

MGC Junior Progression Pathway

It is the aim of all involved with the junior section to give all members an environment where they feel comfortable, meet their friends, have fun and develop their skills, enthusiasm and love of the game.

Beginners and beyond - The first steps – upon joining the club you will be invited to attend the coaching sessions run by our professional staff, there is a maximum of six in each coaching group and a session lasts one hour.

You will then start your golfing journey by joining our **Golf Access Programme**.

You will, as a MGC Junior in addition to playing skills you will be taught how to score, mark a card, understand basic rules and the responsibility and requirements of good manners, respect for fellow golfers and the self- discipline.

What is Golf Access?

Golf Access is an exciting new format that gives you an accessible route into golf and an opportunity to play the game out on the golf course.

It is a short course format with a unique colour coding system which is designed to make your experience enjoyable and fun. Golf Access takes you from complete beginner to obtaining your first handicap.

There are three group levels each of three band levels to progress through. (**1-3, 4- 6,7-9**)

You will start your golfing journey with a **MAROON BAND** playing a short course, possibly over three holes, once you have reached the **required par for these holes** you will be awarded an achievement certificate and the next colour band.

As you move within a Banding Group your **stroke allowance** will become lower and you may be required to play additional holes.

At each **Group Level** the distance from tee to the hole will be greater and you will be required to play more holes.

When you reach **PLATINUM BAND (level 9)** you will be playing between 11-18 holes.

Golf Access events will be held throughout the season.

Like many sports juniors will progress at different ability levels, golf is unique in that it allows all players to compete in different ability groups through the **Handicap System**.

There is no time limit or pressure to complete the nine levels in a given amount of time the main criteria is that all juniors progress at a pace they are comfortable with and enjoy their golfing journey.