

GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS & GUARDIANS

OLCGA recognises its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of children and vulnerable adults (henceforth encompassed under the terms 'child' or 'children') participating in activities which it organises, and has therefore adopted a Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy with comprehensive child protection procedures to contribute towards the aim of ensuring that all children have an enjoyable and safe experience of golf. We wish to work in partnership with parents/guardians and would ask that they assist OLCGA by considering the following points:

- Take an interest in your child's activity and progress and be supportive.
- Praise the effort as well as the results of your child's participation.
- Be aware that some children progress better in coaching sessions without their parents watching them.
- Introduce yourself to the Junior Organiser and the County Welfare Officer.
- Find out what OLCGA has to offer in terms of coaching and junior competitions.
- Become familiar with the OLCGA Child Protection Policy and Procedures.
- Read the child's Code of Conduct and discuss this with your child.
- Be punctual when dropping off and picking up your children for/from coaching and competitions. Volunteers cannot leave your child alone at the venue and must stay until the last child leaves. If you are likely to be late, please contact the Junior Organiser to discuss what to do.
- Take an interest in with whom your child is playing; introduce yourself if it is an adult you do not know.
- If leaving your child at the venue please make sure they have some spending money, appropriate clothing (e.g., a hat and sun protection cream to protect them from the sun or waterproofs) and a drink to take in their bag (dehydration occurs even if it is not that warm).
- Ensure that OLCGA has an emergency contact number for you when you are away from the venue (a mobile would be preferable) and that you leave your phone switched on so you can be contacted in an emergency.
- Complete the Junior Player Profile Form promptly, and notify OLCGA of any amendments so that we may care for your child as well as possible.
- Discuss any particular requirements your child has that may affect the ability of your child to enjoy the sessions or the ability of coaches and volunteers to meet their needs effectively.
- Raise any concerns you have about the coaching or care that your child receives with the County Welfare Officer so that we may address them appropriately and promptly.
- Make sure that your child knows what time they will be collected, where they are being met, and by whom.
- OLCGA volunteers work very hard on behalf of you and your children and need to be able to contact you quickly and reliably. It is your responsibility to ensure that we have valid email and contact numbers for you and to respond promptly to messages and requests from OLCGA organisers.

The transporting of children to and from venues for matches, competitions and coaching is the responsibility of parents. Parents are welcome to contact the parents of other junior girls and make private arrangements to share transport, but this does not fall within the responsibility of OLCGA.

