



## SOUTHPORT GOLF CLUB

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# Junior Development Program Frequently Asked Questions

### **How young do the kids start playing golf? What age should they start?**

There is no a “golden age” when your child should start playing golf. Even when you look at the elite players, the age when some of the players start playing varies from 4 to 12 years old. It’s all quite individual and depend on the child at the first place.

### **Things that you need to consider:**

- How comfortable does your child feel being in the group? SGC Junior Development Program provides the group sessions where you can have 4 to 12 kids working together, so your child needs to be ready for learning in such environment.
- As it has been mentioned above, children are learning in the group environment. Although, it is important for your child to be able to listen to the adults and share the attention and space with their peers.

### **On the website it says “Term 4”. Does it mean that I need to wait until the next year to sign up my child for the program in the “Term 1”**

The Junior Development Program is run parallel with the School Terms; hence we are using Term 1,2,3 or 4 terminology when creating a schedule. You child is welcome to join the program at any time.

### **You have three different levels (Level 1, Level 2 and Cadets) in your program. How is my child going to progress? How many weeks does it take to move from one level to another?**

The levels are here for us to make sure that kids with similar skills are learning together. We do not push any timeframes on children on how fast they should move from one level to another. Everyone has a different pace of learning; therefore, we are looking at each situation individually. SGC has three PGA members running the program and each one of them will be happy to advise you when your child should move to another class.

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### **My child has played golf before. Which class is the most suitable for us?**

Level 1 is designed for the youngest golfers from 4 to 11 years old, who are learning about the basics of the golf swing and the golf etiquette. If your child falls under this age group or have never held a golf club in their hands that the Level 1 is for you.

Level 2 (7:30 Class) is what you can call an intermediate stage. Juniors from an age of 7 to 12 years all. During the sessions the juniors continue on developing their skills and a frequently play on the golf course. If you your child is feeling confident with their golf swing the Level 2 is a perfect environment where your offspring can continue on improving their skills while playing with their peers.

Cadets (6:30 Class) This is a transitioning stage between the Junior Clinics and the Junior Membership. Cadets start from playing 9 holes and having a competition among themselves. Then as they become more confident, they play 18 holes, which allows them to then get their handicap and join the club as the junior members, which will allow them to participate in the members' comp.

If you are still deciding between two classes, we suggest for you come along to a later class. Let's say that you are thinking between Level 1 and Level 2, please come to the Level 1 class. If your child is too advanced for the class our coaches will gladly navigate you on which time is most suitable for your offspring.

### **How do we sign up for the program? What's the process?**

The process is quite simple. You need to show up 10minutes prior to the class (8:20 if you are joining the 8:30 group) fill in the Enrolment Form with your contact details and then you are ready to go!

### **How much is it? Can I pay for the whole term?**

It is \$15 per session (\$25 if you have two or more children). In the beginning of the year, we charge \$60 for a Polo Shirt and a Cap.

You can't pay for the whole trimester upfront. The classes are subject to change due to the weather conditions or a change in the club's calendar. As the number of classes is not strictly allocated per term, we can't take payments in advance.

### **What sort of equipment do we need to purchase?**

Please make sure that your child is wearing a sport appropriate footwear (any type of sneakers is good, you don't need to have golf shoes).

The club provides the junior with the golf clubs and balls during the classes. You don't need to buy any special equipment at the early of your child's learning.

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### **Are you running the program only on Sundays?**

No, we also offer an addition class during the week. Level 1 class is on Tuesdays at 4pm and the Level 2 classes are on Fridays at 4pm. Those classes are also run through the School Terms.

### **What happens between the terms? Are there any classes during the school holidays?**

During the school holidays we normally offer two days back-to-back “golf camp” where juniors can spend more time on the golf course and learn new aspects about the game. Please check with our PGA professionals on the days and time of each holiday camp.

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