



Junior Development Fund

Junior Funds

Goulburn Murray Golf Association Inc (GMGA) “inherited” \$74 000 from the previous Goulburn Valley District Golf Association (Men), known as the Junior Development Fund. This money was raised over several years from a levy on clubs.

There has never been a management plan to use the funds and in accordance with the GMGA Rules of Incorporation and the direction of the GMGA, the Committee wish to have the funds spent for the benefit of Junior golfers and member clubs in a manner that is controlled and responsible.

The following is the Management Plan for the GMGA Junior Development Fund.

Control of Funds

The GMGA Committee have decided to invest \$60 000 of the \$74 000 in the first year and maintain \$14 000 as operating funds clearly accounted for Junior activities, for example funding the Junior Teams Event at Rosebud.

Decisions about investment and expenditure of the fund will probably vary each year depending on events and authorised activities.

Method of Operation

The history of the fund is such that it was raised through the member clubs and therefore it has been decided by the GMGA Committee that the expenditure of the funds will be directed through GMGA Member Clubs, rather than to juniors or parents themselves or paid directly by GMGA for Junior activities (such as accommodation, bus hire).

Victorian Golf Foundation VGF

The Victorian Golf Foundation can be a source of funding for junior activities and equipment. Clubs can apply for such funds through Golf Victoria and this is completely separate from anything done by or through GMGA.

Megan Carr our Golf Victoria Regional Development Officer can help clubs with this.

GMGA Support

The Goulburn Murray Golf Association will provide funds to clubs or will actively try to organise activities and the like through the following:

1. My Golf Packs

My Golf is the Junior Development Program under the control of Golf Australia and Golf Victoria and as such the GMGA is supportive of the Program managed by our lead organisations. Juniors pay a program based fee to join My Golf.

In addition Juniors can purchase My Golf Packs (a golf club, balls, development material).

To help defray the costs to juniors / parents the GMGA will provide funds to purchase My Golf Kits for all juniors that Clubs advise that they have registered as My Golf participants

Junior Teams and Individual Events

2. The GMGA will support the entry of teams and individuals at the Junior Events conducted by Golf Victoria – Boys Event at Rosebud or other nominated venue. Girls Event at Trentham or other nominated venue.
This will include the payment for transport, accommodation, uniforms and entry fee to teams and associated individual events
3. On advice from Member Clubs the GMGA will pay via reimbursement to clubs the entry fee for any junior who plays in a designated Junior tournament / event in Victoria or New South Wales sanctioned by the State Golf Bodies or District Association.

This will mean that clubs will need to establish a system with their junior members so that they know what events they are playing in. This in turn is also trying to encourage two way involvement between clubs and their junior members.

4. The GMGA will provide each Junior who represents the GMGA in some form with appropriate number of logo shirts and a cap.

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5. The GMGA will Pay for three juniors selected from Member Clubs to attend the Sports Academy (Golf) which is based in Bendigo and which conducts three “sessions” each year conducted in our District and provide them with a shirt and cap if they do not have such outfits. Clubs will be asked to nominate juniors for consideration and selection by the GMGA Executive each year.
(this is aimed at the “better” Junior to give them an opportunity to develop to a higher level)
6. Via a grant application process the GMGA will offer up to \$500 for Member Clubs to use as part pf their Junior Development. It will be up to the Clubs who apply to decide what they want to use the money for. The aim is for the Clubs to be able to assist one or more junior golfers in some way, for example it could be directly related to golf such as paying for lessons, it could be to assist a junior purchase equipment or it could be non-golf related to help a junior develop by assisting with schooling or the like in the form of a scholarship. Successful clubs will be asked to provide a report back to the GMGA about the expenditure of the funds.
7. Through an arrangement with Clubs who demonstrate a need and have a Junior Program, or potential for a program, the GMGA will endeavour to arrange and pay for a visiting professional or trained Junior golf instructor to visit the clubs to conduct teaching sessions for the Juniors.



JUNIOR GOLF FUND GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Name of Club Making the application _____

Person at the Club responsible for this application _____

How much is being sought? (\$) _____

Provide a brief outline of what the grant funds will be used for if provided

Provide a brief outline of what the club sees will be the benefits to the Junior/s of the grant

Signed by person responsible for the grant application _____

Signed by another Club Official to verify application _____

Date of signing _____