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**Register** - You must register in the Clubhouse of the Golf Club when you arrive at the course.

**COVID** - If you are feeling unwell, please take a Covid test in the morning. We will have a box of disposable masks at each Match Day (MD) in case their use becomes mandatory again. You may be asked to take a temperature check.

**On Course Toilets** - if these are located on the course, you will be informed of any access code.

**Scorecards** - you will be given a scorecard with a label showing the number of strokes you will be receiving.

**Keeping score** - Exchange scorecards. Keep the score of **one** of your partners in a legible format with clear figures. Record **Gross Scores only**. One further option is that a Player can, additionally, keep **all** three Players scores in their group on the Golf Genius App so scores can be cross checked at the end of the round to save time. Sign the card you marked and sign your own card. All pairings must go to the scoring desk together, with their cards checked and signed.

**Stableford scoring.** You receive 95% of your handicap but you may receive extra strokes if playing off tees with the higher Course Ratings.

Play "**Ready Golf.**" Be **ready to play** when it is your turn, and **if you lose ground** on the match in front, **please try to catch up**.

**Can't score** any Stableford points on a hole? **Pick up your ball** without completing the hole and taking unnecessary shots.

**Provisional balls** - **Avoid** returning to replay a shot. **Always** hit a provisional ball if your ball may be lost or Out of Bounds.

**Reduce search times** - If searching, 2 players only searching, whilst the other Player plays their shot then joins the search. 3 minutes allowed for any search.

**Bunkers**, play the ball as it lies, use rakes to smooth the sand. Leave rake **pointing at the green**, with the **tip of the handle on the grassed back lip**, and the head of the rake head as far into the bunker as possible away from the back lip.

**Pitch-marks** on greens - You will be given an **ELJGL pitch mark repair tool** before playing. Please help to eliminate pitch-mark disease - fix your own, and several others if you are not actively putting. Then we will leave the course better than we found it!

There will be some **Junior Convenors and Parents** walking round to help and advise on scoring, assist searches and time them, rake bunkers etc.

**Rules** - Some Convenors/Parents will have radios and can call the Organisers for rules advice if needed.

**Catering** - The policy in 2022 is that Clubs will again **not** be providing complimentary meals. Food and refreshments will be available upstairs for Players and Parents etc. These must be paid for by the Players etc. There may be a reasonable priced Junior menu at some Match Days.

**Prizes and Prize-giving** - There is **no** prize-giving after MDs. There will be prizes of, 6, 4 and 2 Titleist or Taylormade logoed golf balls for the 3 leading scores in both Scratch and Handicap categories. These will be handed out at subsequent MDs.

**Incentives** - We will be taking a large group of Players to **Pinehurst** in February 2023, including some of the Players who could not go in 2022 because of Covid. Additional invites will be offered to Players who play in most MDs, have handicaps in mid teens or lower, who finish high in the Orders of Merit, and/or win our Championships, and priority will be given to Players who will be too old in 2024 to go then. We will also be picking an over 18 (age) Team of 3 to play in a Pro-Am at **Muirfield** on October 18th.

Play well and enjoy your round! Dave Warren 07595 301425

WELCOME TO THE LEAGUE!

Dear all, welcome to the 2022 season of the East Lothian Junior Golf League (ELJGL.) This article repeats an email sent out to all players registered with us on Golf Genius. If you didn't see it, please check your junk mail.

"You are all registered on Golf Genius (GG) already and if you have not yet confirmed your registration details on GG, please do so. You are able to sign up with GG here at this [link](#) using your login details, which takes you to our League's Portal through GG for our events. I have now opened up all Match Days so that you can register now. We can accomodate up to 84 players at each MD.

On this website, in the right hand side of the home page, you can see [a full fixture list](#) of our Match Days (MDs) x 10, our Championships, Team Strokeplay etc. These events are all **free to enter**. Under the dropdown for "[Calendar](#)" you can see a full list of Junior events at local, area, and national level so you can easily plan your schedule. Please check the website regularly for news, and add me, Dave Warren on [djjwarren@gmail.com](mailto:djjwarren@gmail.com) and [djjwarren@me.com](mailto:djjwarren@me.com) to your Contacts list to make sure messages do not go to your junk mailbox! Golf Genius at [golfgenius.com](http://golfgenius.com) is another Contact you should create.

To take part in MDs, you must be a Junior member of one of the 12 East Lothian Clubs who are members of the League, and have an official WHS handicap. Both Winterfield and Musselburgh Old have been involved in the past and we hope they come back to our League in future.

Our MDs are all Stableford competitions and are "Qualifying events" for handicap purposes. Each Club Team consists of 6 Players and the best 4 from 6 net Stableford scores count towards the Team total. The leading Club at the end of the season will win the League trophy, and be invited to take part in the Scottish Junior Team Championship at Stirling on the 25th September. There are individual scratch and handicap Orders of Merit running through the 10 Match Days. The most regular, and best Players in the OOMs, in which Players must take part in at least 6 out of 10 MDs, plus any strong performers in our annual Championships, will be invited on one of our annual subsidised trips for Juniors to Pinehurst every February. If a National event clashes with any MD and a Player is involved in that, an MD attendance credit will be given, but no OOM points will be allocated. Hardly any of our fixtures clash with National events this year, so we hope everyone can play in at least 6 MDs. At mid-season, this policy will be reviewed.

After you have registered for any MD, and the closing date is 7 days before each MD, your Junior Convenor will be in touch to tell you whether or not you are in the Team of 6 for that MD. If you are not in the Team for that MD, you can still take part as a reserve and compete for the individual scratch and handicap prizes on the day, and perhaps represent your Team at the next MD.

The Watson Cup in 2022 will be at Royal Burgess, Muirfield, and Gullane No.1 from 5-7 July, against a team of juniors from South Carolina. Our Team has been picked and all our Players have scratch or better handicaps. Please come along to support our League Players. We hope to have some special guests at this event!

Our League is very active but depends on your commitment and integrity in taking part fairly in our events. You will play some great courses, make many friends, compete for great trophies and prizes, and probably reduce your handicaps! Have a great season! And don't forget to attend, or volunteer for, the Genesis Scottish Open at Renaissance 7-10 July, and/or the British Womens Open at Muirfield 4-7 August.

If any Players need more info, please speak to your Club's Junior Convenor, or give me a call on 07595 301425 or email me at [djjwarren@gmail.com](mailto:djjwarren@gmail.com)