

Northop Golf Club Policy: Juniors Under 16 Playing in Adult Competitions

1. Purpose

This policy outlines the eligibility criteria and safeguarding requirements for junior members under the age of 16 who wish to participate in adult competitions at Northop Golf Club.

2. Eligibility Criteria

- Junior members under the age of 16 may participate in adult competitions **only if** they are accompanied by **two adult players**.
- These two adults must be **known to the child** and **approved by the child's Parent or Guardian**.

3. Consent Requirements

- Prior to participation, a **Parent/Guardian and Child Consent Form** must be **completed and signed**.
- This form must:
 - Confirm the parent/guardian's awareness and approval of the child playing in the competition.
 - Acknowledge the understanding of all parties involved regarding the safeguarding expectations during the event.

4. Safeguarding

- The welfare and safety of junior members is paramount. The club adheres to England Golf's safeguarding policies and expects all adult members to uphold a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment.
- Any concerns or incidents must be reported to the Club Welfare Officer.

5. Responsibility

- It is the responsibility of the Competition Organiser to verify that all requirements have been met before allowing a junior under 16 to compete.
- The completed consent forms must be securely retained by the club for safeguarding records.