

GAUTENG NORTH GOLF UNION

JUNIOR GOLF

SPECTATOR GUIDE



At GNGU we pride ourselves in having one of the best junior programs in the country. Our goal is to create a safe space for our juniors to hone their skills to be able to compete on the highest level later on in their careers.

One of the key pillars of this goal is to create a solid support structure for our players to function in. Remember the children are playing the sport for their enjoyment not yours.

On the Course:

Do's

- Encourage and support your child.
- Show appreciation for good performance and skilful play by all players (including opposing players).
- Remain at a distance of not less than 30m from all players. Where possible stay on cart paths. In absence of paths spectators are to stay off tee's, fairways and greens.
- Spectators are allowed to assist in the search for lost balls.
- Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Respect the official's decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Be a positive role model.

Don'ts

- Spectators are not allowed to give any advice by verbal, signs or any other form of advice during any official round in a tournament. "Advice is any council or suggestion which could influence a player determining their play, the choice of club or the method of making a stroke."
- Spectators and parents may not give rulings. Please seek a Rules official if the need arises. The spectator will be brought into the situation ONLY if the Rules official asks them for clarification of a situation only.
- Don't be a distraction on the course. Switch cell phone to silent. Keep to basic golf etiquette.
- Never ridicule or shout at your child and other children for making a mistake or losing a competition.

What can I do to be the best supporter for my player?

- Be aware of your body language/ reactions. At this age the players main goal is to satisfy you. If you over react to a mistake it adds more pressure to the player.
- Be in control of the conversation in the car. Talk about positives on the course and refrain from engaging in negative discussions.
- Help set realistic goals and assist with tracking progress to the goal.
- Help the player take accountability for their actions. Motivate them to practise don't force.
- Allow their coach to do the coaching. If you interfere it may delay the process.
- Allow the children to have fun, but teach them when they need to be focused.

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