

Castleknock Golf Club

Junior Club Information Pack 20

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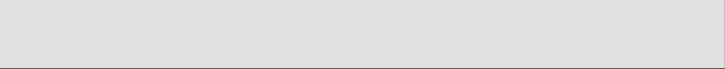
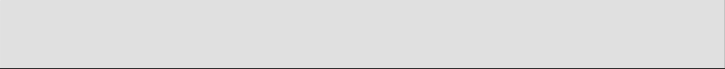
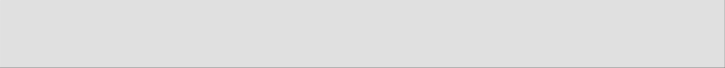
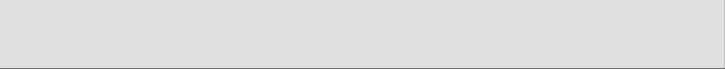
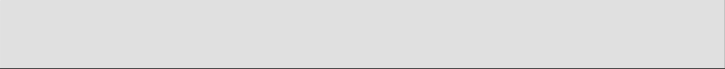
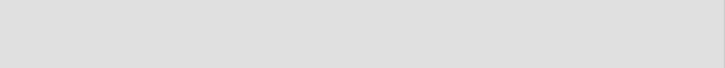
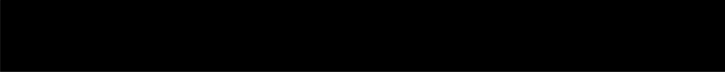
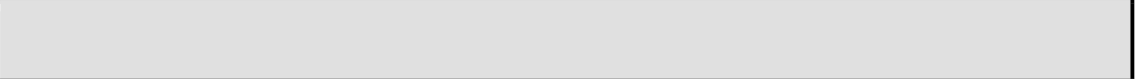
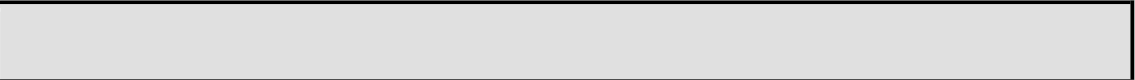
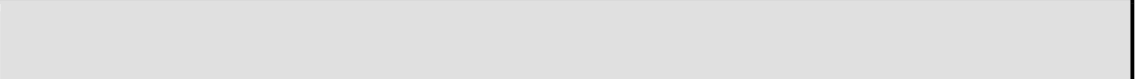
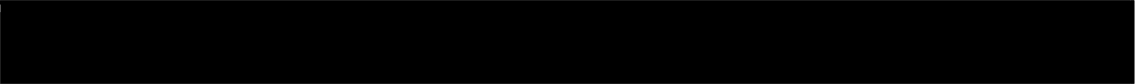
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Section 1: Introduction

Introduction

Welcome to another year of golf for our junior members and their parents in Castleknock golf Club

2023 marks the 8th year of existence of the Junior Club in Castleknock Golf Club. In 2022, we saw the

continued progression of our Junior Club with a number of Juniors representing the Men’s and

Ladies Club in Inter Club Competitions, the continuation of the Liffey Valley Cup, our inaugural entry

into the Golf Sixes competition, some of our Juniors being selected on Regional and National Golf

Ireland panels and a comprehensive Coaching Programme.

2023 Committee

All our committee members are volunteers and parents of existing junior members. We always

welcome new parents/ guardians that are willing to help.

The committee can be contacted by emailing juniorgolf@castleknockgolfclub.ie.

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| **Full Committee** | **2023** |
| Cormac Reilly | Convenor |
| Gareth Doherty | Treasurer |
| Kevin Butler | Competitions Secretary |
| Adrian Doyle | Development Secretary |
| Paul McHugh | Performance Secretary |
| Liz Cunningham | Club Children’s Officer |
| Robert Bruen | Designated Liaison Officer & Handicap Secretary |
| Stuart Banks | Adult Men's Liaison & Membership Secretary |
| Fiona Carville | Adult Ladies Liaison |
| Sarah Kelly | Communications |
| David Toal | Membership |
| Stuart Kenny | Junior Golf and Competitions |

Junior Captains

We are delighted to have Caoimhe Toland and Andrew Bruen as our Junior Captains for 2023.

Goal of the club

 PARTICIPATION is our number 1 goal

 All parents and juniors that have signed up have committed to be active members

 We review the playing activity regularly and we will be in touch with parents of those that

are not participating

 **For membership year 2023, participation means that your Junior Member is committing to**

**playing 10 competitions during the year. For Associate Juniors and Cadets, this will also be**

**10 competitions plus attendance at 8 lessons. The participation element will be assessed**

**throughout the year and the club reserves the right to not renew membership for 2024 if**

**this is not adhered to.**

 The Club are very open to any, and all suggestions, re how we can increase participation

Members Website

Members website can be found at https://castleknockmembersclub.com/. This contains all relevant

documentation plus news on ongoing club activities. It is mainly focused on the adult clubs. The

junior committee will primarily communicate on a regular basis through email to the email address

provided on renewal/ sign up.

Role of Carr Golf

 Carr Golf are the operators of the course, golf operations and food and beverage on behalf

of the owners and responsible for all aspects of running the golfing and catering operations

incl membership fees

 The various committees are part of Castleknock Golf Club which is affiliated with Golf Ireland

 Any questions re green fees etc go to the pro shop

Section 2: Child Welfare

Roles

There are two very important roles in the Club in the context of the junior members. As a club

we are committed to child protection and safety around the course play, lessons and

competitions. We are both generally around the club on Sundays and can be contacted at any

stage.

**Club Children’s Officer (CCO):** Children’s Officers are appointed within golf clubs to act as a

resource for children and to represent them at committee level. Their primary aim is the

establishment of a child centred ethos within the club.

**Designated Liaison Person (DLP):** A person who is responsible for reporting allegations or

suspicions of child abuse and welfare issues to the Statutory Authorities at club or national level.

Safeguarding policies

Safeguarding policies have been adopted by the adult committees and reflect the standard Golf

Ireland policies. These policies are to ensure that each junior members safety is safeguarded

and that their experience is fun and positive. Safeguarding policies will be made available on the

Members website and further details can be found on the Junior Noticeboard in the Pro Shop

Our commitment

As a club, we are committed to:

 Respecting the rights of children as paramount.

 Providing opportunities for every child interested in playing golf to gain a positive

experience.

 Including and involving children in decision making, providing opportunities for children

to be heard.

 Promoting and implementing policies and procedures that:

o Safeguard the wellbeing of children and protect them from harm or abuse,

ensuring that everyone knows what to do and who they can speak to.

o Prevent and respond to bullying behaviour, ensuring that everyone knows what

to do and who they can speak to.

o Requiring members of staff and volunteers to adopt and abide by this

safeguarding policy.

Training, supporting and supervising members of staff and volunteers to adopt

best practice.

o Regularly monitoring and evaluating the implementation of this policy.

Risk Assessment

It is our responsibility to conduct a risk assessment where we examined all aspects of the service

provided to the junior members from a safeguarding perspective.

The policies, safeguarding statement and risk assessment are available on request

Section3: Junior Development, Coaching and Cadets

Coaching

Coaching is provided every second Saturday by Hugh Feeney (PGA Professional), during the winter

the lessons are held in Elm Green driving range on the upper section, while the rest of the year the

lessons alternate between the below:

 Elm Green – Driver and irons

 Putting green beside the clubhouse – Chipping and putting

There will be between 3 and 5 lessons per day, each junior can attend one session.

Each lesson contains a maximum of 8 juniors, split into age groups. The lessons last 40 minutes and

one parent in total (not per child) must remain per lesson. The lessons can be booked at the link

below and there will be an e-mail sent to inform parents that the lessons have been set up:

https://www.picktime.com/CastleknockGolfJuniorCoaching

Cadets (Category 1)

Each child born in 2010 or later will default to the Cadet group. They are entitled to play in the Junior

6’s competition which runs every Sunday (time dependent on daylight). The format of this is a 2 person

scramble from 150 yards, with 2 pairs in each tee time. We will generally pair stronger with weaker

Cadets to help the less experienced. As the children progress we will move the tees back further to

eventually hit from the red tees.

**We need at least one parent to walk with each 4 ball. Please offer your services when you arrive if**

**you can. We typically rotate this. We have to operate a strict “No Walker, No Golf” rule.**

Please add your child’s name to Chronongolf in the “Junior 6’s” section and arrive at 5.30pm. We will

then pair the children.

Cadet’s can also play with their parents outside of adult competitions, but we ask for parents to be

mindful of others on the course and pick quieter times

New Joiners Born Before 2010 (Category 2A)

For the first month of membership, children born before 2010 can play with adult members or other

juniors where the junior has a handicap of 24 (or less) for boys and 36 (or less) for girls. After 1 month,

Hugh and/or the committee will confirm if there is any reason to not give them broader access. We

will contact the relevant parents at the time to confirm broader access has been granted.

Each child will need to attend 3 of the 4 coaching sessions held in the first 5 wee ks.

For handicaps, they can utilize the Junior competition time or the “Junior handicap” time on the tee

sheet if they are likely to be slower. Cards can be signed by an adult or junior who has a handicap of

24 (or less) for boys and 36 (or less) for girls.

If you currently have a handicap associated with another club then please email your details to the

email address listed above for the Junior Committee.

Existing Members Born before 2010 without a current Handicap (Category 2b)

A part of being a member of a golf club is that you commit to achieving and maintaining a handicap

that reflects your current playing ability. We have a small number of junior members who have not

submitted cards for handicap purposes. We actively encourage this cohort to submit their cards for

handicap purposes in as quick a manner as possible. Until they have received their handicap, this

cohort of Junior Members (for casual golf) can play with adult members or other juniors where the

junior has a handicap of 24 (or less) for boys and 36 (or less) for girls only. (Same criteria as new joiners

born before 2010).

Cadet Progression

In order to progress to Juniors, Cadets need to complete 3x 18 hole or 6 x9 hole cards **at Castleknock**

**Golf Club** and be approved by Hugh or the Committee.

These will be completed from the red tees. If your child takes more than 10 strokes on a hole they

should pick up their ball. Completed cards should be given to Robert Bruen, (Handicap Secretary).

Maturity is also a factor which will be considered in the progression.

Course Access for Casual Golf

Casual Golf can be booked in the same manner as competition timesheets (explained below). The

table below summarises the course access for casual golf. Please note that all casual golf must take

place outside of competition times.

Full Junior (Category 1)

 Full Access

 Anytime outside of competition time – please see respective competition rules incl Mens

and Ladies Club competition access and when to book on the timesheet

 Guests allowed at current prevailing rates

New or Existing Members Born Before 2010 without a current handicap (Category 2a and Category

2b)

 Always accompanied by Adult or Experienced Junior

 Putting Green

 Coaching

 Junior or Junior Handicap slots on a Sunday

 Any time outside of competitions times with an Adult (Member or Guest at current

prevailing rates)

 Any time outside of competition times with a Junior Member where the junior has a

handicap of 24 (or less) for boys and 36 (or less) for girls (No Junior Guests)

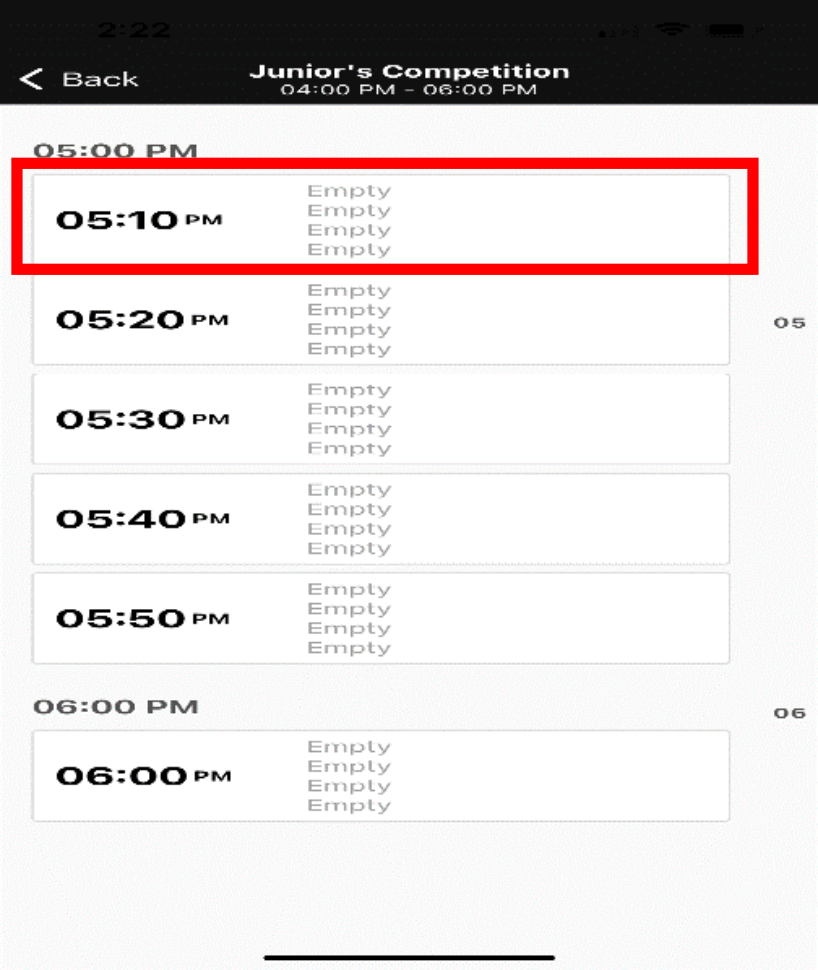
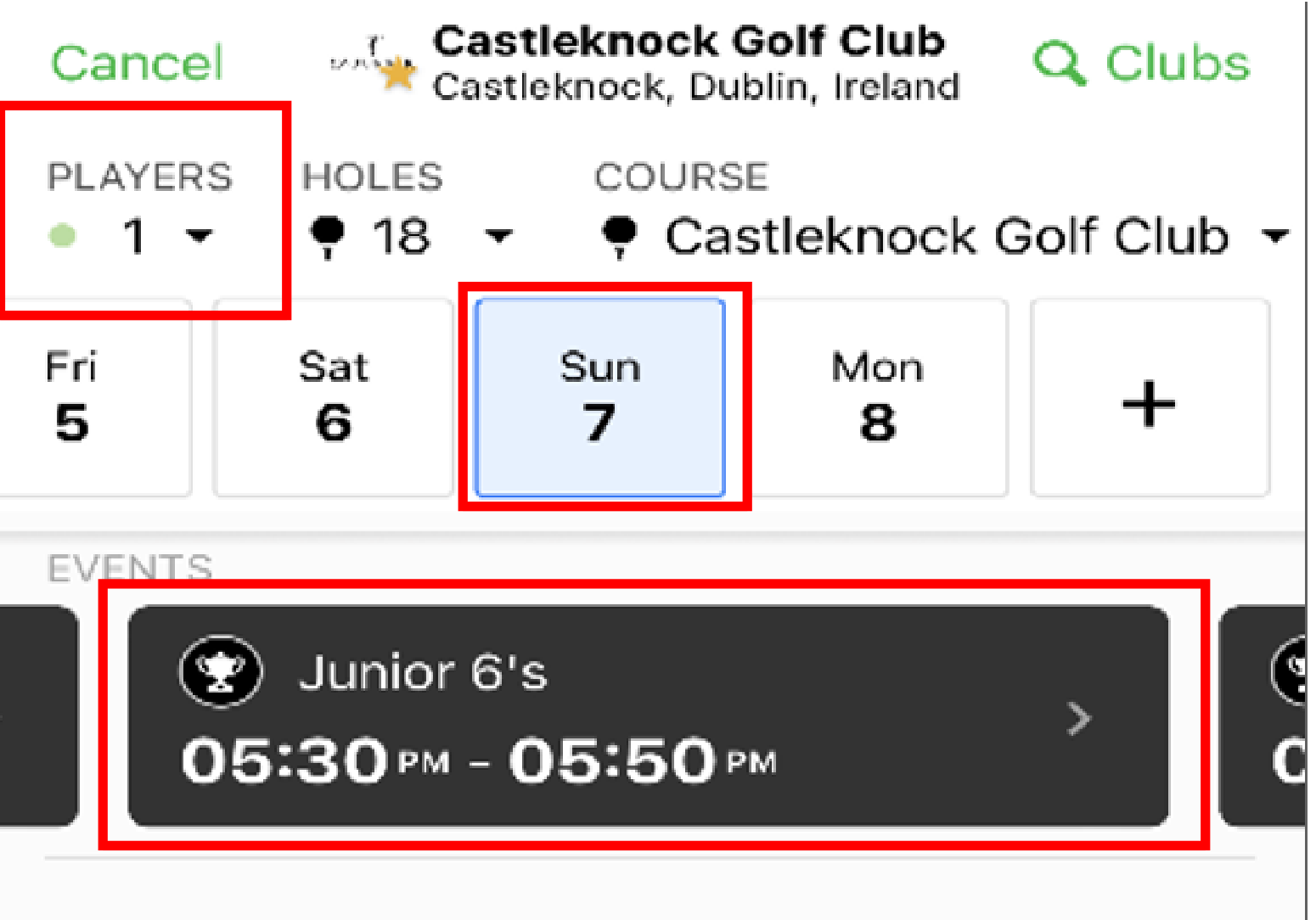
Cadets (Category 3)

 Always accompanied by Adult or Experienced Junior

 Putting Green

 Coaching

 Junior Sixes on a Sunday



 Any time outside of competitions times with an Adult (Member or Guest)

 Any time outside of competition times with a Junior Member where the junior has a

handicap of 24 (or less) for boys and 36 (or less) for girls (No Junior Guests)

Booking to play on Chronogolf

Each child should have their own login (with an associated email address), which is used to book times

on the timesheet. Parent’s can invite children onto their tee time and children can invite other

children. Please note that only full Junior Members can invite junior guests who will be charged the

prevailing guest rate. This can be accessed online or there is also a mobile app.

Once logged into Chronogolf:

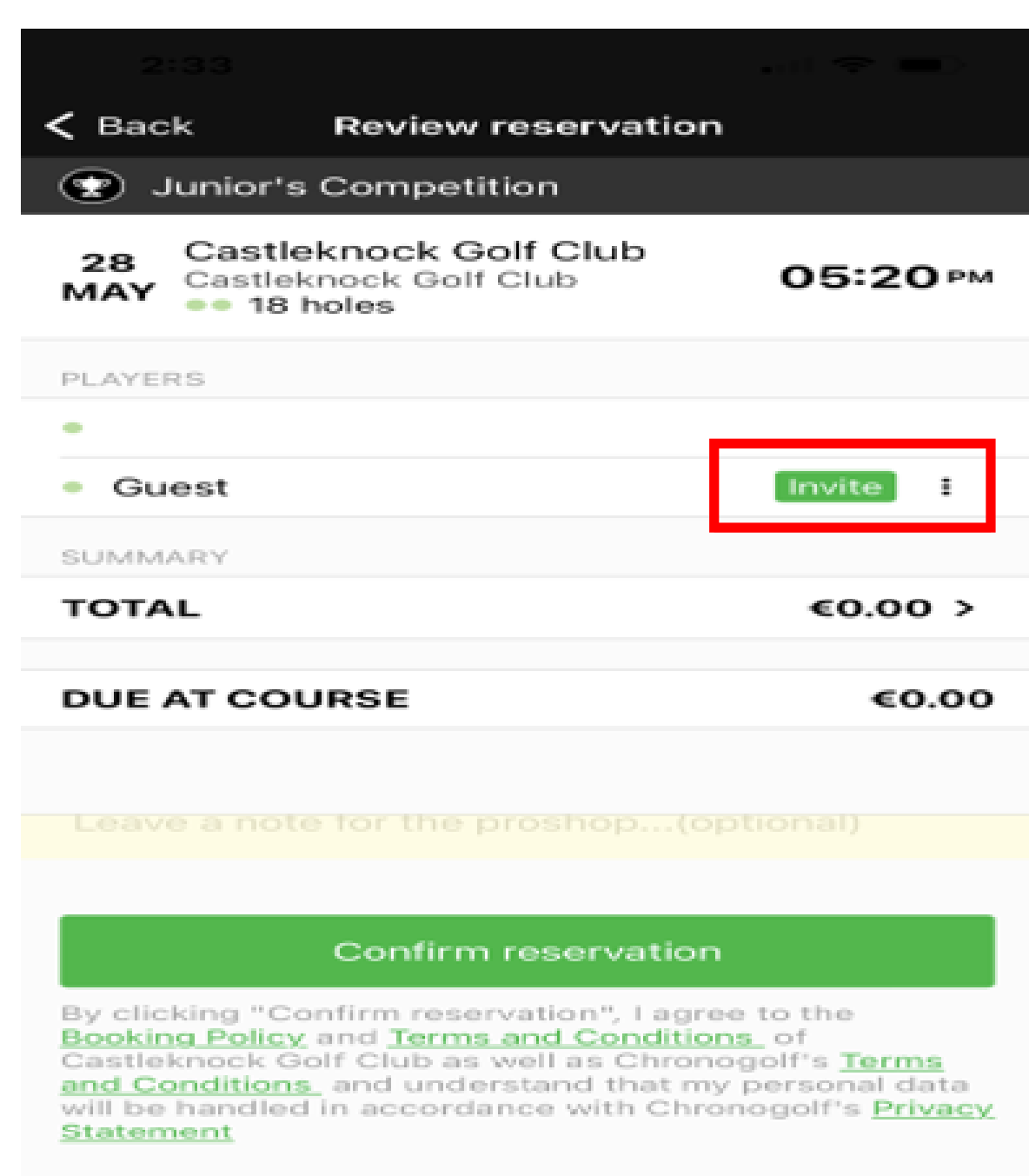
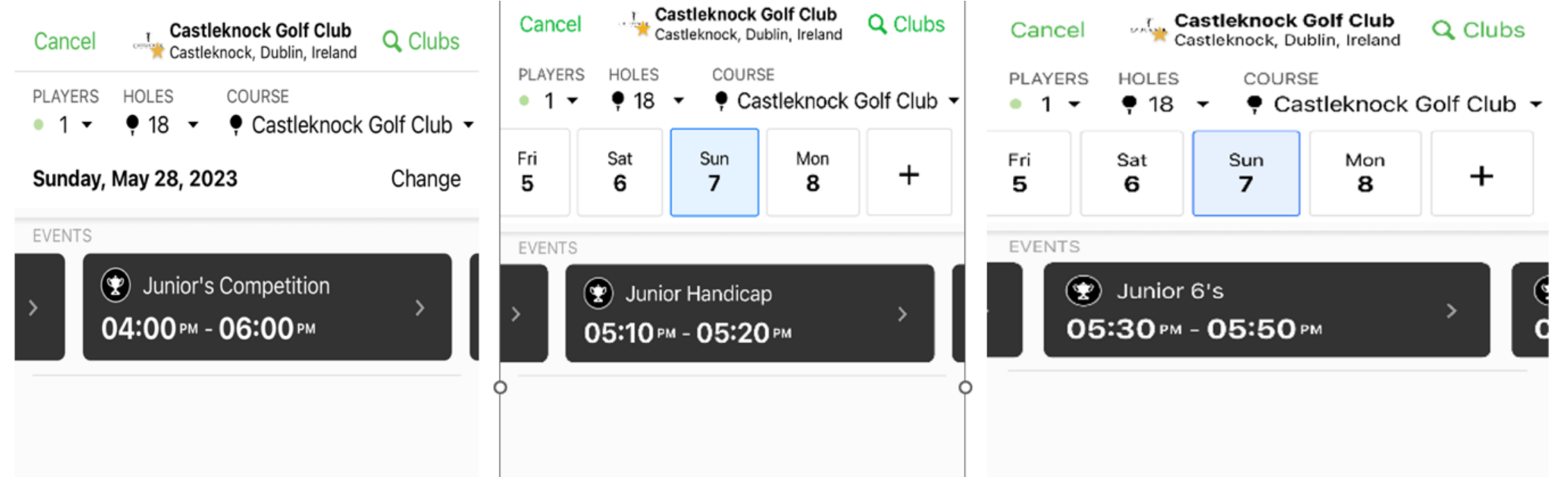
 Select the number of players from the drop down

 Click on the Day / Date

 Scroll the Events section to the left to select the competition / category your child wishes to

play in and click on the black box.

 Click on time slot that you want to enter your child / children.



 You can invite others to play with your child (once more than one player added at the start)

by clicking the invite button, you can then select a member or recent guest.

There are a number of tee time options for Juniors, Associate Juniors and Junior’s play in the “Junior’s

competition”, older new joiners and Cadet’s entering scores for handicap purposes use “Junior

Handicap” slots and the Cadets play in the “Junior 6’s”, shown below.

WhatsApp Cohorts

To increase the participation of the children, we are planning to set up parents WhatsApp cohort

groups taking age, category (e.g. Cadet) and whether they are a boy or girl into account. Parents will

be invited and can opt out.

Foresomes

(U15)

Section 4: Interclub

Junior Team Golf

Golf not just an individual game

We often think of the US Masters or The Open and the individual winner.

However golf can be a team sport also. We are all familiar with the Ryder Cup and the Solheim Cup

which have been well represented by Irish Golfers …. Leona Maguire was the star of the team in the

last Solheim Cup.

Some players who do not perform well in individuals excel in a team format. There have been plenty

of examples of Irish players such as Christy O’Connor Junior, Eamon Darcy & Des Smyth who have

played big parts in Ryder cup wins and are remembered for those rather than individual honours.

Castleknock Golf Club offers Junior players a chance to represent the club in team inter club

competitions.

Competitions Entered in 2023:

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| **Competition** | **Age** | **Handicap** | **First Match** |
| Boys Inter-club | U18 | 5.1 - 24 | June 26th |
| Boys Junior | U18 | <12 | May 14th |
| Boys Inter-club | U15 | <14.1 | July 2nd |
| Girls Inter-club | U19 | <40 | July 31st |

Managers will appointed to each team to coordinate practice and the team members on the days of the

competition.

Players will be chosen based on their eligibility through age, participation & handicap

Players on team panels will receive coaching in the build up to the events.

They will have opportunities to play practice rounds in the format of the competition.

They will also play practice round at the away club in advance of the match day.

Adult Inter-club

Our junior players are the future of the club.

Castleknock will bring juniors into the adult inter-club teams as soon as they achieve the standard required.

Liffey Valley League

The Liffey Valley League is structured to allow Juniors to experience playing in away clubs in a

competitive but fun and open environment. It is open to all Juniors in a club, as long as they are

capable of completing 18 holes and have a current handicap. (White tees for boys and Red tees for

girls). It is generally targeted at the cohort of Juniors who are not yet at the ‘elite’ level and

therefore completing in inter-club competitions.

This is both a team plus individual competition between the following clubs.

 Castleknock (May)

 Carton House (June)

 Hermitage (July)

 Milicent (August)

 Westmanstown (August)

 Lucan (June)

Each club will host an event over the course of the summer. Castleknock as the original organizers

have the honor of starting the competition each year. This year we will be hosting it on Sunday May

21.

At each outing 9 players make up the club team. With the best 5 to contribute towards the team’s

score. The team competition will be determined at the end of the year after all outings are

completed. While there will be individual prizes presented after each outing. The team picked for

each outing will change therefore allowing large group of players to participate.

Section 5 : Competitions

Participation

The number one goal of the Junior Club is participation, where we try to get as many young golfers

out as often as possible. In addition to the structured coaching and development, the Junior Club

organise weekly competitions each Sunday afternoon all year round. As well as arranging

competitions during school holiday periods and other times which hopefully suit the majority of our

members.

The goal of the competitions is to allow the Juniors to play golf, with their peers, in a fun but

competitive environment.

To keep interest levels high we try to vary the structure of competitions over the course of the year.

Single stableford, team events, scrambles, matchplay etc. We would appreciate your feedback on

the types of Competitions we currently hold. Please do let us know if there are changes you suggest.

We would also request your support in getting the juniors out as often as possible over the co urse of

the year.

Junior Majors – In addition to the normal weekly competitions we hold. We also have 3 Majors.

 **Captains Drive** – Held in April and it marks the official beginning of the golfing season.

 **President’s Prize** – Held in May and celebrates our club president.

 **Captain’s Prize** – Held in September and is the show case of golf following a successful

summer season.

Competition Account

The Competition account is maintained by the Pro Shop. This year we included all “normal”

competition fees in the annual sub. Therefore, the Competition account is now only used for the 3

Majors and if a junior is participating in an adult competition when they need to pay normal

competition fees.

Adult Competitions

Juniors are eligible to participate in adult competitions subject to them having a handicap of less that

24 for boys and 36 for girls. They can book time into the adult times after 12 noon once the

timesheets open or any time within 72 hours of the day of playing. Please note that no Casual Golf is

allowed during competition times.

There are specific rules relating to prizes in Adult competitions and Junior eligibility. The Junior

Committee will circulate these in the near future.

Section 6: Handicaps and Recording Scores

Before your round

When entering a competition ask the Pro Shop for a sticker, which will give you the following

information. For casual rounds that you want to use for handicap scoring purposes, you can sign in

either via the computer in the Oatlands Suite or via the Golf Ireland App (no sticker needed).

 Name

 Date & time

 Competition entered

 Handicap (3 different handicap’s)

o Without getting too technical, the playing handicap is the one which is important for

calculating your scores.

If you don’t get a sticker it is important that you complete the above information onto your score

card.

You should also tick which tee you played from.

During a round

On the first tee you should hand your card to a fellow player asking them to mark your scores.

After each hole you should agree your gross stokes/shots taken on that hole.

Its important that fresh airs, penalty shots, dropped shots etc are all counted and agreed.

The marker will then complete your score card, while you will keep track of your own scores in the

“markers column” of the card you are responsible for. This will allow you to ensure that the card is

correct at the end of the round.

At the end of the round

It is important that each player checks their scores and the score card has been signed by both the

individual marking the card and the competitor themselves.

As you are signing it you are taking responsibility for the scores of your fellow player.

All scores should then be uploaded to the computer in the room beside the Pro shop. It is imperative

that once you sign in, you complete the score either on the computer or the app (casual only).

The score card can then be placed into the box marked - Junior