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A Practical Safeguarding Guide to holding

Golf Competitions/Matches/Games played by an Adult with a Child (or Children) or Adult (s) at Risk

This document is intended to offer practical guidance and used to supplement the existing Safeguarding Policies and Procedures that the club has in place in accordance with the England Golf 'SafeGolf' accreditation.

The guide provides a generic template for clubs to use although consideration should also be given to any additional or specific risks that may uniquely apply to an individual club e.g geographical features of the course such as; limited or no mobile phone reception, public rights of way, road bridges, water hazards or the necessity to cross a public road during play.

The following explanation of relevant 'terms' are included as a helpful reminder;

Child /Junior Player includes anyone under 18 years of age at the time of the event

Adult at risk includes anyone who is unable to fully look after their own wellbeing, property, rights or other interest; and is at risk of harm (either from another person's or their own behaviour); and because they have a disability, mental disorder, illness or physical or mental infirmity, or are more vulnerable to being harmed than other adults.

Parent/Carer includes a person with legal responsibility for the Player or an appropriate adult authorised by them or a legal authority to act on behalf of the Player.

Playing includes time on the course either before or after actual play, including time in the clubhouse or whilst on club property.

This guidance is set in the context of when, where and how the sport of golf is played. These factors provide inherent risk management measures and include but are not limited to;

- Play is during daylight hours
- Play takes place in a wide open space
- Often there will be other groups of players out on the course
- An active on-line booking system will be in place which provides transparency as to who is out on the course and when
- There is a known start time and anticipated finish time to the each playing pair/group
- The layout of a golf course provides a recognised place to start (1st tee)and a finish/return point (18th tee/clubhouse)
- The clubhouse and or professional shop is staffed by a responsible adult who can be summoned if more urgent help is required
- First aid equipment/a defibrillator is available within close proximity to the course i.e. the clubhouse/professional shop/any other site on the course i.e. a designated 'Half-way house'



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It is impossible to detail every eventuality that may happen during a round of golf on the course. However, in the planning stage for all competitions and events where adults are eligible to play alongside juniors/Adults at Risk, due consideration should be given to the potential safeguarding risks. A risk assessment and risk management plan should then be completed in consultation with the Club Welfare Officer.

The template below may prove helpful in formulating such a plan. It is not intended to provide a prescriptive list but is designed to promote thought as to the potential risks and ideas for how those risks may be mitigated.



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Risk Assessment/Risk Management plan for combined Adult/Junior Player Events

Activity	Identified Risks	Risk Management Considerations	Date checked/ approved by CWO
Junior or Adult at Risk playing with adult player	Opportunity to develop inappropriate relationship between adult/junior/Adult at Risk	All players to be aware of and adhere to the Club Safeguarding Policy	
		Parents/Carers of players to be aware of and adhere to the Club Safeguarding Policy	
		All players to be cognisant of and agree to adhere to the Club Code of Conduct	
		All players to know the identity of the Club Welfare Officer and how the CWO can be contacted	
		All Players to understand how to report a safeguarding matter/concern	
		Parents/Carers of Junior /Adult at Risk players to understand the rules of the competition i.e., that a child/Adult at Risk may be 'drawn 'to play against an adult player	
	Child/Adult at Risk suffers illness whilst on the course	Parent /Carer consent sought to share relevant medical information in regard to the Junior/Adult at Risk Player when necessary (prior to play starting if necessary)	
		Consider any request made/need for, a chaperone to accompany any player during the match/event/competition	
		Junior/Adult at Risk player in possession of necessary prescribed medicines and know how to administer them i.e. Pens for anaphylactic shock-food intolerances/inhalers for asthma	
		Adult player aware of relevant contact details for parent of junior playing partner	
	Adult falls ill whilst on the course	Any relevant medical history shared with playing partner where necessary	



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		Adult player in possession of necessary prescribed medicines and know how to use them i.e. Pens for anaphylactic shock-food intolerances/inhalers for asthma	
	Adult incurs injury whilst on the course	Assess capability of Junior Player to summon help if required	
		Junior/Adult at Risk player in possession of a mobile phone in order to summon assistance	
		Relevant phone numbers are stored in the mobile phone contact list (i.e.for pro shop/office/clubhouse)	
	Child/Adult at Risk suffers injury whilst on the course	Adult player aware of relevant contact details for parent of junior playing partner	
		Adult player is in possession of a mobile phone and relevant phone numbers are stored in the mobile phone contact list (for pro shop/office/clubhouse)	
	Incident happens on course i.e., action of a non-playing 'intruder'/member of public	Players aware of the club rules/guidance/incident report	
		Players capable of summoning urgent help if required	
		Adult player to take responsibility for safeguarding the wellbeing of the junior player	
	Inappropriate behaviour /language used by either player	All players to adhere to the code of conduct	
		All players to know the identity of the Club Welfare Officer and how the CWO can be contacted	
Lone adult player with more than one Junior /Adult at Risk player	Similar risks as above	Adopt same measures above	