



Junior Members' 2024 Handbook

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Welcome from Tom Jackson and Oliver Ruiz, our 2024 Junior Captains.

Welcome to the 2024 Junior Season. We are excited to be back and we are sure that the Muckhart Junior Section is eager to get the season underway. Year on year we see our junior section grow vastly and it is therefore important that current members welcome in the new ones as this will significantly boost our section even further.

There's great numbers in the development groups, so this season we hope to see many of those work hard and progress up to the higher sections. We would encourage those who are in the Stage 2 section in particular to get a handicap this season, allowing them to an introduction into the world of competitive golf. It is always pleasant to see juniors playing and practicing at the club during other days as this will help them improve quickly.

On behalf of the whole Junior Section, we would like to give a massive thank you to all the volunteers who keep our section going – they take care of things such as administration, coaching, fundraising and child protection. Without them, we would not have such a successful section. We are also very fortunate to have fantastic teams of staff who work in the Pro Shop, Clubhouse Catering and green keeping.

We are delighted to be representing Muckhart Golf Club as Junior Captains this season. Andrew Ross will be our vice-captain who had a great 2023 season. If there is anything we can do to help then please do not hesitate to get in touch and let us know. We wish everyone the best of luck for the new season, play hard but most importantly, enjoy it!

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Junior Section Mission Statement

“We will provide all junior golfers and prospective junior golfers, between the ages of seven and eighteen, the opportunity to participate in an organised and inclusive golf programme that offers a fun and safe environment. We are committed to growing the game of golf through junior participation”.

Junior Membership

Application forms are available from the Club Secretary or online. Junior Membership includes the Junior Coaching Programme, as well as unlimited access to all courses and practice facilities.

Annual Fees:

- Under 12 (1st January 2024) £100
- Under 18 (1st January 2024) £130

Junior Membership Benefits

- Unlimited access to
 - All three golf courses
 - Practice facilities
- Weekly Coaching for beginner & improving players (equipment provided!)
- Access to Club Rental Programme
- Competitive golf for more experienced players
- Representative and team opportunities
- Preferential rates for junior club hire outside coaching sessions
- 10% discount on bar purchases
- 5% discount in the Pro Shop (over £10)
- Personal Membership Card
- Club Bag-tag & sticker
- Safe & friendly environment

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Consent Forms

We require all parents / carers to complete a consent form on behalf of each child. This covers, medical issues, requirements and treatment as well as media. **Please be aware that we are not able to accept children in the coaching scheme without a completed consent form.**

Forms are available to download on the web site <https://www.muckhartgolf.com/juniors> or by emailing cpo@muckhartgolf.com.

Useful information

Communication

We are very active on our dedicated Muckhart Juniors Facebook Page but our primary communication tool is email. We send regular updates as well as information on coaching and events.

Contacts

Muckhart Golf Club Pro Shop 01259 781493 shop@muckhartgolf.com	Muckhart Golf Club 01259 781423 enquiries@muckhartgolf.com
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Social Media

Facebook

Muckhart Golf Club www.facebook.com/muckhartgolf/
Juniors www.facebook.com/MuckhartGolfClubJuniorsSection/

Twitter

Muckhart Golf Club @muckhartgc
Muckhart Juniors @muckhartjuniors

Useful Websites

Muckhart Golf Club www.muckhartgolf.com
Clubgolf www.clubgolfscotland.com
Scottish Golf www.scottishgolf.org
R&A www.randa.org
Perth & Kinross Golf Union www.perthandkinrosscountygolf.net

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Junior Coaching Programme

Philosophy

Muckhart Golf Club has a proud history of accommodating a large number of junior golfers and in turn, producing juniors who have attained considerable success at junior and senior level. To maintain this success and to achieve our goal of providing an organised and inclusive golf programme that offers a fun and safe environment, we work alongside Clubgolf, the junior development division of Scottish Golf.

Our Junior Golf Programme takes place every Thursday from mid-April through to September. Timings vary between each Stage (details below). The social development of our juniors is very important. Thursday evenings in the clubhouse offers a chance for parents and juniors to socialise over a meal and a drink.

Volunteer Coaches

Under the guidance of our Junior Convener, the Junior Coaching Programme is coached by a PGA coach and supported by a motivated team of volunteers. Our thanks go to every one of these members who are all helping to nurture today's juniors and ensure the future of golf!

Technical

The Muckhart Golf Club Junior Section Coaching Programme comprises five separate stages as follows, and will focus on 5 specific disciplines :

1. Driving and Tee Shots
2. Fairway Shots
3. Approach shots [including pitching, chipping and bunker shots]
4. Putting
5. Course etiquette

Stage 1	Beginner	16.30 – 18.45	✓ Driving Range ✓ Basic instruction
Stage 2	Development	16.30 – 18.45	✓ On course learning ✓ Exposure to rules and etiquette
Stage 3	6-holes	16.30 – 18.45	✓ Weekly 6-hole on course play ✓ Preparation for full on course play
Stage 4	9-holes	17.00 tee off	✓ Weekly 9-hole competition ✓ Focus on competitive golf
Stage 5	18-holes	16:30 tee off	✓ Weekly 18-hole competition

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Pathway

Progression to the next level is based on an assessment based on pre-advised and specific criteria. Please note:

- ✓ Progression is not dependent on either the age of the junior or the length of time he or she has been in the programme. Progression can be achieved at any time through the season.

Stage 1: Beginner

Our beginner coaching provides novice golfers with an opportunity to experience golf for the first time. Through teaching fundamentals and basic techniques, beginners will improve quickly thereby increasing the enjoyment they can gain from golf.

Objectives and goals: To prepare juniors for Stage 2 : Development. Apart from technical basics, juniors will acquire rudimentary golf knowledge in areas such as club types, shot types and safety.

Equipment: In recent years, we have invested in new equipment and this is provided for juniors in Stage 1. Once our juniors are ready to progress, we are happy to advise and assist with purchasing clubs. We also run a [club rental programme](#) – details below!

Stage 2: Development

In development, golfers will gain more on course experience through lessons held on the course and by starting to play the courses. This is often a pivotal stage of development as the juniors put into practice the fundamentals they have learned in Stage 1 : Beginner.

Objectives and goals: To attain the playing level required to progress to Stage 3 : 6-holes. Coaching specific skills such as driving, fairway shots, chipping, pitching and putting ensures that a solid playing foundation is built.

Stage 3: 6-Holes

Having attained the required playing ability, Stage 3 : 6-hole golfers will now receive training that will enable them to play golf not only to their proven ability, but with full knowledge of what is required of them as golfers - etiquette, pace of play, composure, scoring, rules and conduct.

Objectives and goals: With Stage 4 as the next step, golfers in Stage 3 : 6-hole golfers are able to see what is needed for them to make that transition. They will have to demonstrate the skills, knowledge and maturity required to be on the course, often unsupervised.

Stage 4 : 9-holes

9-hole golfers will play a 9-hole event each week. By the time a junior has reached Stage 4, he or she should be comfortable on the course and well versed in course etiquette and tournament protocols.

Objectives and goals: To prepare juniors for Stage 5 : 18-holes. The primary objective is to attain a national handicap and thereby become eligible to play in 18-hole events. The ultimate goal of Stage 4 golfers is to attain the criteria required to progress to Stage 5 : 18-holes. This criteria is detailed below and all players will be assessed according to that criteria.

Stage 5 : 18-holes

At this stage golfers play an 18-hole event each week. By the time they reach this stage, juniors will have attained a national handicap and implemented the skills, knowledge and maturity required to be on the course unsupervised.

Objectives and goals: To achieve a steady handicap reduction and compete in the numerous prestigious junior tournaments at the club.

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Child Protection and Safety

Child Protection Officer

Hazel Musk

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Safety & Wellbeing

The safety and wellbeing of all juniors is our main priority and we are fully committed to safeguarding the welfare of all children in our care. We recognise our responsibility to promote safe practice and to protect children from harm, abuse and exploitation. Staff and volunteers are all PVG certified through Scottish Golf and will work together, embracing difference and diversity in respecting the rights of children and young people.

Please note that volunteers and golf club staff cannot be responsible for juniors outside the times specified for the commencement and completion of their coaching. This includes time spent in the clubhouse post-coaching. A parent or an appointed carer must be in attendance at these times.

Muckhart Golf Club is affiliated to Scottish Golf and recognises the policies of our governing body, as set out in it's "Children's Wellbeing Guidelines".

The following principles form the basis of our Child Protection Policy:

- ✓ The welfare of our juniors is the primary concern.
- ✓ All children, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, socio-economic status, religious belief and/or sexual identity have the right to protection from all forms of harm and abuse.
- ✓ Child protection is everyone's responsibility.
- ✓ All children have the right to express their views on all matters, which might affect them, should they wish to do so.
- ✓ It is imperative that organisations work in partnership with children and parents to promote the welfare, health and development of children.

Muckhart Golf Club is committed to:

- ✓ Promoting the health and welfare of children by providing opportunities for them to take part in golf safely.
- ✓ Respecting and promoting the rights, wishes and feelings of all children.
- ✓ Promoting and implementing appropriate procedures to safeguard the wellbeing of all children and protect them from abuse.
- ✓ Recruiting, training, supporting and supervising its staff and volunteers to adopt best practice to safeguard and protect children from abuse and to reduce risk to themselves.
- ✓ Requiring staff, members and volunteers to adopt and abide by this Policy and these procedures.
- ✓ Responding to any allegations of misconduct or abuse of children in line with this Policy and these procedures as well as implementing, where appropriate, relevant disciplinary and appeals procedures.
- ✓ Regularly monitoring and evaluating the implementation of this Policy and these procedures.

This Policy and these Procedures will be reviewed regularly:

- ✓ In accordance with changes in legislation and guidance on the protection of children.
- ✓ Following any issues or concerns raised about the protection of children at the golf club.
- ✓ In all other circumstances, at least every three years.

Weather

Please could parents / carers ensure that juniors bring suitable waterproof clothing, head protection, water bottle every week. **Coaching will take place regardless of the weather conditions as we have indoor options!**

Timekeeping / Attendance

If a junior is going to be late for coaching or needs to be collected early, please let us know as soon as possible. It is also helpful for planning if we are aware that a junior is going to be absent for a session.

Club Facilities

- ✓ Well stocked Pro Shop specialising in junior apparel – gift vouchers available!
- ✓ Extensive dining options
- ✓ Bar
- ✓ Changing / locker rooms (lockers available for rent)

Dress Code

While there is no specific dress code in place for juniors, it is preferred that junior members are attired appropriately, particularly those with access to the courses. Hats are not to be worn inside the clubhouse.

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Clubhouse, Catering & Bar

In accordance with the 2009 Licensing Act, persons below the age of 16 are not permitted in the clubhouse after 8.00pm unless they are dining and accompanied by a person over the age of 18.

Mobile Phones

Out of respect to fellow juniors and our coaches, the use of mobile phones on the courses and during coaching sessions, without permission from a coach, is strictly forbidden.

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Junior Noticeboard

The Junior Noticeboard is at the main entrance to the clubhouse. Please keep an eye on this for updates, information and news.

Lost Property

The Lost Property box is located below the Junior Noticeboard and often contains junior clothing, water bottles, junior clubs and junior gloves! Most lost property is handed in so please look in the Lost Property box if you or your child has misplaced anything. Lost membership cards that are handed in are kept at the Bar.

Club Rental Programme

Buying junior clubs is expensive as is replacing them when children grow. We run a club rental programme whereby juniors are fitted for the right size set that they then look after as their own. When they grow, they can simply bring that set back and they will be given a larger size set. This service costs £25 per calendar year. Not only is this superb value but that money goes straight back into the programme so that we can continue to buy and improve our equipment. Please contact clubhire@muckhartgolf.com for more information.

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Codes of Conduct

Juniors

Junior members of Muckhart Golf Club are expected to abide by the following code of conduct at all times:

1. Always seek to create and maintain an environment free of fear and harassment.
2. Apply golf's standards of etiquette both on and off the course including courtesy, pace of play and respect.
3. Treat others, as you would wish to be treated yourself.
4. Respect physical, cultural and racial difference.
5. Tell someone in authority if you are leaving a venue.
6. Treat organisers, coaches and golf club members with respect at all times.
7. Refuse to take part in any irresponsible, abusive, inappropriate or illegal behaviour including but not restricted to:
 - Consumption of alcohol, recreational drugs, performance-enhancing drugs or stimulants
 - Smoking
 - Use of foul or abusive language
 - Publicly using critical or disrespectful descriptions of others

Any violation of the Junior Code of Conduct will be dealt with by the Junior Convener, who will escalate any issue, as he or she deems necessary, to the golf club board. In some cases, punitive actions might include the suspension or cancellation of membership.

Parents and Carers

Parents and carers of Muckhart Golf Club junior members are expected to abide by the following code of conduct at all times:

1. Encourage your child to learn the rules and play within them.
2. Discourage unfair play and arguing with club staff/officials.
3. Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
4. Never force your child to take part in sport.
5. Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding overall good performance.
6. Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
7. Publicly accept officials' judgments.
8. Support your child's involvement focusing on enjoyment.
9. Use correct and proper language at all times.
10. Never use threatening or abusive language or behaviour towards children, officials, coaches or other parents.
11. Always notify someone if your child will not be attending or is going to be late for a coaching session or competition.

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Tournament Calendar 2024

April

Thursday	18 th	Season Opening Scramble
Thursday	25 th	Spring Medal

May

Thursday	2 nd	Ritchie Cup & Blairhill Trophy Rd. 1
Thursday	9 th	Ritchie Cup & Blairhill Trophy Rd. 2
Thursday	16 th	Ritchie Cup & Blairhill Trophy Rd. 3
Thursday	23 rd	Salmoni Cup Rd. 1
Thursday	30 th	Salmoni Cup Rd. 2

June

Thursday	6 th	Scottish Junior Masters Qualifier
Thursday	13 th	Daily Telegraph Qualifier
Thursday	20 th	Clubmasters Rosebowl
Thursday	27 th	Kumasi Cup & Wanliss Trophy Rd. 1

July

Thursday	4 th	Kumasi Cup & Wanliss Trophy Rd. 2
Thursday	11 th	Kumasi Cup & Wanliss Trophy Rd. 3
Thursday	18 th	Centenary Trophy
Thursday	25 th	Muston Trophy Rd. 1

August

Thursday	1 st	Muston Trophy Rd. 2
Thursday	8 th	Cartwright Trophy Rd. 1
Thursday	15 th	Cartwright Trophy Rd. 2
Thursday	22 nd	Hepburn Trophy Rd. 1
Thursday	29 th	Hepburn Trophy Rd. 2

September

Thursday	5 th	general round play
Thursday	12 th	general round play
Thursday	19 th	season closing scramble.
TBD		Prize Giving

Please note that dates and fixtures are subject to change

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Tournament Descriptions

Hepburn Trophy

Aggregate score over two rounds. Individual Strokeplay (Scratch 18 Holes)

Alison Houston Trophy

Individual Knockout Matchplay (Full Handicap allowance 18 Holes)

Blairhill Trophy

Best two aggregate rounds out of three. Individual Strokeplay (Scratch 18 Holes)

Centenary Trophy

One Round. Individual Strokeplay (Handicap 18 Holes)

Clubmasters Rosebowl

One Round. Individual Stableford (Handicap 18 Holes)

Cartwright Trophy

Aggregate over two rounds. Individual Strokeplay (Handicap 18 Holes)

Junior Masters

One round. Individual Strokeplay (Handicap 18 Holes). Top four players progress to knockout matchplay

Kumasi Cup

Best two aggregate rounds out of three. Individual Strokeplay (Handicap 18 Holes)

Muston Trophy

Aggregate over two rounds. Individual Strokeplay (Handicap 18 Holes)

Ritchie Cup

Best two aggregate rounds out of three. Individual Strokeplay (Handicap 18 Holes)

Salmoni Cup

Aggregate over two rounds. Individual Strokeplay (Handicap 18 Holes). Top four players progress to knockout matchplay

Wanliss Trophy

Best two aggregate rounds out of three. Individual Strokeplay (Scratch 18 Holes)

Girls' Quaich

6 hole competition open to girls with a handicap of 37+ or no handicap. To be played from the forward blue tees.

Hart Trophy

Recognises potential in a junior players.

Dave Donegan Cup

Winner of 9 hole section over the season

Season Opener / Closer

Team Texas Scramble (Handicap)

Events for your diary!

2024 Muckhart Junior Open

Date to be decided. This is open to all juniors under 18, with a national handicap. The Junior Open is part of the Perth & Kinross County series. We encourage all Stage 5 players to play in this excellent series.

Junior Bell's Trophy

4-player (handicap 6+) Perth & Kinross county team event. Muckhart Golf Club are semi finalists in 2023 with the final yet to be completed in early 2024, finalists in 2016 & 2019 and champions in 2017! Dates for 2024 are yet to be confirmed.

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2023 Junior Roll of Honour

Hepburn Trophy (Strokeplay Championship)

Champion: Lewis Seath
Runner-up: Douglas Brown

Alison Houston Trophy (Matchplay Championship)

Champion: Not Awarded
Runner-up: Not Awarded

Hart Trophy	Not Awarded
Girls' Quaich	Chloe Combe
Spring Medal	Tom Jackson
Dave Donegan Cup	Not Awarded
Blairhill Trophy (Scratch)	Oliver Ruiz
Wanliss Trophy (Scratch)	Oliver Ruiz
Junior Masters (Matchplay)	Douglas Brown
Salmoni Cup (Matchplay)	Final to be played in April 2024
Cartwright Trophy (Handicap)	Douglas Brown
Centenary Trophy (Handicap)	Douglas Brown
Clubmasters Rosebowl (Handicap)	Oliver Ruiz
Juvenile Medal Trophy (Handicap)	Douglas Brown
Kumasi Cup (Handicap)	Douglas Brown
Muston Trophy (Handicap)	Douglas Brown
Ritchie Cup (Handicap)	Andrew Ross

Congratulations!

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