

HARWICH & DOVERCOURT GOLF CLUB

GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS

The Harwich & Dovercourt Golf Club recognises its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of children participating in club activities, and therefore has a child protection policy and comprehensive child protection procedures to contribute towards the aim of ensuring that all children whilst on club premises have an enjoyable and safe experience of golf. We wish to work in partnership with parents and guardians and therefore would ask that they assist the club by considering the following points:

- Take an interest in your child's activity and progress and be supportive
- Praise the effort as well as the results of your child's participation
- Introduce yourself to the Junior Organiser, coaches and Child Welfare Officer
- Find out what the club has to offer in terms of coaching and junior competitions, and become familiar with the rules of the club, including any playing restrictions for children
- Become familiar with the Club's Child Protection Policy and Procedures
- Read the child's code of conduct and discuss this with your child
- Be punctual when dropping off and picking up your children for/from coaching and competitions- volunteers can not leave your child alone at the venue and must stay at the club until the last child leaves. If you are likely to be late, please contact the Junior Organiser to discuss what to do
- Take an interest in who your son/daughter is playing with, introduce yourself if it is an adult you do not know
- If leaving your son/daughter at the club please make sure they have some spending money, appropriate clothing (e.g. a hat and sun protection cream to protect them from the sun or waterproofs), a drink to take in their bag, dehydration occurs even if it is not that warm
- Complete the Player Profile Form promptly, and notify the club of any amendments so that we may care for your child as well as possible
- Discuss any particular requirements your child has that may effect the ability of your child to enjoy the sessions or the ability of coaches and volunteers to meet their needs effectively
- 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
- Raise any concerns you have about the coaching, club procedures, or care that your child receives with either the Child Welfare Officer or the Junior Organiser so that we may address them appropriately and promptly
- Make sure that your child knows what time they will be collected, where they are being met, and by whom
- Check your household insurance policy to ensure that your child has adequate and appropriate cover, particularly public liability insurance
- The transporting of children to and from the club for matches, competitions and coaching is the responsibility of parents. The club will only become involved in these arrangements in exceptional circumstances. Parents are welcome to contact the parents of other junior members and make private arrangements to share transport, but this does not fall within the responsibility of the club.
- Please ensure that you read the document "**Junior membership and Playing Conditions**" which details restrictions on play for Junior members and ensure that your child complies with the conditions.