



THE CARRICKMINES
GOLF CLUB



The Carrickmines Junior and Academy Charter



Introduction and Contents

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- The Carrickmines Junior and Academy Charter is a key source of information in relation to structure, organisation and development of the Junior and Academy program.
- This charter will be maintained by the Junior Convener as a live working document to be up-versioned minimally annually or as required as initiatives develop within the team and/or program.

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Junior & Academy Mission

The Carrickmines golf club is in existence since 1900 and our junior and academy sections continues to grow.

Our mission is to create a platform for children of all ages to :-

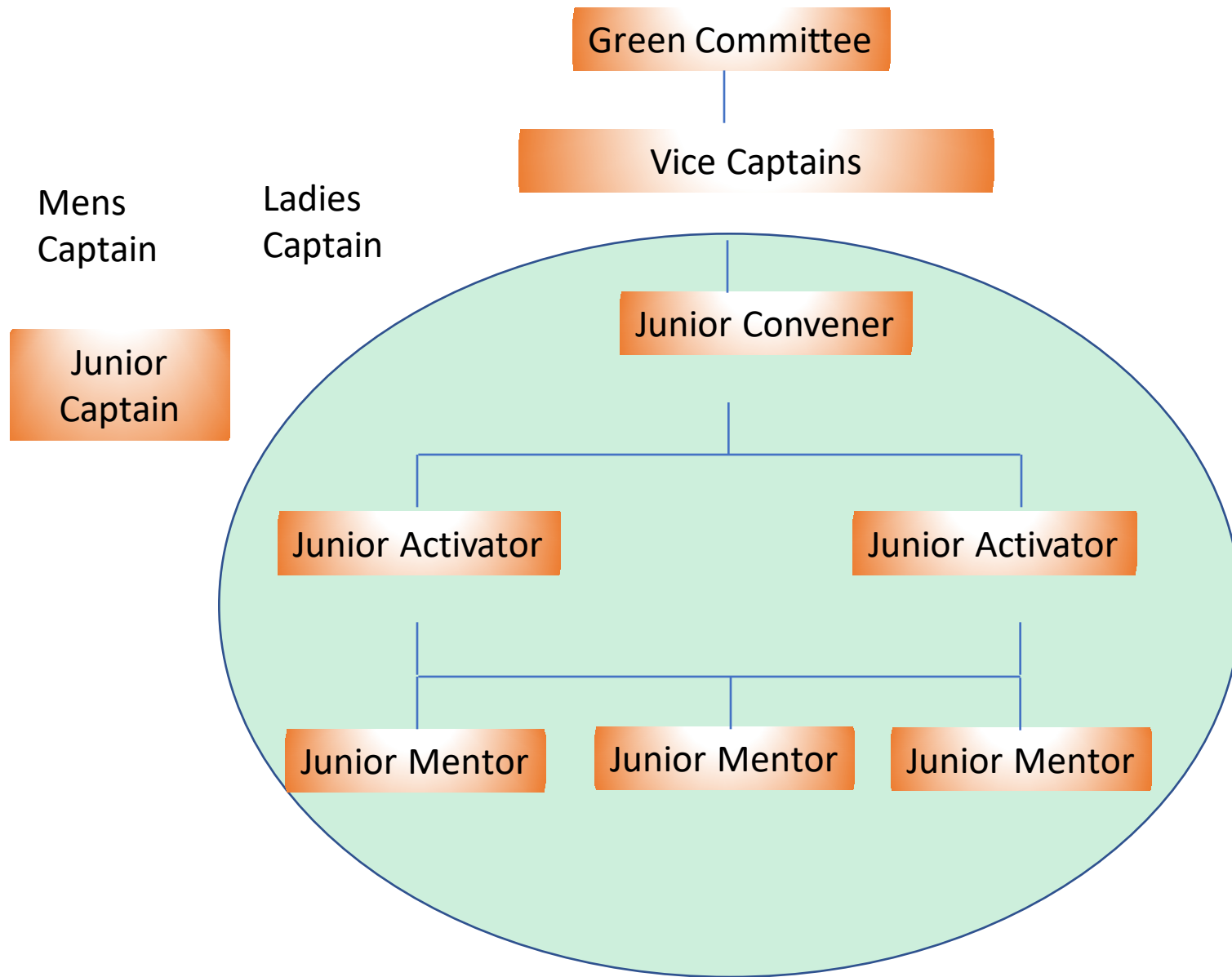
- enjoy our wonderful course and practice areas
- make new friends
- take part in family events
- learn the basic skills of the game
- introduction to golf club etiquette
- obtain a Golf Ireland official handicap
- opportunity of professional golf lessons
- compete in our junior weekly Summer competitions
- represent club in interclub competitions
- progress to adult membership



All mentors are volunteers and have appropriate Gardai and Golf Ireland safety clearance to supervisor children



Club Structure and Support



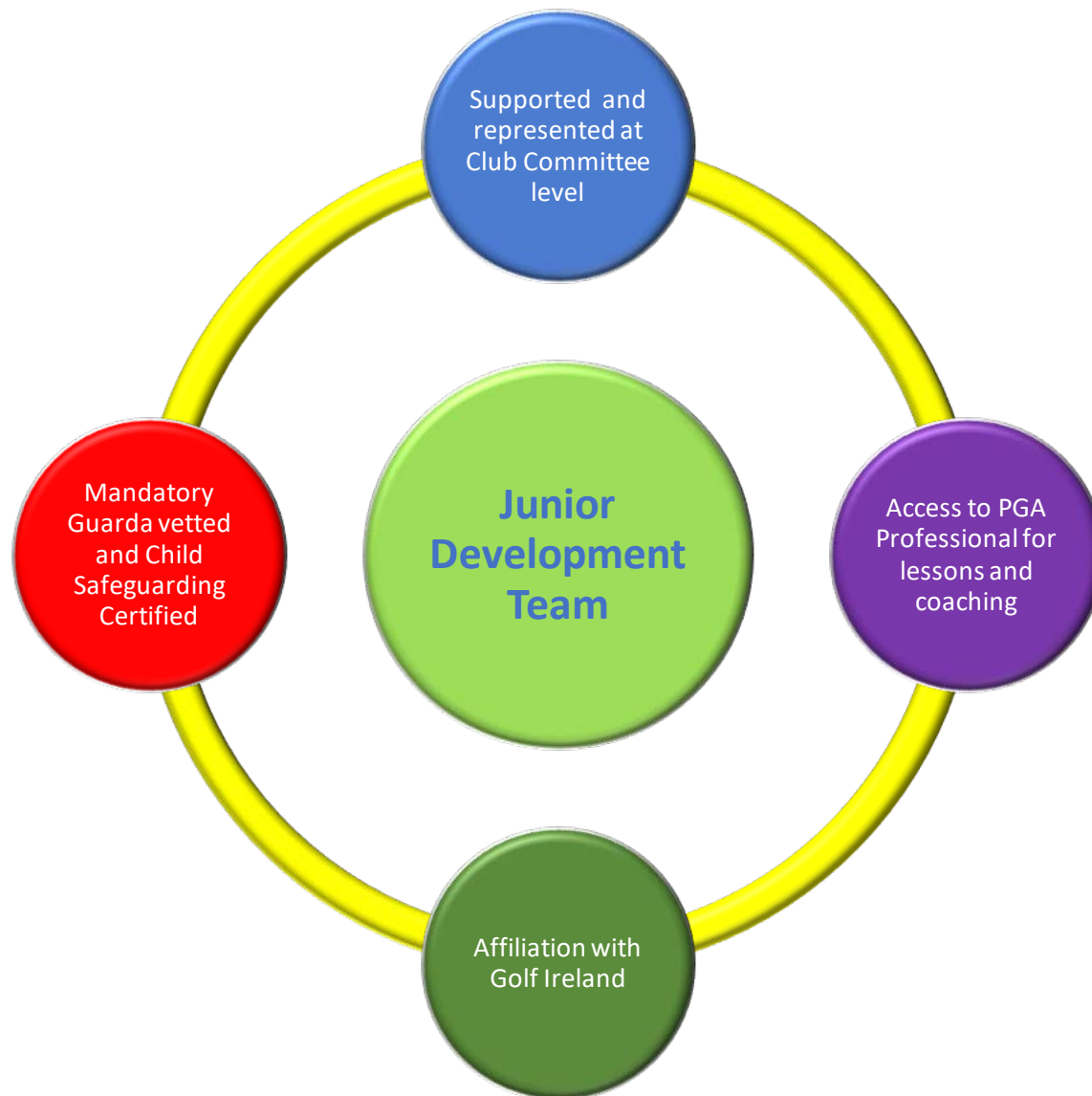
Junior Development Team (JDT)

- **Junior Convener** maintains oversight of all Junior and Academy activities and development initiatives in addition to managing communications with the Club Committee and Parents/Guardians of Junior and Academy members
- **Junior Activators** are active senior members that facilitate and supervise Junior and Academy activities
- **Junior Mentors** support Junior Activators primarily in facilitating Academy activities but also enables continuity of Junior and Academy activities during holiday periods in addition to chaperoning younger members on the course when required

Club Structure and Support

New 2022

Introduction of the Junior Captain represents fellow juniors with concerns, questions or ideas in relation to the junior section at the golf club



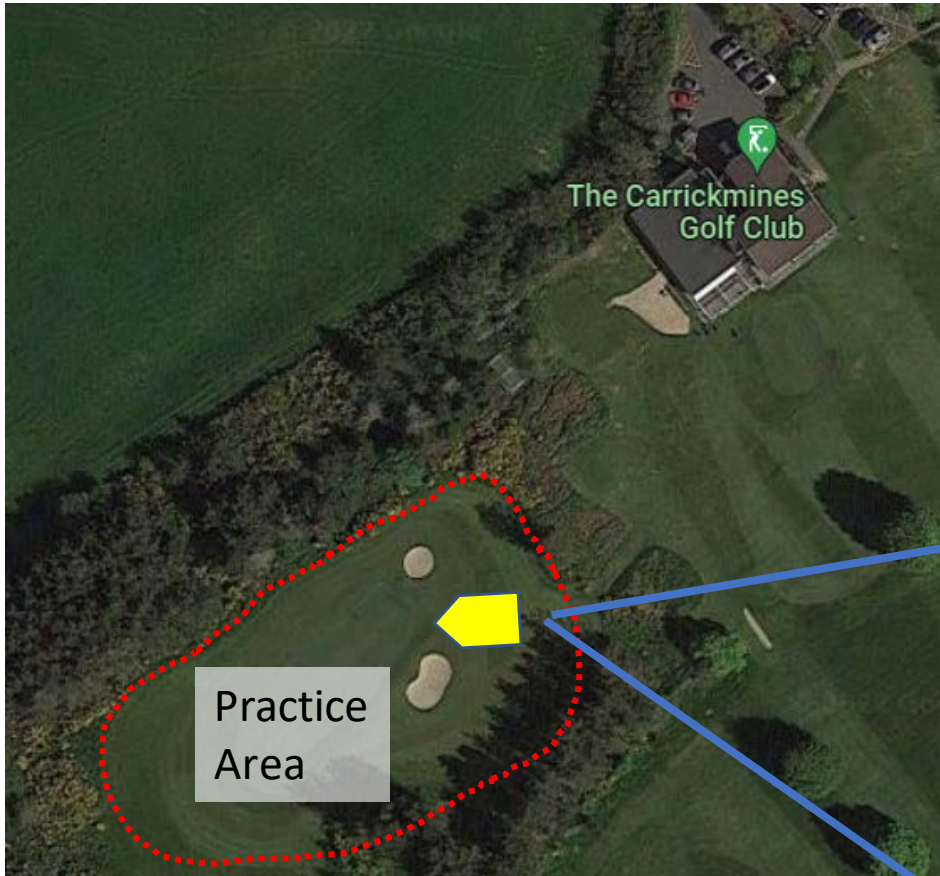
Our growing Junior section members will be encouraged to mentor and offer support to academy and new junior members

Enrolment

Junior section of club from age 11 to 18. Currently 37 members

Academy section for ages 9 To 16 has been running since 2018
Currently 18 members

Currently run a weekly academy from 14.00 on the clubs practice area
And a junior 9/18 hole competition every Sunday on course



Practice
Area



Newcomers
Welcome

Academy Entry Process

Academy members are welcome from the age of 9 years and up and is an entry point for absolute beginners and/or improvers. Typically academy members transition to full membership at the age of 11 or within 12 months of academy membership. However, transition is dependent on ability to advance onto the course. This is continuously assessed by the Junior Development Team.

Academy members do not need to have a parent or sibling in the club although recommendation is through affiliation with the club due to high demand and limited capacity to support members. Current capacity is at 20 attendees to facilitate an average of 15 attendees per week

A parent or guardian of a new academy member should make contact with the club via email or telephone and arrange to attend one of our Sunday sessions 14.00-15.00 in the practice area

Introductions can be made with our new golfer and they can enjoy the fun of our academy for a few weeks before deciding to sign up

If the new golfer is keen to join our Academy team will arrange relevant paperwork for signature

Currently there is no fee for our young ones taking part in our academy sessions

Practice area 14.00 – 15.00 Sundays through Spring – Autumn



Academy Routine



Practice area 14:00 – 15:00 Sundays through Spring – Autumn

Our mentors engage with Golf Irelands directives to ensure training plans etc are maximised

Etiquette

- safety on the course
- golf etiquette and respect of others
- fair play

Putting

- reading the profile / contours of the green
- judging distance
- Alignment of putter to ball to target

Chipping

- reading the profile / contours of the green
- judging distance
- correct stance over ball
- hitting down through ball to achieve lift

Bunker play

- etiquette in the sand (don't ground club)
- hit sand behind the ball
- rake sand afterwards

Driving nets

- correct stance over ball
- judging distance
- using mark on putter to line up putt

Limited holes on course

- reading the profile / contours of the green
- judging distance
- using mark on putter to line up putt

Professional lessons – Gary Hendley

- weekly lessons in Stepside golf range or our own practice area

3 hole scramble on course

- introduces course etiquette
- creates fun competition environment
- familiarises players with the course
- a step towards junior 9 hole competition

The Junior Journey

The new Junior member can start their journey for an GUI official handicap. This involves entering 3 x 18-hole or 6 x 9-hole score cards which are marked and signed by an existing member. If needed the JDC will support new members with finding suitable golf partners to work towards gaining a handicap in addition to networking with other junior members

A junior's initial handicap can be a maximum of 54 and once received will be entered into the clubs system for use in competitions

Weekly competitions take place on Sundays throughout Spring to Autumn with limited Winter events depending on weather and course conditions

The end of summer season 'Major' is the 'Cunningham Cup' for boys and the 'Davis Cup' for girls. Both are an 18-hole competition with prizes followed by an end of year celebration with Juniors, Academy members and family.

A junior member can book a tee time on the course via the BRS system and is encouraged to partner with fellow juniors that will hopefully grow friendships and healthy competition for years to come

As the junior golfer develops there will be opportunity to participate in our junior teams who now compete in interclub competition.

Junior Routine

14:20 – Sundays through Spring – Autumn with limited Winter events

Competition:

- Junior competition will be hosted each Sunday and all juniors are encouraged to partake with scores recorded Golf Ireland for handicap maintenance
- Juniors and supervised 'capable' academy members are able to play in a non-competitive capacity if availability permits

Entry Fee:

- Modest prizes are awarded for winners weekly in addition to token prizes awarded at the discretion of the JDT (examples: recognition of effort; game improvement; etiquette; fair play; enthusiasm)
- Entry fee introduced as a €20 per 'season' (3x per year = €60 per year) which covers entry into all competitions for the duration of the 'season'. Fees will be collected at the start of each season. Fees may be waived or extended cross-season at the discretion of the JDT for Juniors in attendance of limited competitions

Competition Format:

- Routine Sunday competitions will be 9-hole stableford format
- Additional 18-hole competitions will be introduced starting with 'Summer Medal' to be run in September 2022 as a pilot from a logistics perspective in addition to appetite from Juniors to play 18-holes. 9-Hole option will run in parallel.
- Singles match-play 'knock-out' will be run from Sept/Oct 2022 with juniors rolling into Pairs (4-ball better-ball) format for juniors that do not advance in the singles format

Becoming a Junior Member

Academy Member 11 years old



Junior Membership 11 – 18 years old

New club Member 11 years old



From the age of 11 our academy members can apply for Junior membership

An application form must be filled in and must include an existing member who proposes the application

We currently welcome new members to our club too.

Paperwork process is completion of the Junior Application Form (can be provided by JDC members). Proposal and second required from existing full club members.

Junior membership includes necessary insurance

The Future

Junior Captain – Introduced Aug 2022

Family engagement/socialise the junior section of the club

Academy/Junior refreshments (cordial)

Golf Ireland Junior Development (e.g. Golf Journals)

Academy Events

- Halloween Fun Day/Fancy Dress
- Christmas

Club branded clothing

- Academy 'Cap'
- Junior CGC logo

Interclub Competitions (friendly with Fox Rock and Killiney GC)

Appendices

Action Log



Microsoft Excel
Worksheet

Holiday Calendar

Junior Captain



Microsoft Word
Document