



HERTFORDSHIRE GOLF

JUNIOR OPENS – RECOMMENDED RULES & REGULATIONS

In addition to any local rules in operation by the host club, Hertfordshire Golf recommends the adoption of the following regulations for competitors and spectators.

This guidance will ensure fair play and help avoid any rule infringements or misunderstandings. Clubs may adopt these in their conditions of entry or include them with the start-time notification sheet.

- 1 All events shall be played in accordance with the current R & A Rules of Golf and such local rules approved by the host club/tournament committee.
- 2 All competitors are required to play with golf balls which are on the R & A List of Conforming Golf Balls current at the date of the event.
- 3 Competitors must comply with all competition entry conditions.
- 4 Competitors must notify the host club of their handicap and their personal CONGU CDH ID Number available from their HOME club.
- 5 If the conditions of the junior open permits the use of caddies then they should be under 18 on the 1st January of the year of the competition.
- 6 Players may neither ask for nor receive advice from anyone that will assist their play, except to establish matters of fact. Any rule queries should be handled by a suitably qualified rules official or clarified with the committee on completion of the round before signing their card.
- 7 Spectators may support competitors from a safe vantage point but in order to eliminate any question of doubt as to a competitor receiving or requesting advice, maintain at least 20 metres distance from competitors, and should not encroach onto the teeing area or putting green. This distance rule shall be relaxed when helping to search for a ball or dispensing refreshments.
- 8 Buggies should not be permitted and competitors must carry their own bag or, where permitted, use a trolley, manual or electric, if allowed by the club
- 9 On completion of each round cards must be checked by the competitor, any discrepancies discussed and agreed with their marker who must sign it. The individual competitor must then sign and return his or her own card to the recorder immediately. Any card not returned within a satisfactory time is to be regarded as a “nil return”.
- 10 Competitors should register with the organising committee at the event at least 30 minutes before their allocated start time.
- 11 The Hertfordshire Junior Code of Conduct should be adopted to cover etiquette and any disciplinary issues that may arise.
- 12 Hertfordshire Golf Welfare of Children in Golf Policy should be adopted – available from the Hertfordshire Golf website <https://www.hertfordshiregolf.org/>

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