

Information and advice for new players



- Holes will take about 10 minutes each.
- There is a stream running down the left of the 1st
- Be careful, when crossing the road from the 16th - 17th and 1st - 2nd
- You can miss out holes 5-14, 7-14, 8-10, 8-12, providing you don't cut straight in front of others.
- You can start on the 6th, if you have a car.
- Toilets are at the back of the 10th green (code 007) by the 14th tee (code 0077)

Don't

- You should not play when foggy, or if lightning threatens.
- Argue – an adult will agree your score

Do

- Take drink, a snack and a phone
- Carry or wear waterproofs and a hat
- Wear golf shoes
- Use the blue tees for juniors
- Be careful when wet or icy.
- Carry or wear sun screen.
- Enjoy yourself.
- Count yours and your opponents score
- Mark your opponents score and your score – in matches

Rules

- Add 2 shots if you loose a ball. You can play a provisional ball if you think you lost the first.
- Add 2 shots if it goes out of play – on the road or in the ditch on the 12th.
- You are allowed to move your ball – no nearer the hole - in line with the flag, or within 2 club lengths – for a penalty of one shot. (useful in the rough)
- You can move your ball without penalty if it, or you are in standing water, or it is plugged.
- You can have the flag in or out.
- If you cheat – you will be disqualified. If you make a mistake – tell someone.
- You have 3 minutes to look for your ball, it is polite to help others find theirs.

Behaviour

- Stand still and be quiet, when others are playing.
- Don't hit the ball – if you might hit others.
- Shout “Fore” – if you think you might hit someone by mistake.
- Report people who spoil your game and let someone know if you injure yourself or someone else.
- If you can't agree a persons score – don't sign the card and discuss this with an adult.
- Make sure someone is with you who can get help, when you go outside.
- Don't run. Stay behind the shortest ball. The furthest from the hole goes first. Don't go near someone about to play.
- Be careful on the green – don't stand between any ball and the hole, it can affect the putt.



Playing against other golfers.

Golf is a sport that allows you to play against anyone else, whatever their ability. To do this fairly, everyone who wants to play against someone else in a club competition, must have a handicap. You can play or practice, just for fun, in which case skip the rest of this page. If you do want to play against other people, read on.

To obtain a junior handicap, juniors need to have cards handed in, for 54 holes, 3 x 18 or 6 x 9. If the par of course is 70 and you are averaging 120 a round, you will get a handicap of about 50. Meaning you are allowed to take 50 shots off your score. Yellow tees should be used for obtaining men's handicaps. Red tees for women's handicaps. The maximum handicap is 54.

Your handicap will go down as you improve. The way handicaps are worked

out is not obvious, so you may get a handicap you didn't expect. When you get a handicap, it is put on a list, so everyone can see what it is.

In medal competitions you write down your score for each hole and take the handicap off at the end. In other competitions the number of shots you get is determined by the stroke index, of the tee you play off. If you have a handicap of 10, you get one shot on holes with stroke index 1 to 10. If you have a handicap of 50, you get 50 shots - 2 shots a hole and 3 shots on holes with stroke index 1 to 14. It is important to write down the actual shots you take, because if you make a mistake working out your nett score, it can be changed.

Games you can play.

Medal - write down your score on each hole, Take your handicap off at the end.

Stableford - write down your score (gross), then take off the shots you are allowed (nett), if you get the nett par you get 2 points, if you are 1 better than par, 3 points. If you are 2 better than par 4 points. If you get a nett score, 1 more than par (a bogey), this gets one point.

Texas Scramble

Everyone drives and you chose the best shot. Everyone takes in turns to play from that spot. Write down the team score on each hole.

Other games are available, but the rules will be explained when you play them.

You can make up your own challenges if you are playing with friends. For example, who has the least putts, who can hit the green in 3, who can lose the least balls, who can hit the fairway most times.

Match play

You play against some else and play hole by hole. You win a hole if your nett score is better. You can halve holes, or win and lose holes. The winner is the person who wins most holes. If a match is tied at the end you play extra holes until you have a winner.

Marking Cards

For all games, you should swap cards at the start a match and sign cards at the end of match and swap back. Don't hand a card in unless you agree how many shots were taken. If your not sure, see an adult who can help. Make it clear which tees you have played off. Make sure full names and the date are completed. If the card is for handicap purposes, that must be written on the card. Also make it clear you are a Junior.