

Draft Development Plan

Monday 4th September
2023



Current Situation



As a County we want to be successful and we have a desire to improve and achieve our potential.

The County Juniors have a well-established development pathway which nurtures the progression of the young people and supports them to become better golfers. Which is fantastic, and they invest in coaching, team building, events and festivals. Currently this stops once the players leave the junior section, the pathway does not continue into the Ladies 2nd and 1st team squads.

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The County has a dedicated Junior Organiser, Anita Higginson, who is responsible for the overall organisation & running of the Section. We also have a dedicated Welfare Officer, Dorothy Jones, to ensure the safe-keeping of our junior girls and vulnerable adults.

Anita is supported by a Management team including Jo Mayfield, Coaching Co-ordinator, Lyndsey Wheeler, Competitions Manager and Joy Draycott who is the Junior Section Treasurer.

We also have two Team Managers, Richard Parkinson, 1st Team Manager and Julie Hunt who is 2nd Team Manager.

If you would like more information on girls junior golf in the County our organiser can be contacted at juniors@lrlcga.co.uk



Anita Higginson
County Junior Organiser/Girls

In this section you will find information on junior girls county competitions & matches, as well as coaching details, Flag 50 competitions and social events.

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2023 Foxes Junior Pathway Tour

"Ladies Golf Association and Mens Golf Union working together for County Junior Golf"

Welcome to the 2nd year of the Pathway Tour which is a series of five competitions run for Girls & Boys at Clubs across Leicestershire & Rutland with the aim of introducing junior golfers to competitive golf in a safe and fun environment.

It provides Tour Members with the opportunity to develop their game at all levels under the watchful eye of the County Boys and Girls Junior Organisers, Mick Billingham (County boys) and Anita Higginson (County girls) who will be running the Tour in conjunction with the Counties Affiliated Golf Clubs.

The Tour Membership, at no cost, is available to any Junior (under 18 on 1 Jan 2023 with a minimum entry age of 7 on the same date) who is either a Junior or Academy Member at any Leicestershire & Rutland Affiliated Club.



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1st Team Update May 2022

We kicked the season off with our first match against Northamptonshire on Sunday 27th March at Rothley. We played County match week format of two foursomes matches and three singles matches, unfortunately due to injuries and various other commitments of team players I was players short, so I stepped in at the last minute. Northants fielded a really strong young side, and all the singles players were scratch and better handicaps, so the fact that we had two wins in the singles was brilliant. Holly Waterfield and Katie Underwood won their singles matches and in the foursomes Rachel East and myself won.

Squad - Victoria Mayfield, Suzanne Pretty, Rachel East, Jo Mayfield, Katie Underwood, Di Miller

Match result a win to Leicestershire 3-2.

Previous Coaching/ Training



Current and previous 1st and 2nd team Captains have tried different activities and sessions, such as, strength and conditioning, psychology sessions, putting laboratories, swing analysis, TPI coaching, Chipping workshops, 1st team, 2nd team and junior rounds of golf, friendly matches against other counties, matches against the senior men, matches against the county men and get together where squads play 18 holes together at the start of the season.



<https://www.lrlcga.co.uk/match-results-1st-team/>

Moving Forward



Each of the listed elements listed previously appealed to some and not others, We know that you cannot cater for everyone but we also know that we can tailor to the majority. It is important to work with your current players and work to their needs.

- After each season, a debrief needs to happen for each team, a time to reflect and review, to improve and plan for the future.
- We need to establish a clear pathway for the players to see progression, play 2nd team first then move on to 1st team.
- Both teams and lower juniors need to know each other, use get togethers, like range evenings as socials to encourage team bonding.
- Team Captains to work alongside each other to share knowledge of their players and development program ideas.
- A development program needs to be set out each year. Tailor the development activities to suit to majority of the players.
- To do this we need an investment of money to aid the development of our players so a budget would be essential.

Moving Forward



A development program does not need to cost a lot of money, we can look at what we do now, what we spend and how we can best invest that money. For example: over the last 5 years the 1st team captains have struggled to get their squads to commit to all 4 friendly matches and consequently they have not been successful in achieving what they were meant to be for:

The friendly matches are an opportunity for the Captain to try out foursomes pairings, for the teams to have experience of what County week formats are like, for the players to gel as a team and for the squad to experience high level competition.

Maybe we could reduce the friendlies down to 2 per pre-season and use the money saved from those matches as an injection towards other development idea.

- Monthly range night, drop in sessions for example which could be done at a very minimal cost.
- Get courtesy at club of an evening in the week or a quiet time at the weekend for the squads to play match play/ in 4 balls and focus on analysis e.g greens in regulation, fairways hit, number of putts, up and down out of a bunker etc.
- Play matches against one another 1st team and 2nd team, play foursomes match play, this will help the captain to work out partnerships.
- Play matches against men's scratch club teams.

Proposal 23/24



Programme to start straight after county week and 2nd team final match. June/ July

Team debrief

Forest Hill range suite, a chance for all players to feedback to the captain and the group as to how county week went.

£80

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Range Night

Cosby Thursday 14th September 7pm – 9pm open to all 1st team, 2nd team and junior girls 10 or below, just turn up, a chance for teams to get together and practice together. First basket of balls free.

£16

9 Holes

Lingdale Sunday 17th September 2pm a chance for the 1st and 2nd team to get together and play, Captains choice of format

£0

Range Night

Cosby Thursday 12th October 7pm – 9pm open to all 1st team, 2nd team and junior girls 10 or below, just turn up, a chance for teams to get together and practice together. First basket of balls free.

£24



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THURSDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER
7PM-9PM

@COSBY GC

Range night is an opportunity for County, 1st, 2nd and junior squads to meet up and practice together. 🦊



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Proposal 23/24



County Men

Sunday 29th October Cosby
Ladies 1st Team v The County Men

£?

Range Night

Kilworth Springs Thursday 16th November 7pm – 9pm open to all 1st team, 2nd team and junior girls 10 or below, just turn up, a chance for teams to get together and practice together. First basket of balls free.

£24

18 holes

Charnwood Forest GC TBC MARCH a chance for the 1st and 2nd team to get together and play, Captains choice of format

£?

Friendly Match

1st team V Northamptonshire (Home) TBC Play the same format as county week, a chance for the squad to practice game situation.

£?

Proposal 23/24



Senior Men

APRIL 1st Team v Senior men played at County Championship venue.

£?

County Championship

After the Championship the County 1st Team Captain announces the squad for County Week

£0

18 holes

MAY TBC a chance for the 1st and 2nd team to get together and play, Captains choice of format

£?

Friendly Match

1st Team V Warwickshire (Home) JUNE TBC Play the same format as county week, a chance for the squad to practice game situation.

£?

