

# PING WELSH JUNIOR TOUR 2022

## SPECIFIC TERMS OF COMPETITION

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#### 1. What is the Ping Welsh Junior Tour?

- a) The Ping Welsh Junior Tour shall consist of six individual events from which players may qualify for the Ping Welsh Junior Tour Final (see Ping Welsh Junior Tour Final specific conditions for details of how places in the Tour Final will be awarded).
- b) Each event shall have the following age categories; mixed U8, U10, U12 and U14
- c) The format of the U14 category will be 18 holes of stableford. The format of the U8, U10 and U12 categories will be a variety of 9-12 holes, depending on venue course layout, of modified stableford\*.
- d) At each Ping Welsh Junior Tour event the winner in each category will be the player who scores the highest number of stableford points (U14) or modified stableford points (U8, U10 & U12 categories). For the U14 category, competition stroke allowances will be made in accordance with WHS guidelines for mixed competitions.
- e) Ties for places in the top 10 in each category and the highest placed boy and girl player in each category will be decided on the last 9 holes (or the last 6, 3 or 1 hole(s) as required). If a tie still exists, a hole-by-hole card play-off starting from hole 1 will be used.
- f) A maximum of 120 competitors shall play in each event. Each age group category shall be limited to 30 players, however if some categories are under-subscribed whilst others are over-subscribed the number of players in each of the over-subscribed categories may be increased (by adding players one at a time to each category in turn starting with the most over-subscribed category) subject to the overall maximum of 120 players not being exceeded.

\*In the modified stableford a player will receive 10 points for completing a hole in 1 stroke. The points awarded will decrease sequentially with 1 point awarded for completing a hole in 10 strokes or more.

#### 2. Who can play?

- a) Entries will only be accepted from players who can meet one or more of the following requirements:
  - i) You were born in Wales
  - ii) One of your parents was born in Wales
  - iii) One of your grandparents was born in Wales
  - iv) You are resident in Wales
  - v) You are a member of a golf club affiliated to Wales Golf
- b) To qualify for an age group category players must have been under the upper age limit for the category at 00:00hrs on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022. Players may only participate in one age group category in each individual Ping Welsh Junior Tour event.
- c) In the U14 category, players are required to have a Handicap Index as defined by WHS of 36.0 or less (boys & girls). In the U8, U10 and U12 categories players do not need to have a handicap of any sort.
- d) Entries will not be accepted from players with a Handicap Index of 9.0 or less as at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

#### 3. Rules of the competitions

- a) Ping Welsh Junior Tour events will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf with the following amendments which apply only to the U8, U10 & U12 categories;
  - i) After 10 strokes have been taken on a hole the ball must be picked up and the player should move to the next hole. A score of 10 will be recorded on the card.
  - ii) The adult accompanying the player will be responsible for the player's score card.
- b) NB 'air shots' (where the player attempts to hit the ball but misses) will count to the player's score.
- c) The modification of the Rules of Golf as published by the R&A will be adopted for any disabled player that wishes to make use of the adapted rules (in any age category).

#### 4. Parents/Guardians

- a) It is a condition of entry that each player must be accompanied by a parent/guardian whilst at a Ping Welsh Junior Tour event. The role of the parent/guardian will vary depending upon the category the player is taking part in.
  - i) Mixed U14; parents/guardians may watch but must keep a reasonable distance away from play. They are free to ball spot or assist in the search for a ball but other than that must not communicate with the player.
  - ii) Mixed U8, U10 & U12; parents/guardians are responsible for keeping score for a player in their group; cards will be swapped between the adults in the group so no adult has the card for their own player. They may assist their player by pulling a trolley/carrying a bag and may give advice.
  - iii) Parents/guardians must sign and abide by the Parental Code of Conduct throughout each Ping Welsh Junior Tour event they attend. Additionally, consent forms must be completed for each event.

#### 5. Prizes

- a) Prizes will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed players in each category and the highest placed boy and girl in each category.

The above Conditions must be read in conjunction with the following which apply to Ping Welsh Junior Tour events:

- i. Wales Golf 'General Terms of Competition & Rules applicable to the Ping Welsh Junior Tour'
- ii. Wales Golf 'Hard Card' (Local Rules & Terms of Competition)