

# HARWICH & DOVERCOURT GOLF CLUB

## JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP & PLAYING CONDITIONS

1. No person under the age of 8 years will be admitted to membership of the Harwich & Dovercourt Golf Club. However, this does not preclude an adult member of the club introducing children or grandchildren (including adopted children or grandchildren, step children & step grandchildren and those in their care) to the club by use of the practice facilities and golf lessons held on the premises. They must be accompanied by the adult member at all times whilst on golf club premises or land.
2. **Children between the ages of 8 and 12 will have to be accompanied by an adult whilst on the course, who should be a parent/guardian/carer/ or responsible person, unless competing in an organized competition which is supervised by an adult member of the club. The accompanying adult should exercise care and be aware of, and follow the Health and Safety guidelines.**
3. Potential Junior members under the age of 14 years, will have to produce a handicap certificate, a certificate of competence signed by a professional golf teacher, or play to a standard which satisfies the club Junior Organiser, before being allowed access to the main course.
4. All Junior applicants will serve a one month probationary period prior to being granted full junior membership of the club.
5. Junior membership will not be valid until the annual junior fee, paid in full has been received and acknowledged by the club. The membership fee will remain at the same level throughout the club's financial year.
6. Junior members will not be allowed to sign in non-members, regardless of age.
7. All junior members should be apprised of and be conversant with the rules of golf, the local club rules, the club's dress code and the etiquette of the game and comply at all times.
8. The Junior Section will be split into three categories, which will depend upon proficiency, categorized as follows:-
  - **Gold** - handicaps 28 and under (*handicap adjustment by club handicap committee and will play all junior medal competitions off white tees – 18 holes*)
  - **Silver** – handicaps between 29 and 36 (*handicap adjustment by club Junior Organiser or Ladies Handicap Secretary, and will play all junior medal competitions off yellow tees – 18 holes*)
  - **Bronze** – handicaps between 37 and 45 (54 in the case of female members) (*Handicap adjustment by club Junior Organiser or Ladies Handicap Secretary. Medals in this category will be played off blue tees for 9 holes .*)

9. Only Junior members - boys with a handicap of 18 and below and girls with a handicap of 30 and below - will be allowed to participate in Senior Club competitions. The junior member will only be allowed to enter if they arrange to play in the company of an adult member who will be responsible for the marking and submission of the score card of the junior member.
10. Junior members, irrespective of handicap, will not be allowed to play on the course before 1100hrs on any Saturday or Sunday, and are advised to try avoid tee off times on a Tuesday or Wednesday when there is a club match, competition, medal, ladies or veterans home match arranged for the same day. Junior members should attempt to time their tee off to avoid interfering with such competitions. Junior members are advised that all fixtures are shown on the notice board adjacent to the shop which also details tee reservation times.

***Exceptions to this rule will be:***

- ***Where the junior member has been selected to represent the club in a match or competition.***
  - ***Where the Junior is handicap 18 or below (male) or 30 or below (female) and has entered a club competition. However each Junior player should have their card marked by an adult, preferably one with whom they are playing.***
  - ***Under special circumstances approved by the Club Captain, Vice Captain, or Club Secretary.***
11. All junior members will be subject to the same discipline code as the adult membership but in the event of any disciplinary hearing the junior member must be accompanied by a parent/guardian/carer and the Junior Organiser and Club Welfare Officer must be present.
  12. Junior members will be allowed to participate in all Junior Medal competitions, regardless of gender, and any team selection for Junior matches will be solely based upon merit, proficiency and the rules of the competition.