

# Beginner Junior Membership

## Competitions

### 9-Hole Main Course Competition

- When: Saturdays 8:00am arrival, 8:15am shotgun start.
- Who: Beginner Juniors and Juniors recommended by the Pro from the Come & Try Clinic.
- Cost: \$5 for members, \$8 for non-members (invite a friend!).
- Meeting Point: Pay at the Pro Shop, register in the Junior Room, then meet at the Par 3 first hole.
- Prizes:
  - A percentage of the total entry fees will be allocated to prize vouchers redeemable in the Pro Shop (approximately 70-80%).
  - The remaining funds will be saved in the junior account for larger future events such as championships and monthly medals.

### Handicap

Handicap; provided to the player upon finishing their first round of par 3 golf, to lower handicap you must shoot 2 under your handicap and it is then divided by 2. So, example if the player is off 10 and they shoot 6 over, they are 4 under their handicap and the new handicap would be 8

*Note: Handicaps cannot go up in the Junior Beginners golf unless specifically requested.*

### Junior Beginner Competition

Junior Beginner players may play in Par 3 competition if they are financial Junior Beginner members of PGC or are just visiting. Junior Beginners run a 9-hole competition on the par 3 course every Saturday at 8:15am.

- First game is for a Par 3 handicap, players do not need an official GA handicap
- Junior Beginners members are allowed to play on the par 3 course for competition and social play
- May participate in in the 'Introduction to 18 Holes' competition to progress to Intermediate Member competition play
- A Junior Beginner player must have the approval of either the Club Professional, Director of Golf or the Club Captain to play on the main course
- New Junior Beginner players are advised to be accompanied by a parent or guardian

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## *Junior Beginner to Intermediate Progression Requirements*

Junior Beginners members must meet these requirements over 9 holes on the par 3 course on Saturdays. A Junior Beginner player must:

- Achieve a par 3 handicap of 10 or less
- Basic understanding of pace of play (this may be observed and approved by the organiser of the par 3 or a PGC pro).
- Be able to hit less than Driver on the following holes to reach the green (2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9).
- Gain approval from PGC Head Professional regarding required level of skill and knowledge
- Upgrade to a financial Junior Intermediate Membership. Junior Beginner can try Saturday Intermediates 9 Hole competition a maximum 3 times before transitioning to a Junior Intermediates membership. Once the Junior Beginner progresses into Intermediate membership, they are no longer eligible to win any prizes in the Junior Beginner Membership category – they can continue to play and are not required to pay competition entry fee.

## **Scoring Cards & Scoring System**

1. Score cards must be legible
2. Name clear with surname
3. Gross score carried into top section
4. Nett score calculated (gross minus handicap)
5. Hand in cards to organiser for input into the book held in the pro shop.

- NETT SCORE – Lowest Nett score winner (cannot win Gross and Nett) (Nett and Gross same prize) (number 1 prize for Monthly Medal)
- GROSS SCORE - Lowest score on the day.
- NETT RUNNER UP – 2nd lowest Nett score winner (cannot win Gross and Nett Runner up)
- NEAREST TO PIN (NTP) – Player with recorded closest shot to the hole on their SECOND SHOT. Choice of hole is usually predetermined by the organizer.
- FEWEST PUTTS - Player with the least number of recorded putts (putts only counted if on the green).

**If scores are equal countback system applies:**

**GROSS** - Countback gross the last 3 holes added and lowest wins, if they are equal go back the last 6, if they are equal go back hole by hole starting at the 9th then 8th etc.

**NETT** - Countback nett (work out handicap by dividing by 3) eg the Beginner Junior handicap is 30 it is now 10 then add the last 3 holes and minus the new handicap lowest wins.

### **MONTHLY MEDAL**

On the first Saturday of every month MEMBERS ONLY QUALIFY to compete for the monthly medal. This competition the priority of prizes changes from 1st prize (score) Gross to 1st prize (score) NETT.

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## Scoring Process and Officiating

1. **Scoring Table:** a dedicated scoring table in the Pacific Junior Room where players and markers, accompanied by their parents, officially submit their scorecards to the officials. This process will allow for the scores to be reviewed and marked on the spot, ensuring that all calculations are correct before leaving the competition. The cards will be swapped within the group so everyone agrees on all scores.
2. **Official Card Submission:** Players must hand over their scorecards to the officials at the scoring table immediately upon completion of their round. If they fail to do this, they will unfortunately be disqualified. This will prevent the possibility of players taking their scorecards away to adjust later.
3. **Immediate Attention to Discrepancies:** Having the players and their parents present during the card submission will allow any discrepancies or issues to be addressed and resolved promptly, avoiding delays or confusion afterward. The official on the day will have the final say if any discrepancies if the player is dissatisfied with the outcome, it should be addressed to the committee in writing contact information on the Pacific website.

## Par 3 Local Rules

### Junior Beginners – Par 3 Course

- Hole 1: Free relief from rocks, pebbles, bare patches, and along the mini golf fence.
- Holes 4, 5 & 6: If a ball is unplayable in trees/vegetation, drop at point of entry with a 1-stroke penalty.
- Out-of-Bounds: Fences around residential properties are OOB; re-hit with a 1-stroke penalty.
- Free Relief: Allowed from tree roots, course furniture, and protective fencing between holes 2 & 3.
- One Free Air Swing Per Hole.
- Maximum 10 Shots Per Hole: After 8 shots, players place the ball on the green's edge for putting.
- Monthly Medal & Seasonal Cups: Members only can win prizes.
- Club Championship Eligibility: Players must have competed in at least five rounds within three months before the event (special exemptions may apply).
- Intermediate & Full Junior Members: May play but cannot win prizes and are exempt from competition fees. Their participation is encouraged for social and mentorship purposes.