



## **The Vintage Junior Golf Foundation Policy 2 - Junior Scholarship Program**

### **Overview**

The Vintage Golf Club members established The Vintage Junior Golf Foundation in order to promote golf as a lifetime sport to young people within and surrounding our community. The foundation offers scholarships to young people who are not part of The Vintage community in order to assist them financially in pursuing their chosen sport. This policy sets out the framework for the operation of this program.

### **Aims of the Program**

- a) To provide financial support via scholarships to children under the age of 18 who have a keen interest in golf and who would not otherwise be capable of joining The Vintage, so that they may be able to be members of our Golf Club.
- b) To provide a mentoring program to scholarship recipients, where applicable, so that they get the opportunity to meet and play golf with a wide cross section of our members and learn the rules and etiquette of golf and values of our club and its' members.
- c) To provide financial assistance, where possible, to scholarship holders so that they get appropriate coaching and opportunities to play in junior tournaments representing our golf club.

### **Scholarship Criteria**

To be eligible for a scholarship, potential recipients should satisfy the following criteria:

- a) Must be under 18 years of age as at June 30;
- b) Must be nominated in writing by a golfing member of The Vintage, The Vintage Club professional or any other recognised golfing or sporting body such as The Jack Newton Junior Golf Foundation or the Hunter Academy of Sport;
- c) The nomination should be supported by a written submission from the family of the nominee to satisfy the committee that they do not have the financial capacity to be a member of The Vintage Golf Club;
- d) The nominee and a family representative must attend an interview with the committee; and
- e) The nominee must satisfy the committee that they have an enthusiastic interest in golf.

The Board shall have absolute discretion in determining whether or not a Junior is suitable as the beneficiary of a scholarship.

The Board has the right to revoke a beneficiary's scholarship as it sees fit.

## **Mentoring Program**

- a) On initial receipt of a scholarship, the junior recipient will be allocated a mentor by the committee.
- b) The mentor must be a member of The Vintage.
- c) The responsibilities of the mentor are:
  - To ensure that the Junior learns and appreciates the game of golf including the rules, etiquette, sportsmanship and values of our club.
  - To ensure that the Junior is introduced to a broad range of members.
  - To book the Junior in for competition golf and play with a range of members. The mentor should not play with the Junior at all times but should ensure that one of the members playing with him/her is responsible for the Junior on that day's play.
  - To act as the Junior's representative to the club, other members of the club and to the foundation committee especially when making requests for financial assistance.
- d) Where possible a mentor should only represent a Junior for a period not exceeding two (2) years.
- e) The committee must ensure that the mentor is an appropriate person to act as the Junior mentor. The family of the Junior must approve and the mentor is to provide a 'working with children' declaration <https://check.kids.nsw.gov.au/>.

## **Financial Assistance**

- a) The Junior may, through his/her mentor, seek financial assistance through the foundation for the following:
  - Coaching
  - Purchase/provision of equipment
  - To attend coaching schools/clinics
  - To attend tournaments
- b) Requests should be made in writing.
- c) The Junior and Mentor may be requested to attend a committee meeting to discuss their request.
- d) The committee has sole discretion in determining whether or not to provide financial assistance.

## **Representative Golf**

- a) A scholarship recipient (Junior) should be available, where reasonably practicable, to play representative club golf (ie Junior Pennants) for The Vintage if it has a junior pennant team and if required/selected.
- b) The Junior may seek a release to play for another club but he/she must do so in writing to the committee.
- c) The Junior does not need to seek approval to play higher representative golf from the committee.