

WELCOME TO THE NIKEGOLF ROOKIETOUR

Surrey is at the pinnacle of junior golf in England, to keep it there we need to identify and develop our young talent. The Surrey Rookie Tour was successfully launched in 2007 to broaden the competitive experience of Boys and Girls in the under 14 age group. The RookieTour aims to act as a bridge to the mainstream junior opens and provide a competitive element appropriate to age and standard.

Taking part in the RookieTour will give youngsters the opportunity to gain some competitive experience outside of their regular club environment, and build new friendships within their peer group. At the same time it allows identification of future potential talent for the Surrey teams.

There are four categories, Boys U12, Boys U14, Girls U14 & YIG's (Young Improvers Group); all are for Boys and Girls. A player's age is determined by their age on the 31st December 2011 (an U12 is a player who is 11 or younger on the 31st December 2011).

Main RookieTour Boys U12's, Boys U14's & Girls U14's with a handicap of 0-36 will generally play 18 hole courses. Played as a scratch and handicap competition in a stableford format, these are qualifiers regards handicaps. There are also a couple of events on par3 courses that although not qualifiers still count towards the OoM's and will certainly test other parts of a player's game.

For both the Boys U12's & U14's groups there are Scratch and Handicap Order of Merit competitions with points awarded from each event. The U14 Girls only play a handicap competition. The best 6 results will count towards each of the Order of Merits. There is also an end of season "Race to the Stars" event that is by invitation only. The top 12 players from each Order of Merit will be invited to this event.

The new category introduced in 2011, known as the YIG's (Young Improvers Group) is for U13 beginners (Boys & Girls) with club handicaps of 37-54, or no handicap, who have limited or no experience of playing in competitions. There is no minimum age for this group –if you're good enough, then you're old enough - main criteria for entry is that a YIG must be able to complete 9 holes on a par3 course unaided. If a YIG doesn't have a handicap then the RookieTour will allocate them one, this handicap will be a 9 hole YIGs handicap that is just for the RookieTour events. YIG's will only compete on par3 courses. Once a YIG has achieved an official Congu handicap of 36 at or below at a club they may then move onto the U12 full RookieTour competitions.

ALL Rookie players must complete the **RookieTour Health & Safety Consent form** which is different from the Surrey Golf Union Consent form and must be sent with your applications form regardless if you have already sent in a SCGU form due to taking part in futures coaching or some other Surrey event. **Without it we will not be able to process an application or let you part in the RookieTour.**

Please be aware that once you have entered a RookieTour event if you then cancel for any reason - no refund will be given, or the credit moved to pay for entry into another RookieTour event - other than in exceptional circumstances that are agreed by the RookieTour Committee

For more details on the 2012 RookieTour events simply download the Brochure. To enter fill in the Application form, Health & Safety form and send them with the entry fee to The Surrey Golf Union.

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