



## HERTFORDSHIRE GOLF UNION

### JUNIOR OPENS – RECOMMENDED RULES & REGULATIONS

In addition to any local club rules the Hertfordshire Golf Union recommend the adoption of the following regulations for competitors and spectators. This guidance should help to ensure fair play and may avoid any rule infringements or misunderstandings. Clubs may adopt them 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 CHD ID Number available from their club secretary.
- 5 If the conditions of the junior open permits the use of caddies they must be under 18 on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 shall be handled by a suitably qualified committee member or clarified with the committee on completion of the round.
- 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 space from competitors, and should not encroach onto the teeing area or putting green. This gap 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 bags or, where permitted, use a trolley, manual or electric, if allowed by the club
- 9 On completion of each round cards must be checked, 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 scorer immediately. Any card not returned within a satisfactory time is to be regarded as "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 Boys Code of Practice should be adopted to cover etiquette and any disciplinary issues that may arise. The EGU disciplinary procedure should be adopted for any serious breach of etiquette. The HGU Children in Golf Policy should be adopted – available from the HGU website [www.hertsgolfunion.com](http://www.hertsgolfunion.com)
- 12 In accordance with guidance issued by the EGU and HGU. a local rule to permit the use of distance measuring devices should be allowed. However, the use of a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect a player's play is not permitted regardless of whether such an additional function is used. **Exception** – Motocaddy S3 – The EGU ruling is that the additional features on this trolley must be turned off.