



## **Policy: Junior Members**

**Rationale:** To introduce, support and foster our junior golfers so as provide them the opportunity to achieve their golfing goals.

### **Definition:**

All persons who, as at the 1st. January, are under the age of 18 years and who have attained the standard of play acceptable to the Junior Committee, Match Committee and Redcliffe Golf Professional and who have been admitted to such Membership under these rules.

### **Procedure:**

In line with the Redcliffe Golf Club Constitution, the Management Committee shall sponsor junior members and shall therefore allow such juniors to:

- use the Club's facilities
- participate in Club competitions
- provide the opportunity for ongoing development through training programs run by the clubs PGA professionals
- provide designated junior time slots on Saturdays in the competition of the day.

### **Use of Club facilities**

Junior members shall be permitted to use all club facilities however shall not be permitted to drive golf carts until such time as they have obtained a QLD drivers licence or at the discretion of the Director of Golf. Junior members shall not be permitted to purchases or consume alcohol at any time that they are on the club premises.

### **Attainment of a Golf Australia Handicap**

Junior members who have not already attained a GA handicap will be required to undertake the process detailed below to gain their GA Handicap:

- The Club Professional is to determine the junior member skills needed to achieve the required playing standard,
- The junior member shall be required to complete three (3) × 18-hole rounds on the blue course for boys and red course for girls,
- Junior members are required to walk, and caddies are not permitted. The junior member is required to meet all requirements of the round themselves, including pushing their own equipment and scoring the round,
- The junior member will be accompanied by a mentor or staff member of Redcliffe Golf Club

- To be successful in gaining a GA Handicap the junior member will be required to average a score of 107 or better for boys or 109 or better for girls this is equivalent to a GA handicap of 36 or better

### **Competition participation**

Junior members shall be permitted to compete in junior designated events a minimum of two juniors are required to constitute a competition. Junior boys shall play from the designated men's course of the day and junior girls shall play from the primary designated women's course as stipulated by the women's match committee. Junior members shall also be permitted to participate in club competitions appropriate to gender.

However, if on a given day there are insufficient women members to form a woman's competition then junior girls shall be permitted to play in the men's competition if they elect to do so. When junior girls elect to play in the men's competition, they shall be required to play the designated men's course of the day. The junior girls daily handicap shall be determined by the woman's slope rating for that designated course and shall play the course to the woman's par rating and using the woman's stroke index.

### **Ongoing development**

The Redcliffe Golf Club Director of Golf shall ensure that a programme for the ongoing development of junior members is provided for those that elect to take part.

### **Designated tee time on Saturdays**

The Redcliffe Golf Club shall provide sufficient designated tee times for junior members that have not yet attained a GA handicap of 17 or less to ensure that they are provided with an opportunity to play in the Saturday competition. Junior members that have attained a GA of 17 or less shall be permitted to book their round in the main body of the field as per normal booking procedures for other members. This is in acknowledgment that those junior members with a GA of 17 or less have attained a standard of play that will see them be able to maintain the pace of play and will benefit from being able to play with members of higher skill levels to further develop their game.

Where there are insufficient junior members to make a group in the designated junior tee time the staff in the pro shop are to place the junior members into open spaces in the main field if there are any available.

The Redcliffe Golf Club on occasion may not allocate designated junior tee times. Such occasions will include the Men's Club Championships, and any/all shot gun starts. On these occasions, all junior members may place their name on the time sheet in accordance with normal club procedures.

Approved and Endorsed by the Redcliffe Golf Club Management Committee June 2021