

## Getting Started at clubgolf – Why Should My Club Sign Up ?

clubgolf's vision is to create opportunities for all children in Scotland to access golf, to bring about increased participation in golf (including increased junior club membership), and to lay strong foundations for improved performance in Scottish golf. The project aims to deliver four strategic goals:

- *The opportunity for every child in Scotland to experience golf by the time they are 9 years old*
- *A coaching workforce at the heart of junior golf in Scotland capable of supporting the demand from children who want to play golf*
- *More children playing golf and more junior golf club members*
- *A broader and better coached pool of players from which more talented golfers will emerge*

To achieve our goals we work with a wide range of partners at all levels. In 2008, 233 golf clubs and facilities delivered coaching programmes as part of the national junior golf programme, clubgolf, and we expect that figure to rise substantially in 2009. If you share clubgolf's vision, and you would like support in developing junior golf at your club, then you should speak to your clubgolf Regional Manager about getting involved in the national programme.

### **Minimum Requirements :**

to be recognised as part of the clubgolf programme, your club must :

- 1 have an appropriate Child & Adult Protection Policy in place
- 2 have a Child Protection Officer appointed and suitably trained
- 3 ensure all coaches complete suitable enhanced disclosure checks
- 4 offer a programme, delivered by qualified and licensed coaches, that delivers, as a minimum, Stage 1 of the Player Pathway
- 5 develop links with local schools, working in partnership with teaching or Active Schools staff, and give suitable priority at Stage 1 to children participating in the introductory game 'firstclubgolf'
- 6 ensure your programme is accessible to children new to golf, with suitable arrangements to remove / avoid social, financial or other barriers to entry
- 7 manage the deployment of suitably qualified volunteer coaches in your coaching programme
- 8 report participation data to your clubgolf Regional Manager
- 9 work with your clubgolf Regional Manager to ensure compliance and full involvement with the national strategy

### **Key Benefits :**

As a club signed up to clubgolf, you will :

- 1 receive support from a clubgolf Regional Manager to establish, develop and enhance your junior programme
- 2 benefit from substantial subsidies for coach education and coach development
- 3 receive coaching materials for each of your qualified coaches
- 4 gain access to clubgolf's discretionary grant funding scheme
- 5 have access to resources to promote your coaching programme
- 6 receive guidance from your clubgolf Regional Manager when developing facilities to help deliver junior coaching
- 7 hear of opportunities to enhance your junior programme (e.g. visits to major Scottish golf events, play the Wee Course at Gleneagles)
- 8 hear of additional opportunities for volunteer coaches (e.g. Pro Am, volunteer competitions and special offers)
- 9 receive publicity through a range of media (clubgolf media service)
- 10 be able to contribute to the further development of the national junior golf programme