



GOLF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2016 / 2017

INTRODUCTION

Learners are sorted into groups according to age. The programme has 3 tiers and runs over a 1-2 year period. Each tier requires a theory and practical competency test for progression to the next. Expected competency period for each tier is 3 - 6 months.

ALL learners receive certificates for their efforts. Those not meeting minimum standards repeat the cycle and receive a certificate for an area in which they have applied themselves. The tiers cover all aspects of the game allowing the learner to get onto the course with ease and confidence. Learners are eligible for promotion to Mowbray Prentice Section once the three tiers are successfully completed.

TIER ONE

The learners are given a series of lessons encompassing:

Basic understanding of the objectives of the game
Important rules and scoring techniques
Understanding of dress code, punctuality and etiquette
Course respect and management
Club components and functions
Distance assessment/judgement
Correct grip and posture
Balance and timing
Chipping > 20% into target circle
Sand shots > 20% out the bunker
Putting 9 holes < 28 putts

TIER TWO

The second stage begins with a chipping and putting assessment and theory revision from Tier One, thereafter lessons to cover:

Handicaps, rules and scoring
Correct grip and swing path
Weight transfer and balance
Timing and tempo
Club lengths, lofts and shafts
Full swing, address, balance and contact
> 10% solid contact on full shots
Chipping > 25% into target circle
Sand shots > 30% out the bunker
Putting 18 holes < 44 putts

TIER THREE

After revision from Tier Two the final Tier Three covers:

5 different methods of scoring
Rules test (20 questions)
Course management
Full swing analysis
Distance control
Shot shaping, low shots, high shots
> 25% solid contact
Chipping > 40% into target circle
Sand shots > 40% out the bunker
Putting 18 holes < 40 putts