



GALWAY BAY GOLF RESORT

POLICIES FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS



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JUNIOR CLUB**

Men's Captain 2018	Donal Devery
Lady Captain 2018	Eileen Clasby
Junior Boys Captain 2018	Cathal Cunningham
Junior Girls Captain 2018	Katie Coleman
Galway Bay Golf Resort Manager	Barry Phelan
PGA Professional	Dara Ford
Boys Junior Convenor 2018	Noel Browne
Boys Junior Committee 2018	Bobby O'Connor, Cathal Cunningham, David Heskin, Declan Murray, John Conneely, John Kilgannon, Liam Greal, Martin Nicholson, Noel Browne, Peter Murphy, Shane Francis
Girls Junior Convenor 2018	Aoife Lynch
Girls Junior Committee 2018	Aoife Lynch, Claire Noonan, Nano Gough, Mary Ryan, Dara Ford
Designated Liaison Person	Barry Phelan
Club Children's Officer	Sharon Phelan



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Membership of Galway Bay Golf Resort

Galway Bay Golf Resort is owned and operated by Galway Bay Golf and Country Club Limited. In order to be eligible to play golf at Galway Bay Golf Resort each Junior must join Galway Bay Golf Resort either as an individual member or as part of a family member. All fees must be paid on the due date as laid out by the owners and management of Galway Bay Golf and Country Club Limited.

Junior members ages between 8-18yrs

Student members ages between 19-24yrs if in full time education. Student members must provide written proof each year of full time study before rejoining.

Golf tags and stickers must be clearly displayed on your golf bag.

Membership of Ladies/Men's Club

Every junior member must either register or apply to join the Ladies or Men's Club.

All junior members must *register* with the respective Men's or Ladies club for administrative purposes. Only those junior members registered can participate in Junior Club activities.

Only those junior members who have become eligible for full GUI handicap can *join* the respective Men's and Ladies Club.

- The annual subscription is set at the Annual General Meeting of the clubs each year. This subscription includes the annual levy to the Golfing Union of Ireland or Irish Ladies Golfing Union.
- Application forms are available from a committee member. Applications must be proposed and seconded by 2 senior members and the form returned to the office in the golf club. Notice of proposed new members are posted on the club notice board by the club's secretary for at least 10 days prior to the next committee meeting, the application is then taken to committee and approved.



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Child Protection

The owners, Galway Bay Golf and Country Club Limited have adopted the guidelines contained in *Golf's Safeguarding Policy* as recommended by the Irish Sports Council and the golfing representative bodies, the Golfing Union of Ireland and the Irish Ladies Golfing Union. The guidelines are contained in the club's **Safeguarding Policy**, a copy of which is available on request from the Management, the Junior Committee or from the clubs website.

The Men's Club and Ladies Club have agreed to adhere to and implement Galway Bay Golf Resorts policies in accordance with the guidelines adopted.

It should be noted however, that the complex is a recreational facility and Galway Bay Golf Resort, its officers, the Men's Club and the Ladies Club will **not** provide supervision or monitoring of Junior members engaged in the casual playing of golf or in the use of its facilities. Where there are structured competitions, coaching or other events being run under the auspices of Galway Bay Golf Resort, there will be appropriate provision made in respect of supervision of these events in accordance with the guidelines.

Children under the age of 10 years **must be accompanied** by a parent or adult guardian at all times. Parents/guardians are encouraged to accompany their children (need not be in a golfing capacity) while their children engaged in activities at the club, particularly for those between the ages of 10 and 15years.

Galway Bay Junior Club

Galway Bay Junior Club is administered by the Men's (affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland) and Ladies (affiliated to the Irish Ladies Golfing Union) Clubs through the appointment of respective Junior Committees. Both committees manage the members, their "junior" handicaps and assist Galway Bay Golf Resort in running the junior competitions for the year.

Each Junior Committee consists of the following:

1. Junior Convenor as designated by the Men's and Ladies Clubs
2. Designated Representative for the Resort
3. Junior Captain
4. Other adult members as designated by the Men's and Ladies Clubs



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The Boy's and Girl's Junior Convenors represent the junior committee and junior members in the respective Men's and Ladies Club committees. Any issues or suggestions raised by junior members will initially be brought to the appropriate junior committee (which meet once a month), and then if necessary to the respective club committee by the junior convenor. All issues will be discussed in confidence.

Galway Bay Golf Resort and Dara Ford PGA Professional organise group lessons throughout the year. The group lessons usually take place every Saturday (for Boys & Girls) for one hour. The times may change during the holiday periods so it is important to monitor the notice boards frequently.

It is necessary for **all** junior members to register with the Men's or Ladies clubs for administrative purposes only. Please note that registration with the respective Men's or Ladies Clubs does not create a duty of care relationship between the respective clubs and the junior members.

Once a Junior member becomes eligible for a senior handicap he or she must join the respective Men's and Ladies Clubs. A fee will be payable to cover the affiliation fees with the GUI/ILGU and the management of handicaps.

Junior golfers will only be eligible to join the respective Men's or Ladies Club on condition that Galway Bay is their designated "home" club for handicapping purposes. They will be permitted to play in all GUI competitions but subject to certain restrictions as to playing times detailed below.

To be eligible for membership in the following year a Junior member must compete in a minimum of 7 home junior competitions during the year.

Competitions

Junior Competitions

Junior competitions will be run throughout the year especially during the summer holidays. The number of holes played in competition may vary depending on ability. There is a competition for everyone. A fee is charged for every junior competition and this may vary depending on time of year and standard.

All Juniors, including those with full GUI handicaps, are expected to participate in the Junior competitions. It's expected that all Juniors compete in 7 Junior competitions during the year to remain eligible for membership.



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Adult Competitions

Once you have a full handicap you can enter the weekly competitions run by the Ladies and Men's clubs. There are some restrictions for Junior members in competing in these competitions:

- A minimum of 7 competitions must be completed each year to retain membership of the Men's or Ladies Club.
- Junior members (with full handicaps) can book and play in the allocated members' tee times subject to the proviso that no more than 2 Junior members can book in any one fourball slot unless with the agreement of the adult member.
- A Junior member must have their handicap in the Men's or Ladies club for a minimum of 1 year before being eligible to enter the 4 designated "Major" competitions (Men's and Lady Captains Prizes, Presidents Prize and Directors Cup)
- A Junior member although eligible to play in a Major, will not be eligible to win first prize in these competitions.
- A Junior boy will only be eligible to win a prize in the weekly Men's Club competition once they have attained a handicap of 15 or lower. A Junior girl will only be eligible to win a prize in the weekly Ladies Club competition once they have attained a handicap of 35 or lower. A Junior prize will be awarded instead to Juniors that are not so eligible.

When playing in senior competitions juniors must play off red markers for girls and the designated competition markers for boys.

Handicaps

Junior Handicap

All Juniors will commence playing off designated Junior tees (or if none, the red markers), with an initial "Junior" handicap allowance of up to 36. As the Junior golfer's standard improves, the handicap will be adjusted downwards to reflect this and ultimately the boys will be required to play off yellow markers and girls from red markers.

Senior Handicap

In time, once a certain standard is attained, the Junior golfer will be required to apply for and obtain a full handicap. The eligibility for handicap will be at the discretion of each Junior Committee above and will not be solely determined by golfing ability, but will also consider golf etiquette and the Junior golfers attitude and behaviour on and off the course.



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To obtain a GUI/ILGU handicap you must play three full rounds in Galway Bay with an existing member;

- Record your scores and have the existing member countersign your card.
- Clearly mark the top of the card “FOR HANDICAP PURPOSES ONLY“ and drop it into the scorecards letter box in the respective club office for the attention of the Handicap Secretary.
- All holes played must be played off the red markers for girls and whites for the boys. Your handicap will then be given per your score over the 54holes.

To retain your handicap, you must play in 3 qualifying competitions per year.

Coaching

Galway Bay Golf Resort requires that each new member that does not already hold a GUI handicap must successfully complete a Golf Induction programme run by Dara Ford PGA Professional covering basic skills and education of golf etiquette before they are eligible to join. These courses are necessary for the Golf Professional to assess the level of ability of each junior member so they are initially grouped with others of similar ability to enhance their development potential.

Coaching will be provided within the club at beginner, intermediate and advanced levels.

Playing Golf

All Junior members are permitted to play the course subject to availability and booking tee times in advance. There are preferred designated junior times

Monday to Friday

10am -11am (preferred, always contact the golf shop to book a tee time)

Saturday and Sunday

After 2 pm



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All times are subject to availability and all juniors must be checked in through the golf shop to be cleared to play. Please sign In on sheet before going out to play (table outside golf shop) and sign out when leaving.

In respect of Junior members eligible to play in the weekly Men's and Ladies competitions they will be entitled to book and play at all times, however the only restriction for such Junior members is that no more than 2 Junior members can book on any one fourball.

With the course being at its busiest from Friday to Sunday, **it is required** that members and juniors call to book a tee time in advance on those days. This can be done by telephone (091 790711).

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.

The rules of golf are designed to help you enjoy your game. Make sure you have a rules book in your bag (free copies are available in club house).

Safety on the Golf Course

Safety is a priority at all times for the club.

Water is a large feature of the course. Be aware of the hazards and avoid them where possible. The lakes are deep so stay clear and do not attempt to retrieve balls to avoid the danger of falling in.

To prevent harm from the chemicals used on the course and from animal droppings always wash your hands after playing golf.

Be careful when swinging your golf club that nobody is within standing distance.

Always stand behind the ball being struck to avoid getting hit with 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 are out of range before playing your shot.

Children under the age of 10 years **must be accompanied** by an adult at all times.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to accompany their children (need not be in a golfing capacity) while their children play casual golf, particularly between the ages of 10 and 15



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years. Parents/guardians are encouraged to familiarise themselves with course etiquette and safety.

The company, its servants or agents (including the Men's Club and Ladies Club) DO NOT PROVIDE ANY GUARDIANSHIP/SUPERVISION during the playing of casual golf.

Course dress code

Appropriate golf footwear to be worn. Soft spikes only permitted. No bare runners allowed while playing golf.

Smart clothing must be worn. Trousers / Chinos or shorts (not sports/football shorts) may be worn. No hoodies, denim jeans, tracksuit bottoms, or football shirts are permitted.

No golf shoes to be worn in the club house please.

Club house conduct

Junior Members shall have access to the bar area (in particular the counter seating) at the discretion of the bar and clubhouse staff and subject to the following conditions

1. Children under the age of 15yrs must be accompanied by an adult
2. Student members of 18yrs and over have full privileges
3. Junior Members under the age of 18yrs must vacate the bar by 9pm
4. No alcohol will be sold to or supplied to any person under the age of 18yrs
5. Junior members have full use of the restaurant facilities

Keep your golf bags and shoes tidy at all times, particularly at the front door of the clubhouse.

Always clear up after you when using the bar/restaurant facilities.

The Locker Rooms are for the use of **changing purposes only** and are not a recreational 'hangout' area. Juniors may use the Lounge area by the fire place/ TV if they would like to relax and chat.



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Course conduct

Each junior member must familiarise themselves with all aspects of Golf etiquette. You must conduct yourselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times when, on the course, club house, locker room and particularly when representing the club.

In particular

- never throw clubs
- always repair pitch marks on the greens
- always replace divots
- rake bunkers after you exit them
- keep noise at a reduced level to avoid disturbing other golfers
- stand still and remain quiet while others are playing on nearby tee green or fairway
- each golfer must have their own golf bag containing a maximum of 14 golf clubs when in competition.
- always carry tees, markers, pitch mark repairers at all times
- keep bags and trolleys off greens, outside bunkers and off tee boxes
- avoid restricted areas as decided by the Greens Staff
- 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.
- use the bins for litter
- if the greenkeeping staff are working on the course ahead of you, please wait until they signal it is OK to play
- keep count at each hole of the number of strokes you have played and also the score of your playing partner who's card you are marking. Never mark your own score card in competition. Be honest with your own score at all times
- have the same regard for the practice facilities as for the course, and repair pitch marks on these greens also.

Code of behaviour

The game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for other players and to conduct themselves in a disciplined manner



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Honour is about being truthful to yourself and the rules of the sport. Golf is a game of honesty, etiquette and maturity. You are responsible for your own actions and personal conduct on the golf course.

You should

- be a good sport
- treat all players as you would like to be treated yourself
- play golf according to the Rules
- be honest, do not be tempted to cheat
- play for the fun of it, not just to please parents or coaches
- respect officials and staff, co-operate with your coach, team-mates and opponents
- shake hands with your playing partners when you have finished your game
- control your temper
- always leave the course as you found it
- dress well, behave well.
- remember this is your golf course, take pride in it.
- And most importantly, Enjoy the game!

Accidents or Incidents:

All or any accidents or incidents are to be reported immediately to Galway Bay Golf Resort and are to be recorded in the incident report book.

Insurance & Liability Disclaimer

Galway Bay Golf Resort does not provide liability insurance for the protection of individuals, groups, spectators, or others who may participate in the playing of golf.

In consideration for your participation in the said golf, the individual, or other, does hereby release and forever discharge Galway Bay Golf and Country Club Limited and its officers, board, employees, and the Men's and Ladies Club, jointly and severally from any and all actions, causes of actions, claims and demands for, upon or by reason of any damage, loss or injury, which hereafter may be sustained by participating in the playing of golf.

This release extends and applies to, and also covers and includes, all unknown, unforeseen, unanticipated and unsuspected injuries, damages, loss and liability and the consequences thereof, as well as those now disclosed and known to exist.



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I hereby agree on behalf of my child, to indemnify Galway Bay Golf and Country Club Limited and its officers, and employees, and the Men's and Ladies Club jointly and severally from any and all actions, causes of actions, claims and demands for, upon or by reason of any damage, loss or injury, which hereafter may be sustained by participating in the playing of golf.

It is further understood and agreed that said participation in the playing of golf is not to be construed as an admission of any liability and acceptance of assumption of responsibility by the Galway Bay Golf and Country Club Limited and its officers, board, employees, and the Men's and Ladies Club.

It is strongly recommended by Galway Bay Golf Resort that all junior members take out an adequate insurance policy with regard to playing golf. It is further strongly recommended that all junior members join the Golfsure Personal Insurance Scheme through the respective Men's and Ladies Club which covers Personal liability and personal accident. (Details can be obtained from the respective Men's and Ladies Club secretaries).