

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

The Blackwood Golf Club is committed to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people who participate in our club's activities or use its services. We support the rights of the child and will act at all times to ensure that a child safe environment is maintained.

Supervision

- Junior members under the age of 18 will be supervised by a responsible adult during official club activities including coaching, and while visiting other clubs or courses for official events.
- At other informal times parents/carers must ensure adequate supervision of their children and should not leave children unsupervised when they, for example, play golf.
- If a member finds a junior member is unsupervised, they should assume responsibility for the child's safety until the parent/carer or supervisor can be found.
- For reasons of courtesy and safety, parents/carers must turn up on time to collect their child. If it appears a member will be left alone at the end of a club activity with just one child, they will ask another member to stay until the child is collected.
- The club will have an accessible register of parent/guardian emergency contact numbers at club activities.

Transportation

- In relation to golf activities, members should not transport children who are not their own without the express approval of their parent/carer.
- Children should not be given casual lifts unrelated to golf activities.

Taking images of children

Images of children can be used inappropriately or illegally and can put a child at risk.

- Members, wherever possible, should obtain written permission from the child and the child's parent/carer before taking an image of a child who is not their own and ensure that the parent/carer knows the way the image will be used.
- Our Club also requires the privacy of others to be respected and disallows the use of camera phones, videos and cameras inside changing areas, showers and toilets.
- If the Club uses an image of a child in its promotion, it will avoid naming or identifying the child or we will, wherever possible, avoid using both the first

- name and surname. We will not display personal information such as residential address, email address or telephone numbers without gaining consent from the parent/carer. We will not display information about hobbies, likes/dislikes, school, etc., as this information can be used as grooming tools by paedophiles or other persons.
- We will only use appropriate images of a child relevant to our sport, and ensure that the child is suitably clothed in a manner that promotes the sport, displays its successes, etc.

A failure to observe this Code may be considered as misconduct, and the Club may take appropriate disciplinary action in accordance with its Constitution.