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OMANU JUNIOR GOLF
PATHWAY PROGRAM

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Dear _____

Below is all the information regarding Junior Golf at Omanu Golf Club. It includes all your general Junior Golf information and any other additional information will be emailed to you by the Junior Convenor Ridge Melville.

Junior Pathway

The Omanu Junior Pathway program is a program that gives you understanding on where your son/daughter starts when they begin golf. It gives you a clear insight that your junior will start at one stage and progress through several stages of golf. Even though there is no end to where your junior's golf could go, it does give you your general A to B process. This also gives clarity that starting Junior Golf isn't a one off dead end.

General Junior Information at Omanu Golf Club

Junior Golf at Omanu Golf Club generally starts in February and ends in November. We have our own junior day at the golf club which is usually a Sunday and additionally a Friday afternoon would be a skills and drills night for the kids to come down and have some fun.

Juniors can range from beginner to advanced in skill level. We do cater for all skill levels and provide 9 and 18 hole golf on the Sunday. A junior will learn all different types of competition and play a variety of different competitions during the year as well as learning the rules of golf as they play.

Junior Coaching

We are fortunate enough to have a wide variety of teaching professionals on our doorstep with Prodrive Golf just being down the road. Golf beginners can learn the basics and fundamentals from a professional down at Prodrive on a Sunday morning from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM for a small cost of \$10. **You can go book by driving down to 2 Matapihi Road, Mt Maunganui or give them a call on 572 0770**

Once deemed competent with golf fundamentals they will be sent down to Omanu Golf Club where they will join the club and get involved in playing on a golf course with other juniors while learning rules, learning new skills and making new friends along the way.

- Additionally the better a Junior gets the cost of teaching will go up slightly, but be the best rate possible. Much cheaper than a full adult rate.

Mikayla Brown – Runs a 8 week term coaching for juniors ranging from Beginner to advanced, for the best information contact her – mikaylabellgolf@gmail.com or **027 696 1889**

Junior Coaching Volunteers vs. Professional Coaching

In the past we did have Junior Coaching which was free of charge and a part of your membership and run by volunteers. After looking at the progress of juniors through volunteer coaching we made a decision that it was far better for the juniors and beginners to be taught from the start by a professional. This reason being.

- Taught by a professional means faster improvement and progress
- Taught relative skills and fundamentals right away
- Takes out future frustration with learning Golf

We also deemed that the cost to be taught by a Professional was rather low, very good and well worth it.

As far as Volunteer work goes for Junior Golf a juniors skills and drills late afternoon is done every Friday at 4 PM. The juniors can meet at one location (notified by email) where they play games relevant to golf skills and improvement.

Top of the Harbour

Top of the Harbour is a Junior Golf series run by junior golf and Bay of Plenty Golf. This is all organised by volunteers in the Bay of Plenty. The juniors play a series of rounds all around the Bay of Plenty at a variety of golf courses versing other juniors in friendly competition.

This is for all skill levels learning and developing junior golf with other kids. This series gives kids opportunity to see new Golf courses, make new friends and see what is out there in the world of golf.

This series starts in February and finishes in early April. We have a team that plays every year and the series caters for 9 and 18 hole golfers.

Ask Ridge Melville – Our Junior convenor about this and for further information.

Contact Ridge – ridgemelville@ymail.com or **0273936055**

Volunteer Hours Exchange

With the on-going costs for Junior Golf tournaments around the Bay of Plenty and New Zealand – Ridge Melville our Junior convenor is more than happy to pay for 1 tournament fee per Junior in exchange for 10 voluntary hours work here at Omanu Golf Club.

Easy way to get a tournament fee covered and for the juniors to give back to the Golf Club.

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Joining Omanu Golf Club as a junior

Decided to join your son/daughter up? This is the process. If your son or daughter is a beginner they will be directed down to Prodrive Golf where they can get taught by a professional at a special junior rate. Once deemed competent in skill level they will then be sent our way to Omanu Golf Club to join and become a junior.

These are our junior rates below:

Which also include:

- Basic Junior Golf Rules Pack
- Omanu Golf Club Junior shirt to represent the Golf Club (\$20 Cost)
- Access to the practice facilities at Omanu Golf Club
- Access to the Omanu Golf Course on junior days and at available times.
- A New Zealand Golf registered handicap.
- Cheaper rates at other Golf Clubs around the Bay of Plenty for 9 and 18 holes.

Junior Membership Rates 2015 – 2016 – Season starts in October

15/2016	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
Junior 0/13	110.00	110.00	99.00	88.00	77.00	66.00	55.00	44.00	38.50
Junior 14/18	225.00	225.00	202.50	180.00	157.50	135.00	112.50	90.00	78.75
Junior 19/23	435.00	435.00	391.50	348.00	304.50	261.00	217.50	174.00	152.25
15/2016	July	August	September						
Junior 0/13	33.00	27.50	22.00						
Junior 14/18	67.50	56.25	45.00						
Junior 19/23	130.50	108.75	87.00						

Golf Club Rental

We have Junior Golf Clubs for rent while you look for a suitable set for your son or daughter. This is also a good way to find out if your son or daughter enjoys playing golf.

General Bond of \$100

Rental Charge of \$20 a Month – Billed once a month.

Junior Pathway Program Begins

Our Mission

“To develop a successful Junior Golf pathway program to encourage the continuation of junior golf from beginner to advanced levels at Omanu Golf Club”



Stage 1 - **Beginners** Golf

This level is for brand new golfers (boys and girls) between the ages of 6 + years. This stage covers basic golf instruction, etiquette and has a major emphasis on fun all instructed by a PGA Professional. Starts at (this time) on (this day) and runs for 45 minutes. The cost for the session is (this).

The beginner can attend as many sessions as he/she would like until deemed competent to move onto the next level of the junior golf pathway program by the PGA Professional.

- If the child is deemed competent to move onto the next stage of the junior pathway. They will be supplied with a pack of do's and don'ts as they move forward into club golf. The guardian/parent must also read this pack.



Stage 2 – **Beginner** to **Intermediate** Golf

This is our second level for beginner golfers aged 8 – 14 + with some experience in the game. This part of the program covers golf instruction, etiquette and golf rules. Starts at (this time) on (this) day and runs for 45 minutes to an hour. The cost for the session is (this).

- Membership at Omanu Golf Club is required after at least two sessions. Membership will benefit the player as they learn golf with a PGA Professional. The membership will give them free access to the practice facilities at Omanu Golf Club accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- With Membership you will also be invited to attend the Omanu Golf Club junior days to develop your golf and improve your experience with other juniors playing golf. A trial junior day is offered prior to membership.



Stage 3 – **Intermediate** Golf

This is our third level for intermediate players that have enough experience in the game and are competent enough to practice and play without the company of a parent or guardian. Usually 14 +.

At this point the player will have a 9 or 18 hole handicap and a membership at Omanu Golf Club. They are still developing and learning to improve their golf game and to lower their handicap.

- The player is deemed competent enough with golf instruction, etiquette and rules by a PGA Professional or Junior Coordinator.
- The player is deemed competent enough to come to the Golf Course to play and or practice without company of a parent or guardian.
- The player attends most junior days and participates in junior competitions organised.



Stage 4 – **Intermediate** to **Advanced** Golf

This is our fourth level for intermediate to advanced players. The player is competent and has enough experience within the game, etiquette and rules. Plays and practices regularly to improve their golfing handicap. Usually 14 +.

At this point the player is playing in Junior Golf regularly and has been approved or is applying for approval by the Men's or Ladies committee to play on Men and Ladies club day. This will encourage the player to meet new people in the golf club and give them good people skills as they socialise with the older members on the Golf Course.

- The player is deemed competent enough with golf instruction, etiquette and rules by a PGA Professional or Junior Coordinator.
- The player is deemed competent enough to play and or practice without company of a parent or guardian.
- The player attends most junior days and participates in junior competitions organised.
- The player is interested in playing in Club days and socialising on the Golf Course with other members.
- The player has applied for approval and is approved to play on Club days by the Men or Ladies board.
- The player has a handicap that is lower than 20 to participate in club days.



Stage 5 – **Advanced** to **Representative** Golf

This is our fifth and final level as part of the junior pathway program at Omanu Golf Club. The player is competent in all areas and is involved in Junior and Club competition at the Golf Club. Representative golf is an option for the player and involves playing in the club pennants during the year or playing for the bay of plenty region in representative golf. They have moved past the lower levels of junior golf and are looking ahead to bigger opportunities in tournaments and have full club support in any ventures or goals that they may have.

- The player is deemed competent and experienced in all areas.
- The player attends and plays in most club days at the golf club.
- The player has a single figure handicap lower than 9.1
- The player is interested in playing representative golf for both club and region if they choose to do so.
- The player plays in tournaments that are above the junior level.
- The player has bigger goals and has full support from the golf club to continue golf after junior years.
- The player is interested in helping out in lower levels of junior golf at the club if they choose to do so.



JUNIOR COACHING

Junior Support Option 1 – Beginner Golf Coaching at Prodrive Golf

As part of the Junior Pathway we have a variety of different options for each different level or stage of golfer.

Option 1 – Preferably for **Stage 1** beginners.

All beginners are welcome to come down at (this time) to Prodrive Golf on (this day) to learn the basics of golf from a PGA Professional with other kids from 6 +. The cost (is this) and runs for (this amount of time)

Focus - Learning golf with a major emphasis on fun opening up a sporting option that can be thoroughly enjoyed where learning is never ending.

- You are more than welcome to come to these available sessions for beginner junior golf as much as you'd like until the child he/she is deemed competent enough by a PGA Professional to move on to stage 2 of the Junior Pathway.



Junior Support Option 2 – Junior Golf Coaching at Omanu Golf Club

As part of the Junior Pathway we have a variety of different options for each different level or stage of golfer.

Option 2 – Preferably for **Stage 2, 3, 4** of the Junior Pathway.

Juniors from Stage 2, 3, 4 meet at (this time and location) on (this day) for standard skills and drills coaching. There is no cost for this type of coaching. Membership to Omanu Golf Club is compulsory.

Focus – Maintaining the emphasis on golf as fun, the juniors will go through drills and games singularly or in pairs working and developing on skills applicable for golf. While doing this the PGA Professional or Junior Coordinator will advise or show each junior where necessary ways of improving their game.

- The player must be deemed competent with golf instruction by a PGA Professional.
- Note to be eligible for this **Junior Support Option** the junior must be a member of the **Omanu Golf Club** to have access to the practice facilities.



Junior Support Option 3 – Junior Golf Coaching by a PGA Professional at Prodrive Golf or Omanu Golf Club.

As part of the Junior Pathway we have a variety of different options for each different level or stage of golfer.

Option 3 – Preferably for Stage 3, 4, 5 of the Junior Pathway.

Juniors from Stage 3, 4, 5 can privately go see a PGA Professional from **Prodrive Golf** or **Omanu Golf Club** to improve their own Golf. The junior is in charge of organising his/her own lessons with one of the available PGA Professionals and accepts the cost offered for private lessons with a PGA Professional.

Focus – Private teaching increases the rate of improvement for an individual's golf allowing juniors with big goals to achieve them at a faster rate.

- The player and parent or guardian understands that **Option 3** is private coaching and is liable for all organising, cost and payment to the PGA Professional.



