programme, there are events organized at a countywide level for those who qualify. Stuart Disney, PGA Professional, is a Devon County Golf Coach for the Girls and works closely with the Devon Golf Partnership. Talented youngsters are pointed towards the Devon Golf Partnership Academy. Regular coaching takes place at venues around Devon.

Some useful links and contact details are below:

www.devongolfpartnership.org
www.devongolfunion.org.uk
www.devonladiesgolf.org
www.devonpga.co.uk

Did you know....?

Tiger Woods started playing golf at a very young age and when he went to the course for the first time, his father and professional coach had their own 'mini-golf course' to play. They developed 'Tiger's Par' on each hole. As he got bigger and stronger, he progressed to the real course, but still kept 'Tiger's Par' until he could beat it.

How to keep yourself safe...

Padbrook Park wants you to be safe whilst engaging in golf. The club will do all it can to safeguard you but it is important that you know the following...

You need to sign in at practice sessions so that someone at the golf club knows where you are and that you sign out when you leave.

As a young person you must go out onto the course with other people, never on your own.

Golf is a great game but can be very dangerous so you need to keep yourself safe by standing away from other players and never in front of them.

Be aware of where the nearest adult players are in case you need them in an emergency.

Wear appropriate clothing for the weather conditions.

Always carry a drink with you as you can easily become dehydrated when playing.

It is advisable to put sun screen lotion on prior to playing golf in sunny weather.

Padbrook Park Golf Club will not tolerate any behaviour which is inappropriate and likely to cause offence to others. If you observe behaviour which you think is not helpful please report this to the junior organiser or the club's welfare officer.

What to do in an Emergency

Emergency Procedures

FIRE: In the event of a fire, please exit the clubhouse building and meet in the car park.

ACCIDENTS: If you injure yourself, however minor whilst on the course or in the clubhouse, please inform a member of staff immediately.

EMERGENCIES: In the event of an emergency, inform a member of staff immediately or, if you have a mobile telephone call 999.

FOG AND LIGHTNING: If you hear 3 sharp blasts from a klaxon, this signals that play has been suspended due to severe weather conditions and you must leave the course immediately. Do not use an umbrella if there is lightening and do not take shelter underneath trees.

HEALTH AND SAFETY: Please observe all Health and Safety signs in the clubhouse and on the course.

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Read and follow the rules and etiquette guidance.

Golf Etiquette

Do...

Be ready to hit your shot.

Wait until the group in front have moved away from the area you are hitting to.

Stand quietly when someone is playing a shot, even if they are playing a different hole to you.

Repair divots and pitch marks on the green. It helps protect the course and makes it easier for the player behind you.

Allow others to play through if you are searching for a lost ball.

Rake bunker after you play a shot from one. If there is no rake, try to smooth over with your feet.

Always replace the flagstick after you have finished the hole.

Always shout "FORE" if your ball is heading towards other players.

If someone shouts "FORE" to you, turn away to protect yourself – don't look around to see who it is!

ENJOY YOUR GAME!

Don't...

Move ahead of the person playing the next shot. Not only is it dangerous but can put the player off their stroke.

Make unnecessary noise on the course.

Walk onto the line of anyone's putt.

Take trolleys onto or too near to the green as this will damage the grass. It's easier for you if you leave your trolley just beyond the green on the way to the next tee. It means you can move off quickly and won't delay golfers behind you.

Hang around the green to fill in your scorecard and chat. You can fill your scorecard as you are walking to the next tee.

GOLF ETIQUETTE

What is golf etiquette?

People that don't play golf might tell you it's about stuffy, old fashioned rules...

WRONG!!!

Golf etiquette is simply a guide on how to behave on the course.

When you start to play golf it is important that you play safely and sensibly and think about the other golfers.

The clubs and balls you will be using are very hard and can easily cause serious injury if someone is hit.

Following golf etiquette helps to:

**Keep everyone safe on the course,
Keep the course in good condition,
Keep the game moving and prevent slow play....AND means
everyone can enjoy the game.**

GOLF DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Padbrook Park is committed to the development of Junior Golf. Golf encompasses so many good life skills – patience, respect, determination, competition, control, manners, good behaviour, to name but a few. We would like all our Junior golfers to show the determination to succeed and become life-long players of the game of golf.

Our PGA Advanced Professional, Stuart Disney and his team are involved with the East Devon School Sports Partnership and currently take golf into schools using the world-renowned Tri-Golf system. Utilising 'soft' equipment, children as young as 5 years old have access to the game of golf. With proper coaching from a young age, the skills needed to play the game are easily learnt and then transferred to real equipment at an older age. Pupils in Plymtree Primary School, Clyst Hydon Primary School, Uffculme Primary School, Uffculme Comprehensive School, Cullompton Community College, Tiverton High School have all benefited from Stuart's expertise.

Padbrook Park is a Golf Foundation Community Links Centre, ensuring that links to School Sports Partnerships are kept open.

Every Saturday is Junior Coaching Day. From 09.30 – 11.30, up to 30 juniors receive coaching from the Professional. The coaching follows a dedicated pathway, using the Golf Foundation Junior Golf Passport as a guideline to golfing super-stardom. Each Junior receives their passport and works their way through the various sections to receive special awards and certificates of achievement.

Padbrook Park is also a National Skills Challenge Centre and regularly runs Skill based competitions in which Juniors partake to score points. These results are then sent to the English Golf Union and the leading 10 scores from around the Country compete at the National Skills Test Finals at Woodhall Spa.

We have a dedicated Padbrook Park Junior Golf Course in which all Junior Members and Junior Academy Members are entitled to use. The Juniors play every Thursday from April-September, with the opportunity of competing against one another and to either obtain or reduce their handicaps.

Padbrook Park is host venue for the Devon County Girls Coaching and also a training centre for the Devon Golf Partnership. The facilities that are on offer are second to none, with an undercover driving range, superb short game practice facilities and the Junior Golf Course.

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**GOLF - HOTEL - RESTAURANT
CONFERENCES - WEDDINGS**