



Suffolk Golf Union

SGU Junior Open Series rules

THE SUFFOLK JUNIOR OPEN SERIES

The Suffolk Golf Union created the Suffolk Junior Open Series in 2023, which has been designed to help promote the growth of junior golf within the county. Not only does it encourage junior golfers to engage with other like-minded youngsters, it helps their development on and off the golf course by offering a platform to enjoy, compete, improve and develop their personal attributes within a safe and friendly environment. Qualifying Competitions for Boys & Girls, for under the age of 18;

2026 Fixtures;

1) Ipswich, Purdis Heath GC,	Thursday	2/4/2026
2) Thorpeness GC,	Monday	4/5/2026
3) Woodbridge GC	Sunday	17/5/2026
4) Newton Green GC	Sunday	31/5/2026
5) Southwold GC,	Saturday	27/6/2026
6) Halesworth GC,	Saturday	4/7/2026
7) Stowmarket GC	Monday	27/7/2026
8) Aldeburgh GC,	Wednesday	29/7/2026
9) Gorleston GC,	Tuesday	4/8/2026
10) Rookery Park, GC	Saturday	8/8/2026
11) Felixstowe Ferry GC,	Monday	10/8/2026
12) Diss GC,	Monday	24/8/2026
13) Bungay & Waveney Valley GC,	Sunday	30/8/2026
14) Bury St Edmunds GC,	Sunday	6/9/2026

Competition conditions;

All events shall be played in accordance with the R&A Rules of Golf and Local Rules as approved. Each participating club will be responsible for organising their own Junior Open and will decide on format.

Competitors must be;

- a) Amateur status as defined by the R&A
- b) Under the age of 18 on the 1st January 2026.
- c) In possession of an official WHS handicap under the CONGU united rules of handicapping and not exceeding that determined by the County Union as a condition of entry.
- d) A member of a club affiliated to the Suffolk Golf Union. This club must be their “home” club for handicapping purposes.

All participants must have submitted a completed consent form to include data regarding Health & Safety / medical / consent to photography & videography to the relevant club or the Suffolk Golf Union (also found on the SGU website). Failure to do so will prevent participating in any event. By submitting a consent form you agree to the Club and Suffolk Golf Union in using any of the collected photography and videography.

The Suffolk Junior Open Series;

The Suffolk Junior Open Series competition will run over the course of the Qualifying Competitions, with the “best 6” scores taken from the total number of participating events in all four categories.

Points awarded will accumulate to the individual performance during the season of Junior Open`s. There is no upper limit on the number of entries to the Junior Open`s that an individual may enter.

Categories;

Boys - 1) Net 2) Gross

Girls – 1) Net 2) Gross

Point allocation;

Each individual in each category will have points allocated to performance in the following manner;

1st = 8 points, 2nd = 5 points, 3rd = 4 points, 4th = 3 points, 5th = 2 points, 6th = 1 point.

Prizes;

Winners of each category will be those individuals achieving the highest accumulated points over the season, taken from the “best 6” results as detailed above.

In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided by the person who has come 1st the most events in that category, followed by the highest points score in the last Open, followed by penultimate Open, going backwards until a result is finalised.

** The winner of the 1st gross prize will not be able to receive the 1st net prize in the same year.

Competition & entry forms;

Competition entry & consent forms must be fully completed, accompanied by the correct entry fee and sent to the participating golf club directly. A list of Participating Clubs can be found on the SGU website.

The Suffolk Golf Union retains the right to refuse entry without giving reason for their decision, which shall be final.

Dress code – competitors are expected to comply with the dress code rules of the venue host. If there is any doubt, please research the clubs website or contact the host club. Jeans, collarless tee shirts, tracksuits and trainers are not allowed.

Caddies – where permitted, must be aware of golfing etiquette and comply within the Rules of Golf.

Any competitor, caddy or parent/guardian who behaves in an unacceptable manner during competition days, may be asked to leave the event and may be prevented from entering or attending any further SGU organised competitions.

Mobile phones must be turned off and may not be used on the course except when contacting emergency services or a tournament administrator. They may however be used in accordance to rule 4.3a in the Rules of Golf.

All competitors in these events will have their scores uploaded into the WHS and will be classified as “Qualifying Competitions” in accordance with the R&A Rules of Golf and the WHS.

Please note; parents and guardians should be aware that children of any age will not be supervised by County Officials or volunteers on duty at the event. Parents or guardians of a child that is under 12 years of age are expected to remain at the venue whilst their child is in attendance.

Series performance feedback;

The person responsible for organising these events at the Participating Club`s, must report the results of each 4 categories back to the SGU Junior Secretary immediately after the event (sgujuniorsec@gmail.com).

The Secretary will collate the details, publish all results and allocate points for The Series on the SGU website and social media outlets. The Series accumulated running totals will also be published.

End of season prize giving;

Prizes will be given for each individual in each of the four categories, subject to the restrictions ** detailed above;

Boys – a) net and b) gross.

Girls – a) net and b) gross.

Prize giving to be held on the same day as the Race to Aldeburgh prize giving event, October 2026.