



Gort Golf Club - Junior/Minor Member Code of Conduct

Please go through this Code of Conduct with your child, these rules and instructions are very important and non-adherence to them may result in loss of access to the course. For access to the course to be granted this document must be agreed and signed by both you and your child.

- *** Under 18's must only play in maximum of Three Ball's except if instructed by Junior/Competitions committee OR if accompanied by at least one adult (over 18)**
- *** Children under the age of 15 years must always be accompanied by an adult.**
- *** Unless entered in a competition or if instructed by Junior/Competitions Committee Juniors/Minors must not take a slot on the timesheet before 10:00am on a Saturday or 12:00am on a Sunday.**

All juniors are permitted to play the course subject to booking tee times in advance on the BRS booking platform whilst always adhering to the three criteria highlighted above. This must be used for both casual games of golf and competitive. Avoid slow play and holding up other golfers playing on the course by keeping a reasonable pace of play or if delayed, allow players behind you to play through.

Safety on the Golf Course

Safety is always a priority

- Prior to making a practice swing or playing a stroke, ensure that no one is standing close by or in a position to be hit by the club or ball.
- As far as possible be very careful that you don't hit anyone with a golf ball. Wait until the golfers ahead / all course-staff are out of range before playing your shot. Shout 'fore' if your ball is likely to land close to others on the course.
- Always stand behind the ball being struck to avoid getting hit with club or ball.
- **All** Junior members are obliged to attend an **INDUCTION** which will be organised by the club. At this induction, the signed Code of Conduct forms will be collected. Access to the course will **NOT BE GRANTED** until completion of all parts of this Induction. The dates for such meetings will be advised by the Junior Convenor.
- Junior members are not permitted to sign in guests/visitors under 18 years of age.

Care of the Golf Course

Please respect the course:

- A pitch-mark repairer is required by every golfer. Repair your pitch marks on every green, and whenever possible you should also repair those not made by you. A pitch mark left unrepaired for 24 hours will take 2 weeks to heal.
- Replace divots. An un-replaced divot will not repair and will require sanding and seeding by our course staff.
- Rake bunkers after playing from a bunker. A player should always leave a bunker as they wish to find it.

Course Etiquette

Each junior member must familiarise themselves with all aspects of Golf etiquette. You must conduct yourself in a disciplined manner, always demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship when, on the course and in the clubhouse. Parents and Junior golfers must **respect** other golfers, coaches, and both clubhouse and course staff.



In addition, Junior members must:

- Keep noise at a reduced level to avoid disturbing other golfers. Put phones on silent.
- Never cut in on a hole if there are players playing the previous hole.
- Stand still and remain quiet while others are playing on a nearby tee-box, green or fairway.
- Have their own golf bag containing a maximum of 14 golf clubs when in competition.
- Carry tees, markers, pitch mark repairers at all times, and use the bins for litter.
- Keep bags and trolleys off greens, outside bunkers and off tee boxes.
- Shout “FORE” if your ball or the ball of another player looks likely to land near another player. Also, the player who hits the ball should apologise.
- Not stand in a place that causes your shadow to be cast across a player’s tee shot or putting line, and never walk through a player’s putting line.
- Leave the green as soon as the hole has been completed. Don’t mark your scores on the green, instead wait until you are at the next tee-box.
- Keep count at each hole of the number of strokes you have played and the score of your playing partner who’s card you are marking. Never mark your own score card in competition. Always be honest with your own score.
- Keep up with the group in front, and don’t hold up any players behind

Dress Code & Clubhouse Conduct

It’s important to uphold the traditions of golf. Smart appearance of all our members is expected, therefore:

- For your own safety no runners are allowed while playing golf, so appropriate golf footwear with soft spikes must be worn.
- Smart casual clothing must always be worn on the golf course.
- Beach shorts or football shorts/togs are unacceptable.

You cannot enter the Bar/Restaurant with dirty shoes or grass covered shoes. You will be asked to leave by a member of staff or committee if in breach.

- Junior members under the age of 18 years should be accompanied by an adult and must vacate the bar by 9:00pm.
- Always keep your golf bags and shoes tidy, particularly at the front door of the clubhouse, and always clear up after you when using the bar/restaurant facilities.

Rules of Golf

The rules of golf are designed to help you enjoy your game. Make sure you have a rules book in your bag. Players are responsible for familiarising themselves with all golf rules. Please also be aware that there are also additional local rules which are printed on the back of our scorecard. It is worth visiting www.randa.org for the complete rules of golf.

*“Play the Ball as it lies
Play the Course as you find it
And if you can’t do either do what is fair
And to do what is fair you need to know the rules of Golf”*

Junior Member: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____