ROTHLEY PARK
JUNIOR SECTION

JUNIOR HANDBOOK

WELCOME & VISION

Welcome to Junior Golf at Rothley Park Golf Club!

We are delighted to welcome you and your family to the RPGC Junior Section. Whether you're completely new to the game or already building your skills, you are now part of a supportive and vibrant community where juniors can learn, play, and grow together.

Our goal is simple, to continue developing a vibrant and successful junior section at Rothley Park. Working closely with our Professional Team and Junior Captains, we have created a structured, engaging, and supportive pathway that helps every junior improve, compete, and most importantly, enjoy the game.

This initiative aligns with the coaching delivered by our Club Professionals and aims to build an environment where young golfers can develop their skills, confidence, and sportsmanship while forming lasting friendships and connections within the club.

This handbook is your guide to that journey and inside you'll find everything you need to know about our coaching pathway, competitions, mentoring programme, and the support available for both parents and juniors.

We can't wait to see you out on the course, learning, laughing, and building memories that last a lifetime.

See you on the tee!

The RPGC Junior Development Team

The RPGC Junior Golf Development Pathway

Our 4-Phase Development Pathway provides a clear journey for every young golfer, from first swings to competitive play.

Guided by our Professional Team and supported by club mentors, juniors follow a structured coaching and playing program designed to build skills, confidence, and a lifelong love for the game.



Phase 1 - Junior Group Coaching

Juniors begin with a block of group coaching led by our club professionals. These fun, structured sessions provide the perfect introduction to the game. Our Saturday coaching sessions run throughout the season, each lasting five weeks.

Series 1 (April - May) focuses on introducing core skills and course basics, covering setup, grip, swing development, putting, chipping, pitching, and short on-course play with an emphasis on etiquette and scoring.

Series 2 (June - July) builds on this foundation by developing routines and expanding skills, including hitting from the ground, pre-shot routines, understanding ball flight, bunker play, and fun short-game challenges.

Series 3 (August - October) focuses on advanced skills, and etiquette, refining swing path and ball direction, and integrating course routines with an emphasis on basic rules and on-course behaviour.

In addition, Golf Access sessions run on Sundays, giving all juniors the opportunity to combine group coaching on the practice ground with on-course playing time as they develop key fundamentals. Using the Golf Access system, we track their progress throughout the season and adapt sessions to keep them improving. Once a junior reaches a handicap index of 36.0, they move on to the next phase of our junior development pathway to continue their growth.

Phase 2 – Skills Development & Mentorship

At this stage, juniors continue to develop their game through a combination of structured practice and mentoring support.

A key feature of this stage is our Mentoring Fun Days, held regularly down the practice range. During these sessions, more experienced juniors will provide hands-on guidance to help players further refine their skills. This combination of peer support and professional coaching not only prepares juniors for on-course play but also helps them build friendships, teamwork, and a love for the game.

Phase 3 – On-Course Play

Juniors now bring their skills onto the course through our summer season Junior Golf Tournaments, which provide a competitive yet supportive environment, helping juniors build confidence, refine their game, and enjoy developing their skills throughout the season. The aim of this phase is to build confidence, develop course management, and introduce the excitement of real competition in a safe and supportive environment.

Be sure to keep an eye out for our monthly newsletter and check the Junior Section notice board in the clubhouse, which will display information and dates for mentoring sessions and competitions.

We will also share important updates through our WhatsApp group and on RPGC Juniors social media accounts, where you can register your interest and stay up to date with all junior activities.

Phase 4 – Handicap & Progression

In this final phase, juniors begin submitting official scorecards to establish an England Golf handicap. Three cards are required and to support this, we run both handicap and non-handicap competitions throughout phase 3 - so many juniors may already have cards ready by the time they reach this stage.

Achieving a handicap allows participation in official club competitions, representing the RPGC Junior Team, and setting personal golfing goals.

Progress is celebrated at the Annual Junior Presentation BBQ at the end of the season, recognising achievements across the whole junior section.

Junior Competitions

We will host a minimum of 8 club competitons running from March to October for both handicap and none handicap players in a variety of formats.

We will also run a series of mini competions during our mentoring fun days, futher helping to build confidance and develop skills.

Details of the competition and guidance on how to enter will be made available at the start of the season via email, WhatsApp and on our social media accounts.

Players are expected to sign up no later than 4 weeks prior to each event.

Rothley Park Junior Team

Once all four phases are complete, and your official England Golf handicap in place, you'll have the chance to represent the Rothley Park Junior Team, competing in both county and national events against juniors from across the country.

This is your opportunity to showcase your skills, challenge yourself on new courses, and experience the thrill of competitive golf, all while being part of a supportive and inspiring team.



Parent & Club Communitcation

We aim to maintain open and proactive communication with parents to strengthen relationships between families and the club. To support this, we will host an introductory event in the clubhouse in April each year where the junior program is presented, and parents have the opportunity to meet the Junior Development Team, ask questions, and get involved as volunteers.

Communication is maintained consistently through multiple channels, including an official RPGC Juniors WhatsApp group, email updates, a monthly newsletter, noticeboards, and printed materials.

Key Contacts

In the first instance, all enquires should be sent to:

Email: juniorsection@rothleypark.co.uk

Telephone: 0116 230 2809

Feedback & Suggestions

We would love to hear from you. Whether you have feedback on this handbook, our coaching sessions, or the junior section in general, or you would like to share a suggestion, please get in touch using the email address provided.

FAQ

What age can my child start junior golf coaching?

Our sessions are designed to suit all ages and abilities, from complete beginners to more experienced juniors.

Does my child need their own golf clubs?

No, not initially. We can provide junior clubs for beginners so your child can try golf before investing in their own set.

What should my child wear?

We encourage smart golf attire such as a polo shirt, golf trousers or shorts, and golf shoes if they have them. These can be purchased in the pro shop.

Do parents need to stay during sessions?

Parents are welcome to stay and watch, especially for younger children, but it’s not required.

Is golf safe for children?

Absolutely. Safety is a top priority. Sessions are fully supervised by qualified coaches.

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