



# *Caldy Golf Club*

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## **Junior Boys & Girls** at Caldyc

[www.caldygolfclub.co.uk](http://www.caldygolfclub.co.uk)

Caldy is regarded by many as one of the best junior golfing facilities in the North West of England and the Club prides itself on this reputation. The club welcomes applications for Junior Membership from both genders and has a dedicated and progressive approach to junior golf development through its Junior Organisers and its Professional Team all of whom are CRB vetted.

With its extensive practice facilities, its beautiful location and the generous course access afforded to its juniors, Caldy continues to enjoy healthy levels in its juniors section.

If you are interested in becoming a Junior Member of Caldy, please complete this form and return it either personally to the Club Professional or the Club's Office or post it to the address below

***A full Application Form for Junior Membership will then be sent to you for completion.***

First Name(s)

Surname

Address

Post Code

Tel No  Mobile

Date of Birth

School

Relatives or Friends as Caldys Members

*Please return to:*

**Caldy Golf Club**

Links Hey Road, Caldys, Wirral CH48 1NB

Tel: 0151 625 5660

Email: [secretary@caldygolfclub.co.uk](mailto:secretary@caldygolfclub.co.uk)

Check out our website: [www.caldygolfclub.co.uk](http://www.caldygolfclub.co.uk)



## AS A JUNIOR MEMBER OF CALDY, YOU WILL HAVE ACCESS TO THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS:

### ✔ Saturday junior coaching

Arranged through the Club Professional (0151 625 1818)  
*See page 6.4*

### ✔ Gain a junior handicap

Boys handicaps 29 to 54 and girls 37 to 54 which allow you to play in the Club's Junior Competitions.

*See pages 7.3 and 8.5*

### ✔ Gain a club handicap (CONGU).

*See page 8.5*

Boys and girls handicaps of up to 28 and 36 respectively. This may give you access to the Club's main qualifying Competitions on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

*See page 7.3*

### ✔ Generous access to the golf course itself

Throughout the week and the year.

*See page 8.8*

### ✔ Junior competitions

*See pages 4 and 5*

### ✔ A junior knock-out tournament (match-play)

Throughout the Summer leading to the Captain's Day Finals in September

### ✔ Junior team matches

*See pages 4, 5 and 7.4*

### ✔ Practice facilities

In the extensive practice area, putting green, practice bunkers and the "Old 17th"

### ✔ Wirral junior open competitions

*See pages 4 and 5.*

You will need a Club handicap to enter these.  
*(see above)*

### ✔ Summer coaching schools

Arranged through the Club Professional and his Team.

*See page 6.4*

### ✔ Advanced individual lessons

Arranged through the Club Professional and his Team.

*See page 6.4*

### ✔ Links to County (Cheshire) coaching sessions

Juniors who have progressed to a defined standard are invited to attend courses supervised by Cheshire's Teaching Professionals

### ✔ Clubhouse access and your own junior locker room

The opportunity to use the above and purchase soft drinks and snacks.

*See pages 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3*

There are regular competitions for juniors throughout the year set out in the Junior Calendar. When boys and girls respectively have obtained handicaps of 18 or 36 or less, they can play in most Adult competitions.

In addition to these Calendar events, individual and group coaching are available from the Professional and his Team.

Wirral League matches are played against other local Golf Clubs with a Club Team of 6 players (boys and girls) picked according to handicap. You will be given a Club shirt and jumper when you represent the Club in these fixtures

## SPECIMEN ANNUAL CLUB JUNIOR CALENDAR

<b>February</b> <i>(Half term)</i>	Junior Stablefords (2)
<b>February</b>	Junior Coaching Sessions
<b>March/April</b>	Junior Coaching Sessions
<b>April</b>	Wirral League Match
<b>May</b>	Wirral League Match
<b>June</b>	Junior Handicap Trophy and Junior Coaching Cheshire Junior Championship (u16s)
<b>July</b>	Wirral League Match
<b>July/August</b>	Junior Centenary Trophy
<b>July</b>	Cheshire Boys Championship - (Handicap limit)

<b>July</b>	Wallasey Junior Open
<b>August</b>	Prenton Junior Open
<b>August</b>	Junior Coaching
<b>August/September</b>	Anderson Trophy
<b>August</b>	Wirral league Matches
<b>August</b>	Heswall Junior Open
<b>August</b>	Caldy Junior Open
<b>August</b>	Wirral Junior Scratch Trophy
<b>August</b>	Bromborough Junior Open
<b>September</b>	Funday Sunday, a Caldly Member's family event
<b>October</b> <i>(Half term)</i>	Junior Stablefords (2)
<b>December</b>	Junior Christmas Stableford

### **Denotes Junior Opens played at other Wirral Clubs**

The above dates may vary year to year and Wirral League Matches may be played either at home or away. Competitions are always during school holidays including half-term and the Club seeks not to disturb school exam preparation.

Junior coaching is every Saturday dependent on the weather and, in the Summer months, this is more frequent.

## As a junior member of Caldý, you will be expected along with all other Club members to conduct yourself in a polite and considerate manner. Here are some guidelines for you to read and observe.

### 1. Behaviour

Unfortunately, not all Club golfers observe etiquette and rules. Juniors are the Club golfers of the future and need to be seen to observe etiquette and follow rules at all times. Please take heed of the following advice :-

Juniors should be on their best behaviour both in and around the Clubhouse, the patio and on the Course.

Juniors should never argue or be rude to staff or other members of the Club. Even if they feel they're in the "right", the junior should remain polite and give way in most matters. However, please advise the Junior Organiser of any incident you feel requires attention particularly if you feel intimidated.

Please be aware of all notices regarding acceptable dress both on the Course and in and around the Clubhouse which includes the patio. These rules also relate to parents/guardians etc.

Don't wear hats or caps in the Clubhouse.

Don't use mobile phones in the Club Lounge, the Course, the patio area or the putting green (unless in an emergency when use is permitted). Generally, mobile phones should be switched to silent mode. Access to internet data is permitted provided it's done silently and does not disturb other members

Be aware of and follow all health & safety notices in and around the entire Caldý Facility. These are there for your safety.

A junior is not a Club member until they reach the age of 18. At this time, they submit an Application Form for either Colt or Lady Associate Membership and have to be suitably proposed and seconded with the new membership category having to be authorised by the Club's Board. It's not automatic a junior will progress to these categories although it's hoped this will happen.

### 2. The Junior Locker Room

The junior locker room is provided as a dedicated area for the boys. It provides juniors with a base and a central point for information with provision of junior noticeboards.

Junior girls use the ladies' locker room where relevant notices are posted.

No cycles or trolleys (folded or unfolded) may be taken into the locker rooms. A bicycle rack is situated between the Clubhouse and the practice putting green. Bicycles should be safely secured.

Please keep these rooms tidy by using the wastebaskets provided and by keeping personal items in lockers which may be rented, at modest annual cost, via the Club's Office.

### 3. Use of the Clubhouse

Juniors have free use of the Clubhouse except the Snooker Room which they may only use if accompanied by an adult member.

### 4. The Professional's Shop

When visiting the Professional's Shop, juniors should conduct their business and then leave. Browsing amongst equipment is acceptable provided you have a genuine interest in buying but this Shop is not a place to meet and gossip. Customers may be deterred from entering if they believe the Shop is too busy.

Remember the Professional and his Team are there to help you. Ask advice when appropriate particularly if you wish to go onto the Course and have any doubts as to whether or not you may do this.

Please contact them for detail about junior coaching on Saturday mornings or additional summer coaching. The telephone number is 0151 625 1818.

### 5. Introducing Visitors

Juniors may introduce a junior visitor to play golf provided the visitor is a member of a recognised Golf Club and has a handicap. The junior should accompany the visitor into the Professional's Shop, ensure that the relevant green fee is paid and proper entry is made in the Visitors' Book of the guest's name and detail.

The same visitor may only be introduced to the Club on 7 occasions in any one year. Generally, a junior may not introduce an adult at any time unless the junior is a new member when he or she may introduce a parent up to 7 times in his or her first 12 months of membership provided the appropriate Members' Guest Green Fee rate is paid.

The junior golfer is responsible for the behaviour of the visitor and should advise the visitor throughout his or her visit.

### 6. Discipline

The Boys' and Girls' Junior Organisers are responsible for discipline and are empowered by the Club's Board to reprimand or suspend juniors who fail to comply with the regulations and standards expected at Caldý.

### 7. Communication with Juniors

Other than verbally, the Junior Organisers communicate with juniors via email, noticeboards and the Club Website: [www.caldygolfclub.co.uk](http://www.caldygolfclub.co.uk) Please ensure the Club Office has an up-to-date email address for you or a parent/guardian. You will have to register, via the Club Office, to access the members' section of the Website.

## Golf Etiquette

Here are some golfing do's and don'ts :-

**Amongst other matters, the "Rules of Golf" (see 2 below) deal with etiquette. This places a great deal of importance on the way golfers behave on the Course. You should know and practise the following :-**

Juniors should generally play off an appropriate tee as circumstances dictate. Girls will usually play off red and younger juniors off the brown tees. Blue tees for men are now normally only used in the winter months. If in doubt, speak with the Professional's Shop

- Always be courteous to other golfers on the Course.
- Do not leave litter on the Course. Juniors can set an example so, if you see litter, pick it up and dispose of it suitably.
- No one should move, talk or stand close to or directly behind the ball when a player is making a stroke.
- No one should play until the players in front are out of range.
- Divots should always be replaced.
- Pitch marks on the green should always be repaired (see how to do this correctly on the Club noticeboards).
- Bunkers should be properly raked after use. Rakes should be left outside of bunkers away from the fairway side with the "rake-end" pointing in the direction of the flag.
- If you believe your ball may be lost, play a provisional ball. You are only allowed 5 minutes to search for a ball but you should not delay the match behind you for this 5 minutes before calling them through.
- Ensure your ball is distinctively marked so that you can positively identify it.
- Do not carry more than 14 clubs in your bag otherwise you may be disqualified in a competition.
- Do not damage the tees with practise swings.
- Do not play slowly. If a clear hole appears in front of you and the match behind is waiting to play, it strongly suggests you are slow. If in doubt, call them through without delay.
- Position your clubs between tee and green so you can move swiftly away from the green when you're finished there.
- Don't waste time when preparing to putt and do not tread on another player's line.
- Do not mark your card on the green or delay players waiting behind you. Mark your card on the next tee as your playing partners drive off even if you drive off firstly.
- Watch out where your ball lands and do the same for your playing partners.
- Do not listen to music or similar with or without earplugs anywhere on the Course, the Practice Putting Green or the Practice Area.
- Do not delay play by accessing internet data on the Course.

### 1. Thunderstorm and Fog Policy

In the event of any lightning, players **must** immediately leave the Course and play will automatically be suspended. If a decision to close the Course before play is taken, this will have been done by the Course Manager or one of his Deputies.

If the Course is deemed unfit or unsafe to play during a competition then the Professional or a delegated Official will normally sound the klaxon for suspension of play. Upon hearing the klaxon, golfers should stop play immediately and proceed to the Clubhouse by the safest route available and then wait there for further instructions. Do not take any risks in these circumstances.

There's a responsibility on golfers at all times to exercise common sense. If they can't see as far as they can hit the ball through fog or similar, they may have to make a decision to curtail their round. The only alternative to this is to hit the ball only as far as they can see it. Whilst this may seem unreasonable, any other decision may be deemed negligent or culpable and players may then become personally liable for any damage or injury caused (see 6 overleaf).

Once the Course has been closed by Club Officials then it must be opened by them before any further play can commence.

### 2. The Rules of Golf

Free copies of the Rules of Golf are available on display in the Clubhouse or can be obtained from the Club Secretary.

### 3. Competitions

Junior competitions are open to all boys and girls irrespective of whether or not they have a handicap. Boys with a handicap of 18 and less are generally eligible to play in adult Club competitions although, on Saturdays, they need to play with an adult member. In Wednesday competitions, juniors can play together. In Saturday competitions, juniors can win the Junior Prize if they come within the top 10 of all players. Category 1 juniors (handicaps up to 5) can win most Club Trophies.

Following the general rule laid down by Cheshire, juniors are not permitted to have caddies in Club competitions.

### 4. Wirral Junior League Matches

These matches are played against RLGC, Heswall, Bromborough, Prenton and Wallasey and are played either at home or away. A team will comprise 6 players and may include both boys and girls depending on handicaps

Juniors are accepted for membership on the basis that Caldy is their HOME CLUB for handicap purposes and, if selected, they are expected to play for the Club Junior Team.

## 5. CONGU and the Handicapping System

The Council of National Golf Unions ("CONGU") administers the golf handicapping system adopted in the UK and these rules are employed by the Handicap/Competitions Committee at Caldý.

There are two classes of handicaps for juniors: a Junior Handicap is allocated and adjusted by either the Boys' or Girls' Junior Organiser where appropriate. When a junior has improved to an acceptable standard, a Club (or CONGU) handicap is then allocated by the Handicap Committee.

## 6. Personal Insurance

Every junior is strongly advised to check with their parents and/or guardians that they are adequately covered by personal insurance particularly with regard to third-party claims. An example of this is when a ball or club strikes another person, on or off the Course, resulting in injury. The Course, in this case, includes everywhere on the Caldý Facility including the Practice Ground.

This may be covered by your household insurance but you should check. Clubs and belongings should also be insured against theft which, sadly, happens from time to time even at Caldý.

All applications for junior membership will require positive confirmation from parents and/or guardians that adequate personal insurance cover is in force and, unless the Club's negligence is proven in law, the Club will accept no liability whatsoever in this regard.

## 7. Medical Ailments and Allergies

Any application for junior membership will require parents and/or guardians to disclose (in confidence) any of the above which relate to the junior candidate. The Club needs to be aware of such issues given that juniors are often at the Club on their own and the Club's Officials may require background knowledge before any potential remedial action is taken including contact with medical authorities.

## 8. Junior Playing Times

**Monday** At the discretion of the Professional.

**Tuesday** This is traditionally Ladies Day at the Club. Girls with handicaps of 36 or less may play in the Ladies' Adult Competition.

Other juniors may play half an hour after the last competitor leaves the 1st tee at the discretion of the Professional.

Juniors may **not** "cut in" at the 12th tee.

**Wednesday** Boys with handicaps of 18 and less may play in the Wednesday Stableford Competition and **may** play with other juniors. Otherwise, not after 10.00 am on Competition days. The Practice Ground remains fully open to juniors for the avoidance of any doubt.

**Thursday** At the discretion of the Professional.

**Friday** At the discretion of the Professional.

**Saturday** Boys with handicaps of 18 and less may play in most Saturday Competitions otherwise half an hour after the last competitor has left the 1st tee (but see restriction on playing together in Paragraph 3 overleaf). Juniors may **not** "cut in" at the 12th tee.

**Sunday & Bank Holidays** Subject to any Competitions, juniors may play after 11.00 am at the discretion of the Professional. If there is a Competition, half an hour after the last competitor has left the 1st tee. They may **not** "cut in" at the 12th tee.

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The general rule applying to all the above is that, if a junior has any doubt about whether he or she may play on the Course - **ASK IN THE PROFESSIONAL'S SHOP**

*Some of the above rules and regulations may seem slightly onerous but juniors are reminded that the Club is primarily an Adult Facility and the above relate, in the main, to ALL members*



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