

BMGC Junior Section

Junior and Parents Code of Conduct



Parents Pledge:

- I pledge to use positive encouragement to support my child. I understand that the top three reasons children play sports are to have fun, to make new friends and to learn new skills.
- I understand that the game is for the players and I will keep sport in the proper perspective.
- I understand that mistakes are an inevitable part of any game and that people learn from their mistakes.
- I understand that children are born with different abilities and that the true measure is not how my child compares to others, but how he/she is doing in comparison to his/her best self.
- I pledge to "Honour the Game". I understand the importance of setting a good example for my child. No matter what others may do, I will show respect for all involved in the game.
- Whilst on the course, I will refrain from giving any golfing advice to my child or others in the group.
- I will avoid going onto the tee boxes or greens (Super Tigers and 18 Holes Juniors only).
- I may push a trolley if my child requires assistance, but I will not provide any golfing advice.
- If I am a spectator (not directly involved with pushing a trolley) on the course, I will remain a minimum of 25m from play and will always be conscious of my location in relation to the groups in front and behind.
- I agree that BMGC may use photographs taken during events for use on social media.
- If I have a grievance or concern with how the section is operating, I will contact the Junior Organiser in the first instance to discuss the matter.

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Junior Pledge:

I understand that the core values we are trying to learn are respect, enjoyment, discipline and sportsmanship. To help achieve this, I will always remember these simple rules:

- I will respect all other players.
- I will play fairly and by the rules of the game at all times.
- I will be generous when I win and gracious when I lose.
- I will always accept official decisions and never argue.
- I will be a good role model and never be rude or hurtful to others.
- I will treat the course and my equipment with respect.

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Preparation, Etiquette and General Rules of Play

A few simple steps will help ensure an acceptable speed of play and that everyone enjoys their round:

- Prepare your equipment for play
 - Make sure you have all necessary equipment and accessories before arriving at the tee.
- Arrive at the golf club in plenty of time to check-in, collect cards, pay green fees etc.
 - You must arrive on the tee at least **10 minutes** before your tee off time. This allows sufficient time to meet your opponents, swap cards and generally prepare for the round.
- Be ready to play
 - If you're second, third or fourth to tee off, make sure you are ready to play when it's your turn. On the tee, take your driver out of the bag, head cover off and have your ball and tee in your hand so when it's your turn, you're ready to go.
 - Keep a close eye on your opponents and always know when it's your turn to play.
 - Parents / Adults should monitor the speed of play and encourage juniors to speed up if necessary.
- Playing a provisional ball
 - If your tee shot goes into the trees, bushes, gorse, long grass etc. and no one has a good fix on where it came down, hit a provisional. You'll be playing three if you can't find your original ball, but it saves time returning to the tee.
- What to do around the greens
 - Always place your bag between the green and the next tee, then take your putter and walk on to the green.
 - Do not mark scorecards on the green. Once the hole is completed, vacate the green as quickly as possible, recording scores on the next tee.
 - Repair pitch marks and always rake bunkers (enter bunkers at the closest point to your ball to avoid having to rake more sand).
- Spectators, Talking & General Noise
 - Keep quiet; avoid talking or making any noise whilst another player is taking their shot, including opening and eating food or drinks.
 - While spectators are not prohibited, their numbers should be kept to a minimum during competition play and they must remain 25m from play at all times.

Super Tigers / Juniors Specific Information

- Parents / Adults must not coach or give any advice on club selection or putting lines during a competition round.
- Parents / Adults must avoid going on the greens or tees.
- Players should be responsible for marking their ball, tending and removing the flagstick.
- Super Tigers / Juniors should mark their own cards in competition rounds, with parents assistance if necessary.
- Whenever possible, Super Tigers / Juniors should push or carry their own equipment. This will prepare them for external events, such as Wee Wonders where all players are expected to manage themselves around the course without adult intervention.

Junior Development / Progression

- Progression from Cubs to Tigers and then to Super Tigers is as defined in the BMGC Junior Development Structure.

Junior supervision during competition rounds

- Juniors under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult during all competitions rounds organised by BMGC. Over the age of 12, parents, in conjunction with the Junior Organiser, should use their own judgement as to whether the junior is capable of completing a competition round unsupervised.

Social Media Policy:

- Social media can be powerful tool for sharing personal views but parents should carefully consider the wider impact and use it for the encouragement, support and praise of juniors at Broom Manor Golf Club.