



WEST HOVE

GOLF CLUB

West Hove Golf Club

Junior Handbook

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Welcome to West Hove Golf Club.

Our aim at West Hove is to give **you** the opportunity to learn and play golf both as a social game and in competitions.

About the Club

West Hove Golf club is situated in the South Downs, which is part of the South Downs National Park. Our 18-hole golf course is laid over rolling chalk down lands and is **playable almost all year round**. At West Hove we have our own very popular 21-bay driving range, of which 8 bays now have cover and a state of the art Teaching Studio.

We are pleased to say that West Hove now have one of the largest Juniors sections in the country and is part of the Ryan Fenwick Golf Academy.

The Junior Academy is renowned for their support and development of young golfers. Some of the best young golfers in the country train with the RFGA. The Academy has regular coaching sessions throughout the year. As a member of the Junior section you will also receive up to 8 hours free coaching throughout the year and as you progress you may be selected to play golf as a member of the West Hove Junior team and represent our Junior section at other clubs.

Please see the link for further details. <http://ryanfenwickgolf.com/juniors/>.


This Handbook is designed to give you information that will help you enjoy your golf and we hope it will be useful for you to refer to. You'll find details of our Junior section, coaching for the juniors, code of conduct, rules and etiquette and a list of contact numbers for the people involved in the Junior Section. There are also parental consent forms and a Code of Conduct for juniors, which must be filled out, signed and returned.

Mission Statement


- To provide a **safe** and **friendly** environment where junior players can enjoy golf make friends and develop their skills under the guidance of professional coaches.
- To respond to the needs of junior golfers regardless of their golfing achievements, gender, ethnicity, disability and religion.
- To provide facilities and support so that young golfers are encouraged to develop their skills to the highest standard.
- To promote the concept of friendship and respect while playing the game of golf for enjoyment with honesty, integrity and self-discipline within the framework of Etiquette and the Rules of Golf.

Meet the Team

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Dress Code in the club house

Smart casual dress is required at all times. Clean denims and smart trainers may be worn in the clubhouse. Work boots and hoodies are not permitted. **Headgear must NEVER** be worn in the Clubhouse.

Dress Code on the course.



Playing rules for all Juniors

Junior members are restricted from playing on the Course and using the practice putting green until **11.00am on the weekends**.

Rules of Golf Courtesy and Etiquette..

It is essential that all Juniors are on their **best behavior** at all times in all areas of the clubhouse and grounds.

- **Book a tee time** and arrive 5 minutes before (as you may lose your slot)
- **Check the notice board before play** for any local or temporary rules that may be in place.
- **Switch your mobile phone to silent** whilst on the course. You may carry it for use in the event of an emergency only.
- **Stand behind** the player or hole as a shot is being taken
- **Show courtesy** and consideration for others at all times. **Be aware** if you have lost a clear hole to the match in front; invite the match behind you to play through. ***Slow play is one of the most contentious issues in golf so..***
- **Be ready** to play immediately when it is your turn.
- **Keep up** with the game ahead and not just ahead of the game behind.
- **Do not lean** on your putter on the green as this damages the grass.
- **Learn the rules** of golf, rule books are available from the secretary in the office.
- **Behave I a sportsmanlike** way, don't throw clubs or make unnecessary noise on the course.
- **Rake the bunkers** (when restrictions are lifted)
- **Replace all divots** and repair pitch marks on the fairways and greens. Use a pitch mark repairer and repair pitch marks, your own and another one. 😊
- **Wait** for those in front to move out of range, before taking your shot (they must be at least on their second shot).
- **Agree** your score and mark your cards off the green, record this when you reach the next tee shot.
- **Sign you card:** An unsigned card means **disqualification**.

REMEMBER HONESTY IS VERY IMPORTANT IN GOLF, IT IS A GAME OF TRUST. IF YOU CHEAT YOU CHEAT YOURSELF AND BETRAY THE TRUST OF OTHER PLAYERS, ONCE TRUST IS LOST IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO RGAIN.

Junior Changing Room

A special room for the exclusive use of junior boys is located just to the right of the main entrance. There are secure lockers available for golf equipment, these can be rented yearly from the main office. Please ensure that this room **IS TO BE KEPT NEAT AND TIDY.** There is a code for the outside door which will be given when joining the club. The Girls may use the ladies locker room.

Handicaps

The World handicapping system in golf is designed to provide a measure of a player's ability and to allow golfers with different skill levels to play against each other on reasonably equal terms. Juniors can only enter competitions when they hold an official handicap. To gain an official handicap a junior member would be expected to **submit 3 x eighteen hole or 6 x nine hole cards (9 front and 9 back). These cards must be marked and signed by a club member with a handicap.** The Junior Organiser will process the cards and assess an official handicap for the player according to the scores achieved. More information on the World Handicap System is available via the England Golf Website. [Handicaps & Rules - England Golf](#)

Competitions

The Junior competition fixtures are on display in the main entrance hall at the bottom of the stairs. An electronic copy can be sent via email on request from the Junior Organiser. West Hove Golf Club Junior Section provides more competitions than any other club in the area. A full schedule for the calendar year is shown in the **Club Diary**. In addition, an easy to follow **Yearly Planner** is now on Google Sheets ([Link](#)).

Which Tees

The following 'Tee' rules apply for all junior competitions at West Hove apart from mixed championship events (and apply elsewhere unless stated otherwise). The range of handicaps are up to maximum 54.

Girls all handicaps		- red tee markers
Boys above	28	- red tee markers
Boys	28 and under	- white tee markers

During winter months white tees are placed next to **yellow** tees.

Note: The **yellow** tee markers are used for **social/visitors golf**.

All Juniors are allowed to play in the **Midweek Open Medal** and **Stableford Competitions**.

Medal (qualifier)

A medal is based upon stroke play with full handicap allowance. The result is based upon the subsequent net scores (gross minus handicap).

Stableford (qualifier)

Based upon the Stableford points system (scratch). No points for double bogey or higher, 1 point for bogey (1 over), 2 points for par, 3 points for birdie (1 under) etc., calculated from the net score at each hole.

A full handicap allowance is given and the winner is the player with the highest number of points.

Fees for competitions is £3.00.

Vouchers are awarded to the winners (normally 1st to 3rd places) for use in the Pro. shop and includes a voucher for use on the driving range. A minimum of 3 Juniors must play. Any Junior playing who is under the age of 11 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. They will abide by the 20-yard rule and must not coach or interfere with the game of play. They are not allowed to mark the juniors card. (However, they may help in making sure it has been filled out correctly after the game has finished)

Juniors with a single figure handicap (to a maximum of 9.4) may play in adult competitions but not until after 11am at weekends unless the above permission is granted and must be with an adult member who is eligible for the competition and who ideally is not a parent/guardian.

Security

Unfortunately, incidents of theft happen. Clubs and equipment are very expensive. **Never leave your clubs unattended.** In the clubhouse, if you have to leave you clubs, put them away in a locker - see the office for locker hire.

West Hove Junior Main Events

Junior Club Championship and Handicap Cup This annual event is over two rounds (36 holes) stroke play and provides two competitions played for at the same time. The Junior Club Championship is played off scratch (no handicap allowance) and the winner is awarded the Club Junior Championship Cup. They will then go on to represent the club in the Sussex County Champion of Champions competition normally played in September against all the other Sussex Club Junior Champions. The other competition is based on full handicap for the Junior Handicap Cup.

To qualify for The Junior Club Championship Juniors must:

- a) Have a handicap of a maximum of 28 (for the 36 hole competition)
- b) Have played in at least 6 qualifying competitions (this includes JBL club matches) during the playing year (this may be varied at the JO's discretion).
- c) Be under 18 on 1st January of the current year.

West Hove GC must be the Junior's stated home (first) club. If not, then the Junior may only enter for the Handicap Cup competition. A single round competition of 18 holes' handicap for handicaps 29 and above may also be played and prizes awarded to each competitor. This competition is supported entirely from sponsorship. By tradition there is no entry fee and every entrant is provided with lunch between rounds and a prize on completing the full competition. A Junior may only win a place in the first three of one competition, the Club Championship taking precedence.

Happy Golfing 

Copy to be signed and returned to the Junior Organiser

Code of Conduct for Young Golfers

As a young golfer taking part in a West Hove GC activity, you should:

- Help create and maintain an environment free of fear and harassment
- Demonstrate fair play and apply golf's standards both on and off the course
- Understand that you have the right to be treated as an individual
- Respect the advice that you receive
- Treat others as you would wish to be treated yourself
- Respect other people and their differences
- Look out for yourself and for the welfare of others
- Speak out (to your parents or a club representative) if you consider that you or others have been poorly treated
- Be organised and on time
- Tell someone in authority if you are leaving the venue
- Accept that these guidelines are in place for the well-being of all concerned
- Treat organisers and coaches with respect
- Observe instructions or restrictions requested by the adults looking after you You should not take part in any irresponsible, abusive, inappropriate or illegal behaviour which includes:
 - Smoking
 - Using foul language
 - Publicly using critical or disrespectful descriptions of others either in person or through text, email or social network sites
 - Consuming alcohol, illegal performance-enhancing drugs or stimulants.

Child Signature _____

Print Name _____

Parent/Carer Signature _____

Print Name _____

Date: _____

Code of Conduct for Parents/Carers of Young Golfers

As parents you are expected to:

- Positively reinforce your child and show an interest in their chosen activity
- Do not place your child under pressure or push them in to activities they do not want to do
- Be realistic and supportive
- Promote your child's participation in playing sport for fun
- Complete and return the Player Profile Form and Consents pertaining to your child's participation in activities at West Hove GC
- Report and update West Hove GC with any changes relevant to your child's health and wellbeing
- Deliver and collect your child punctually before and after coaching sessions/competitions
- Ensure your child has clothing and kit appropriate to the weather conditions
- Ensure your child has appropriate equipment, plus adequate food and drink
- Ensure that your child understands the rules of Golf
- Teach your child that they can only do their best
- Ensure that your child understands their Code of Conduct
- Behave responsibly at West Hove GC and on the golf course; do not embarrass your child
- Show appreciation and support the coaches, volunteers and staff at West Hove GC
- Accept the decision and judgement of the officials during events and competition.

As a parents/carers you have the right to:

- Be assured that your child is safeguarded during their participation in the sport
 - Be informed of problems or concerns relating to your child
 - Be informed if your child is injured
 - Have consent sought for issues such as trips and photography
 - Contribute to the decisions of the club
 - Have any concerns about any aspect of your child's welfare listened to and responded to
- Any breaches of this code of conduct will be dealt with immediately by Jane Edwards at West Hove GC.

Persistent concerns or breaches may result in you being asked not to attend games if your attendance is considered detrimental to the welfare of young participants. The ultimate action should a parent/carers continue to breach the code of conduct may be the West Hove GC regrettably asking your child to leave the session, event or club.

Signed:

Date:

Print Name:

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PARENTAL CONSENT FORM 2021/2022

Name of Child:	D.O.B:
Address:	Home tel. no:
	Mobile tel. no:
	Email address:
Name of Parent/Guardian:	Home tel. no:
Address(if different to above):	Mobile tel. no:
	Work tel. no:
	Email address:
Additional Emergency Contact:	Home tel. no:
Name:	Mobile tel. no:
Relationship to child:	Work tel. no:
Medical Information:	
Child's Doctor:	Surgery tel. No:
Surgery Address:	
1) Does your child experience any conditions requiring medical treatment &/or medication? Yes/No* *if yes, please give details below, including medication, dose & frequency:	
2) Does your child have any allergies? Yes/No* - *if yes please give details below:	
3) Does your child have any specific dietary requirements? Yes/No* - *if yes please give details below:	
4) Any additional needs? eg: administer planned medication, assistance with lifting, regular snacks etc?	
5) The Equality Act 2010 defines a disabled person as "anyone with a physical or mental impairment, which has a substantial & long term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day to day activities". Do you consider your child to have a disability? *Yes/No - *if yes, please give details below:	

Please place and YES or NO in the Empty Boxes	Yes/No
6) Does your child have any communication needs eg. Non English speaking hearing impairment/sign language user/dyslexia? *Yes/No - *if yes, please tell us what we need to do to enable him/her to communicate fully:	
<u>MEDICAL CONFIRMATIONS:</u>	
1) I confirm that my child does not suffer with any medical condition other than stated above.	
2) I agree to notify West Hove Golf Club of any change in medical information or allergies.	
3) I give permission for a West Hove Golf Club representative to give necessary authority on my behalf, for any medical or surgical treatment recommended by competent medical authorities where it would be contrary to my child's interest, in the Doctor's opinion, for any delay to be , incurred by seeking my personal consent.	
Signed:	Print name:
	Date:
Please place a cross in this box if filled out on line and you agree to all of the above	
<u>PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT & CONFIRMATIONS:</u>	
Please sign below & state Yes or No where appropriate, your consent & acknowledgement of the following:	
It is my responsibility to organise the transport of my child to & from West Hove Golf Club activities.I acknowledge that <i>in exceptional circumstances</i> a West Hove Golf Club official may transport my child, under the stated conditions within this policy.	
West Hove Golf Club can take & use photographs/video images of my child, ONLY by West Hove Golf Club personnel or an authorised person, for the purpose of coaching, &/or the promotion & celebration of junior golf in Sussex (in print form or online) IF NOT TICKED, I WILL ENSURE THAT I WILL COMMUNICATE THIS TO MY CHILD.	
Signed:	Print name:
	Date:
Place Initial in this box if filled out on line to state you agree to all of the above	
No information held on this form will be passed to a third party.	

Please notify us of any changes to the above information ASAP.