



Junior Golf at Overstone Park Resort

Introduction

The members and staff of Overstone Park strongly believe in the long term social, physical and mental benefits associated with the game of golf. With this in mind, the club is committed to the growth and development of junior golf through a mixture of volunteer initiatives, school outreach projects as well as dedicated junior coaching and practice programmes. Our aim is to make the great game of golf accessible to all children in our local community.

Safeguarding

Overstone Park takes the safety of all our members very seriously. We believe your child should be able to play and practice in a safe and secure environment with a specified club welfare officer, along with a number of dedicated adult volunteers, plus our CRB certified PGA club professional.

Junior Development (available as annex to accompany booklet)

Our club professional, Brian Mudge is passionate about the development and growth of Junior golf. Headed by Brian, the club organises weekly junior coaching sessions and activities. Brian has composed and implemented a comprehensive development plan, starting at novice grass roots level, progressing to gaining an official competitive handicap, culminating in a potential career in the game of golf as PGA club or playing professional.

Jayden Pham Aged 10

Ten year old Jayden currently holds a handicap of 24 and has represented the county at under 12 level. This year, Jayden was part of the winning Overstone Park junior team from the County Boys Championship that qualified to represent Northamptonshire at the national finals at Frilford Heath. Jayden is currently to manage his game more effectively on the course in an attempt to further reduce his handicap.

Baylie Pyke Aged 13

Baylie has been a member of Overstone Park since she was 6. Her parents are not golfers, but she was introduced to the game by her Grandfather, who is an Overstone Park member. Baylie has recently been chosen to train with the England Girls under 16's squad and currently plays off a handicap of 6. Baylie was the 2017 Junior captain and has been an excellent role model for all juniors at the club.

Ollie Godwin aged 12

Ollie had never played golf until 2 years ago, now he plays off a handicap of 22. He is the first Junior to progress through the Captains Scholarship scheme and gain an official recognised handicap. Ollie's father has since become a member of Overstone Park and

maintains a handicap of 20. He also volunteers his time towards organising Junior competitions and events at the club.

Harrison Woan aged 23

Harry started playing golf at the age of 7 and attended virtually all of the clubs junior coaching sessions as a youngster. Harry made his county debut at the age of 11 and started playing elite amateur tournaments at the age of 13. Harry turned professional in 2016 and now represents and is sponsored by Overstone Park on the Alps and EuroPro Tours, with the ambition of one day playing on the European Tour!

Scholarship Scheme -

In 2014, Overstone Park had two active junior members. In 2016 the then Club Captains, Stephen Moore and Glynis Wingell, along with our club professional Brian founded the Junior Scholarship Scheme. This scheme has been continued by subsequent club captains and supported financially by the club members contributions plus an annual grant from HSBC endorsed by the Junior Golf Foundation (National Body for Junior Golf). This scheme, which is the envy of many clubs across the country, reaches out to local school children who would never normally have access to the game of golf. The scheme has been nominated for national awards by the golf foundation.

Message from Brian

As parents you can be assured the new owners as well as the members of Overstone Park GC are committed to encouraging children to start playing golf and learning to improve in a safe environment. That is one reason why the club owners are making junior membership either affordable or free as well as accesable. Other reasons are golf is simply good for children in not only many physical aspects but helps improve their mental health especially in relation to social interaction with other golfers. Golf is not like a computer game and you definitely cannot press the reset button if things don't start well. Golf is a game played outdoors in varying weather conditions on beautifully manicured terrain shared with nature. Golf is not an easy game and you have to learn to improve a lot from the mistakes you make on the golf course as well through your coaching and practice. The etiquette and rules are also important to learn in time and smartness on the course is encouraged and team shirts are provided to help you feel proud of representing the club. The uniqueness of the worldwide handicap system allows players of all ages and abilities to compete in the same competition. You are also your own referee which does not happen in virtually all other competitive sports. It means that honesty and courtesy plus respect for the course and other players is your own responsibility. Overstone Park GC is geared for junior golf success on and off the golf course with its junior development programmes whether your child has been introduced to golf by family golf members or via the Captains Scholarship scheme via local schools.

I want your children to part of this success and all I ask in return is a commitment to have fun and learn to improve so you can have more fun.

Brian

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