



Junior Boys and Girls Handbook 2026



Welcome from the Laytown & Bettystown Golf Club Captains & Presidents for 2026

On behalf of Laytown & Bettystown Golf Club Captains, Presidents and Junior Committee we would like to welcome you as a new or returning member for the year 2026.

Over the last number of seasons, the Junior Committee has worked extremely hard to develop new and exciting initiatives for our junior members. As we put you, the junior member, at the forefront of decisions made around programmes and activities our junior section over the years has grown.

Although some content may change, the Junior Committee remains dedicated in its primary purpose; and that is to promote golf as a lifelong sport that can be enjoyed by any age or any standard.

We are delighted to continue our strong relationships and partnerships with the golfing governing bodies who enable us to run a sustainable junior section.

We hope that you will enjoy participating in the junior competition programme and that you will have the opportunity to represent Laytown & Bettystown Golf Club on one of our junior teams. We look forward to working with you during the year and we hope that you enjoy being a junior member of our club.

Best wishes for the 2026 season.

Mr Oliver O'Sullivan – Captain of the Men's Club

Mrs Margaret Smith – Captain of the Ladies Club

Mr Michael Mee – President of the Men's Club

Mrs Alice O'Neill – President of the Ladies Club

Tom Gogarty/Andrew Robertson – Junior Captains

Martha Breheny – Junior Captain



Welcome from the Junior Convenor & Junior Committee 2026

We hope that being a member of our Club will prove to be an enjoyable experience for you. For those of you that are beginning your golf journey we aim to give you the best possible opportunity to learn golf in a **fun** and **safe** environment and develop your skills so that you can progress at a rate that is suitable for your individual needs. For those who are progressing, we hope you will avail of the opportunity to enter and play in competitions with other members as well as have the opportunity to be selected for team events.

As the Junior Convenor, I work with a group of adult volunteers called the Junior Committee who are there to help you as best we can and ensure your experience at our Club is a positive one. In turn, we ask that you uphold the rules of the club and always behave in a manner of which you can be proud.

Golf Clubs can be busy and sometimes scary places especially if you are new and unsure where things are or who is there to help you. It is hoped that by reading this handbook, a lot of your questions will be answered and if they are not covered, that you at least know who to contact to find out the answer.

Mission Statement

The aim of our Junior Section of Laytown & Bettystown Golf Club is to help you to enjoy your golf at whatever level you may aspire to. We also hope to make your golfing experience one of fun in a friendly and safe environment, where great and lasting friendships can be made.

We are looking forward to a great year working with all of our junior members at Laytown & Bettystown Golf Club.

Conor Breheny
Junior Convenor
& Club Children's Officer

Junior Committee 2026

Liz Wade
Gillian O'Byrne
Gavin Byrne - Club Pro
Aimee Wickham – Designated Liaison Officer
Brian Harkin

Scott Robertson
Colin Cooney
Conor Breheny



Child Safeguarding Statement

Laytown & Bettystown Golf Club is fully committed to safeguarding the wellbeing of juniors. Every individual in golf should at all times, show respect and understanding for all member's rights, safety and welfare and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of Laytown & Bettystown Golf Club and the guidelines contained in the Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport, Laytown & Bettystown Golf Club Safeguarding Policy and Golf's Safeguarding Policy.

Laytown & Bettystown Golf Club's first priority is the welfare of junior's and we are committed to providing an environment that will allow participants to perform to the best of their ability, free from neglect, emotional, physical and sexual abuse, bullying and intimidation. All leaders within Laytown & Bettystown Golf Club undergo the necessary Garda Vetting, sign codes of conduct and complete the appropriate safeguarding training as required by legislation and best practice.

Laytown & Bettystown Golf Club written Risk Assessment document indicates the areas of potential risk of harm, the likelihood of the risk occurring and gives the required policy, guidance and procedures required to alleviate these risks. In addition to our risk assessment document described above, there are further procedures that support our intention to safeguard children whilst they are availing of our activities. Laytown & Bettystown Golf Club has the following procedures in place as part of our Safeguarding Policies:

Procedures for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct by staff or volunteers against a child availing of our activities

Procedures for the safe recruitment of staff and volunteers to work with children in our activities

Procedures for access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm

Procedure for reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Statutory Authorities

For further information in relation to safeguarding juniors or if you have a concern please contact our Club Children's Officer/Designated Liaison Person person(s) below. If you feel that a junior is in immediate danger contact Tusla or An Garda Síochána.

Designated Liaison Person – **Aimee Wickham**

Club Children's Officer – **Conor Breheny**

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed by January 2027



Golf Professional's – Tara Gribben & Gavin Byrne

L&B Junior Coaching Academy

Junior Coaching is vital to increase the number and standard of juniors playing golf in our club and is for our junior members only.

This year once again our Professional Gavin Byrne and his Team will be providing our juniors with expert coaching. Gavin has successfully delivered junior coaching programmes in a number of different clubs, he's an excellent golf coach and has a wealth of knowledge which will help every junior member in our club. Gavin's coaching sessions are always a bit of fun too!

No matter what your standard, from absolute beginners to the more advanced we would encourage you to get involved. It's a great opportunity make your experience in L&B all the more enjoyable as you will make friends and learn golf skills that you'll have forever.

NEW MEMBERS

It's particularly important that all of this years new members and new members from the last few years and anyone else that hasn't yet had coaching to get involved so you can learn the basics from Gavin and make friends. Also, golf courses can be very dangerous places so during the sessions Gavin will also be covering safety on the golf course.

We hope you will all support this coaching academy so that we can get more and more juniors playing golf and having fun.

We will also be running Summer Camps. More information on this will follow on BRS.

Golf Shop

Gavin also keeps a fully stocked golf shop and is available to give you advice and supply you with all the golf equipment you will ever need to suit all budgets. It's important that all of our L&B members support Gavin as much as they can.

General Information

Dress Code for Juniors

Golf clothing was traditionally very formal – but now it's a bit more cool & casual – just look at the Pro's on TV.



The following items of dress are **NOT** acceptable on the course:

- Football, Rugby, GAA or Soccer Shirts / Shorts
- Tracksuits

Our Club Pro Gavin has a new fully stocked Pro Shop with clothing, footwear and golf equipment at great prices so please drop in, Gavin and his Team would be delighted to help.





The Clubhouse

The clubhouse can be used by all members including junior players. It's important that all of our members behave in an appropriate manner whilst using the facilities. As a junior section, we have come up with the following Code of Conduct:

- ✓ Remove their golf shoes and hats when entering the clubhouse – golf shoes are never to be left outside the front door of the clubhouse or in the entry porch.
- ✓ Junior boys will use the men's locker room – no hanging around
- ✓ Junior girls will use the ladies locker room – no hanging around
- ✓ Mobile phones on silent and leave the restaurant if they have to take a call.
- ✓ Leave the restaurant as they found it by replacing chairs when finished.
- ✓ Always try to keep the clubhouse neat and tidy.
- ✓ Always put their golf bags and trolleys in an area where they are not causing an obstruction.
- ✓ Juniors cannot use the clubhouse (Bar/Restaurant, locker rooms, etc) after 9pm.

On the Course

It is important when you go onto the golf course that you are safe and are following the correct course etiquette.



The Junior Committee has agreed the following:

- ✓ Our golf course is very busy so juniors must book with the Pro Shop so their name is on the timesheet
- ✓ For juniors starting off on the course, it can sometimes be intimidating when other members are behind you – try and use the course at quieter times and if an adult member is coming behind you simply pull into the side and wave them through.
- ✓ Juniors should replace divots on fairways and repair pitch marks on greens.
- ✓ All Juniors with should bring a sand bag with them to fill in divots.
- ✓ Juniors should switch mobile phones onto silent
- ✓ Juniors should be ready to play their shot when it is their turn.
- ✓ Juniors should always wait until the people in front are at a safe distance before hitting.
- ✓ Juniors should always shout 'FORE' if they think their shot is going near anyone else on the golf course. If in doubt, always shout!
- ✓ Junior players should never stand behind someone when they are swinging a club.
- ✓ Junior players should try not to distract other people on the golf course.

Here are some of the things that juniors should carry in their golf bag.

Golf Balls	Long and Short Tees
Ball Marker	Pencils/Pens
Pitch mark repairer	Umbrella
Sunscreen / Hat	Rain Gear
Water / Snacks	Only 14 Clubs





Competitions

You can find the Junior Events Calendar in this booklet.

The Junior Committee has arranged regular weekly competitions for junior members throughout the summer months and also a small number of competitions during other school holidays.

To enter club junior competitions, you should follow these steps:

Blue Tee Players (4/5 Holes):

- ✓ Blue tee players contact the Pro Shop and book yourself into the junior competition on the back nine time sheet.
- ✓ Collect your scorecard and walk with your playing partners to the first blue tee.
- ✓ Your playing partner or supervisor should mark the scorecard after each hole played.
- ✓ Always return your signed scorecard into the Junior Competition Box.
- ✓ One of your playing partners should also sign your scorecard.
- ✓ Juniors must be accompanied by a parent/guardian

Red, Green & White Tee Players (9 & 18 Holes) when you have a Golf Ireland handicap:

- ✓ Login to the club website and book yourself into the junior competition.
- ✓ On the morning of the competition check in and pay your entrance fee.
- ✓ Always sign into the competition on the computer in the pro-shop.
- ✓ Always enter your score into the computer after your round. You and your playing partner should sign your scorecard before it is put into the Junior Competition Box

Results of Junior Competitions are posted on the Junior Notice Board outside the side entrance to the club and also on the Master Scoreboard, prizes can be collected from the pro shop. On the Junior Notice Board you will also see details of upcoming junior competitions.



Handicapping & Progression

All junior members are registered with Golf Ireland when they become members of our club. Once boys have improved their skills sufficiently to play off the Red Tees their handicap becomes active. The same applies to the girls once they have progressed to play 9 holes off the Red Tees.

Progression Stages –

<i>Stage 1</i>	<i>Blue Tees</i>	<i>5 Holes</i>	<i>3 shots per hole over par</i>	<i>Boys & Girls</i>
<i>Stage 2</i>	<i>Blue Tees</i>	<i>5 Holes</i>	<i>2 shots per hole over par</i>	<i>Boys & Girls</i>
<i>Stage 3</i>	<i>Blue Tees</i>	<i>5 Holes</i>	<i>1 shot per hole over par</i>	<i>Boys & Girls</i>
<i>Stage 4</i>	<i>Red Tees</i>	<i>9 Holes</i>	<i>Receive handicap index for 9 holes</i>	<i>Boys & Girls</i>
<i>Stage 5</i>	<i>Red Tees</i>	<i>18 Holes</i>	<i>Handicap Index</i>	<i>Boys only</i>
	<i>Red Tees</i>	<i>18 Holes</i>	<i>Handicap Index</i>	<i>Girls only</i>
<i>Stage 6</i>	<i>Green/White Tees</i>	<i>18 Holes</i>	<i>Handicap Index</i>	<i>Boys only</i>

Golf Ireland Junior Policy 2026 - Boys

As per Golf Ireland's Junior Policy below please find the updated playing right of our junior boys in 2024.

Booking of Golf by Junior Boys:

Revised rules for Juniors Booking Golf

- Boys with handicap index of 9 or low can book a time one week in advance like the men.
- Boys with handicap index between 10 – 19.9 can book 24 hours in advance of the competition.
- Boys with handicap index over 20 can book 24 hours in advance and can only play after 12pm in the competitions listed below.

Juniors Boys with a Handicap Index of 19.9 or lower can play in all Mens competitions but can't win first or second prizes in the following competitions:



- Captain's Prize
- President's Prize
- Professional's Prize

Men's Competitions that Junior Boys with a Handicap Index of 19.9 or greater can compete in:

1. Saturday 17th May singles S/Ford
2. Saturday 31st May singles S/Ford
3. Saturday 9th August singles S/Ford
4. Saturday 20th September singles S/Ford
5. Saturday 18th October 9 hole turkey comp S/Ford

A junior member who is eligible to play in men's competitions must play with an adult member if they are 14 years or under.

Any junior member can only pay a green fee for a guest if the guest have a valid Golf Ireland Handicap.

L&B Mens & Junior Committee 2026

Golf Ireland Junior Policy 2026 - Girls

Booking of Golf by Junior Girls:

Revised rules for Juniors Booking Golf

- Junior Girls with a handicap index of 39.9 or lower can play in all Ladies Competitions
- Junior Girls with a handicap index of 39.9 or lower can book a tee time once the timesheet is released like all female members.

Juniors Girls with a Handicap Index of 39.9 or lower can play in all competitions but can't win first or second prizes in the following competitions:

- Lady Captains prize
- Lady Presidents prize
- Captains prize to the ladies
- Presidents prize to the ladies
- Professionals prize to the ladies



Junior Girls with a handicap index of 40 and above can book 24 hours in advance of competition in the 6 designated competitions (decided by ladies committee).

For 2025 these competitions are

- Ladies Stableford Tuesday 4th June
- Ladies Fourball Thursday 27th June
- Ladies Stableford Thursday July 4th
- Ladies 3 person scramble Thursday 18th July
- Ladies stableford Thursday 8th August
- Ladies stableford Saturday 21st September

It is the responsibility of all Junior Girls to familiarise themselves and comply with all other conditions of ladies competitions (posted on the notice board in the ladies locker room).

Laytown & Bettystown
Ladies Committee 2026



Communication

At Laytown & Bettystown Golf Club we use the following forms of communication to help juniors keep up-to-date with what's going on:

- (a) BRS email's to parents/guardians email addresses.
- (b) Text messages to parents/guardian's mobile phones
- (c) Junior Notice Board
- (d) Spond App

It is vital that the Junior Committee has up-to-date email addresses and mobile phone numbers of parents/guardians of junior members.

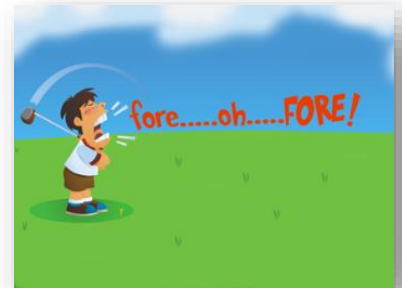
Important Contacts for Junior Members

In our Club there are a number of people committed to helping the junior section and as previously mentioned some of these people make up the Junior Committee and some are officials that you should be aware of.

Role	Name	Responsibilities
Junior Convenor	Conor Breheny	The junior convenor looks after the junior section and is responsible for organising suitable activities for junior players. He, along with other junior committee members, organises competitions, processes competition cards and manages progression and junior handicaps.
PGA Professional	Gavin Byrne	The PGA Professional delivers the coaching sessions to the juniors and to other club members.
Junior Captains		The Junior Captains are juniors that represent the junior section and engage with all junior members.
Designated Liaison Person (DLP)	Aimee Wickham	The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is responsible for reporting allegations or suspicions of child abuse to TUSLA Child and Family Agency or An Garda Síochána.
Children's Officer	Conor Breheny	The club Children's Officer acts as the link between the juniors and adults in the club. You can talk to your children's officer about any of your concerns.
Competitions & Handicap Secretary	John Dyas & Joan Whyte	The competitions and handicap secretary is responsible for competitions and handicaps of juniors who qualify to play in adult competitions.

Safety on the Course

- ✓ The most important thing to remember when playing any sport is to look after your health and safety. Before commencing play, a golfer should always stretch and take a few minutes to warm up. If the the body muscles can bend and stretch more than the ball can be hit further.
- ✓ Before making a practice swing or playing a shot, the player should ensure that no one is standing close by or in a position to be hit by the club, the ball or any stones, pebbles, twigs etc. which may be moved by the shot or swing.
- ✓ Do not hit the ball until you are sure that players in front are out of range. Always shout 'fore' if your ball is likely to land close to other players on the course.
- ✓ Do not cut in on a hole if there are players playing the previous hole.
- ✓ Respect officials and accept their decision with grace. This includes the Junior Co-ordinators, Committee Members, Course and Clubhouse staff.
- ✓ Remember to respect the course. Repair all divots made after you have taken a shot and any damage on the green caused by the impact of the ball. Before leaving the bunker always rake the sand after hitting to clear your footprints.
- ✓ Don't stand in a place that causes your shadow to be cast across a player's putting line and never walk through a player's putting line.
- ✓ Leave the green as soon as the hole has been completed. Do not mark your scores on the green, wait until you are at the next tee.
- ✓ Play quickly and do your best not to hold up any players behind. If necessary, allow the players behind to play through if they are playing more quickly than your group.



Good Course Etiquette

“Unlike many sports, golf is played, for the most part, without the supervision of a referee or umpire. The game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for other players and to abide by the Rules. All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times, irrespective of how competitive they may be. This is the spirit of the game of golf.”

- Juniors are expected to respect and be courteous to adult members on the course.
- **Honour is about being truthful to yourself and the rules of a sport.** Golf is a game of honesty, etiquette and maturity. As in all sports, golf should be conducted in an atmosphere of fair play, respect for others and should always be played in the right spirit. Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat. Shake hands after the event, whoever wins -- and mean it.
- Players are responsible for their own actions and personal conduct on the golf course. Never throw clubs in anger.
- Respect fellow team members; give them support when things are going well or badly for them. Respect your opponents; they are not your enemies as they are fellow competitors in a sporting event. Look for your opponent's lost ball.
- Adults have priority on the course and MUST be allowed through. When an adult is playing with a junior, they must allow a group of adult players behind to play through if this group is waiting to play.
- Avoid slow play and always allow a group playing behind to play through if they are playing at a quicker pace.
- Be organised and on time. Don't turn up late for your tee time.
- Keep trolleys off greens and outside bunkers. Trolleys should not be taken on to the tee boxes.
- Mobile phones should be switched off or turned to silent on the golf course.



CELL PHONES
SILENT

Advice for Parents/Guardians:

- Parents/Guardians should introduce themselves to the adults involved in the supervision of their child i.e. the Junior Convenor, Volunteers and Professional.
- Parents/Guardians should find out what the Golf Club has to offer, i.e. when coaching sessions and junior competitions are being held? Are there any playing restrictions for children who are beginners?
- Parents/Guardians should obtain any good practice guidance for juniors issued by the Golf Club and discuss it with your child.
- Parents/Guardians should provide their child with adequate and suitable waterproof/windproof clothing, sunscreen and head protection for use in unforeseen weather conditions.



- Parents/Guardians should be punctual when dropping off and picking up your children for/from coaching and competitions.
- Juniors who play off the Blue Tees must have an adult to accompany them when they are playing on the course.
- Parents/Guardians should ensure that the Golf Club has appropriate emergency contact numbers for when you are away from the club. Please ensure that your mobile is left switched on so that you can be contacted in an emergency.
- Parents/Guardians should advise the Junior Convenor / Children's Officer if their child has any particular needs (e.g. allergies, learning disabilities) to ensure they are provided for in the best way possible.
- **It's mandatory (Golf Ireland) that the following 3 documents are completed for all junior members and returned to the office in the Golf Club for the attention of the Junior Convenor before Juniors can play on the course.**



L&B Junior Sign-Up Sheet

Parents / Guardians are required to complete this Junior Sign Up Sheet every year.
Please print out and complete this form as soon as possible and return it to the Junior Convenor, another member of the Junior Committee or the club office.

Junior Sign Up Sheet			
Junior's Name:			
Date of Birth			
Address			
Parent's / Guardian's Name	(a)		
Parent's / Guardian's Name	(b)		
Parents' Mobile Numbers	(a)	(b)	
Mobile Number to be used for text messages from club			
Parent's Email (one email address)			
Please state any medical/behavioural conditions you feel need to be disclosed: (Please include all medical details that might be relevant in dealing in with your child in a safe manner, such as allergies, medication, special needs, etc.)			
I hereby consent to the above child participating in golf activities of the club in line with the Code of Ethics for Golf for Young People. I will inform the Junior Convenor of any changes to the information above. I confirm that all details are correct and I am able to give parental consent for my child to participate in and travel to all activities. I am happy for me, and my child, to receive appropriate communication through text and email. I understand that photographs/videos will be taken during or at golf related events and may be used in the promotion of golf, including social media. If selected for teams, I confirm I am happy with the travel arrangements the club may arrange for my child. I acknowledge that the club is not responsible for providing adult supervision for my child except for formal junior club coaching, matches and inter-club competitions.			
Parent/Guardian Names:			
Parent/Guardian Signatures:		Date:	



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Juniors Code of Conduct

Laytown & Bettystown GC wishes to provide the best possible environment for all juniors involved in the golf. Juniors deserve to be given enjoyable, safe sporting opportunities, free of abuse of any kind. These participants have rights, which must be respected, and responsibilities that they must accept. Juniors should be encouraged to realise that they have responsibilities to treat other participants and Golf Leaders with fairness and respect.

Juniors are entitled to:

- Be safe and to feel safe
- Be listened to and believed
- Have fun and enjoy golf
- Have a voice in relation to their activities within golf
- Be treated with dignity, sensitivity and respect
- Participate on an equitable and fair manner, regardless of gender, appearance, age, ability, religion or belief, gender identity, disability, social and ethnic background or political persuasion etc.
- Experience competition at a level at which they feel comfortable
- Make complaints and have them dealt with
- Be safe from risk of bullying behaviour
- Say No to things that make them feel unsafe
- Privacy and Confidentiality

Juniors should always:

- Give their friends a second chance
- Treat Golf Leaders with respect, (including professionals, coaches, convenors, club officials, etc.)
- Look out for themselves and the welfare of others
- Play fairly at all times, do their best
- Be organised and on time, tell someone if you are leaving a venue or competition
- Respect team members, even when things go wrong
- Respect opponents, be gracious in defeat
- Abide by the rules set down by team managers when travelling to away events, representing the club, school, province or country, etc.
- Behave in a manner that avoids bringing golf into disrepute
- Talk to the Children's Officer within the club/organisation if they have any problems

Juniors should never:

- Cheat
- Use violence or engage in irresponsible, abusive, inappropriate or illegal behaviour
- Shout or argue with officials, team mates or opponents
- Harm team members, opponents or their property
- Use bullying tactics to isolate another player or gain advantage
- Take banned substances, drink alcohol, smoke or engage inappropriate sexual behaviour



- Keep secrets, that may leave them or others at risk
- Tell lies about adults / juniors or spread rumours
- Discriminate against other players on the basis of gender, appearance, age, ability, religion or belief, gender identity, disability, social and ethnic background or political persuasion

Printed name of junior

Signature of Junior

Date:

Printed name of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date:

Parents/Guardians Code of Conduct

Parents are expected to co-sign their child's code of conduct form and this specific parental expectation form.

As a parent/guardian of a junior member, we would encourage you to consider the following messages as Laytown & Bettystown GC wants to help you continue supporting your child to reach their full potential and enjoy their time within golf, therefore please

To help your child have a positive experience remember to:

- Focus on what your child wants to get out of golf
- Be the best role model you can be
- Help your child achieve their potential
- Be respectful of other children and coaches
- Communicate with the coach and club/organisation

Laytown & Bettystown GC believe that parents should:

- Be a role model for your child and maintain the highest standards of conduct when interacting with juniors, other parents, officials and organisers.
- Always behave responsibly and do not seek to unfairly affect a player or the outcome of the game
- Never intentionally expose any junior to embarrassment or disparagement using flippant or sarcastic remarks.
- Always recognise the value and importance of the officials and volunteers who provide sporting and recreational opportunities for your child. Do not publicly question the judgement or honesty of referees, coaches or organisers. Respect convenors, professionals, coaches, referees, organisers and other players. Parents are welcome to attend events and coaching sessions but should not interfere with the coach or professional while working with the player.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules. Teach your child that honest endeavour is as important as winning and do all you can to encourage good sportsmanship.
- Set a good example by applauding good play. Encourage mutual respect for teammates and opponents.



- Support all efforts to remove abusive behaviour and bullying behaviour in all its forms. Please refer to Anti-Bullying policy guidance
- Respect;
- The rules and procedures set down by Golf.
- Your child's teammates and leaders as well as players, parents and coaches from opposing teams.
- Never demonstrate threatening or abusive behaviour or use foul language.

Any misdemeanours and breach of this code of conduct will be dealt with immediately by a Golf official. Persistent concerns or breaches will result in the parent/guardian being asked not to attend competitions if their attendance is detrimental to the child's welfare.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Printed name of Parent/Guardian

Date

Disciplinary Procedure

If the Code of Conduct is broken the following steps will be taken to resolve the issue:

- Someone will lodge a complaint about the breakage of the Code of Conduct by a junior
- The disciplinary committee will hear the case from all parties so you will be given an opportunity to have your say
- The disciplinary committee will decide if a rule or regulation of the Code has been broken
- They will then, in writing inform the parents of the junior involved of the sanctions that will be imposed
- If any party does not agree with the decision that has been made they can appeal the decision in writing within a 10 day period
- The appeals committee is convened by the Children's Officer/Convenor and the chairperson will be someone from the Board of Management and will not include anyone from the original disciplinary committee
- The appeals committee should confirm or set aside change any sanction made by the disciplinary procedure
- If the issue can't be resolved at local level the complaint will be brought to the national case management committee.

Bullying

Bullying is defined as *'repeated aggression whether it is verbal, psychological or physical that is conducted by an individual or group against others'*. In our activities different people may be involved in some kind of bullying incidents. These may include juniors, leaders, coaches, parents etc.

As a club we are committed to ensuring that any incidents of bullying are dealt with in an appropriate manner and juniors know they are in a supportive environment where it is not acceptable to bully and it is okay to tell if you know about incidents of bullying.

The 10 Golden Rules in Golf

If all golfers were to learn these 10 Golden Rules, they would be able to resolve 90% of the Rules situations that golfers routinely encounter in the course of an 18-hole round.

1. Play the ball as it lies.

2. Don't move, bend, or break anything growing or fixed, except in fairly taking your stance or swing. Don't press anything down.

3. You may lift natural objects not fixed or growing, except in a water hazard or bunker. No penalty.

4. Movable man-made objects may be moved. For immovable objects, you may take relief by dropping away from them within one club-length of the nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole, except in a water hazard or if the object defines out of bounds. In a bunker, you must drop in the bunker. No penalty.

5. You may take relief from casual water, ground under repair, burrowing animal holes or casts, anywhere except in a water hazard. On the putting green, place at the nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole; otherwise drop within one club-length of the nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole. In a bunker, you must drop in the bunker. No penalty.

6. In a water hazard or bunker, don't touch the water or ground with your hand or club before the stroke.

7. If you hit your ball into a water hazard and cannot find or play it, either drop behind the point where the ball last crossed the hazard margin or at the place where you played the shot. On the tee, you may tee the ball. One penalty stroke. If you hit into a lateral hazard, you may also drop within two club-lengths of the point where the ball last crossed the hazard margin, or, within two club-lengths of a point equidistant from the hole on the opposite margin. One penalty stroke.

8. When you hit your ball out of bounds or cannot find it after 3 minutes of searching, add a penalty stroke, go back and drop a ball at the place where you played the shot. On the tee, you may tee the ball. If you think you have hit your ball out of bounds or lost it outside a water hazard, play a provisional ball before searching for the first one.

9. When you have an unplayable lie, you may drop a ball at the place where you played the previous shot, adding a penalty stroke. On the tee, you may tee the ball. Alternatively, drop within two club-lengths, no nearer the hole, or any distance behind the unplayable spot,





keeping it between you and the hole. If the ball is in a bunker, you must drop in the bunker, under either of the alternative options. If you can't play your ball that is in a water hazard, see Golden Rule #7.

10. You may repair ball marks, spike marks and old hole plugs on the putting green that are on the line of your putt,

Some other rules to remember

1. Drop from knee height not shoulder height
2. Measure any drop using longest club in bag (except putter)
3. Drop in and play from relief area
4. Time to search for lost ball down from 5 minutes to 3
5. If you accidentally move your ball while searching for it – replace it and no penalty
6. No penalty for a double hit
7. No penalty if ball strikes you or your equipment
8. Can putt with flagstick in
9. Can repair any damage on the putting green
10. Accidental movement on putting green – replace and no penalty
11. Where wind blows a ball that was marked, replace in original position
12. Can move loose items in bunkers
13. Free drop if ball is embedded in the fairway or rough (no relief in bunker)
14. Can take a 2 shot penalty for ball buried in bunker – ball now played outside bunker – you don't have to do this but you can!

Laytown & Bettystown Junior Golf Teams

Our club has a proud tradition of participation in all junior team events organised by the Golf Ireland. Laytown & Bettystown also enter junior boys and girls teams in many local inter-club competitions. In a typical year we would have Juniors representing the club in all of the following Team events.

- Fred Daly U-18 Boys
- Leinster U-15 Boys Interclub
- Girls U-18 Matchplay
- Irish Boys Foursomes
- The Bobby Browne Trophy – L&B v County Louth (U-15 Mixed Matchplay)
- Jack Halpenny Trophy
- U18 Boys Interclub
- Golf 6s



Golf Events for Junior Members 2026

Find on Spond and the junior noticeboard
Saturday afternoon/evening competitions June to September will be available.

****To be eligible to win 1st/2nd prize in any of the major competitions, juniors must have played in at least 2 other junior competitions prior to the commencement of the major***

Please note these are all subject to change



Juniors Representing L&B in Championships

National/Provincial Championships expenses covered under this policy

Any L&B junior players entered into the following National & Provincial Championships will receive an allowance of the Competition Entry Fee Paid.

Guidelines for claiming expenses for National Championships

- All players claiming expenses must be representing L&B Golf club in the relevant competition
- All claims must be submitted by the end of the calendar year in which that expense was incurred
- Receipts must be **attached** to a completed official club expense claim form and signed/approved by the Junior Convenor
- Once approved, receipts and claim form will then be submitted by the relevant treasurers to Helen/John in the office for payment.
- All claims are subject to budgetary constraints at the time of claim
- Strictly receipts only accepted – no cash equivalent.
- Additional supports in exceptional circumstances will be considered on a case-by-case basis
- All the above are subject to the player not receiving similar support from Golf Ireland or another governing body.

We hope you enjoy your membership at Laytown & Bettystown Golf Club for many years to come and embrace the many benefits that golf has to offer.

If you have any question about junior golf membership at our club, please get in touch with one of the Junior Committee.