



# Maroochy River Golf Club



## 2024 Junior Handbook

**A Guide to Navigating Junior Golf**

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## Introduction

Welcome to the world of Junior Golf. This game presents something quite unique for your child and can be as challenging as it is rewarding. To help new parents into this wonderful sport, the Junior Committee has brought together all the relevant information to help you get the best out of Junior Golf.

Maroochy River Golf Club is a non for profit, members-owned club that actively encourages Junior Golf and, as such, we enjoy some of the largest Junior Member numbers in Australia. We offer junior golfers a pathway from entry-level clinics to becoming elite level national competitors.

As a member's owned club, our primary focus is the love of the game, so we genuinely hope you have fun with your child and build some fantastic life memories together.



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If you would like to share photos, results or have any general questions, please email [juniorcommittee@maroochyrivergolfclub.com.au](mailto:juniorcommittee@maroochyrivergolfclub.com.au). For any teaching and squad enquiries, please contact Marcus McPherson or Sean Seymore via the Pro Shop.

## Queensland Golf Performance Centre

The Queensland Golf Performance Centre is located at Maroochy River Golf Club and has exclusive rights to all teaching and learning activities. QGPC is a separate entity from the MRGC, however from a practical standpoint, and for Junior Golf in particular, the two organisations blend together to provide a Junior Golf experience second to none.

QGPC takes a holistic approach to better performance in golf and uses the latest technology to measure and capture data in all areas of the game. We can help you play better golf by identifying the areas of your game that need improving and then use our expertise to determine why it is happening. Our assessment programs ensure we have all the information to provide an informative and practical pathway to improving your game. Over the years we have developed a team of experts that assist our qualified professionals in making sure all areas that influence performance can be assessed to identify if there are limiting factors that affect swing efficiency.

The Performance Centre located at the driving range, is 200 square meters in size and has 2 indoor/outdoor bays, indoor high performance room including putter fitting, K-VEST 6D, SAM Pressure Plate and then a fully equipped gymnasium. Our retail shop that is in the main club house building has a fully stocked shop with all the leading brands at competitive pricing. So, if you are serious about improving your game, come in and check out the Queensland Golf Performance Centre at Maroochy River Golf Club. Members are offered a 10% discount on most items.

**QGPC Founder & Club Professional:** Sean Seymore

**Director of Learning:** Marcus McPherson

**Teaching Professional:** Di Pavich

**Teaching Professional:** John Wright

For more information go to:

[Junior Golf Academy – Golf Performance Centre](#)

or email: [learning@qgpc.com.au](mailto:learning@qgpc.com.au)

## Driving Range

The Driving Range is open every day during the following times, with last balls sold 45 min before closing.

Monday	6:00am – 5:00pm
Tuesday	8:30am – 7:00pm (Maintenance Day)
Wednesday	6:00am – 8:00pm
Thursday	6:00am – 8:00pm
Friday	8:30am – 8:00pm (Maintenance Day)
Saturday	6:00am – 8:00pm
Sunday	6:00am – 7:00pm

**Cadet and Junior members are entitled to *one free bucket of balls every week*** and can collect a voucher from the Pro Shop. Otherwise the cost per bucket for cadets and juniors is as follows:

Large (105 Balls)	\$5.50
Medium (65 Balls)	\$4.50
Small (30 Balls)	\$3.50

## Golf Progression

Junior golfers can start at a young age, generally between 5-14, and their progress can involve a combination of coaching, practice, and on-course play. Throughout the year there are many golf tournaments on offer for all ages and abilities, including the Queensland Golf Performance Centre-run Junior Series, open to all cadet and junior members.

The first place to start is a group training squad, and QGPC has quite a few options based on Cap Colour (see below for further detail):

Saturday Morning – Introductions to Golf

Time: 08:30 – 10:00 AM

Term fee: \$180 cadet and junior members; \$220 for non-members; \$30 daily

### 2024 Classes

Term 1: 27th January to 23rd March

Term 2: 20th April to 15th June

Term 3: 13th July to 7th September

Term 4: 5th October to 30th November

After school squad sessions run from weeks 2-9 on the school calendar, and are designed for children who have progressed to the Chrome, Orange, and Black cap level.

Tuesdays      Chrome Caps: 3:45 – 4: 45 PM; Orange Caps 4:45 – 5:45 PM

Wednesdays   Chrome Caps: 4:00 – 5:00 PM; Orange Caps: 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Thursdays      Black Caps: 3:45 – 4:45 PM;      Black Caps: 4:45 – 5:45 PM

These can all be booked via the My Golf Booking System link below.

[MyGolf | Australia's national junior introductory program | Golf Australia](#)

## Individual Lessons

To book one-on-one lessons with Marcus, Di, John or any of the team, please go to their website, [Golf Performance Centre](#). Once you have set up an account, you will be able to view availability in real-time and select a coaching slot that suits you.

## Junior High Performance Squad

In 2022 MRGC and QGPC developed a High Performance Junior Program. Through a holistic approach towards the long term development of our juniors, we selected our top 15 young golfers to trial the new development program.





The 2023 program consisted of the following elements designed to take their game to the next level and unlock new pathways:

1. Structured Skills training based on the Titleist Performance Institute (TPI) framework.
2. Technical coaching from PGA professionals in all areas of the game.
3. Physical assessments and training, including fitness and strength. Delivered by Nick Randall who's famously known as Cam Smith's physical conditioning coach.
4. Psychological from a qualified sports psychologist and ex-Tour golfer.
5. Diet and nutrition.
6. Mentoring from former and current touring professionals.

Countless hours were spent developing this program, from committee meetings, to individual research and many one-on-ones with our Director of Learning, Marcus Macpherson, to get it off the ground. It takes all aspects from commercial through to the upper echelons of elite sporting knowledge to get something like this to launch and be sustainable, so we thank the club, the committee, the sponsors, Sean Seymore and John Wright QGPC, and most importantly Marcus McPherson for making this happen.

2023 Sponsors:



Sunshine Coast & Caloundra GWM

**Sunshine Coast Golf Zone**

## QGPC Junior Competitions

QGPC Junior Series offers a fun environment where juniors can get out on the golf course, meet new friends and practice the skills they have learned. The series is open to all cadet and junior members who are participating in Junior Squads at Maroochy River Golf Club. The competitions are generally held once a month, from February to November, on a Sunday afternoon. All new players start at the *White Cap* level so they have success from day one and gain confidence. From there, they move through the QGPC Hat System, which provides Juniors with achievable goals and gives them the motivation to practice and improve.

 3 Holes	Played your 1st event	★
	26 or lower	★ ★
	23 or lower	★ ★ ★
	19 or lower	Move to Chrome Cap
 5 Holes	Played event	
	33 or lower	★
	28 or lower	★ ★
	25 or lower	Move to Orange Cap
 7 Holes	Played event	
	43 or lower	★
	38 or lower	★ ★
	35 or lower	Move to Black Cap
 9 Holes	Played event	
	48 or lower	★
	42 or lower	★ ★
	36 or lower	Move to Blue Cap
 9 Holes	Played event	
	48 or lower	★
	42 or lower	★ ★
	36 or lower	Golfing Excellence

The distance of each hole is tailored for the skill level, with

- White caps - teeing off from 80, 100, and 120 metres - 3 holes
- Chrome Caps - teeing off from between 80 - 180 metres - 5 holes
- Orange Caps - teeing off from between 80 - 220 metres - 7 holes
- Black Caps - tee off either the yellow, red or white tees depending on star level - 9 holes

Order of Merit: Players are awarded points at the end of each round, with major prizes awarded to the Top 5 players at the end of year. Points can be won in each star and cap level, for example 1st place in *chrome cap*, *one star* will receive 10 points, and 1st place in *chrome cap*, *two stars* will also receive 10 points, giving every child the opportunity to accumulate points throughout the year. Points as follows:

1st: 10 pts  
 2nd: 8 pts  
 3rd: 6 pts  
 4th: 4 pts

All other participants who finish receive 2 points.



## **QGPC Junior Series Rules of Play**

- A maximum of 6 shots is allowed to get the ball on the green. If a player is not on the green, pick up the ball and place it on the edge of the green. From there a maximum of 4 putts is allowed to get the ball into the hole. If not achieved, pick up the golf ball and simply write 10 on the scorecard.
- A maximum of 4 putts is allowed per hole (regardless of if a player was on the green for 1 or 6 shots). Therefore, if a player has 3 putts and the ball is not in the hole, please encourage that player to pick up the ball. A group of 4 players should need no longer than 4 minutes on a putting green.
- If a ball is hit into the bunker, the player is allowed 1 attempt to get the ball out. If the ball doesn't get out on the first attempt, pick up the ball and place the ball on the grass beside the bunker, no nearer to the hole. Only count the 1 shot they attempted. It is considered a free drop out of the bunker.
- Teeing up the ball is only allowed on the first shot on each hole.
- At the end of every hole when you have putt out, each player must say their score out loud to the group. Please remember to count all shots and caddies please help the players be aware of how many shots they have had.
- When on the green, the furthest ball from the hole will putt first. From there please encourage that player to continue putting out.
- Air swings are counted as 1 stroke.
- Coaching the player throughout the round is allowed but please keep in mind the pace of play. However, once the club is in the players hands and he/she has started to set up to the ball, no coaching is permitted.
- At all times, please remember to be safe, courteous and respectful to your fellow playing partners, caddies and the golf course. Our Junior Series is designed primarily to give our junior golfers an introduction to the golf course and an opportunity to progress by moving up a cap level.



# 2024 QGPC VBA JUNIOR GOLF SERIES



Open to all Cadet and Junior Members who  
are participating in Junior Squads at  
Maroochy River Golf Club



2024  
QGPC VBA JUNIOR  
GOLF SERIES

Feb  
25

Mar  
17

May  
5

June  
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July  
28

Aug  
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Oct  
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Nov  
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*'Making  
Champions in  
Golf and Life'*



- \* Timesheet opens 1 week before competition.
- \* Call Pro Shop on 54570900 to register.
- \* Bookings essential



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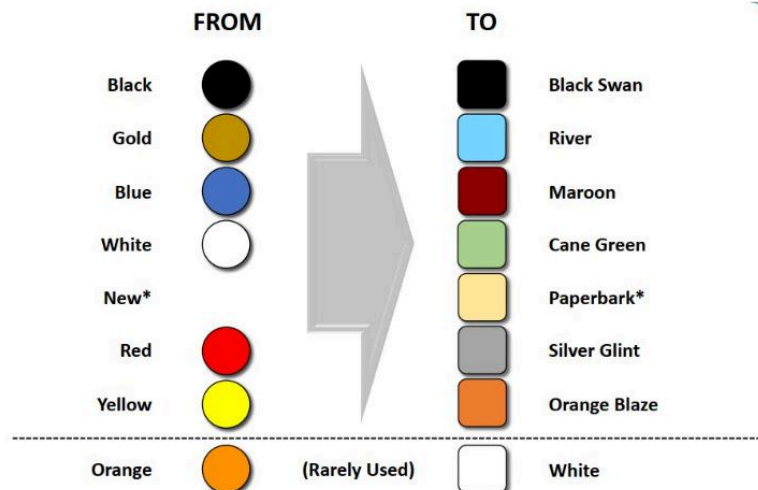


## 18 HOLES

Once the Juniors have mastered the QGPC competitions, they can consider moving on to club competitions that are held nearly every day of the year. Cadets will need to be converted to Junior Members and gain a Golf Australia Handicap to compete in these competitions.

In 2023, Maroochy River introduced a new tee system to a more contemporary, inclusive colour palette that is inspired by the natural environment of our golf course.

## MRGC New Tee Colours



## New Tee Colours - detail



Black Markers are for tournament-level play and not recommended for Juniors until 14 or driving the ball well. This course length is 6441 metres. The committee would recommend Silver Glint, Paperbark or Cane Green for new juniors entering club competitions.

Players must demonstrate a sound knowledge and understanding of the rules and scoring of golf and a level of maturity that is required to participate in 18-hole competitions. A Golf Link handicap and current membership are also required.

Juniors who are 14 years or older or hold a current A Grade handicap or are on the "Authorised Marker List" (which will be provided and managed by the Junior Subcommittee) may mark the card of another junior with the same eligibility. The exception to this rule is Board Events where a Junior card must be marked by an adult competitor.



## Handicaps:

Juniors moving up from 9 holes to 18 holes are able to gain a Golf Australia handicap. Three rounds of 18 holes or 6 rounds of combined 9 holes with a handicapped player must be recorded and submitted to the Club Captain for approval. The maximum handicap is 36 for Boys and 45 for Girls.

## Pennant:

Pennant Season is one of the rare times Juniors can compete as a team. Each year clubs within the Sunshine Coast Zone and District go head to head to take home Club pride.

Generally MRGC puts 3-4 teams into the competition every year due to high demand from the cohort. Teams can be anywhere from 3-5 and each year the decision is made by the Zone Director of Golf based on specific needs and feedback from clubs.



In 2023 team sizes were 4, and we had 3 divisions. Div 1 was for a Handicap of 10 and under, and Div 2 was from 10 to 22 and Div 3 was from 23 to a maximum of 36 for boys and 45 for girls. In 2023, Div 1 teams competed off the stick (no handicap) against the best across our district.

*We strongly recommend any juniors with a handicap or nearing the ability, seriously consider Pennant. It has made such an impact on many juniors that enjoy the team and social atmosphere.*

## **Junior Membership**

### **CADET MEMBERSHIP**

This membership category is for young golfers aged 12 and under who are still learning the game.

Cadet Members:

- Enjoy access to all club facilities
- Have unlimited free social golf
- Enjoy members guest rates for parents and visitors
- Are eligible for QGPC Junior Competitions
- Are eligible for one free bucket of range balls every week, and discounted balls thereafter
- Cannot secure a Golf Australia (GA) Handicap
- Cannot play in official club competitions

Cadet members who reach a standard where they are ready to play club competitions must become Junior Members, become affiliated with Golf Australia (GA) and obtain an official handicap.

### **PROVISIONAL JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP**

This membership category is for golfers aged 13 to 17 that are new to the club, and is a stepping stone to Junior Membership.

Provisional Junior Members:

- Enjoy access to all club facilities
- Have unlimited free social golf
- Enjoy members guest rates for parents and visitors
- Are eligible for QGPC Junior Competitions
- Are eligible for one free bucket of range balls every week, and discounted balls thereafter
- Are eligible for a Golf Australia (GA) Handicap
- Are eligible to play in official club competitions, however cannot book into Wednesday and Saturday competitions until after 1:00pm the day prior (giving priority access to "full" club and junior members)

Upon joining, Provisional Juniors are automatically placed on the 7-Day Membership Waiting List and will be offered a position as a "full" Junior Member when they reach the top of the Waiting List.

### **JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP**

This membership category is for golfers aged 13 to 17 and is a "full" Junior Membership with unrestricted access to competitions.

Junior Members:

- Enjoy access to all club facilities
- Have unlimited free social golf
- Enjoy members guest rates for parents and visitors
- Are eligible to stand for Junior Captain and become a committee member
- Are eligible for QGPC Junior Competitions
- Are eligible for one free bucket of range balls every week, and discounted balls thereafter
- Are eligible for a Golf Australia (GA) Handicap
- Are eligible to play in official club competitions with no booking restrictions



## MEMBERSHIP FEES

Category	Insurance	GA Affiliation	Subscription Fee	Total
Junior Boy	\$21.50	\$80.00	\$215.00	\$316.50
Junior Girl	\$21.50	\$79.45	\$215.00	\$315.95
Provisional Junior Boy	\$21.50	\$80.00	\$164.00	\$265.50
Provisional Junior Girl	\$21.50	\$79.45	\$164.00	\$264.95
Cadet	\$21.50		\$27.50	\$49.00

**PLEASE NOTE:** The membership year runs from 1st October to 30th September. Subscription balances are calculated on a monthly pro-rata basis depending on the month of joining. There is a slight difference in the Boys and Girls Fees due a different fee being charged by the Men's and Women's District Golf Associations.

## Fair Play Vouchers

Maroochy River Golf Club has been approved as a registered activity provider and as such can now accept Fair Play vouchers. The \$150 voucher can be used towards membership fees or training clinics. Cadets could potentially split the voucher between both membership and lessons. Applications open at the beginning of each year, and close mid March.

For details on eligibility, registration dates and how you can apply, please visit the Fairplay Voucher [Website](#).

## **Annual Awards**

The Junior Presentation is held annually with several awards aimed at not only rewarding outstanding golfing results here at Maroochy River and at external competitions, but also for juniors that demonstrate high standards of integrity and honesty.

### **Captains' Awards**

- You need to be a registered Cadet/Junior member, home club MRGC.
- Attitude - Course etiquette, peer interaction, upholding the values of golf and the club.
- Contribution to the club.
- Extraordinary factors taken into account.

### **Most Improved Cadet**

- You need to be a registered Cadet member, home club MRGC.
- You need to have played in a minimum of 4 QGPC Competitions, the more the better.
- You need to have played in other competitions such as the GHMZ or The SBG Tour.
- Attitude - Course etiquette, peer interaction, upholding the values of golf and the club.
- Extraordinary factors taken into account.

### **Member's Award**

- You need to be a registered Cadet/Junior member, home club MRGC.
- Attitude - Course etiquette, peer interaction, upholding the values of golf and the club.
- Interaction with members.
- Extraordinary factors taken into account.

### **Most Improved**

- You need to be a registered Junior member with GA Handicap, home club MRGC.
- You need to have played in a minimum of 4 MRGC Competitions, the more the better.
- You need to have played in other competitions such as the GHMZ or The SBG Tour.
- Handicap drop from Mens 36 and Women's 45, and an adequate number of rounds played to be reflective.
- Attitude - Course etiquette, peer interaction, upholding the values of golf and the club.
- Extraordinary factors taken into account.

### **Best Club Representative**

- You need to be a registered Cadet/Junior member, home club MRGC
- High number of external competitions played
- You don't need to be the best or most skilled player
- Attitude - Course etiquette, peer interaction, upholding the values of golf and the club.
- An ambassador for MRGC as such.

### **Best Pennant Player**

- You need to be a registered Junior member with GA Handicap and home club MRGC to be selected into the Pennant team.
- Highest win ratio in Pennants rounds.
- Team comradery and leadership.
- Attitude - Course etiquette, peer interaction, upholding the values of golf and the club.
- Other extraordinary factors.

### **Cadet of the Year**

- You need to be a registered Cadet member.
- You need to have played in a minimum of 4 QGPC competitions, the more the better.
- You need to have played in other competitions such as the SBG, 6 hole or 9 hole.
- Cap Progression
- Attitude - Course etiquette, peer interaction, upholding the values of golf and the club.
- Extraordinary factors taken into account.

### **Junior of the Year**

- You need to be a registered Junior member, home club MRGC.
- You need to have played in a high number of club and external competitions.
- Generally a low handicap player and progressing in the right direction.
- Attitude - Course etiquette, peer interaction, generally upholding the values of golf and the club.
- Extraordinary factors taken into account.

### **Junior Captain**

- You need to be a registered Junior member, home club MRGC.
- You need to have played in a high number of club and external competitions.
- Good relationships with all members.
- Attitude - generally upholding the values of golf and the club.
- Leadership values.

Extraordinary factors taken into account.

## A Message For Parents

Although the game of golf is recognised as an individual sport, this is not the case with junior golf. Initially, cadets are required to have a caddy and this role invariably falls to the parents/carers. Be warned, junior golf can become very addictive not only for the junior but also for the parents. Whether it is seeing your child's delight as they nail a long drive or the disappointment of having a four-putt from a metre to lose by one stroke, the sharing of emotions, the guidance you give and the pride you experience as they overcome adversity makes being part of junior golf such a worthwhile activity.



## Parent/Caddy Responsibilities



Remind your child it is just a game and we are there to have fun.

Do not place pressure on your child.

Gently enforce and help your child learn the rules and etiquette of golf.

Encourage and help if needed.  
Ensure "pace of play".

Confirm the correct stroke counting for all players and encourage honesty.

Help keep track of where all players' golf balls are.

*Be patient and most importantly, keep smiling!*

## Etiquette

Golf's code of behaviour is known as etiquette. It ensures safety is maintained, the course is looked after, and that golf is played in a fun, friendly environment. Below are some general tips for good golf etiquette.

<b>Safety</b>	Check that you and others are safe before swinging your club.
<b>Consideration</b>	Always consider others, whether playing partners and caddies, other competitors, officials, the course, or the public. Play without delay and within the rules. Always consider the general courtesies of golf e.g., keep still while other players are playing, do not stand behind a player when they are having their shot. Be respectful whilst your playing partners are having their shot, don't walk off or make noise.
<b>Priority</b>	If you are holding up the group behind, call them through. General rule: keep up with the group in front, not immediately in front of the group behind.
<b>Bunkers</b>	Enter and leave the bunker from the lowest point. Always smooth out the bunker after playing from it or walking through it.
<b>Divots</b>	Always replace divots and repair any damage you may make.
<b>Practice Swings</b>	No more than two practice swings.
<b>Quiet</b>	Be quiet while other people prepare and play shots.
<b>Shake Hands</b>	At the end of play, hats off and shake hands with other players and caddies.

## Conditions of Play

### Players

- All players are to be a financial member of the golf club.
- Players not having an official handicap will be eligible for gross only.
- Any player who disrupts play, abuses the course, or behaves in a manner not following the etiquette of golf may be referred to the Junior Committee.
- All air swings are to be counted and not deemed as practice swings.
- The Junior Committee allows authorised officials to scrutinise any junior players score, after consultation with the player and their markers.
- Any player who acts in a malicious way towards another player or person for whatever reason, may be asked to appear before the Junior Committee with his/her parent/guardian to explain why they should not be suspended from future events.

### Dress Code

When playing the game of golf, the host club's dress code must be adhered to. A general guide for all players is as follows:

#### **Boys:**

Boys should be dressed with a neat and tidy appearance. Collared or golf designed shirts and no football shorts. Closed in shoes must be worn

#### **Girls:**

Girls should be dressed with a neat and tidy appearance. No exposed midriffs. Closed in shoes must be worn. Maroochy River Golf Club Dress Regulations can be found here:

[Course and Driving Range Dress Regulations](#)



## **Caddies**

Caddies are essential to Junior Golf, without them, junior golf cannot run efficiently. It is for this reason we encourage parents to walk with their son/daughter and assist in scoring and monitoring of the group.

## **Smoking**

Smoking in designated smoking areas, when not performing any duties related to Junior golf, is allowed. Parents should be aware of the influence smoking may have on children's health.

## **Mobile Phones**

Mobile phones are to be turned off or on silent mode whilst walking with players in all divisions. The only exception is if they are being used in an official capacity for communication purposes, photography or use of the R&A rules app.

## **Coaching**

Parents/Caddies are encouraged to support their child during their game of golf, although "coaching" is not permitted during any competitive round of golf.

So, what is coaching and what is caddying? Well, in your role as a caddy you are allowed to recommend a club for a shot, however you may only advise the player for whom you are caddying. Advice on type of stroke, e.g., soft, hard, full, half may also be given. A caddy can advise on the shot to play, the effects of the weather and the course, and the reading of a green. No physical alignment or demonstrations should be given and, of course, during a stroke the caddy cannot stand behind their player.

Where possible, we ask that juniors should only be encouraged to take two practice swings.

With regards to conflicts between a junior and caddy, the preferred attitude is, "Bad luck. We'll get it next time". We understand being a caddy can be a very difficult task, as when children get overwrought there can be no right course of action a parent can take. If it does get too overwhelming, it's recommended the caddy quietly walk away and let the junior do it themselves or alternatively get an appropriate person to take over caddying. This usually both defuses the situation and helps the junior appreciate how fortunate he is to have a caring caddy.

Many parents have been, or will be, faced with such occurrences at some time through their child's career. For that reason other caddies and parents do understand, respect, and appreciate when you may have to take such actions.

## **Code of Conduct**

The purpose for the Code of Conduct is to provide members and visitors with guidelines on the standards of behaviour expected of them while they are on the Club premises or participating in events organized by the Club. It is recommended that new members and/or parents become familiar with the code. The Code of Conduct can be found on the Members Home Page under the "Club Information" tab.

[Codes-of-Conduct-Aug-2022-Rev-3.pdf](#)

### **Child and Youth Risk Management Strategy**

[Maroochy-River-Golf-Club-CYRMS-July-Final.pdf](#)

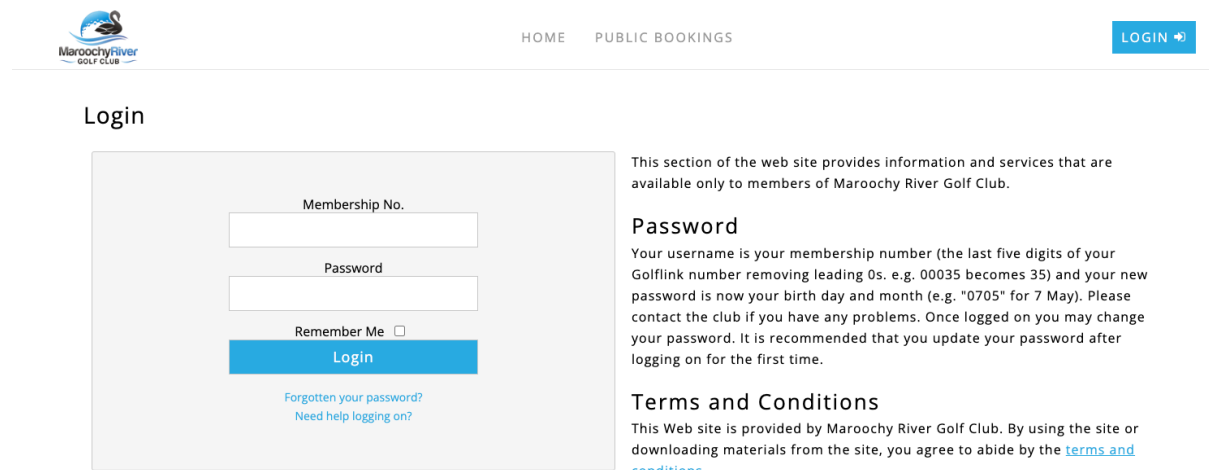
Code of Conduct documents are available from other Junior programs such as US Kids and Glasshouse Mountains Future Tour.

[Caddie Conduct and Report Form | U.S. Kids Golf](#)

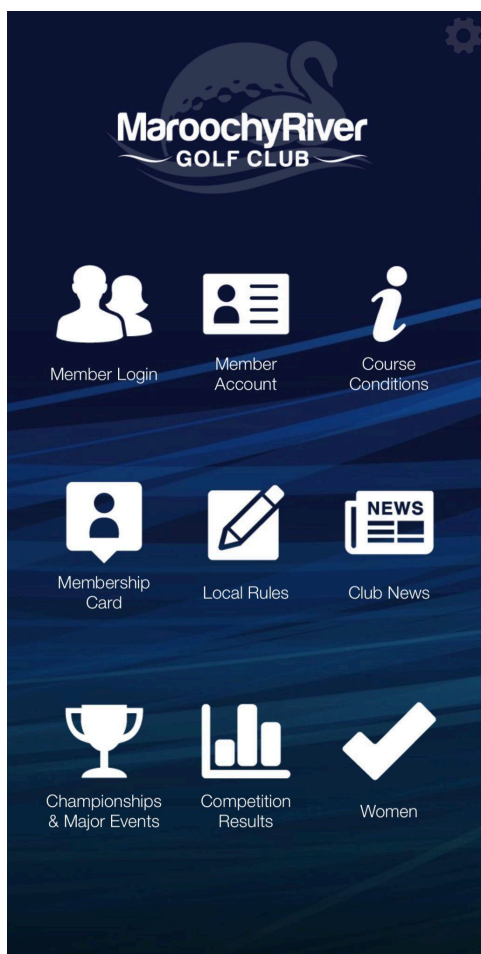
[Future Tour - How we play](#)

## Website and App

Maroochy River Golf Club has a member specific section on the website where you are able to view information about the club, including Newsletters, Strategic Plans, Board Minutes, and documents relating to conduct and risk management. The members section also allows you to view and make bookings for competition and social play. Login details are provided with your membership card from reception. <https://hortonpark.miclub.com.au/security/login.msp>



The screenshot shows the website's header with the Maroochy River Golf Club logo, navigation links for HOME and PUBLIC BOOKINGS, and a LOGIN button. Below the header is a 'Login' section. On the left is a login form with fields for 'Membership No.' and 'Password', a 'Remember Me' checkbox, and a 'Login' button. Below the form are links for 'Forgotten your password?' and 'Need help logging on?'. On the right is explanatory text about the member section, followed by 'Password' instructions (username is the last five digits of the Golfink number, password is birth day and month) and 'Terms and Conditions' information (users agree to terms and conditions by using the site).



Maroochy River Golf Club also has an app available on both [Google Play](#) and the [App Store](#). The app allows you to make bookings on the go, catch up on club news and check current course conditions and local rules. Login details are the same as for the website.

## Other Organisations and Competitions

### Junior Golf Australia



JGA is our new golf community which supports all kids on their golf journeys, giving kids and teenagers awesome access to all types of golf all over Australia. It's fun and interactive, gives kids a chance to chat to friends, get a Golf Australia handicap which helps track rounds and progress, a cool welcome pack, and the chance to play events! Here are just a few great things JGA members get access to:

- Play golf for \$5 through Youth on Course venues across Australia.
- Get an official Golf Australia handicap which allows tracks your golf and progress
- A welcome pack full of goodies
- Opportunities to play events specifically for kids and teenagers. Everybody is

welcome at JGA, and we just want kids to have fun and go play!

All junior golfers under the age of 18 are eligible to join Junior Golf Queensland. There are three types of membership for juniors on offer:

	TEEMATES TEE OFF	TEEMATES CONNECT	TEEMATES PLUS
BENEFITS	FREE	\$49 PER YEAR	\$109 PER YEAR
<b>Exclusive news &amp; promotions</b> Including competitions, partner offers & exclusive golf news!	✓	✓	✓
<b>Access to video content to improve your game</b> From leading PGA Professionals around Australia	✓	✓	✓
<b>TeeMates awards</b> Prizes and recognition of achievements across the year for members	✓	✓	✓
<b>Full playing opportunities</b> With access to play in all TeeMates events around Australia	✗	✓	✓
<b>Player gift</b> Exclusive TeeMates gift	✗	✓	✓
<b>U.S. Kids Golf Credit</b> \$30 credit to join your local U.S. tour, and/or event	✗	✓	✓
<b>Youth On Course membership</b> \$5 course access on a variety of courses around Australia	✗	✓	✓
<b>Official GA handicap</b> Access to gain an official Golf Australia handicap	✗	✗	✓

You must be a financial member of Junior Golf Australia to be eligible to participate in any Junior Golf Australia events, including the Greg Norman Junior Masters.

### The Districts Points Challenge:

The Districts Points Challenge is a series of five events nominated by Golf CQ and open to members (boys and girls) of Junior Golf Queensland. Points are allocated to participants according to where they finish in the field after each event. In the event of a tie, the player with the lowest nett over the five games will be the overall winner or runner up for the division in which they play. in. If a junior changes division during the five games, they will take the points achieved with them to their new division.

### Greg Norman Junior Masters:

The Greg Norman Junior Masters is a tournament that is held each year in December by Golf Queensland on the Gold Coast. Players can only compete in this event by qualifying through participation in a series of events or by being the overall winner in the Districts Points Challenge (18-hole Boy & Girl). **Juniors wanting to qualify for the Greg Norman Junior Masters must:**

1. Be a financial member of Junior Golf Queensland prior to playing in any qualifying event across the state.
2. Have the best gross score in their age division (17, 15 or 13 and under - boys and girls) on the day of the qualifying event they participate in.
3. Have an official 18-hole Golf Australia handicap with their home club.

**Note:**

- Juniors will participate in the age division as determined by their age as of the first day of play at the Masters.
- An **Open** qualifier is an event whereby any junior who is a member of Junior Golf Queensland under 18 years of age as of the first day of play, regardless of where they live, are eligible to qualify for the Greg Norman Junior Masters by winning the **gross** event in his/her age division.
- Juniors can only qualify once for the Greg Norman Junior Masters. In the instance of a qualified player returning the best gross on a qualifying day, the runner-up will then qualify.
- All successful players will be notified by Junior Golf Queensland.

[Junior Golf Queensland](#)

[Membership - TeeMates - revolutioniseSPORT](#)

Junior Golf Queensland has an App, containing details on upcoming events and results.

[Junior Golf Queensland - Apps on Google Play](#)

[Junior Golf Queensland on the App Store](#)

## The Sunshine Coast and South Burnett District Golf Association Inc

There are a number of competition opportunities on the Sunshine Coast and in greater SEQ, so many that our Zone tries each year to ensure coordination of these events to avoid clashing.

### SBG Junior Tour

Over the year events will be held at 13 clubs across Sunshine Coast - South Burnett - Glasshouse Mountains District.

Each event will have an 18 hole competition for both boys and girls including three divisions in the boys competition and two divisions in the girls competition. Players in the 18 hole division will be competing for points in the season long Order of Merit. Gross winners from each event earn qualification for the SBG Junior Masters Championship, a four day event to be held over the September school holidays at some of the best courses in the district. Nett winners from each event will be invited to compete in the season's end Frank Schmidt Cup.

For the less experienced juniors there is a six and nine hole competition, both off shortened tees.

- 6 holes: Par 5 – maximum 250m Par 4 – maximum 200m Par 3 – maximum 150m
- 9 holes: Par 5 – maximum 250m Par 4 – maximum 200m Par 3 – maximum 150m

Players in short course (6 and 9 hole) events will be handicapped by the SBG Tour Committee. Players with a Golf Australia Handicap are NOT eligible to play in the 6 or 9 hole events.

#### SBG Golf

<https://sbg.golfgenius.com/pages/9464654028286770264>

### The SEQ Future Tour

The Future Tour events are open to all boys and girls aged between 5 and 17 years old who have reached a minimum standard of golf skill to enable them to enjoy playing 3 or more holes of golf.

Ideally, children should be of a standard that enables them to make regular contact with the ball and have a basic understanding of the safety aspects of golf. In 2023, the Future Tour will introduce the following divisions:

- 6 holes - modified, shortened tees
- 9 holes - modified, shortened tees
- 13 holes - girls off red tees, boys off white tees
- 18 holes - played from designated Men's and Women's tee blocks

18 hole event players must have official GA handicaps. The 6, 9 and 13 hole players will be handicapped based on the Future Tour handicapping system and should not hold official handicaps.

#### Junior Golf | Glasshouse Mountains

[Future Tour - How we play](#)



## US Kids Golf Tour

U.S. Kids Golf Local Tours, founded in 2002, allows for players at all levels to enjoy tournament participation, while learning, competing, and spending time with new friends. There are now more than 115 U.S. Kids Golf Local Tours operating around the world. The US Kids Tour uses scaled tees based on age, with 5 - 10 year olds playing 9 holes, and 11- 18 playing 18 holes. Players earn Priority Status Rankings, which can lead to being invited to the World Championship held in the USA.

[Sunshine Coast \(AU\) | U.S. Kids Golf](#)

[Age Groups and Yardages | U.S. Kids Golf](#)

[World Championship 2022 | U.S. Kids Golf](#)

## International

### Junior World Championship

The Junior World Championship is held in California every year in July, at Torrey Pines. This is a recognised tournament and entry cards are administered through Golf Australia with the next qualifying event being the 2023 Cool Clubs [Australian Junior Age Division Golf](#) Championship at RACV Royal Pines Gold Coast – April 11-14. Players 12 and under can apply directly to the Junior World until the March 15th deadline.

For more information: [Entry Policies - Junior World Golf](#)

### College Golf

[Study & Play USA](#) facilitates scholarship opportunities for young Australians to attend a broad selection of Universities in America – like Cal Berkeley, Princeton, UCLA and Dartmouth. They can assist with the process of registration, entrance exams, university interviews, visa applications and provide support whilst you are in America.

There are several other organisations that assist students in obtaining scholarships to American Universities, we recommend doing your research and reaching out to different places to find the best route.

[U.S Golf Scholarships](#)

[Everything You Need to Know About Men's Golf Scholarships](#)

[American College Athletic Scholarships For Australian Athletes](#)

## Additional Resources

Further information regarding Junior Golf can be found here:

- Book - Golf Is Not a Game of Perfect by Bob Rotella
- Podcast- '[Raising Golfers](#)'
- Podcast - '[Why Sportsmanship and Integrity Matter](#)'
- Podcast - '[In the Huddle](#)' - Study and Play USA
- Drills and exercises [Improve My Game | TPI](#)
- [The R&A](#) Golf Rules website and [App](#)
- The Short Game - Netflix documentary
- [Quick guide to the rules of golf](#)
- [MyGolf for Parents | Golf Australia](#)
- [Golf](#) - Queensland School Sport, 10 - 19 Year Old Competition

## Contacts

In the first instance the best contact for information regarding our Junior Program will be the administration of the club, and secondly the pro shop.

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Clubhouse (07) 5373 1000

Pro Shop (07) 5373 0900

## Facebook

Maroochy River Golf Club - [Maroochy River Golf Club - Home | Facebook](#)

QGPC - [Queensland Golf Performance Centre](#)

QGPC Juniors - [www.facebook.com/QGPCGolf](http://www.facebook.com/QGPCGolf)

Maroochy River Juniors - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/236743383539903>

We have a private group on Facebook, *Maroochy River Golf Club Juniors*, where we post information on upcoming events, results and news updates. Please feel free to send through a join request if you are on Facebook.

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