



# REDCLIFFE GOLF CLUB – JUNIORS

Handbook

Welcome to Redcliffe Golf Club and the Junior Program

## **Mission Statement:**

Our team at Redcliffe Golf Club is dedicated to helping our juniors develop golf and life skills through a variety of fun and competitive programs both on and off the golf course. We seek to provide the ultimate learning and playing environment for your child in an enjoyable and social atmosphere that will benefit all skills levels.

With that mission statement in mind our coaches have designed a junior program that is beneficial to children of all ages and abilities, that keep them coming back each week for more.

## **Clinics:**

- Beginners – Saturday 11:45-12:45pm - Term (9 weeks) \$90.00 or \$12.00 each week  
This level has been designed to introduce children to the basics/fundamentals of golf. The coaches are teaching grip, set up, posture, swing and short game. We are introducing the game, skills tests, cover all aspects of the game including short and long game. The children participating at this level will be on the driving range/short practice facilities only.  
At this point the children don't require their own equipment, the coaches will supply if need be.
  
- Intermediates – Saturday 11:45-12:45pm - Term (9 weeks) \$90.00 or \$12.00 each week  
This level clinic is perfect for children who have completed the beginner's clinic and have intermediate golf skills. This clinic builds on previous knowledge and covers new areas of development such as pitching, long shots, distance control and green reading techniques, along with fun skills tests. At this level the children are progressing onto the golf course and competing in the 3, 8- and 11-hole competitions that the club runs for the juniors.  
At this point the children do require their own equipment (clubs and buggies).
  
- Elite – Thursday 4:00-5:00pm Term (9 weeks) \$180.00  
Juniors will be approached by coaches to attend this class. The juniors participating in this class will need to meet the following requirements:
  - Will be competing in either 18- or 11-hole club events
  - Will be competing in regular outside club tournaments/events (may it be 18- or 9-hole events)
  - Juniors will have their own equipment
  - Juniors will in most cases hold an 18-hole handicap
  
- Tuesday on course – Tuesday 4pm – 5pm – Term (9 weeks) FREE  
Tuesday on course sessions has been designed to allow the children to practice out on course with the coaches. These sessions have been designed to allow the children get advice and training from coaches while competing on course. This session is ideally for players competing in the 3,8- and 11-hole competitions on Saturday's

**On Course Competitions – Saturday's from 12:48pm – Term (9 weeks) \$10.00 each for 3, 8-, 11-holes and \$13.00 each for 18 holes.**

Here at Redcliffe we offer 3, 8, 11- and 18-hole competitions for the juniors.

18-hole tee times: 12:48-1:00pm

11-hole tee times: 1:06-1:24pm

8-hole tee times: 1:24-1:42pm

3-hole tee times: 1:48-2:00pm

All tee times are approximate apart from the 18-hole tee times.

The Junior Co-Ordinator will be organizing the groups, please do not pre-arrange or change groups without seeking permission.

As soon as the last players have finished and handed their scorecards to the junior coordinator a presentation will commence in the clubhouse. Please remember to take your hat off as it is common courtesy in all golf course clubhouses. We aim to have everyone finishing at the same time, so that most players can stay for presentations. To help with the children's development in public speaking if a child win's a prize they will be asked to say a small thank you speech.

### **Outside Club Junior Competitions:**

At the back of this Redcliffe Junior Calendar we have created a calendar that has a list of outside tournaments for the junior to compete. These tournaments are run by the following junior golf development programs:

- Junior Golf Queensland (JGQ): has been established by Golf Australia to provide the sport of junior golf with a more coordinated and structured approach to junior development and participation across the state.
- The Invincibles – Sunshine Coast Junior Golf Tour (INV): strive to promote integrity and sportsmanship in a safe and friendly environment. They also provide the kids with the best opportunity to follow their dreams and meet new friends.
- Glass House Mountains Golf Zone (GMGZ): is responsible for the running of junior programs and coaching clinics and the selection of juniors for the annual zone coaching programs that have been put in place.

It is important to remember that when competing in these tournaments the junior and parents are representing Redcliffe Golf Club.

Like most sporting clubs and entities, we want to be promoting the following code of ethics:

- respecting others and treating them with dignity, regardless of their gender, ability, ethnicity or religion
- celebrating personal growth and the love of the game as much as winning
- supporting all participants, including athletes, coaches, officials, regardless of skill level
- honouring the spirit of the sport, playing by the rules and prioritising the safety and welfare of all participants
- acting with fairness and integrity in the pursuit of sport excellence, advocating against abuse of alcohol and performance enhancing and illegal drugs
- accepting responsibility for all my speech, actions and behavior
- treating other participants as I would like to be treated

As a club we strongly believe that both children and parents should be upholding themselves to these code of ethic standards. If discovered that our members and family members don't uphold these standards at the code or while representing the club at other tournaments, disciplinary action will made.

When a child becomes a member of our juniors at Redcliffe Golf Club, they will be required to sign a code of ethics form provided. We also have a code of ethics form to be filled out and signed by the parents of junior golfer.

### **Etiquette:**

Clinics

- Children are to listen to coach's direction
- Children are to show respect to coaches and other participants in the clinic

- Parents are to show respect to coaches
- Let the coaches coach and run the clinic as they see fit.

#### On course

- It is rude to talk or fidget while others are playing a shot. It is polite to not walk on someone's "line" while putting.
- Please avoid walking over or too close to the hole as this can damage it quite easily. If you make a "plug" mark on the green, you need to repair it. We will show you how to do this later.
- Parents/Guardians can assist the group by holding or "attending" the flag.
- If you take a divot on the fairway, please remember to fill it in with sand! (Remember to take a sand bucket out before you go play holes!)

#### Safety:

Clinics - The coaches will go through safety pre-cautions at the beginning of each clinic with the children. The safety pre-cautions that we as a club like to promote are:

- No swinging of golf clubs unless it is in the designated area (within clinic) or unless the child is instructed to
- To collect balls when instructed by coaches.
- No hitting of golf balls if there are people in front of you
- No hitting of golf balls at people

On the Course - On the course we ask the children to consider the following when they are playing:

- Before you have a practice, swing or play a shot, make sure NO ONE is standing close or in front of you.
- When you hit the ball, make sure that the people in front of you are out of range.
- If you think that your shot might be heading towards someone, you must yell FORE!

#### Dress Code:

##### Beginner Clinic

- Hat is a must
- Shirts with sleeves (no singlets)
- Closed in shoes is a must

##### Intermediate clinic and Competition

In case you can't wear it, here are a few dress regulations you need to follow:

##### Boys:

- Tailored shorts, collared shirt, sports or walk socks (must cover ankle)
- No t-shirts
- No shirts with slogans
- No board shorts
- No singlets
- No football socks
- No track suit pants (In winter, longer warm pants are acceptable!)

##### Girls:

- Collared shirt, or Sleeveless shirt that has a collar
- Skirt/Skort, shorts or long pants
- No backless tops
- No tube or sun tops

- No singlets
- No bike pants or leggings

All golfers MUST wear enclosed footwear!  
 Dress standards also apply to all adults as well, whether competing or caddying.

### Scoring:

When the children are participating in 3, 8, 11- and 18-holes scorecards will be given to the children. It is important for the children to learn how to score and keep track of their scores and their opponents score.

You will be given a scorecard before any competition. The first thing you must do is write your name, handicap and the date. You then must swap cards with your playing partners, so that you do not mark your own scorecard. Remember to count every shot, including if you have an air swing, and penalty shots too. If you or your playing partners have more than 8 shots before the green you must pick your ball up and place it on the front of the green. If you have more than 4 putts, please pick up. This means the maximum you can have on any one hole is 12. It will help to keep the speed of play up.

A “scorer” is required in each group. This is a parent / someone who is not caddying for someone in the group. They are to be the person to make decisions on rulings, and if it can't be resolved, the scorer is to ring whoever is the point of contact for that day.

Once you have completed your round, you are to add up all the shots your partner has taken, write in the “Gross” column, write your Handicap, then in the “Nett” column you write the score minus your handicap. You then must sign your name (or famous-to-be autograph!) in the “Markers” space, swap back your card so you can sign your card as the “Player”!

**IMPORTANT: *Cheating is not acceptable at Redcliffe Golf Club. Cheating includes moving your ball into a better position (away from a tree etc.), deliberately miscounting your score, not playing a hole and writing a score down, miscounting air swings, or any form of improving your score that is against the rules. There will be times where you might forget a shot or two, but if it is a regular occurrence and is proven intentional, there will be consequences. 1st Offence = Warning. 2nd Offence = 3-week suspension 3rd Offence = 6-month ban.***

### Slow Play:

If your group has a bit of trouble finding lost balls, or you are just falling behind, the best option is to let the group behind through. If you need to do this, make sure you are standing behind designated fences, or find some thick trees to hide behind. Golf balls hurt!!!

### Definition of Competitions:

- Single Stroke – All shots are counted, including air swings
- Single Stableford – Depending on your handicap, you get points for different scores. Double bogey = 0 points (if you reach a double bogey and haven't put the ball in the hole pick the ball up), Bogey = 1 point, Par = 2 Points, Birdie = 3 Points, Eagle = 4 points, Albatross = 4 points.
- Foursomes – A two-person team, with partners playing one ball and alternating the shot. Player A must tee off all odd numbered holes, whilst Players B must tee off all even numbered holes.
- Bring a Friend Day – Bring a friend who might like to try golf and have a fun day out. You both tee off and pick the best shot. Both play a second and pick the best shot. Continue until the ball is in the hole. The friend must be under the age of 17 (not a parent/adult)

- 5 Club Challenge – All players must only use 5 clubs of their choice; all other clubs must stay out of the bag.
- 4BBB Stroke – the lowest Nett score of the partners is recorded as the score for each hole is recorded in the Player(s) Result column (i.e. If a player scores 5 on a hole on which they are allocated one stroke by the Stroke Index, their Nett score for that hole is 4). The actual number of shots played by the player that scored the lowest Nett score must also be recorded in the appropriate column.
- Family Fun Day – This is a foursome’s event. A junior is teamed up with a family member and plays alternate shots. All juniors are to tee off with family member playing all even number shots.
- Sponsor Appreciation Day – We invite the sponsors of the junior program to join the juniors in a 4-person Ambrose event. All players tee off and the best shot is selected. Same format as a 2 ball Ambrose
- 2 Ball Ambrose – both players tee off and pick the best shot. They play from there continuing to pick the best shot each time.

#### **Honour Board Events:**

- Autumn Cup: is played as a single stroke competition. This event is played over 3 rounds, with the best two net scores being collated.
- Winter Cup: is played as a single stroke competition. This event is played over 3 rounds, with the best two net scores being collated.
- Monthly Medal (Single Stroke Event) – The lowest Nett score is the winner
- Sub Junior Championships: Overall champion is the best Gross score over the 2 rounds. There will be boys and girls division. Also, Nett Champion for the best 2 nett scores.

#### **Definitions of Common Terminology:**

- Bunkers: They are classified as a “hazard”, which means your club is not allowed to touch the ground/sand/surface. Remember to look for the lowest part of the bunker when walking in, and don’t forget to rake your footprints and shot marks when you finish! **3 Holers – you get to have a maximum of two (2) shots in a bunker before getting a free drop out!**
- Water Hazards: If you or your playing partners lose your ball in a “hazard” (water, dense scrub, anything beyond red and white or yellow and white stakes), you can either replay the shot from where you are or drop a ball within two club lengths from where the ball went in. (There is another option, but we will get into that one later.)

We cannot wait to see you all out and about on the practice fairway and the golf course. Remember everyone is a friend, so all we ask of you is to bring a smile each week and keep enjoying the great game we love to call....

**GOLF!!!**