

# 2017 MKM Junior Open: Entry and Playing Rules

## ENTRANTS

Boys and girls aged 7 to 13 years on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 who either have:

- an official CONGU handicap of 28-20 (boys) and 36-20 (girls); or
- a Club junior/Academy handicap, maximum 54; or
- do not have a Club junior handicap but are either a member of a UK golf club or live in Northumberland.

## HANDICAPS

**Players will receive half of their full handicap allowance for the 9 hole MKM Allendale Junior Opens.**

Entrants are asked to declare any CONGU, club junior or academy handicaps they have been awarded and from which tee they apply. They will play off that handicap at The MKM Allendale Junior Open and will be assigned to the appropriate section of the competition based on that handicap.

Any player who has obtained an official CONGU handicap between 28 and 20 (boys) or 36 and 20 (girls) must enter their respective advanced section, playing off the yellow tees (boys) or red tees (girls).

All other entrants will play off the blue tees with their current club junior or academy handicap, except that players who do not have a club handicap of any kind, will be given the maximum handicap allowance of 54.

*NB: Adjustments in CONGU handicaps MUST be declared at registration for the competition. Failure to declare a player's correct handicap will result in disqualification.*

## ETIQUETTE & FAIR PLAY

**A parent or guardian must remain at the Golf Club unless another entrant's parent is prepared to take responsibility for the player.**

We encourage parents/guardians and family to go on the course to watch and encourage the golfers but they must refrain from standing on the greens, offering advice, reading greens, etc.

If parents are observed coaching/advising during a round, then the junior will be subject to penalties and possible disqualification. This is in the interest of fairness to all players, some of whom may have non-golfing parents.

## RULES

Players with a CONGU or Club handicap must bring a certificate or letter from their Club with them to the event.

A Parental Consent and Photographic Consent must be received before a junior will be allowed to play.

Players must register a minimum of 15 minutes before their tee time and must be with the starter 10 minutes before their tee time.

All players are responsible for their own scorecard and must sign it before bringing it to the registration desk immediately after the completion of play.

Players off the yellow and red tees will follow R&A and Local Rules on scorecards.

Players off the blue tees will follow Northumberland Junior Golf Tour Beginner Rules as detailed below.

## **RULES for competitors playing from blue tees only at the MKM Allendale Junior Opens 2017**

**10 SHOT RULE:** When a player has played 10 shots on a hole, they **MUST** pick up their ball and mark a 10 on their scorecard.

**BALL LOST OR OUT OF BOUNDS:** If a ball is lost or goes out of bounds, a ball should be dropped as near as possible to where the ball appeared to land or go out of bounds with a **ONE STROKE PENALTY**.

**WATER HAZARDS:** Players are **NOT** allowed to try and collect their ball from any areas of standing water. Players should drop a ball within a safe distance to the side of the demarcated hazard for a **ONE STROKE PENALTY**.

**BUNKERS:** If a player is in a bunker and cannot get out after **TWO attempts**, they pick up their ball and take a **FREE drop** to the nearest side of the bunker within 2 club lengths.

*NB: There is only one bunker on the course - on the 9<sup>th</sup> fairway!*

**STAKED TREES:** Must **NOT** be damaged. Players **MUST** pick up their ball and take a **FREE DROP** away from the tree. This rule applies to staked trees only.