



Stockport Golf Club

Junior Members Welcome and Information pack



Guidance for parents

Stockport Golf Club 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 behavior has a real influence on the way your child experiences golf.

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.

- Take an interest in your child's activity and progress and be supportive.
- Familiarise yourself with the Stockport Golf Club Safeguarding Policy (attached).
- Familiarise yourself with
 - A. Codes of Conduct for parents, coaches, children and young people.
 - B. Transport Policy.
 - C. Changing Room Policy.
 - D. Photography, Videoing and the use of Social Media Policies.
- Complete the attached Parental Consent Form 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 as contact you in the unlikely event of an emergency.
- Go through the attached Code of Conduct **with** your child and return a signed copy to the club/event organiser.
- Be punctual when dropping off and picking up your child from coaching/ events. It is important to communicate with the club if collecting your child after an event/coaching session 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 that your mobile is switched on when you are away from the club, so that you can be contacted in an emergency.

- Encourage your child to take part and support club activities such as coaching & competitions.
- Help your child to arrange golf with other juniors away from club organised activities so they have someone to play golf with.

As a parent/carer 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
- England Golf Lead Safeguarding Officer is also available for advice: 01526 351824

Club Welfare Officer

Steven Simpson



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Code of Conduct for Young Golfers

As a young golfer taking part in a Stockport Golf Club activity, you should:

- Help create and maintain an environment free of fear and harassment
- Demonstrate fair play and apply golf's standards both on and off the course
- Understand that you have the right to be treated as an individual
- Respect the advice that you receive
- Treat others as you would wish to be treated yourself
- Respect other people and their differences
- Look out for yourself and for the welfare of others
- Speak out (to your parents or a club representative) if you consider that you or others have been poorly treated
- Be organised and on time
- Tell someone in authority if you are leaving the venue
- Accept that these guidelines are in place for the well-being of all concerned
- Treat organisers and coaches with respect
- Observe instructions or restrictions requested by the adults looking after you

You should not take part in any irresponsible, abusive, inappropriate or illegal behaviour which includes:

- Smoking
- Using foul language
- Publicly using critical or disrespectful descriptions of others either in person or through text, email or social network sites
- Consuming alcohol, illegal performance-enhancing drugs or stimulants



Local specific perceived risks to Stockport Golf club

- Water hazard 1st Tee 1 and 6th Tee
- Potential Blind tee shot off 1st Hole
- Public footpath across course Hole 6 and Hole 12

Child Signature _____ Print Name _____

Parent/Carer Signature _____ Print Name _____



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Code of Conduct for Parents/Carers of Young Golfers

As parents you are expected to:

- Positively reinforce your child and show an interest in their chosen activity
- Do not place your child under pressure or push them in to activities they do not want to do
- Be realistic and supportive
- Promote your child's participation in playing sport for fun
- Complete and return the Player Profile Form and Consents pertaining to your child's participation in activities at Stockport Golf Club
- Report and update Stockport Golf Club with any changes relevant to your child's health and wellbeing
- Deliver and collect your child punctually before and after coaching sessions/competitions
- Ensure your child has clothing and kit appropriate to the weather conditions
- Ensure your child has appropriate equipment, plus adequate food and drink
- Ensure that your child understands the rules of Golf
- Teach your child that they can only do their best
- Ensure that your child understands their Code of Conduct
- Behave responsibly at Stockport Golf Club and on the golf course; do not embarrass your child
- Show appreciation and support the coaches, volunteers and staff at Stockport Golf Club
- Accept the decision and judgement of the officials during events and competition



As a parents/carer you have the right to:

- Be assured that your child is safeguarded during their participation in the sport
- Be informed of problems or concerns relating to your child
- Be informed if your child is injured
- Have consent sought for issues such as trips and photography
- Contribute to the decisions of the club
- Have any concerns about any aspect of your child's welfare listened to and responded to

Any breaches of this code of conduct will be dealt with immediately by at Stockport Golf Club. Persistent concerns or breaches may result in you being asked not to attend games if your attendance is considered detrimental to the welfare of young participants.

The ultimate action should a parent/carer continue to breach the code of conduct may be Stockport Golf Club regrettably asking your child to leave the session, event or club.

Signed:	Date:
PRINT NAME:	



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Junior Profile and Parental Consent Forms -

(For Players Under the age of 18)

The safety and welfare of juniors in our care is paramount, and it is therefore important that we are aware of any illness, medical condition and other relevant health details so that their best interests are addressed.

In compliance with the Data Protection Act 2018, GDPR and all relevant data protection legislation, all efforts will be made to ensure that information is accurate, kept up to date and secure and that it is used only in connection with the purpose and activities of the organisation. Information will not be kept once a person is no longer a member of the organisation. The information will be disclosed only to those members of the organisation for whom it is appropriate and relevant officers of England Golf where necessary.

It is the responsibility of the junior and their parent to notify the Club Welfare Officer (CWO) or Secretary if any of the details change at any time.



Junior Name		
Date of Birth		
Address		
Telephone Number		
Parents' Names		
Address		(If different)
Home Telephone No		
Mobile Telephone No		
Work Telephone No		
Emergency Contacts		
Contact 1 Name		
Relationship to child		
Home Telephone Number		
Mobile Telephone Number		
Work Telephone Number		
Contact 2 Name		
Relationship to child		
Home Telephone Number		
Mobile Telephone Number		
Work Telephone Number		



Please confirm details of all those with Parental Responsibility for the Child.	
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Medical Information

Child's Doctor's name	
Doctor's Surgery Address	
Telephone Number	

Does your child experience any conditions requiring medical treatment and/or medication? **YES** **NO**

*If yes please give details, including medication, dose and frequency.

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Does your child have any allergies? **YES** **NO**

*If yes please give details.

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Does your child have any specific dietary requirements? **YES** **NO**

*If yes please give details.

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What additional needs, if any, does your child have e.g. needs help to administer planned medication, assistance with lifting or access, regular snacks?

Disability

The Equality Act 2010 defines a disabled person as 'anyone with a physical or mental impairment, which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day to day activities'.

Do you consider your child to have a disability? **YES** **NO**

*If yes what is the nature of the disability?

Does your child have any communication needs e.g. non-English speaker/ hearing impairment/ sign language user/ dyslexia? If yes, please tell us what we need to do to enable him/her them to communicate with us fully.

Consent from Parent/Legal Carer:

- I confirm to the best of my knowledge that my child does not suffer from any medical condition other than those detailed above.
- I agree to notify the Club of any changes to this information.
- I give my consent that in an emergency situation, the club may act in my place (loco parentis), if the need arises for the administration of emergency first aid and/or other medical treatment which, in the opinion of a qualified medical practitioner, may be necessary. I also understand that in such an



occurrence all reasonable steps will be taken to contact me or the alternative adult named in this form.

- The attached signature will denote that my child has my permission to be on the golf club's premises.
- I acknowledge that the club is not responsible for providing adult supervision for my child, except for formal junior golfing coaching, matches or competition.
- I agree to my child using the adult changing / shower rooms.
- I agree to my child being transported by club representatives to and from venues when he/she is representing the club.

(Please tick the boxes if agreed)

By signing this document I confirm that I have legal responsibility for ; I am entitled to give this consent and I am aware of how the information I have provided may be used.	
Signed – Parent/Carer	
Print name	
Date	



Photography Consent

Stockport Golf Club recognises the need to ensure the welfare and safety of all children in golf. As part of our commitment to ensure their safety we will not permit photographs, video images or other images of your child to be taken (except where some incidental inclusion may not be possible to avoid) or used without your consent.

Stockport Golf Club will ensure that any image of a child where consent has not been obtained will not be published. Stockport Golf Club will follow the guidance for the use of images of children as detailed within the Club's Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy.

Stockport Golf Club will take steps to ensure these images are used solely for the purposes for which they are intended i.e. the promotion and celebration of the activities of the club.

If you become aware that these images are being used inappropriately you should inform the Club Welfare Officer immediately. If at any time either the parent/ carer or the child wishes any photograph images to be removed from any Stockport Golf club notice boards / social media 7 days' notice must be given to the Club Welfare Officer after which the data will be removed.

To be completed by parent/carer

I _____ (Parent full name) consent to
_____ (name of organisation) photographing or videoing
_____ (name of child) under the stated rules and conditions,
and I confirm I have legal parental responsibility for this child and am entitled to give this consent.

Signature _____ Date _____

To be completed by child

I _____ (Child full name) consent to _____
(name of organisation) photographing or videoing child under the stated rules
and conditions.

Signature _____ Date _____



Social Media Guidance - Stockport Golf Club

This guidance gives procedures that will support and underpin the use of social networking and other online services within Stockport Golf Club. It is important that all members, staff, volunteers, coaches, officials/referees, board members, or anyone working on behalf of Stockport Golf Club are aware of this policy and agree to the following terms.

Advice for Individual

- Do not accept children as contacts on social networking sites if you hold a position of trust with children/young people.
- Where contact through social networking sites is used for professional reasons, restrict the communication to professional content and obtain written consent from parents prior to establishing contact.
- Include a third party in any communications to children, e.g. copy parents into communications.
- Use the privacy settings on the various sites to ensure that your content will only be viewed by appropriate people.
- Ensure that any content you place on a social networking site is age-appropriate. Do not use the site to criticise or abuse others.
- Know where to direct junior members and their parents for information.
- Know how to report concerns.
- Know how to keep data safe and secure. This should include the personal contact data of individuals, such as mobile numbers, email addresses and social networking profiles.

Advice for Children

- Consider carefully who you invite to be your friend online and make sure they are who you actually think they are.



- There are websites that offer advice about protecting yourself online, such as www.ceop.gov.uk and www.childnet.com
- Make sure you use privacy settings so that only friends can view your profile.
- Remember that anything you post on websites may be shared with people you don't know.
- Never post comments, photos, videos, etc., that may upset someone, that are untrue or that are hurtful. Think about whether you may regret posting the content at a later date.
- If you are worried or upset about something that's been posted about you, or by texts you receive from other juniors or adults involved with the club, raise this with your Club Welfare Officer. Alternatively contact your National Governing Body Lead Safeguarding Officer (England Golf 01526 351824). Do not suffer alone. You will be listened to and your concerns will be taken seriously.
- If you want to talk to someone anonymously, call Childline on 0800 1111, or contact them on the web at www.childline.org.uk. You can also call the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000.

Advice for Parents

- Make yourself knowledgeable about social networking platforms and how they work.
- Go on the internet with your child and agree what sites are acceptable to visit. Regularly check that they are staying within the agreed limits.
- Encourage your child to talk to you about what they have been doing on the internet.
- Make sure they feel able to speak to you if they ever feel uncomfortable, upset or threatened by anything they see online.
- Encourage children to look out for each other when they're online. Explain that it's all part of staying safe and having fun together.



- Explain to children that it's not safe to reveal personal information, such as their name, address or phone number on the internet. Encourage them to use a cool nickname rather than their own name.
- Attachments and links in emails can contain viruses and may expose children and young people to inappropriate material. Teach children to only open attachments or click on links from people they know.

Further Advice for Parents of Young Golfers

- If you are concerned about any texts, social networking posts or any other use of communication technology by members of the golf club, volunteers or members of staff, raise this with the Club Welfare Officer. They will look into the matter and take appropriate action. Alternatively contact England Golf Lead Safeguarding Officer Tel 01526 351824.
- In addition to reporting concerns to England Golf (National Governing Body), you should immediately report possible online abuse to the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) or the police. Law enforcement agencies and the internet service provider may need to take urgent steps to locate a child and/or remove the content from the internet. Where a young person may be in immediate danger, dial 999.
- Do not post/send negative or critical comments or messages about other children in the club, staff or volunteers. If you have concerns about a person, these should be raised using appropriate channels within the club and not using social media.
- If you wish to speak to an external organisation for advice, you can contact the NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5000.