



## 2022 Junior Membership Handbook



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## **Introduction**

### **Welcome:**

On behalf of the Junior Committee and the Golf Shop Staff, we would like to formally welcome you to our 2022 Junior Golf Program.

This handbook will help guide you through the upcoming year and hopefully answer some of your questions about the Junior Golf Program at the Sunshine Coast Golf & Country Club (SCGCC).

Whether you have joined as a **Golf Only Member** or enrolled in our **Learn to Play Program**, it is our goal to provide the means for which juniors will improve as golfers and as young people in our community.

Have a wonderful 2022 Golf Season!

Your 2022 Junior Committee,

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## **Membership Categories**

Starting in 2022, SCGCC is pleased to offer two types of junior memberships.

Golf Only Membership: This category allows for unlimited golf in 2022 and participation in junior league nights and junior tournaments.

Learn to Play Program: In addition to the benefits listed above, this category also includes:

- A set of 4 lessons
- Fitted clubs for the season

The Learn to Play lesson curriculum is a framework to develop junior players through four stages of development and expose players to age/stage appropriate content. In order to progress through each stage, the participants will need to demonstrate they have reached certain objectives that have been established.

Participation and exposure are the focus of the objectives in the earlier stages (Birdie and Eagle). As golfers progress through to the more advanced stages (Double Eagle and Ace), the objectives become more qualitative and quantitative in nature.

Each level is based on four, 45-minute golf clinics.

Any questions regarding the Learn to Play Program lessons, please contact Bill McDonough.

## **Tee Times**

### Playing Privileges

Junior members may book tee times at any time, with the permission of the golf shop. Novice players will be encouraged to play in non-peak times.

Juniors may use the practice area at any time. Range balls can be purchased at the range or by buying tokens at the Pro Shop.

Please arrive 10 minutes prior to your Tee Time to check in with the Pro Shop.

### How To Book a Tee Time

Junior members may book a Tee Time by calling the Pro Shop at 604.885.9212

If you book a Tee Time and are unable to make it, please call the Pro Shop to cancel your time.

### Appropriate Tees

Juniors can play the course off the Gold, Red or the White tees. The Gold tees offer a shortened course which is particularly valuable for those just beginning to develop their golfing skills.

## **Club Storage**

There are a limited amount of club storage spots available in the junior locker room. Please check with the Pro Shop for availability.

## **Golf Handicap**

### Purpose of a Handicap

We encourage our more experienced junior golfers to work towards obtaining a golf handicap.

A handicap makes the game of golf more enjoyable by enabling players of different abilities to compete on an equal basis, whether it is a tournament or just for fun. Some players like to maintain a handicap so they can monitor their own personal progress against par for course.

To obtain a handicap, you need to play and record 54 holes from any combination of 9-hole or 18-hole rounds. Maximum handicap is 54.0 regardless of age or gender.

### Where to Obtain Your Handicap

As part of your junior membership, you will also receive a Golf Canada Membership. The Golf Canada Website or App allows you to track your scores and calculate your handicap.

Please speak with the Pro Shop for more information regarding your Golf Canada Membership and obtaining a handicap.

## **Safety and Etiquette**

Safety and Etiquette will both be a focus at our **Learn to Play Lesson Program** and **Junior Nights**. Below are a few general guidelines that will help all golfers enjoy a safe and fun round of golf.

Play it Safe: Always make sure that all other players are behind you when striking the golf ball. Also, make sure that all of your golfing partners are at a safe distance from you when swinging.

Leave the Course Better Than You Found It: Please repair all divots after your shot. On the green, you should always repair your ball mark and one other. If your shot did not make a ball mark, it is still a great habit to get into of repairing someone else's. Please keep pull carts off of the Tee Box and 10 yards from greens and tees.

Speed it Up: Do your best to keep up with the group in front of you. Walk to your ball quickly and know what you are going to do before you get there. If you are falling behind the group in front of you, please make sure to let golfers behind your group play through.

Pairing Up: Our course is often busy and we have to pair players up so that the golf course is run efficiently for all of the people playing. There are times when you will be paired up with other players, so be aware that you will not always be playing on your own.

**Speak and Conduct Yourself in a Respectable Manner:** Please refrain from yelling while you are on the golf course. There are a lot of other people on the course at a given time, and they deserve to enjoy their round as much as everyone on the course. Also, when someone is getting ready to swing (or swinging), try to refrain from talking.

**Be Prepared for the Weather:** Come prepared for the weather! On hot days, it is always a good idea to keep a water bottle in your bag filled with cold water. Also, consider applying sunscreen prior to playing and keeping a bottle in your bag as well.

For colder days or the occasional storm that may roll in, having a coat in the bag is always a good idea to stay warm and dry.

## **Rules of Golf**

Our **Learn to Play Program** and **Junior Nights** will also teach junior members some of the rules of golf.

As junior members progress to on-course play, it will be very beneficial for them to have some basic knowledge of the rules. There are a lot of rules, and you are not expected to know them all, but below is a list of some important rules that should guide juniors.

Golf Clubs: You are allowed to carry as many as 14 clubs in your bag, but you won't need nearly that many when you're first learning!

Tee Box: As long as you tee up between the two markers, you are fine, and you can tee as far back as the length of two drivers.

Be Sure to Use Your Own Ball: While this may sound like an obvious rule, it can be difficult because of all of the similar looking balls on the course.

On the Green: Once your golf ball is at rest on the green you are allowed to mark it with a coin or a similar object. Once the marker is in place you are allowed to lift the golf ball and you are also allowed to clean it.

With respect to the flagstick, a player now has the option to either keep it in place or to remove it from the hole when putting.

Play your Ball as it Lies: Always play the ball where it comes to rest, unless the Rules allow you to do otherwise.

Out of Bounds and Lost Balls: When your golf ball is out of bounds it means that you aren't allowed to hit the ball. Out of bounds lines are normally identified by white stakes or boundary fences. If your golf ball goes out of bounds you are required to replay the shot from the same position and a one-shot penalty also needs to be added to your score on the hole.

The Person Furthest from the Hole Plays First: This is mostly for safety reasons, so that no one gets hurt by a golf ball. However, some people play "ready golf" which means that the person that is ready can go first.

Lost Ball: You are only allowed to spend 3 minutes looking for your ball.

**HAVE A GREAT SEASON!**