

# SECTION 9

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## NATIONAL INITIATIVES AND RESOURCES



# RESOURCES & INITIATIVES

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Golf Development Wales works with a range of golfing organisations and bodies to provide national and local resources and initiatives to support golf clubs in developing junior golf.

# COACH AND VOLUNTEER EDUCATION

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## CLUB SERVICES AND COACH EDUCATION SUPPORT

The Golf Union of Wales Club Services and Coach Education department supports golf clubs in their management and facility operation, coach education, membership, course management along with club policy and procedure.

For further details visit [www.golfunionwales.org](http://www.golfunionwales.org)

## COACH EDUCATION

High quality coaches ensure individuals have a positive experience of the game. Through the implementation of a high quality coach education structure, the G UW in partnership with the PGA provides a comprehensive coach development pathway that provides relevant training to individuals with an interest in coaching – whether the interest be as a volunteer or a professional coach. For further details visit [www.golfunionwales.org](http://www.golfunionwales.org)

## VOLUNTEER EDUCATION

Volunteers can access training to support qualified coaches and/or to assist in the junior section. Golf Development Wales provides training to support volunteers in introducing the basics of golf to children and young people, through Leadership and Activator workshops led by PGA professionals or qualified tutors around Wales. For further details visit – [www.golfdevelopmentwales.org/about-training-courses/](http://www.golfdevelopmentwales.org/about-training-courses/)

## SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Golf specific ‘Safeguarding & Protecting Children’ workshops are available through Golf Development Wales. This workshop should be attended by any individuals regularly working with children and young people. Generic workshops are also available for all sports. For further details visit [www.golfdevelopmentwales.org/about-safeguarding-children/](http://www.golfdevelopmentwales.org/about-safeguarding-children/)

## PGA INCLUSIVE GOLF COACHING WORKSHOP

GDW can provide coaches with disability-specific education. The 4 hour workshop aims to equip PGA Professionals with the knowledge and confidence to support disabled people of all abilities in any coaching environment, recognise talent and help talented participants progress on to an appropriate competition pathway. The workshop also aims to give PGA Professionals an opportunity to put theory into practice during the practical coaching session delivered to disabled people as part of the workshop. For more information visit [www.golfdevelopmentwales.org/pga-inclusive-golf-coaching-workshop/en/c151/](http://www.golfdevelopmentwales.org/pga-inclusive-golf-coaching-workshop/en/c151/)

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## **JUNIOR GOLFCERT**

This is a Golf Development Wales' national accreditation scheme and is the seal of approval which marks a golf club's commitment to junior golf and supports golf clubs with their future development. As part of Junior Golf Cert clubs can also achieve the Disability Sport Wales, insport Ribbon award. The initiative is a development tool for golf clubs and will be online from 2015, with ongoing support from a dedicated regional officer. For further details visit [www.golfdevelopmentwales.org/junior-club-accreditation/](http://www.golfdevelopmentwales.org/junior-club-accreditation/)

## **G UW COACHING CENTRES**

The Golf Union of Wales Coaching Centres is a progressive five-year junior development programme aimed at bridging the gap between development and elite performance. The programme is aimed at giving junior golfers, of varying ages and abilities, the opportunity to learn and play golf at G UW accredited facilities under the expert tuition of a G UW accredited PGA Professional. For further information and a list of current centres visit [www.golfunionwales.org/coaching-centres](http://www.golfunionwales.org/coaching-centres)

## **PROMOTIONAL RESOURCES**

Several promotional resources are available for clubs to use free of charge to promote beginner sessions and open days. There are a variety of posters to choose from depending on the target market, such as juniors. These are also available in an editable email version which can be downloaded from the website [www.golfdevelopmentwales.org/golf-awareness-month/](http://www.golfdevelopmentwales.org/golf-awareness-month/)

## **MASS AUDIENCE EVENTS PACKAGES**

GDW supports and encourages golf clubs and organisations to become highly visible in the local community. A great way to promote the golf activities at the club is to attend a local event such as a fete, summer festival, sports day or even a shopping centre. Golf Development Wales has equipment, mascots and inflatable driving nets that organisations such as Local Authorities and golf clubs can hire free of charge. Why

not promote your New2Golf scheme this year at a local event? [www.golfdevelopmentwales.org/mass-audience-events/](http://www.golfdevelopmentwales.org/mass-audience-events/)

## **NEW2GOLF BEGINNER SCHEMES**

The GDW New2Golf beginner scheme provides clubs with funding to run a membership recruitment drive and aims to recruit new or lapsed members who are either new to golf or those who have played in the past and are looking to join a club. It supports individuals through coaching, playing opportunities and social events prior to promoting them to full membership. Marketing resources and promotion via the GDW website is also provided. For further information visit [www.golfdevelopmentwales.org/beginner-coaching-schemes/](http://www.golfdevelopmentwales.org/beginner-coaching-schemes/)

## **GDW NEW2GOLF MEMBER PACKS**

The New2Golf scheme is available to all clubs and provides funding to encourage beginner golfers to take up the sport. Golf clubs can access funding to target generic beginners and also girls specific funding to help grow membership at the club. All New2Golf participants will receive a members pack which includes: a welcome booklet, discounted coaching vouchers, rules and etiquette pocket books and entry to fun beginner competitions at a nominal cost. For further details visit [www.golfdevelopmentwales.org/new-2-golf-clubs/en/c34/](http://www.golfdevelopmentwales.org/new-2-golf-clubs/en/c34/)

## **NEW2GOLF BACK2GOLF MONTH**

This provides clubs with the opportunity to advertise beginner sessions at clubs across Wales through a national promotional campaign. Clubs are provided with marketing material and the opportunity to promote sessions via Golf Development Wales. Golf Awareness Month is launched in the April of each year and each club is contacted directly with information visit [www.golfdevelopmentwales.org/golf-awareness-month/](http://www.golfdevelopmentwales.org/golf-awareness-month/)

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## **GOLF ROOTS CENTRES**

To complement its school-based initiatives, the Golf Foundation provides support to some clubs and facilities keen to undertake outreach work and welcome young participants to their venue. The approved Golf Roots Centres are eligible to apply for a grant to support their activities, with help given on how to link with schools and community groups. For further details visit – [www.golf-foundation.org](http://www.golf-foundation.org)

## **JUNIOR GOLF PASSPORT**

The new Junior Golf Passport is a national structured learning programme for 6 to 12 year olds and is endorsed by the Professional Golfers Association (PGA). The passport covers 7 areas: 'putting, short game, swing, on the course, fit for golf, ready for golf and skills for life'.

The passport has three key levels including 'start, learn and play' with the idea being to progress juniors from beginners to club ready golfers.

The Junior Golf Passport is a great tool to deliver fun and active sessions to junior golfers and can be pitched at beginners or those that are currently in coaching at the clubs. The 'skills for life' and 'fit for life' elements mean that you are not only developing young people as golfers but providing them with a variety of skills that can be transferred in to other sports. To register for one of the above workshops the following process needs to be completed:

1. Log on to <http://www.juniorgolfpassport.org/> and register as a coach. At this time you will be asked to pay £100 which covers your place on the training course along with the JGP resource for the year.
2. Call the Golf Foundation on 01992 449830 to book your place.

For further details visit – [www.golf-foundation.org](http://www.golf-foundation.org)

## **THE SKILLS CHALLENGE/ GOLF SKILLS CYMRU**

Golf Skills Cymru is a modern exciting 'off-the-course' challenge, which caters for all ages and abilities. It is a great accompaniment to any structured coaching activity. Additionally, Golf Skills Cymru can be used to assist golf clubs in the retention of members by providing them with the tools to organise a fun social event for members utilising the challenges. For further details visit – [www.golfdevelopmentwales.org/skills-challenge/](http://www.golfdevelopmentwales.org/skills-challenge/)

## **GDW BUSINESS SUPPORT SCHEME**

The Golf Development Wales Business Support Scheme is a flexible training and mentoring programme for all affiliated clubs in Wales. The scheme involves training key decision makers within the golf clubs in areas such as marketing, cost reduction, membership recruitment and retention, increasing visitor and society bookings, income generation, improved governance, cultural change and many more areas. For further information visit - [www.golfdevelopmentwales.org/about-club-business-support/](http://www.golfdevelopmentwales.org/about-club-business-support/)

## **SAFEGUARDING SUPPORT**

GDW and GUW offer a range of support and services in the area as well as conducting DBS check for volunteers and coaches. For further information visit [www.golfdevelopmentwales.org/about-safeguarding-children/](http://www.golfdevelopmentwales.org/about-safeguarding-children/)

## **GOLF RULES AND ETIQUETTE BOOKS**

The Golf Etiquette book is a guide to golfing behaviour and some basic etiquette guides for day to day golfing. Also included are the two pocket fun reminders, Golf Etiquette and Golf Rules. These include illustrations to get the basic rules and etiquette across to beginners in a fun and appealing way. For more information visit [www.golfdevelopmentwales.org/rules-and-etiquette-booklet/](http://www.golfdevelopmentwales.org/rules-and-etiquette-booklet/)

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## WELCOME BOOKLET

The GDW welcome booklet aims to support new golfers coming into club membership to get the most out of being a member. Welcome booklets are available from GDW (at a small cost each plus postage) to give to new and trial members to ease the transition into membership and give basic, general information about golf in a fun and appealing way.

[www.golfdevelopmentwales.org/welcome-booklet/](http://www.golfdevelopmentwales.org/welcome-booklet/)

## R&A ADAPTED RULES FOR GOLFERS WITH DISABILITIES

The R&A and the USGA have produced 'A Modification of the Rules of Golf for Golfers with Disabilities'. This publication contains advice and permissible modifications to the Rules and they provide a means by which disabled golfers may play equitably with able-bodied golfers or golfers with other types of disabilities. For more information visit [www.golfdevelopmentwales.org/rules-of-golf-for-golfers-with-disabilities](http://www.golfdevelopmentwales.org/rules-of-golf-for-golfers-with-disabilities)

## HANDICAPPING SUPPORT

### COUNCIL OF NATIONAL GOLF UNIONS LTD (CONGU)

The authorising body of the only official handicap for golfers resident in Great Britain and Ireland. CONGU can provide handicap advice and details of the recommended junior handicapping scheme. For further details visit – [www.congu.com](http://www.congu.com)

## SHORT COURSE AND 9 HOLE COURSE RATING

GUW will course rate up to 3 short or 9 holes courses at an affiliated golf club. This will provide progression to the full course and also enable individuals to have a variety short course options as well as being able to obtain a handicap on these courses.

There are a number of support staff available to your club in order to help you to develop and strengthen junior golf. To find out who can help visit – [www.golfunionwales.org/staff](http://www.golfunionwales.org/staff)

For more information on all Golf Development Wales and Golf Union of Wales resources can be found on line at either

[www.golfdevelopmentwales.org](http://www.golfdevelopmentwales.org) or [www.golfunionwales.org](http://www.golfunionwales.org).

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