



2016 ROOKIE SERIES CLUB INFORMATION

Overview

This guide has been designed to provide golf clubs and district golf associations with all the information they need to conduct a SAJG Rookie Series event.

The ROOKIE SERIES in 2016 will be played throughout the year at golf clubs/courses across Victoria. The Series is designed for younger players, both boys and girls wishing to start playing golf at a basic competitive level, in Under 16 and Under 11 age divisions. The Series is designed to build on the great junior development work being done at many golf clubs across the state to grow our game.

Golf Victoria (incorporating SAJG) run events are scheduled in the main during school holiday periods as well Sunday afternoons. For club events scheduling will be entirely at the club's discretion. An events listing will appear on the GV website. There will be a Rookie Series Final which is held during the January school holiday period. The boys and girls overall winners from each of the Rookie Series events will qualify for an invitation to the Rookie Series Final.

SAJG will administer the Rookie Series and run the final. Winners and scores from all Rookie Series events and the Rookie Series Final will be posted on the GV website.

Club/District Events

Golf Clubs may enter their own events into the Rookie Series. Golf Victoria will send winner's certificates to the club along with an invitation for overall gross winners (boy and girl) to compete in the Rookie Series Final. The club will run its event and return names and images (optional) of the winners to GV, for posting on the website.

The Final

The Rookie Series Final will be held in January 2016, played over 9 holes. Entry fees for the finals will be \$15 per player. Entry is by invitation only to event winners.

Golf Club Information

Please complete your EOI (see forms section) for your club's junior 9 hole event, part of the 2014 Rookie Series.

- GV will mail out to you winner's certificates.
- Please send the Golf Club Event Results Sheet back to GV within 7 days of your event, and email a photo of the winners for inclusion on the GV website to sajg@golfvic.org.au if desired.
- GV will send back invitations (via the club) to the winners to attend the Rookie Series Final.
- This document contains a copy of the Player Information for Rookie events. It is strongly advised that you use this this a guide.



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Player Information for Rookie Series Club Events

Note: It is recommended that clubs adopts a similar structure as below for their own Rookie Series event. Depending on the number of entries the club receives, it may choose to only hold an overall boys and girls competition and not have U11 and U15 sections.

- 1. Format:** Play for the Rookie Series events is modified stroke, with a 2 over par **compulsory** pick up rule. When you have played enough shots to be 2 over the hole par, pick up your ball and record a score of 3 over par for the hole. As such, 3 over par is the maximum score on any hole.
- 2. Markers:** Play will generally be from the most forward markers on the teeing ground for the U16s, and from the start of the cut fairway for the U11s. Cones may be used on some holes as forward tee markers for all players. In the absence of sufficient entries clubs may choose to only hold a competition for overall boys and girls, in which case the course should be set up fairly for all players.
- 3. NTP:** Clubs may wish to hold a "Nearest the Pin" for boys and girls.
- 4. Course Care:** It is recommended that clubs remind player to carry and use a sand bucket, repair and sand fill all divots, and repair pitch marks on the greens.
- 5. Pace of Play:** Pace of play is important to all those other players "sharing" the golf course. Players should move quickly between shots. **2 hours** is the generally accepted time frame for 9 holes of golf. Practice swings are limited to **one** only and "**ready golf**" applies.
- 6. Ties:** In the event of a tie, winners will be decided by countback.
- 7. Qualifiers:** The winner of each division at each Rookie Series event will qualify for a place in the final. If a player has already qualified the place in the final will be allocated to the next highest finisher in that division.

Parents are asked to assist their children by pulling their buggy, keeping the group moving, assisting with scoring, etc. Coaching is not acceptable...keep it for the range!!!



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SAJG allocates unofficial Rookie Handicaps to players who compete in the SAJG run Rookie Series events. A player needs to return 1 score to be eligible for a handicap and therefore to compete in a nett section. The ability to have a nett section is beneficial as it helps to spread the winners, especially if there is a standout junior player. Another option for clubs is to use the Callaway System as outlined below.

The Callaway Handicapping System - 9 Hole Format

The Callaway System (or Callaway Scoring System) is an "on the day" handicapping system that can be used in events where most of the golfers do not have official handicaps. The Callaway System allows a "handicap allowance" to be determined and then applied to each golfer's score.

When the Callaway System is in use, all competitors tee off and play stroke play, scoring in the normal fashion with one exception - double par is the maximum score on any given hole (i.e., on a par 4, 8 is the maximum score).

Following the round, gross scores are tallied. Based on each golfer's gross score (using the double par maximum), each golfer tallies up a prescribed number of worst scores from their scorecard and then applies a second adjustment that may add or subtract additional strokes to their handicap allowance.

Please Note

- Scores on the 9th hole may not be deducted, even if it is the competitor's highest score;
- Even after high scores are added together for the allowance, the second adjustment must be made; this adjustment might add or subtract 2, 1 or 0 strokes from a player's Callaway Handicap;
- Once the appropriate number of high scores has been tallied, and the second adjustment is made, the player is left with a net score;

Gross (using double par)					Handicap Deduction-First
34	35	36	37	38	Scratch (no deduction)
39	40	41	42	43	1/2 of Worst Hole
44	45	46	47	48	Worst Hole
49	50	51	52	53	1 1/2 Worst Holes
54	55	56	57	58	2 Worst Holes
59	60	61	62	63	2 1/2 Worst Holes
64	65	66	67	68	3 Worst Holes
69	70	71	72	73	3 1/2 Worst Holes
-2	-1	0	+1	+2	Handicap Adjustment-Second

An example of the Callaway System for a nine hole event:

- Vijay shoots 53 for the nine holes. A "Handicap Deduction" of his 1 1/2 Worst Holes is made, without using a score on the 9th hole. His two worst holes for the nine were a 10 (on a par 5) and an 8 (on a par 4). His Handicap Deduction is $10+8/2=14$.
- Looking down the column under his score of 53, Vijay has a "Handicap Adjustment" of plus 2. Therefore his handicap for the day is $14+2=16$.
- The handicap is applied to Vijay's score of 53, giving a net result of 37.



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GOLF CLUB EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

Golf Club: _____

Coordinator: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Mobile: _____

Co-ordinator's Email: _____

Correspondence will be done by email where possible

Our Club wishes to enter the following dates for Club 9 hole junior competitions to be eligible and listed as part of the Rookie Series.

Event Dates

Send this completed form back to GV and we will send to you winner's certificates for use at your presentation. Returned results will then be published on the SAJG section of the GV website. Following all events, invitations to compete in the Rookie Series Final will be issued via the club to the winners. There will also be a list of qualifiers for the final updated on the SAJG website.

Please return this form to Golf Victoria:

Fax: 03 9543 9307

Mail: SAJG, PO Box 287, Mulgrave, 3170

Email: sajg@golfvic.org.au



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GOLF CLUB RESULTS SHEET

Golf Club: _____

Coordinator: _____

Rookie Competition Date: _____

No. of Players: _____

Boys (U15)

Gross Winner: _____ Score: _____

Runner Up: _____ Score: _____ (if applicable)

Boys (U11)

Gross Winner: _____ Score: _____

Runner Up: _____ Score: _____ (if applicable)

Girls (U15)

Gross Winner: _____ Score: _____

Runner Up: _____ Score: _____ (if applicable)

Girls (U11)

Gross Winner: _____ Score: _____

Runner Up: _____ Score: _____ (if applicable)

Prior to your club's listed event, winner's certificates will be forwarded to your Club for your presentation. Returned results will then be published on the SAJG website. Following the event, invitations to compete in the Rookie Series Final will be issued via the club to the winners.

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