

Everglades Country Club

Policy Register

Golf – Children on the Golf Course

1. Purpose:

To ensure a safe and enjoyable environment for all golfers, this policy establishes guidelines regarding the presence of children on the golf course.

This policy ensures a safe and proper golfing environment while still allowing for junior participation under structured conditions.

2. Scope:

This policy applies to all members, guests and visitors to the golf course.

1) Age Restriction

*Children under the age of 18 are not permitted on the golf course. Refer to Item 2) for children wishing to play on the course.

2) Supervised Junior Golf Programs and Memberships

*Junior golf programs or lessons specifically organised by the golf club may allow children from the ages of 5 to 17, to use the course under supervision.

*During such events, children must be supervised at all times by a qualified instructor or designated adult.

*Cadet Membership is available for the ages of 5 to 13 years. This allows Social play and practice at Junior golf member pricing. Play must be supervised by a Golf sporting member. Indemnity waivers explaining the dangers of golf and possible consequences must be signed by the child's parent or guardian upon application for membership.

*Junior Membership is available for the ages of 13 to 17. This provides full access to the course and allows competition play once a Golf Australia (GA) handicap is achieved. Indemnity waivers explaining the dangers of golf and possible consequences must be signed by the child's parent or guardian.

3) Prohibited Areas for Children

*Children are not permitted in high-risk areas such as tees, greens or bunkers unless they are actively playing.

*Practice areas and golf carts are also restricted for children unless used as part of a junior golf program or they are members of any category of Golf Sporting membership and they are supervised by an adult Everglades Golf member or Proshop staff.

4) Safety Considerations

*For the safety of children and to prevent disruptions to other players, parents or guardians must not bring children onto the course as spectators or passengers in golf carts.

*Children must remain in child-friendly areas such as the clubhouse or children's play area such as Vibes.

5) Enforcement

*Golf course staff, Proshop staff and marshals are authorised to enforce this policy and may request that children be removed from the course if found in violation of these rules.

*Repeated violations of the policy may result in disciplinary action against the responsible adult or supervisor.

6) Exceptions

*Any exception to this policy must be approved in advance by the appropriate golf committee(s). This may include special events where children are allowed on the course under specified conditions and a Waiver of Indemnity is signed.

*Cadet members of the ages between 10 and 13, may apply to become a Junior member where they have demonstrated the ability to play to a GA maximum handicap (as applies at ECC) for their gender and have the maturity to deal with adults. Application must be made to the Match committee of either Men's or Ladies golf.

*Non ECC members that are junior members of another golf club under the age of 18 with a GA handicap, may play social golf if accompanied either by an adult or ECC golfing member.