



Parent Brochure

Shelly Beach Golf Club (SBGC) welcomes you and your child. We are proud of our commitment to growing golf, in particular to introducing kids to the great game of golf. We wish them a lifetime of enjoyment from the game so many of us love.

SBGC is conscious of the responsibility we have in making the experience for children here enjoyable, engaging but above all safe. We have adopted a comprehensive child safe policy and have implemented recommendations and taken advice from the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian and Golf NSW/Jack Newton Junior Golf.

Our Board and Management have worked through this process in a comprehensive way. Staff have been trained in the policies, which have been promoted to Members.

As a parent of a child who is a member of SBGC, or being coached at the club, we require that you do the following.

- Read and understand the Parent/Guardian/Spectator Code of Behaviour. Sign the Child Safety Declaration
- Drop your child off just before their event/lesson and pick them up promptly at the conclusion.
- We strongly recommend you are in attendance for one-on-one lessons.
- Understand that during lessons, the coach may touch the student to aid in alignment or posture. They will always seek the child's permission prior.
- Understand that a coach may video or take images of a student during lessons. These are for coaching purposes only and will be deleted after the lesson. If we seek to use images for publicity, we will get written permission.
- Prizes may be awarded. These are typically of nominal value and often include a food item. Generally, all participants will receive the same item, however after a competition, just the winner may receive an item.
- Advise us if your child is injured.
- Let us know if there is anything that we should know about your child that may assist us in understanding their needs.
- Ensure that your child understands that they are not to enter the locker room without a parent or guardian.

Please feel free to discuss any aspect of your child's involvement with the Golf Professional or General Manager.

PARENT/GUARDIAN/SPECTATOR CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

OUR COMMITMENT

SBGC is committed to providing a safe environment for participation. Aggressive, threatening, or other inappropriate behaviour by members, their families, their friends, and other sporting personnel while attending a game or event will not be tolerated.

These behaviours outlined include but are not limited to:

- using bad language.
- harassing or ridiculing players, coaches, officials, or other spectators.
- making racist, religious, sexist, or other inappropriate comments to players, coaches, officials, or other spectators.
- any threatening behaviour or physical altercation between spectators and players, coaches, officials, or other spectators.
- putting undue pressure on children, berating them, or putting down their performance.
- drinking on the golf course or being drunk at a SBGC event.
- smoking and vaping on the golf course during a SBGC event.

WHAT WE WILL DO

- Provide members, their parents, and other sporting personnel with our Code of Behaviour and make clear what is expected and the consequences of non-compliance.
- When junior events are operating, where possible, bind non-members by prominently displaying conditions of entry to the course and facilities, and by requiring parents to abide by club rules (e.g., by making parents sign our Parent/Guardian/Spectator Code of Behaviour).
- Reinforce messages of fair and respectful behaviour by displaying signs and posters around our facilities and providing information on our website, in our newsletter, and through other communication channels.
- Ensure our coaches and officials have completed training to develop their skills and confidence.
- Ban bringing alcohol on to the golf course during a SBGC junior event.
- Ban smoking and vaping on the golf course during a SBGC junior event.
- Consult with our local police and seek their support and advice on how to handle issues involving inappropriate behaviour by spectators prior to, at, or after a game.
- Encourage the reporting of incidents and investigate inappropriate behaviours as outlined in this standard and take disciplinary or whatever other actions as are deemed necessary (e.g., appoint a senior staff member to monitor behaviour).
- Encourage our players, coaches, officials, and spectators to call the police if they are concerned about escalating behaviour and their safety or the safety of others.

We have appointed a female and male member protection officer. They are

- Female – Sally Harrold – Director SBGC - Sally.Harrold@sbgc.com.au
- Male – Peter Sliwinski – Director/Club Captain SBGC – Peter.Sliwinski@sbgc.com.au

WHAT WE ASK YOU TO DO

- Read and abide by the Parent, Spectator and Bag Pusher Guideline which is outlined in the Child Safety Handbook (located on the SBGC website).
- Parents/Spectators to only smoke in the designated smoking areas around the clubhouse and carpark.
- Help create a positive atmosphere for players, officials, and other spectators by showing respect for players, officials, and other spectators.
- Abide by our Code of Behaviour and refrain from using bad language, harassing, or ridiculing others or behaving in a threatening or violent manner.
- If you are aware of inappropriate spectator behaviour and you feel confident to do so, speak with the person and ask them to stop. If there is a SBGC Staff member, official, or volunteer, ask for their assistance.
- Report any inappropriate spectator behaviour to a club employee or official, senior staff member, or someone in a position of authority.
- Call the police or a club official if you are concerned for your safety or the safety of others.

NON-COMPLIANCE

Parents or spectators are bound by the Code of Behaviour. If they are found to have behaved inappropriately at SBGC events, they may face disciplinary action as outlined in Central Coast District Golf Association (CCDGA) Member Protection Policy (located on the SBGC website).

CHILD SAFE DECLARATION

I,..... have read and understood the Child Safe Policy and code of behaviour and will abide by it as a junior member or kids clinic participant of SBGC.
Signature:
Date:
If under 18 years so age, parent/guardian:
Parent/Guardian Name:
Signature:
Date: