



Growing Golf

Junior Competition Information Sheet

Here at Growing Golf we believe that competition is a great way to develop a player's skills, confidence, and enjoyment of the game. As a result, we have published some competition information for those players who feel ready to take the next step in their development.

Unlike in most other sports, golf allows players of differing ages and abilities to enjoy competition together – with the focus being on trying to improve your own personal performance!

There are a range of competition options for junior players in the local area, and we have listed below some tried and tested events that Growing Golf players have participated in over the last few years. We have listed them in order of experience required (from least to most):

Growing Golf: 'Crack The Course' (Kings Hill Golf Club)

Our monthly 'Crack The Course' sessions have been created to help players make the transition from practice to the real thing! One of our PGA Professionals, along with our team of Growing Golf volunteers, will supervise the children for a two hour on-course playing session. We will teach the children how to play on the course, understand the rules, develop their skills and have a lot of fun! Hosted on Sunday afternoons, these sessions are available to any Growing Golf Academy member. Details of these sessions can be found on the Growing Golf website (calendar page):

<https://growinggolf.co.uk/calendar>

Growing Golf: Red Tee Competitions (Kings Hill Golf Club)

These events have been created for junior members of the golf club looking to gain their first handicap. The competition will be held over 9 holes and played off red tees. Players will be required to keep their own score (as well as that of their playing partner) and will be supervised by an adult at all times. A total of six 9-hole scores need to be recorded in order for a player to be awarded an official club handicap. Players do need to be members of the golf club to participate. Dates of these events can be found on the junior noticeboard and in the club shop.



Wee Wonders (South East Region)

Players should be between 5 and 12 years of age on 1st September 2019. These are 9-hole competitions played on (fairly) short courses. Players don't need a handicap, they just need to be able to count their total shots over nine holes. This is a great introduction to competitive golf. Please note that caddies aren't allowed – so parents can walk round with their child but not give advice!

Link to Wee Wonders website: <https://www.weewondersgolf.com/>

European Junior Golf Tour

A very welcoming series of events run by Roger Shutt and Rob Ashbrook. This tour is a development tour for players as young as five! No handicap required, with most competitions played over nine holes at some lovely locations.

Link to website: <http://www.europeanjgt.com/>

Kent Futures

The Kent Golf Union run a handful of competitions each year for junior players in the U10 and U13 age groups. These events tend to be aimed at juniors who already have a club handicap. Details of these can be found on the KGU website:

https://www.kentgolf.org/kent_futures_championships

Kings Hill Golf Club Junior Competitions

The golf club runs a series of junior competitions throughout the year for junior members with official handicaps. These are held off white tees and will run alongside the new 'Red Tee' events. Dates of these events can be found on the junior noticeboard and in the club shop.

