

Gort Golf Club

Junior/Minor Membership Application Form



Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Parent/ Guardian Full Name: _____

Email Address (Parent/ Guardian): _____

Phone (Parent/ Guardian): _____ Mobile (Parent/ Guardian): _____

Family Club Members, if any:

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|--------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Parent | Parent Name: | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Grandparent | Grandparent Name: | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sibling | Sibling Name: | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Aunt/Uncle | Aunt/Uncle Name: | _____ |

Previous Golf Club, if any: _____

Handicap: _____ CDH ID No.: _____

Proposed By: _____ Seconded By: _____

Please note that Junior /Minors personal contact numbers/ email addresses should **NOT** be included on this form, Parents/Guardian contact details only.

Terms and Conditions of Junior/Minor Membership Applicants

1. The lodgement of this application form does not establish any order from which new members may be appointed.
2. Gort Golf Club has the right to refuse membership and is not obliged to give reasons
3. Applicants on being elected as junior members will be obliged to attend an **INDUCTION** which will be organised by the club. At this induction, the signed Code of Conduct forms will be collected. Access to the course will **NOT BE GRANTED** until completion of all parts of this Induction. The dates for such meetings will be advised by the Junior Convenor.
4. I give my consent to Gort Golf Club to share my details with Golf Ireland for handicap administration and utilizing the World Handicap System. If you choose to be allocated a handicap Index (HI), your golf scores and HI will be made available to other members of this golf club via available technology platforms for peer review.
5. I will inform the coaches/designated liaison person of any special circumstances or requirements, and any important changes to my child's health, medication or needs.

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As the Parent/Guardian of the person above named, I have read and accept the above conditions and hereby apply for this individual to be considered for the Junior/Minor membership category. I agree to ensure they are aware of and abide by the Rules of Golf Ireland.

Signature of Parent/ Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Declaration:

I am the parent/ guardian of _____, and I hereby consent to the above child participating in golf activities in line with the Code of Ethics for Golf for Young People. I confirm that all the details are correct, and I will inform the club of any changes to the information above.

- I consent for my child to participate and travel to all activities including team events as may be organised by the club.
- I consent to receive appropriate communication through text or email from the Club on behalf of my child.
- I consent to photographs/ videos of my child being taken during or at golf events and consent to these being used in the promotion of golf including on social media.
- I consent to a Junior designation (J) being assigned to my child's name on the BRS system.

Signature of Parent/ Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

Office Use Only

Accepted Date: _____ **Accepted By:** _____

Review By Junior Committee: Approved Waiting List

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Comments:

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Code of Conduct for Junior Members



Please go through this Code of Conduct with your child, these rules and instructions are very important and non-adherence to them may result in loss of access to the course. For access to the course to be granted this document must be agreed and signed by both you and your child.

- *** Under 18's must only play in maximum of Three Ball's except if instructed by Junior/Competitions committee OR if accompanied by at least one adult (over 18)**
- *** Children under the age of 14 years must always be accompanied by an adult.**
- *** Unless entered in a competition or if instructed by Junior/Competitions Committee Juniors/Minors must not take a slot on the timesheet before 01:30 on a Saturday or Sunday. In addition, playing between 11.00 and 04.00 on Wednesdays is also restricted**

All juniors are permitted to play the course subject to booking tee times in advance on the BRS booking platform whilst always adhering to the three criteria highlighted above. This must be used for both casual games of golf and competitive. Avoid slow play and holding up other golfers playing on the course by keeping a reasonable pace of play or if delayed, allow players behind you to play through.

Safety on the Golf Course

Safety is always a priority

- Prior to making a practice swing or playing a stroke, ensure that no one is standing close by or in a position to be hit by the club or ball.
- As far as possible be very careful that you don't hit anyone with a golf ball. Wait until the golfers ahead / all course-staff are out of range before playing your shot. Shout 'fore' if your ball is likely to land close to others on the course.
- Always stand behind the ball being struck to avoid getting hit with a club or ball.
- **All** Junior members are obliged to attend an **INDUCTION** which will be organised by the club. At this induction, the signed Code of Conduct forms will be collected. Access to the course will **NOT BE GRANTED** until completion of all parts of this Induction. The dates for such induction meetings will be advised by the Junior Convenor.
- Junior members are **NOT** permitted to sign in guests/visitors under 18 years of age.

Care of the Golf Course

Please respect the course:

- A pitch-mark repairer is required by every golfer. Repair your pitch marks on every green, and whenever possible you should also repair those not made by you. A pitch mark left unrepaired for 24 hours will take 2 weeks to heal.
- Replace divots. An un-replaced divot will not repair and will require sanding and seeding by our course staff.
- Rake bunkers after playing from a bunker. A player should always leave a bunker as they wish to find it.



Course Etiquette

Each junior member must familiarise themselves with all aspects of Golf etiquette. You must conduct yourself in a disciplined manner, always demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship when, on the course and in the clubhouse. Parents and Junior golfers must **RESPECT** other golfers, coaches, and both clubhouse and course staff.

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Code of Conduct for Junior Members

Course Access

Junior members will not be allowed access to the course until after 01.30 on Saturdays and Sundays, unless playing in competition. In addition, playing between 11.00 and 4.00 on Wednesdays is also restricted.

In addition, Junior members must:

- Keep noise at a reduced level to avoid disturbing other golfers. Put phones on silent.
- Never cut in on a hole if there are players playing the previous hole.
- Stand still and remain quiet while others are playing on a nearby tee-box, green or fairway.
- Have their own golf bag containing a maximum of 14 golf clubs when in competition.
- Carry tees, markers, pitch mark repairers always, and use the available bins for litter.
- Keep bags and trolleys off greens, outside bunkers and off tee boxes.
- Shout "**FORE**" if your ball or the ball of another player looks likely to land near another player. Also, the player who hits the ball should apologise.
- Not stand in a place that causes your shadow to be cast across a player's tee shot or putting line and never walk through a player's putting line.
- Leave the green as soon as the hole has been completed. Don't mark your scores on the green, instead wait until you are at the next tee-box.
- Keep count at each hole of the number of strokes you have played and the score of your playing partner who's card you are marking. Never mark your own score card in competition. Always be **HONEST** with your own score.
- Keep up with the group in front, and don't hold up any players behind

Dress Code & Clubhouse Conduct

It's important to uphold the traditions of golf. Smart appearance of all our members is expected, therefore:

- For your own safety no runners are allowed while playing golf, so appropriate golf footwear with soft spikes must be worn.
- Smart casual clothing must always be worn on the golf course. Beach shorts or football shorts/togs are unacceptable.

You cannot enter the Bar/Restaurant with dirty shoes or grass covered shoes. You will be asked to leave by a member of staff or committee if in breach.

- Junior members under the age of 18 years must vacate the bar by 9:00pm.
- Always keep your golf bags and shoes tidy, particularly at the front door of the clubhouse, and always clear up after you when using the bar/restaurant facilities.

Rules of Golf

The rules of golf are designed to help you enjoy your game. Make sure you have a rules book in your bag. Players are responsible for familiarising themselves with all golf rules. Please also be aware that there are also additional local rules which are printed on the back of our scorecard. It is worth visiting www.randa.org for the complete rules of golf.

*"Play the Ball as it lies
Play the Course as you find it
And if you can't do either do what is fair
And to do what is fair you need to know the rules of Golf"*

Junior Member: _____

Date: _____

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Code of Conduct for Parents



Parents / Guardians are a valuable and indispensable source of help to the junior programme, and are requested to assist by

- providing supervision at group coaching sessions
- providing supervision and to help with the running of junior competitions.
- providing transport to away golf competitions and events.
- teaching their children how to mark their scorecard, the rules of golf, and how to behave on and off the golf course.
- being a role model for your child and maintaining the highest standards of conduct when interacting with young people, other parents, officials and organisers.
- always behaving responsibly and not seeking to unfairly affect a player or the outcome of a game.
- never intentionally exposing any young participant to embarrassment or disparagement using flippant or sarcastic remarks.
- always recognising the value and importance of the officials and volunteers who provide sporting and recreational opportunities for your child. Do not publicly question the judgement or honesty of referees, coaches or organisers. Respect convenors, professionals, coaches, referees, organisers and other players. Parents are welcome to attend events and coaching sessions but should not interfere with the coach or professional while working with the player.
- encouraging your child to play by the rules. Teach your child that honest endeavour is as important as winning and do all you can to encourage good sportsmanship.
- setting a good example by applauding good play on both sides. Encourage mutual respect for teammates and opponents

As a parent/guardian of a young player I will:

- respect the rules and procedures set down by Gort Golf Club and the GUI.
- respect my child's teammates as well as players, parents and coaches from opposing teams. I will encourage my child to treat other participants, professionals, coaches, convenors, selectors and managers with respect.
- give encouragement and applaud only positive accomplishments whether from my child, his/her teammates, their opponents or the officials.
- respect the officials and their authority during sessions and at events.
- never demonstrate threatening or abusive behaviour or use foul language.

Any misdemeanours and breach of this code of conduct will be dealt with immediately by Gort Golf Club.

Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

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Junior/Minor Member Disciplinary Process



Introduction

Golf is a game built on integrity, safety, and mutual respect. In a busy club environment, it is essential that our Junior Section maintains the highest standards to ensure the safety of all players and the preservation of our course.

In a busy golf club, the junior section is the lifeblood of the future, but it also operates within a community of hundreds of adult members and staff. A clear disciplinary process isn't about being "strict"; it's about consistency, safety, and respect. Its aim is to provide a fair, transparent framework for our young golfers. It focuses on education and accountability. By linking behaviour to **BRS booking privileges**, we reinforce that access to the course is a privilege earned through good conduct.

To ensure our club remains a safe and enjoyable place for everyone, we use a simple **Two-Step "Fair Play" System**.

Before playing the course, every junior is expected to complete **Induction** and know the rules outlined in the above **Code of Conduct**.

● Our Golden Rules

- **Respect the Course:** Always replace divots, repair pitch marks, and rake bunkers.
- **Respect the Pace:** Keep up with the group in front. If you lose a hole's distance, let the group behind through.
- **Respect the People:** Be polite to staff, members, and your playing partners.
- **Safety First:** Never swing a club or hit a shot if someone is in range.



Step 1: The "Yellow Card"

What it is: A formal verbal or written warning for minor breaches of etiquette or club rules.

- **Who issues it?** The Junior Convenor or a member of the Junior and/or Management Committees.
- **The Process:** You may be pulled aside for a private chat to explain what happened and how to fix it and/or receive a written message conveying the same.
- **The Result:** A note is made in our Junior Log. No playing privileges are lost yet, but this is your "heads up" to improve your conduct.

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Step 2: The "Red Card"

What it is: A formal disciplinary action for repeated Yellow Card offenses or serious one-off incidents (e.g., bullying, course damage, theft, or safety violations).

- **The Process:** Your guardian will be notified of the offense and/or a formal meeting may be held between the junior golfer, the parent/guardian, and member(s) of the Junior and/or Management Committees.
- **The Consequence: Suspension of BRS Booking Privileges.** Your account will be deactivated, meaning you cannot book tee times or play in competitions for a set period:

Severity	BRS Suspension Period
Minor Repeat	1 Week (e.g., continued slow play)
Moderate	2 Weeks (e.g. disrespecting staff/members)
Serious	3 - 4 Weeks (e.g., intentional damage or safety breaches, theft)

To ensure fairness and safety, the Junior and Management Committees reserve the absolute discretion to categorise any offense as "Minor," "Moderate," or "Serious" based on the specific circumstances and the impact on the club community.

An "Incident Book" will be maintained in the Clubhouse Office for logging breaches of the code of conduct or other incidents of misconduct.



The Path Back

At this club, we want you on the course, not on the sidelines. Once a suspension is served, you will get your BRS account reactivated.



Acceptance of Terms

By signing below, we acknowledge that we have read the Code of Conduct and Junior Disciplinary Process and understand that course access via BRS is contingent upon following the club's code of conduct.

Junior Member: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____