



# Betchworth

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## Junior Membership at Betchworth Park Golf Club



Betchworth Park Golf Club was established in 1911, having been designed by the renowned Harry Colt. Overlooked by the North Downs and the famous Box Hill, it is located in an area of outstanding rural beauty.

The course is undulating parkland with many mature trees. At 6,329 yards / par 69 / SSS 71, it represents a challenging test for golfers of all abilities. Practice facilities at the club are some of the best in the south, recently enhanced by the installation of a 50 metre all weather area and indoor performance 'swing room'.

The junior section is a thriving part of the club, split 50/50 between the Academy and Full Junior members. Betchworth Park Golf Club has adopted the 'Children in Golf' Child Protection Policies and Procedures which incorporate recommendations and standards as proposed by both the English Golf Union and English Women's Golf Association.

## Junior Section Structure / Membership Costs

### 1. Categories

The Junior Section, which is only for members, is divided into **2 Categories.**

**Category 1 Junior Academy:** will be for juniors who have limited or no experience of playing golf. Ideally they will be aged between 8 -12 years old. Group coaching is provided on most weekends through the year (approx. 48 weeks but dependant on weather). Sessions start at 9am or 1pm and last for 1 hour

Junior Academy Members are allowed to play on the course an Hour before sunset, when accompanied by an adult.

To graduate from Junior Academy to Junior Member a player will be required to show that they have adequately mastered the key skills of golf. In normal circumstances we would expect an Academy member to progress to Junior Membership within 2 years of joining the club (depending on age and amount of practice). Regular attendance at the coaching classes will help speed up the process.

**Category 2 Junior Member:** will be for juniors who either:

Already hold a playing handicap or have been promoted from the Junior Academy.

Access to the course is dependent on playing ability and handicap but all Junior Members will be able to get plenty of time to play and improve their game.

Initially Junior boys and girls without a handicap will play from the 200 yard marker. Once confident and able to play to reasonable standard and without supervision, they will be moved onto the blue tees. A club handicap (29+ for boys and 37+ for girls) will soon follow.

Junior boys with a handicap of 29-36 will play from the Red tees

Junior boys who are 11 years old or younger, with a handicap of 28 or less will play from the yellow tees.

Junior boys aged 12 or older will play from the yellow tees until they achieve a handicap of 24, at which point they will move to the white tees.

Junior girls with a handicap of 36 or less will play from the red tees

### **Junior Member's Playing Rights on the Course**

No club member is allowed to play on the course without first having reserved a tee time. Junior Members contact the Pro Shop to do this (01306 882052). The Pro Shop will ensure playing conflicts are avoided.

The club's Match and Handicap Committee have agreed that:

Juniors with a handicap of 12 or less can play on the course at any time

Juniors with a handicap of 13-28 can play on the course on any afternoon unaccompanied but on weekend and Bank Holiday mornings can play provided they are accompanied by an adult family member who is also a member of the golf club.

Juniors with handicaps of 29+ or without a handicap, can play on the course after 2:30pm but must play from the allocated tee for their handicap.

### **Competitions and Matches**

Throughout the year, competitions will be arranged giving all Juniors ample opportunity to improve their handicap. The better players are also entitled to play in the adult member competitions at weekends

## **Dress Code**

Whilst standards have been relaxed over the past few years, the club does expect all members to adhere to its dress code. In particular, jeans, combat trousers, tee shirts and tracksuits are not permitted. Polo shirts must be tucked inside trousers.

Trainers are only acceptable on the course and in the clubhouse for juniors aged 11 or under.

In the clubhouse a relaxed form of dress e.g. clean golfing clothes, may be worn but you will need shoes other than golfing shoes.

Those selected to play in matches, whether home or away, may need a change of clothes.

## **Web Pages**

The BPGC web pages hold current information on the club, its diary, its members and its activities. To view all this information it is necessary to register on to the system and then log on each time.

## **Applying for Membership**

The application form should be sent to:

The Club Secretary  
Betchworth Park Golf Club  
Reigate Road  
Dorking, Surrey  
RH4 1NZ

Or online via [www.betchworthparkgc.co.uk/membership-enquiry-form/](http://www.betchworthparkgc.co.uk/membership-enquiry-form/)

When invited to join the club, an invoice will be sent, along with the following

Health and Safety Consent Form

Junior Code of Conduct Form

Parental Consent Form

All of which are to be sent to the Club Secretary