

JUNIOR GOLF

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THE PURPOSE OF THIS BOOKLET

This booklet has been written to assist parents and juniors to understand what programs, competitions and facilities are available to junior members at Lakeside Golf Club Camden

INTRODUCTION

The Lakeside Golf Club Camden Junior program exists to promote the enjoyment of golf and provide opportunities for our Juniors to develop golf skills in a friendly and structured environment. The Junior program provides participants a pathway to obtaining a handicap and playing in competitions that are reflective of the development of each Junior.

COMMITTEE

Junior Golf is in the control of the Golf Advisory Committee (GAC) & Teaching Professionals.

RESPONSIBILITY

Whilst the Club takes all measures to provide a safe environment for all, no child under 18 should be left at the Club without a Parent/Guardian in attendance.

GUIDELINES FOR PROGRESSION

These guidelines are to assist Junior's and their parents to understand how a young Golfer may progress their golf from where they are currently, to gaining a Golf Australia Handicap and playing in competitions.

There are several clinics run throughout the year and competitions run by the Club & Teaching Professionals, designed to assist each junior progress and improve their golf. It is recommended that a Junior who has not played before, attends one of the Beginner clinics. This will teach the basic golf swing and will provide them with the opportunity to learn more about golf and how to enjoy the game before playing any competitions. These clinics will also teach the Junior about golf etiquette and on course behaviour.



GOLF CLINICS

The junior golf program is operated by professionals from Absolute Golf during the school term on Saturday afternoons. A copy of the junior program is available from the golf shop. The clinics cover a wide range of golfing topics initially focusing on fundamentals of golf.

Beginners do not need to be members to participate and do not need their own equipment. Clubs and balls are provided for the clinics

Beginners	Intermediate	Elite
1-hour lessons learning basic skills on the range and putting green. Including aim, connection, balance, swing shape, chipping and putting.	1 ½ hour session learning finer skills on the range, putting green and on the course. Approx. 40% of the time is spent on the course working on real golf situations. Includes driving, distance control, curving shots, pitching, bunkers, putting practice and on course skills.	Private lessons allowing work on areas of each players game which are individual to the player. Time can be spent on the range or on the course, depending upon availability.

Cadets Golf

Golfers from the Intermediate and Elite squads may move into our cadet's golf which includes 9 holes every Saturday, playing with their friends for prizes and securing a golf Australia handicap. Once a junior demonstrates some proficiency with their swing, pitching and putting, our teaching professional will assess whether he/she is ready to step up to the next level.

Clinic Times

When: Saturday afternoons during school terms.

Time: Beginners: 2pm – 3pm Intermediate: 3pm – 4.30pm

Duration: 10-week program.

Cost: \$20 per week or \$110 for 10-week term. (at Jan 1, 2020)

Elite Group

When: by appointment only.

Duration: 3 private lessons per 10-week school term

Cost: \$125 per school term – Includes 3 private lessons.



MEMBERSHIP

There are two categories of membership for juniors:

- Cadet Membership (8 to 17 years)
 - Beginners to intermediate and may gain a Golf Australia (GA) Handicap by playing in the 9 hole Saturday Junior Competition.
- Junior Membership (aged 12 to 17 years)
 - Must have a current Golf Australia (GA) Handicap.
 - May play in 9 hole Junior Competitions and
 - May play in 18 hole competitions after meeting teaching professional's specific criteria & approval from the GAC.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

- Cadet (aged 8 to 17) \$ 75
- Junior (aged 12 to 17) \$235

COMPETITION FEES

- 9 hole competitions \$5
- *Members competitions
 - Mid week \$15
 - Weekend \$20

(playing in members competitions may be restricted)

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Unlimited golf for 12 months (walking)
- Unlimited use of driving range
- Administration of Golf Australia Handicap
- Discount on catering purchases
- Personalised membership card
- FREE golf balls from our ball donation drives

APPLICATIONS: Membership Application Forms are available from the Golf Shop.

ACTIVE KIDS REBATE PROGRAM

We are an Active Kids Rebate Provider and accept vouchers issued by the NSW Government for payment of fees. Details are available at - <https://sport.nsw.gov.au/sectordevelopment/activekids>



INFORMATION: All Juniors and Parents should familiarize themselves with the following books, which will provide information on events, rules and etiquette:

- Lakeside Policies & Fixtures book
- Rules of Golf
- Golf Etiquette – A Guide to Golf Behaviour



JUNIOR & CADET WEEKLY COMPETITIONS

The 9 Hole Saturday Afternoon Competition for Junior Club Members, is designed for those who have progressed, are of intermediate standard and have shown a suitable level of proficiency in their golf game, including etiquette and rules. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to walk around with the players.

The competition is handicapped in accordance with Golf Australia's handicapping system that provides the opportunity to win and lower handicaps.

It is strongly recommended that Juniors & Cadets continue in the clinics, even if they commence playing in competitions. This will provide the Junior with the best opportunity to improve their skill level and prepare them for their progression in the game.

CLUB COMPETITION GUIDELINES

Progression to Club Competitions

Cadet Members are not eligible to play in Club Member Competitions.

Cadet Members, after assessment by the Golf Professional must seek approval from the GAC to become a Junior Member & before playing in any member's 18 hole competition.

The GAC will take into consideration, the recommendation of the Golf Professional, the age, handicap, handicap history, ability, knowledge of rules and etiquette, of the boy or girl before giving approval.

Juniors Playing in Members Competitions .

Cadets are not permitted to play in Members Competitions at any time.

Juniors must seek approval from the Golf Advisory Committee (GAC) before being eligible to compete in Members Competitions.

The player must also have a person prepared to be responsible during a round of golf.



- Competition Fee: The standard fee for the day, set by the Board of Directors, will be payable
- Competition will be played from the Tee markers for the days play. No more than two juniors in a group.
- Bookings: **Once approved** to play in Members Competitions:
 - Saturday – bookings to fill vacant positions for junior boys to play in the men' s competition may be made **after 1pm** the day preceding the event via the Golf Shop. Junior girls will be placed in the ladies competition.
 - Exception: Junior Members with an A Grade handicap may book in at any time by contacting the Golf Shop. i.e. up to two weeks in advance.
 - Other Competition Days – Play must be after 10:30am and may be made through the Golf Shop once sheets become available – no more than two juniors in the group. Junior girls may play in the ladies Tuesday competition.

ELIGIBILITY FOR JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Junior Club Championship is open to Junior Boy Members and consists of two (2) rounds of golf with each round consisting of 18 holes. Juniors must be a member of the club for at least 3 months prior to the Championship, and under the age of 18 at the commencement of the event to be eligible to participate.

(Note: Cadet Members are ineligible).

REPRESENTING THE CLUB

Golfers from our Cadet's golf and regular members competition players may be invited to represent the Club in Encourage Shield, Junior Pennant as well as Eric Apperly Shield or especially designed State run Junior and Colt (U21) Interclub tournaments which allow our club members to become competitive and grow as players.

The objective of the Encourage Shield is to provide young golfers with the opportunity to test their skills and learn match play competition in an environment that is fun, supportive and free of undue interference.

Junior Tournament Rebate: Junior members can take advantage of claiming Entry Fees to Junior Tournaments up to \$300 per annum by completing the Junior Rebate Application Form available from the Golf Shop.



CONDUCT

Junior & Cadet Members are required to:

- Behave and listen to all instructions
- Take care of equipment owned by the golf club
- Show respect to other members
- Play fairly & honestly
- Respect officials & accept decisions with dignity
- Follow the club's Golfing & By Laws & Policies

Juniors must adhere to the Clubs dress code and be neat and tidy at all times.

- We wear collared shirts to protect us from sunburn.
- We don't wear denim as it is too hot.
- We wear soft soled lace up shoes to protect our course.
- We use sunscreen and always wear a cap or hat to protect us from the sun
- We also keep hydrated at all times!
- Juniors are not permitted to drive the club's **motorised carts**.

All golfers playing in competitions are expected to keep up with the group in front. Some tips to help keep up with the "Pace of Play"

- Be ready to play.
- Plan ahead.
- Limit your pre-shot routine to **1 shot**.
- Hit first, then search.
- Hit first, then talk.

Parents & Guardians Conduct

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others & remember that your child participates in sport for their own enjoyment, not yours. Do not pressure them.
- Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing & show appreciation for good performances and skilful plays by all players (including opposing players).
- Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility especially when dealing with or in the vicinity of persons under 18 years of age, as your words and actions are an example.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise & do not physically or verbally abuse or harass anyone associated with the sport (player, coach, umpire and so on).
- Be a positive role model & understand the repercussions if you breach, or are aware of any breaches of this code of behaviour.

Incidents of poor behaviour will be addressed by the Golf Advisory Committee.



TEACHING PROFESSIONALS

Jeff Mansfield has been a fully qualified Golf Professional since 1994. Jeff organised and managed Junior Golf programs at Wentworth Falls CC (1994 – 2005) and Wallacia GC (2005- 2012).

While at Wentworth Falls CC, Jeff was involved in setting up and running the Blue Mountains DGA Junior Golf Camp from 1997 to 2002 and was head coach of the South West Sydney Academy of Sport Golf Team. 2007 to 2008.

Jeff has been at Lakeside since 2014 providing coaching to the cadets and juniors and children from local schools.

GOLF FOR GIRLS

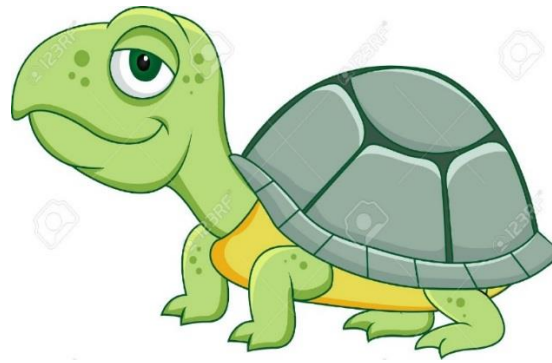
The Golf for Girls programme is an introduction to golf for girls aged 7-14 to learn the basic skills and etiquette of the game of golf in a safe environment.

The clinics are run during the school holidays by the lady members of Lakeside Golf Club Camden and are fun and girls do not need to be members of the club.

Girls can show their interest in receiving notifications by going to lakesidegirlsgolf@gmail.com.



Yes, YOU Can Beat Slow Play!



5 hours to play a round is unacceptable at Lakeside.

Golfers don't "play slowly" however, they can waste 10-20 seconds here and there. If each player in a foursome trims just 30 seconds a hole that equates to a saving of up to half an hour over 18 holes.

Some time savers YOU can take on board....

- If you wear a glove, leave it on or put it on when you are doing something other than preparing to play your shot.
- Hit first, then search.
- Hit first, then talk.
- Leave the head covers in your car.
- Tighten your pre-shot routine (one practice swing)
- Be ready to play
- Plan ahead.
- Nudge the group ahead.

These hints were taken from <https://www.australiangolfdigest.com.au/yes-can-beat-slow-play/>



NOTES



CLUB FACILITIES

Facilities provided by Lakeside Golf Club Camden for Members:

- 18 Hole Championship Course
- Driving Range - Including range balls
- Practice Putting Green
- Fully equipped golf shop
- Bistro and catering facilities



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