

Dear Parent

We are extremely excited to share our 2023 Junior Coaching Programme with, which features a number of changes designed to improve junior development activities.

The major changes will see PGA Teaching Professional Ailsa Murphy leading the new '**Ailsa Murphy Golf Academy**' at Peebles Golf Club. The Academy Membership will include the following:

- Full junior membership at Peebles Golf Club
- 16 x 1-hour coaching sessions delivered by Ailsa, supported by Club Volunteers
- Coaching sessions will take place on Friday afternoons throughout the season
- A voucher for a one-to-one 30-minute lesson with Ailsa
- A goody bag

The Academy will have a minimum of 40 Memberships available, however capacity will increase if we can find additional volunteers/parent supervisors to support our coaching sessions. Ailsa can have a maximum of 10 juniors per session if she coaches on her own; however, with additional volunteers assisting, we can increase that number.

Change in Coaching Days

As most of you will be aware, our Junior Coaching has been mainly held on a Sunday morning. However, a number of the volunteer coaches who have delivered the coaching have stepped down, having supported the programme over a number of years and we thank them for their efforts. Over the past two summers, Ailsa has run Junior Coaching sessions on a Friday afternoon, tying in with the school half-days. These have proved popular and fit in well with Ailsa's diary and busy schedule. We understand and appreciate the change of days may not suit everyone. However, our small team of volunteer coaches are committing to running a min. of 4 Sunday sessions for those not able to attend on a Friday, to ensure we maintain this provision. We are still looking for volunteers to help out on Sundays to grow our coaching pool, so if you or anyone you know can assist, please get in touch.

Junior Membership Fees 2023-24

With the change in coaching structure, we have put in place the following membership fees for juniors for the 2023-24 season, with different membership categories (from 31st March)

Age Category	2022-23 Junior Membership Fee	2023-24 Junior Academy Membership Fee	2023-24 Junior Membership Fee (No Academy Coaching)
Under 12s	£60	£100	£50
Under 16s	£80	£120	£70
Under 18s	£110	£150	£100

2023 Academy Coaching Dates and Times

The Academy Coaching sessions will be split into 4 age group categories, to cater for different age groups and abilities, and to allow the Club to continue deliver coaching to as many juniors as possible. We expect the P1 - P7 age categories to have the most demand therefore have an extra session in place to help us offer more Academy spaces.

DATE	P1 – P3	P4 – P7	Additional Primary Group*	S1 – S6
Friday 31 st Mar	2:00pm – 3:00pm	3:15pm – 4:15pm	4:30pm – 5:30pm	5:45pm – 6:45pm
Friday 14 th April	2:00pm – 3:00pm	3:15pm – 4:15pm	4:30pm – 5:30pm	5:45pm – 6:45pm
Friday 28 th April	2:00pm – 3:00pm	3:15pm – 4:15pm	4:30pm – 5:30pm	5:45pm – 6:45pm
Friday 12 th May	2:00pm – 3:0pm	3:15pm – 4:15pm	4:30pm – 5:30pm	5:45pm – 6:45pm
Sunday 21 st May	10:00am – 11:00am	11:15am – 12:15pm	12:15pm – 1:15pm	1:30pm – 2:30pm
Friday 26 th May	2:00pm – 3:00pm	3:15pm – 4:15pm	4:30pm – 5:30pm	5:45pm – 6:45pm
Sunday 4 th June	10:00am – 11:00am	11:15am – 12:15pm	12:15pm – 1:15pm	1:30pm – 2:30pm
Friday 9 th June	2:00pm – 3:00pm	3:15pm – 4:15pm	4:30pm – 5:30pm	5:45pm – 6:45pm
Friday 23 rd June	2:00pm – 3:00pm	3:15pm – 4:15pm	4:30pm – 5:30pm	5:45pm – 6:45pm
Friday 25 th Aug	2:00pm – 3:00pm	3:15pm – 4:15pm	4:30pm – 5:30pm	5:45pm – 6:45pm
Friday 8 th Sept	2:00pm – 3:00pm	3:15pm – 4:15pm	4:30pm – 5:30pm	5:45pm – 6:45pm
Sunday 17 th Sept	10:00am – 11:00am	11:15am – 12:15pm	12:15pm – 1:15pm	1:30pm – 2:30pm
Friday 22 nd Sept	2:00pm – 3:00pm	3:15pm – 4:15pm	4:30pm – 5:30pm	5:45pm – 6:45pm
Friday 6 th Oct	2:00pm – 3:00pm	3:15pm – 4:15pm	4:30pm – 5:30pm	5:45pm – 6:45pm
Sunday 15 th Oct	10:00am – 11:00am	11:15am – 12:15pm	12:15pm – 1:15pm	1:30pm – 2:30pm
Friday 20 th Oct	2:00pm – 3:00pm	3:15pm – 4:15pm	4:30pm – 5:30pm	5:45pm – 6:45pm

How to Register your Interest

To register your child's interest in joining the Academy, please complete the following information and send it by email to Ailsa at ails_23@hotmail.co.uk no later than **Sunday 5th March**. Everyone who shows interest in Academy Membership will be contacted by Ailsa week commencing **6th March** with an update on their Membership category for the upcoming season.

Child's Name:	
Date of Birth:	
Current School Year (P or S):	
Your Name:	
Your Email Address:	

Junior Academy spaces are limited therefore if we have a high demand for Academy Membership, we will operate a ballot system it is fair for everyone. Please remember that the more help and support members/parents can give Ailsa by stepping forward as a volunteer for a few hours on a Friday, the more Juniors we can get into the Academy! Ailsa would love to offer a space to every Junior Member however it's not possible with only one Coach on board. If you would like to put your name forward as a volunteer, please email Ailsa at ails_23@hotmail.co.uk by **Friday 3rd March**.

18 Steps Coaching

Those juniors involved in the 18 Steps Programme will continue to receive coaching from PGA professional Steve Johnston and his volunteer team throughout the summer months, and thanks to sponsorship from Evolution, there will be no additional costs involved for taking part for this. Invites will be going out ahead of the new season for those juniors selected for this programme, as we look to continue the development of players from junior coaching up to competition and junior team level.

Junior Team Members

The Club is once again entering a team in the Edinburgh Junior Golf League and details of fixtures will be available soon. Those juniors involved in the squad will be contacted soon and we will be looking to arrange a coaching session for the group before the first game.

Sunday Morning Coaching (ClubGolf)

We have a small number of volunteer coaches from the Club will continue running the Sunday 'ClubGolf' Sessions. The dates and times of these sessions are still to be confirmed and if the sessions get the go ahead, they will run separately from the Academy and will not be led by Ailsa.

Juniors wishing to attend only the additional Sunday coaching sessions from the Club Volunteers would join as 'Junior Members with no Academy Coaching'.

Once numbers and places are confirmed, the Club will then send out your relevant membership fee invoices.

Should you have any queries regarding the information enclosed, please get in touch.