

The Mechanics of the U12 Assessment Day

There are three disciplines by which the Boys will be assessed as follows:

The Professional's Observation/Review

Each Boy shall spend approximately 10mins in the one to one company of the PGA Professional hitting a range of Clubs and he shall be rated by the Professional as follows:

- 1-3 Doesn't display any of the basics of grip, stance, or good co-ordination
- 4-5 Moderately co-ordinated and making good contact on the ball, could be improved with tuition
- 6-8 Very good co-ordination and ball striking with a range of Clubs, has excellent basics of grip, stance, etc.
- 9-10 A natural, will stand out as such.

The Score/Rating being awarded by the Professional should be recorded prior to starting the drill with the next Boy. The Pro Rating is weighted "Double" when the Final Totals are being added Up.

The Putting Skill Test

A grid will need to be set up using one Hole on the Putting Green, try to pick as flat an area as possible.

Mark a location from the Hole at three distances –

10 feet, 20 feet and 30 feet

These represent the three test putts which each Boy shall putt 2 balls from.

Using Tee Pegs mark out a Grid around the Hole (see attached Diagram)

Points shall be awarded to the player as follows:

- 10 pts He holes the Putt
- 7 pts The Ball comes to rest in Grid 1, i.e. inside 2feet short or long of the hole.
- 5 pts The Ball comes to rest in Grid 2, i.e. within 2 – 5 feet short or long of the hole.
- 2 pts The Ball comes to rest in Grid 3, i.e. within 5 – 7 feet short or long of the hole.

Each Player shall get three putts from each distance with his best two scores at each distance forming his aggregate score.

The Chipping/Pitching Skill Test

Go to an area of the Practice Ground preferably to a Chipping Green marked with a Flag

Using either Cones/Markers or White Line Paint create a "Dart Board" style target around the Flag (see attached Diagram).

Points shall be awarded as follows:

- 10 pts He Chips into the hole (or strikes the pin if no hole present)
- 7 pts The Ball comes to rest in the innermost circle of the target
- 5 pts The Ball comes to rest in the middle circle of the target
- 2 pts The Ball comes to rest in the outermost circle of the target

Each Player will get to Chip/Pitch three balls from three locations (10 yards, 20 yards and 30 yards) and his best two scores from each distance shall be recorded.

The principle behind the above method is to give as transparent and equitable testing regime for each young boy being assessed as even though a boy may not look text book with his set up or swing he may still be quite good at getting it from a to b.

Attached is a Scoring Record Sheet and each Person in charge of the respective skill station should carry a sheet and record the scores achieved as soon as the player completes the drill and moves to the next drill.