



Welcome to Stoke by Nayland Golf Club.

The Stoke by Nayland GC is delighted to welcome you and your child to what we hope is the first of many events that you will be taking part in.

The positive effect of your support, as a parent, can't be overstated. Your behaviour has a real influence on the way your child experiences golf.

First things first – why is your child showing an interest in the sport? Is it to learn a new game? To hang out with their friends? Because they did it in school and liked it? Or because you play?

Make sure they're playing for their own reasons, not yours.

To enable us to provide the best possible experience for you and your child, we kindly request that you read through the following guidance and complete the attached forms.

- Take an interest in your child's activity and progress and be supportive.
- Familiarise yourself with the Stoke by Nayland GC Safeguarding Policy (attached).
- Familiarise yourself with
 - a. Codes of Conduct for parents, coaches, children and young people.
 - b. Transport Policy.
 - c. Changing Room Policy.
 - d. Photography, Videoing and the use of Social Media Policies.
 - e. Bullying Policy
- Complete the attached Parental Consent Form which will enable event organisers to cater for any particular needs that your child may have (e.g. medical conditions and medications, allergies, learning difficulties etc.), as well as contact you in the unlikely event of an emergency.
- Go through the attached Code of Conduct **with** your child and return a signed copy to the club/event organiser.
- Be punctual when dropping off and picking up your child from coaching/ events. It is important to communicate with the club if collecting your child after an event/coaching session may cause a problem.
- Introduce yourself to the adults involved in the supervision of your child.
- When leaving your child, make sure they have the necessary provisions for the day, including the ability to meet the requirements of changing weather conditions. Please ensure that your mobile is switched on when you are away from the club, so that you can be contacted in an emergency.
- Encourage your child to take part and support club activities such as coaching & competitions.
- Help your child to arrange golf with other juniors away from club organised activities so they have someone to play golf with.

As a parent/carer you are encouraged to:

- Discuss any concerns regarding the organisation of activities or the behaviour of adults towards your child with the Club Welfare Officer, who will treat any concerns you or your child may have in the strictest confidence
- England Golf Lead Safeguarding Officer is also available for advice: 01526 351851

Club Welfare Officer Karl Hepple – Golf Manager



Stoke by Nayland Golf Club

Children and Young People Safeguarding Policy and Procedures

Children and Young People Safeguarding Policy (February 2019)

Junior / Carer Copy

INTRODUCTION

Whilst children and young people are participating in golf activities in our care, Stoke by Nayland GC has a responsibility to ensure their safety and wellbeing.

The Stoke by Nayland GC recognises the policies of the National Governing bodies, as set in out in the “England Golf Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy and Procedures”.

The policy and supporting procedures set out a framework to fulfil our commitment to good practice and the protection of children in our care.

KEY PRINCIPLES

- The welfare of children is paramount.
- A child is defined by law in England and Wales as a person under the age of 18 years.
- All children, regardless of their Age, Race, Religion or Belief, Disability, Gender identity or Sexual Orientation, have the right to protection from abuse.
- All concerns and allegations of abuse and poor practice will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
- All children have the right to be safe.
- All children have the right to be treated with dignity and respect.
- The Stoke by Nayland GC will work with children, their parents/carers and external organisations to safeguard the welfare of children participating in golf.
- We recognise the authority of the statutory agencies and are committed to complying with Local Safeguarding Children Board Guidelines (LSCB), Working Together under the Children Act 2004, and any legislation and statutory guidance that supersedes these.
- The Stoke by Nayland GC is committed to working in partnership with other key UK Golf Bodies to continually improve and to promote safeguarding initiatives across the sport.
- The Stoke by Nayland GC owes a legal duty of care to children on their premises or engaged in their activities. That duty is to take reasonable care to ensure their reasonable safety and the duty is higher than it would be for adults.

OBJECTIVES

The Stoke by Nayland GC aims to:

- Provide a safe environment for children and young people participating in golfing activities and try to ensure that they enjoy the experience.
- Ensure robust systems are in place to manage any concerns or allegations.
- Support adults (staff, volunteers, PGA Professionals, coaches, members and visitors) to understand their roles and responsibilities with regard to their duty of care and protection of children.
- Provide appropriate level training, support and resources for staff, volunteers & coaches to make informed and confident responses to specific safeguarding issues and fulfill their role effectively.
- Ensure that children and their parents/carers are informed and consulted and, where appropriate, fully involved in decisions that affect them.
- Reassure parents and carers that all children and young people will receive the best care possible whilst participating in club activities and communicate Policy and Procedure to them through website/letter/consents.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND IMPLEMENTATION

The Stoke by Nayland GC will seek to promote the principles of safeguarding children by:

- Reviewing their policy and procedures every three years or whenever there is a major change in legislation. Guidance from England Golf will be sought as part of the review process.
- Conducting a risk assessment of club activities with regard to safeguarding and take appropriate action to address the identified issues within suitable timescales.
- Using appropriate recruitment procedures to assess the suitability of volunteers and staff working with children and young people in line with guidance from England Golf.
- Following National Governing Body (NGB) procedures to report concerns and allegations about the behaviour of adults and ensuring that all staff, volunteers, parents and children are aware of these procedures.
- Directing staff, volunteers & coaches to appropriate safeguarding training and learning opportunities, where this is appropriate to their role.

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Code of Conduct for Young Golfers

As a young golfer taking part in a Stoke by Nayland GC activity, you should:

- Help create and maintain an environment free of fear and harassment
- Demonstrate fair play and apply golf's standards both on and off the course
- Understand that you have the right to be treated as an individual
- Respect the advice that you receive
- Treat others as you would wish to be treated yourself
- Respect other people and their differences
- Look out for yourself and for the welfare of others
- Speak out (to your parents or a club representative) if you consider that you or others have been poorly treated
- Be organised and on time
- Tell someone in authority if you are leaving the venue
- Accept that these guidelines are in place for the well-being of all concerned
- Treat organisers and coaches with respect
- Observe instructions or restrictions requested by the adults looking after you

You should not take part in any irresponsible, abusive, inappropriate or illegal behaviour which includes:

- Smoking
- Using foul language
- Publicly using critical or disrespectful descriptions of others either in person or through text, email or social network sites
- Consuming alcohol, illegal performance-enhancing drugs or stimulants

You should take care when on the golf course and beware of:

- Crossing roads
- Lakes and streams
- Public footpaths [as marked on the tee boards]
- Beware of other people on the golf course and how far you can hit a ball, and shouting 'Fore' when needed

Child Signature _____ Print Name _____

Parent/Carer Signature _____ Print Name _____

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Code of Conduct for Parents/Carers of Young Golfers

As parents you are expected to:

- Positively reinforce your child and show an interest in their chosen activity
- Do not place your child under pressure or push them in to activities they do not want to do
- Be realistic and supportive
- Promote your child's participation in playing sport for fun
- Complete and return the Player Profile Form and Consents pertaining to your child's participation in activities at Stoke by Nayland GC
- Report and update Stoke by Nayland GC with any changes relevant to your child's health and wellbeing
- Deliver and collect your child punctually before and after coaching sessions/competitions
- Ensure your child has clothing and kit appropriate to the weather conditions
- Ensure your child has appropriate equipment, plus adequate food and drink
- Ensure that your child understands the rules of Golf
- Teach your child that they can only do their best
- Ensure that your child understands their Code of Conduct
- Behave responsibly at Stoke by Nayland GC and on the golf course; do not embarrass your child
- Show appreciation and support the coaches, volunteers and staff at Stoke by Nayland GC
- Accept the decision and judgement of the officials during events and competition

As a parents/carer you have the right to:

- Be assured that your child is safeguarded during their participation in the sport
- Be informed of problems or concerns relating to your child
- Be informed if your child is injured
- Have consent sought for issues such as trips and photography
- Contribute to the decisions of the club
- Have any concerns about any aspect of your child's welfare listened to and responded to

Any breaches of this code of conduct will be dealt with immediately by Karl Hepple at Stoke by Nayland Golf & Leisure. Persistent concerns or breaches may result in you being asked not to attend games if your attendance is considered detrimental to the welfare of young participants.

The ultimate action should a parent/carer continue to breach the code of conduct may be the Stoke by Nayland GC regrettably asking your child to leave the session, event or club.

Signed:	Date:
PRINT NAME:	

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Junior Profile and Parental Consent Forms -

(For Players Under the age of 18)

The safety and welfare of juniors in our care is paramount, and it is therefore important that we are aware of any illness, medical condition and other relevant health details so that their best interests are addressed.

In compliance with the Data Protection Act 1998, all efforts will be made to ensure that information is accurate, kept up to date and secure and that it is used only in connection with the purpose and activities of the organisation. Information will not be kept once a person is no longer a member of the organisation. The information will be disclosed only to those members of the organisation for whom it is appropriate and relevant officers of England Golf where necessary.

It is the responsibility of the junior and their parent to notify the Club Welfare Officer (CWO) or Golf Manager if any of the details change at any time.

Junior Name		
Date of Birth		
Address		
Telephone Number		
Parents' Names		
Address		(If different)
Home Telephone No		
Mobile Telephone No		
Work Telephone No		
Emergency Contacts		
Contact 1 Name		
Relationship to child		
Home Telephone Number		
Mobile Telephone Number		
Work Telephone Number		
Contact 2 Name		

Relationship to child	
Home Telephone Number	
Mobile Telephone Number	
Work Telephone Number	

Please confirm details of all those with Parental Responsibility for the Child.	
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Medical Information

Child's Doctor's name	
Doctor's Surgery Address	
Telephone Number	

Does your child experience any conditions requiring medical treatment and/or medication? **YES** **NO**

*If yes please give details, including medication, dose and frequency.

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Does your child have any allergies? **YES** **NO**

*If yes please give details.

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Does your child have any specific dietary requirements? **YES** **NO**

*If yes please give details.

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What additional needs, if any, does your child have e.g. needs help to administer planned medication, assistance with lifting or access, regular snacks?

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Disability

The Equality Act 2010 defines a disabled person as ‘anyone with a physical or mental impairment, which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day to day activities’.

Do you consider your child to have a disability? **YES** **NO**

*If yes what is the nature of the disability?

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Does your child have any communication needs e.g. non-English speaker/ hearing impairment/ sign language user/ dyslexia? If yes, please tell us what we need to do to enable him/her them to communicate with us fully.

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Consent from Parent/Legal Carer:

- I confirm to the best of my knowledge that my child does not suffer from any medical condition other than those detailed above.
- I agree to notify the Club of any changes to this information.
- I give my consent that in an emergency situation, the club may act in my place (loco parentis), if the need arises for the administration of emergency first aid and/or other medical treatment which, in the opinion of a qualified medical practitioner, may be necessary. I also understand that in such an occurrence all reasonable steps will be taken to contact me or the alternative adult named in this form.
- The attached signature will denote that my child has my permission to be on the golf club's premises.
- I acknowledge that the club is not responsible for providing adult supervision for my child, except for formal junior golfing coaching, matches or competition.
- I agree to my child being transported by club representatives to and from venues when he/she is representing the club.

(Please tick the boxes if agreed)

By signing this document I confirm that I have legal responsibility for ; I am entitled to give this consent and I am aware of how the information I have provided may be used.	
Signed – Parent/Carer	
Print name	
Date	

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Photography Consent

This form is to be signed by the legal carer of a child under the age of 18, together with the child. Please note that if you have more than one child registered you will need to complete separate forms for each.

Stoke by Nayland GC recognises the need to ensure the welfare and safety of all children in golf. As part of our commitment to ensure their safety we will not permit photographs, video images or other images of your child to be taken (except where some incidental inclusion may not be possible to avoid) or used without your consent.

Stoke by Nayland GC will ensure that any image of a child where consent has not been obtained will not be published.

Stoke by Nayland GC will follow the guidance for the use of images of children as detailed within the Club's Safeguarding Children and Young Peoples Policy.

Stoke by Nayland GC will take steps to ensure these images are used solely for the purposes for which they are intended i.e. the promotion and celebration of the activities of the club.

If you become aware that these images are being used inappropriately you should inform the Club Welfare Officer immediately.

The photographs may be available on the website <https://www.sbnngolfmembers.co.uk>. If at any time either the parent/ carer or the child wishes the data to be removed from the website, 7 days' notice must be given to the Club Welfare Officer after which the data will be removed.

To be completed by parent/carer

I _____ (Parent full name) consent to _____ (name of organisation) photographing or videoing _____ (name of child) under the stated rules and conditions, and I confirm I have legal parental responsibility for this child and am entitled to give this consent.

Signature _____ Date _____

To be completed by child

I _____ (Child full name) consent to _____ (name of organisation) photographing or videoing child under the stated rules and conditions.

Signature _____ Date _____