



STRENGTHENING JUNIOR GOLF ACROSS VICTORIA





INTRODUCTION

The "**Tri Golf**" program is a joint initiative of Women's Golf Victoria and Stuart Appleby Junior Golf and supported by Sport and Recreation Victoria. The program is designed to provide children with a coordinated and sustainable approach to taking up the game of golf.

The 3 steps in the program are:

1. Learning phase
2. On course phase
3. Competition phase

The **Tri Golf** program will be rolled out at a district level across Victoria throughout 2009 and 2010 and aims to increase junior participation in the sport. The program is aimed at girls and boys, aged 6 to 12.

This guide has been designed to provide golf clubs and districts with all the information they need to be a part of the program.

"Tri Golf" FORMAT

1. Learning Phase

The first step in the program is the "Big Golf Day Out". These popular come and try events have been run over the past 5 years by SAJG, introducing thousands of children to the game of golf. The "Big Golf Day Out" is a very important part of the Stuart Appleby Junior Golf program and makes the first contact with children wanting to "try golf". Designed for children aged 6-12 years (or of an age not exceeding primary school attendance), each of the "Big Golf Day Out" events is specific to young children yet to start or just getting started in learning to play the game of golf.

Children take part in fun games that develop skills appropriate in learning the basics of golf technique. Each child receives a terrific **Tri Golf** registration gift. All equipment is provided for use during Big Golf Day Out events, with introductory children's beginner coaching by SAJG staff and PGA and ALPG members. Typically these events run for a three hour period.

Following on from the BGDO is a clinic conducted over a three week period (1 hour per week) by the local/servicing golf professional. The aims of the clinic are to build on the basic skills learnt at the BGDO and prepare the children to undertake the on course phase.

Professionals will be provided with a basic guideline of outcomes and be remunerated for their part in the program through the program grant.



2. On Course Phase

Many children have some exposure to golf, but are not able to take the step onto the golf course. This step in the **Tri Golf** program is vital for children to learn how to play the game of golf in its real environment.

Club and district volunteers guide the children around a few holes on the golf course to provide knowledge, comfort and familiarity with playing the game. This includes pointing out rules and etiquette considerations along the way.

Children should be encouraged to practise and play through this phase to increase their golfing skills. Prior to moving onto the competition phase, children undertake a skills test and are awarded a certificate of acknowledgement on their achievement.

3. Competition Phase

Participants in the **Tri Golf** program move into 9 hole competitions, based either at club or district level. The competitions are ideally played over shortened courses and in a modified stroke format or ambrose format. Ambrose encourages teamwork and interaction and reduces the difficulty of golf at this level.

Clubs will have the option of providing these competitions as part of the ongoing Rookie Series in which sponsored prizes and certificates are provided for the events. Full information on the 2009 Rookie Series is provided at the end of this manual.





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"Tri Golf" SCHEDULE

1. The BGDO will be scheduled around the conclusion of the first school term, to be conducted regionally and finalised by the end of the April school holiday period.
2. The follow on clinics will be conducted throughout the next 2 months, finalised by the end of June.
3. The On Course phase will be conducted over the winter period of July and August, scheduled at the host club's discretion.
4. The Competition phase will commence in the spring and be played during September and October.

**Please note this schedule is a guideline. Individual clubs and districts may wish to vary this.*

"Tri Golf" ADMINISTRATION

- The program is fully administered by WGV and SAJG.
- The WGV and SAJG websites will house all program information and forms and be updated throughout the year with news, results and photos.

Golf professionals will need to provide suitable dates for the conduct of the clinics.

Golf Clubs will need to keep a database of the participants and schedule their own on course sessions and competition dates.

"Tri Golf" COSTS

The initial entry cost is \$15. This will allow access to the BGDO and includes coaching, all equipment and registration gift. This will be payable prior to commencing the program.

The program will cost \$2 per session thereafter, including:

- The clinic will cost \$2 per week (3 sessions)
- The on course sessions will cost \$2 per session (3-4 sessions)
- The skills test will cost \$2 (1 session)

All monies raised from these \$2 sessions are to be retained by the club/district to put into their ongoing junior activities.

The competitions will be staged at minimal cost to the players.



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"Tri Golf" PROGRAM TABLE

STEP	PHASE	ACTIVITY	OUTCOME	DELIVERED BY	COST
1	<u>Learning</u>	Big Golf Day Out (3 hours)	Come and try golf day is initial point of contact for junior golfers	SAJG in conjunction with the local golf professional	\$15 (includes program kit)
2	<u>Learning</u>	Coaching Program (3 weeks x 1 hour)	Children learn the basics of golf technique	Local professional	\$2 per session (retained by club)
3	<u>On Course</u>	Course Orientation (3-4 sessions)	Play on the golf course over a few holes, enabling children to practise skills and learn aspects of the game on the course, inc rules and etiquette	Club and district volunteers	\$2 per session (retained by club)
4	<u>Competition</u>	Skills Test (1 session)	The end of the program tests the skills which have been learned and certificate awarded	Local professional	\$2 per session (retained by club)
5	<u>Competition</u>	9 hole events (Sunday afternoon and holiday events)	Children compete in 9 hole events over a modified course with modified conditions	Club and district volunteers in association with WGV and SAJG	At club's discretion

At the conclusion of the program, many children will be in the position to take up junior/cadet memberships. They should feel comfortable in a golf environment and should have a sense of achievement in completing the program and participating in competition.

On behalf of WGV and SAJG we hope you will enjoy being a part of this program designed to bring more children into the game of golf and to your golf club or district. It is also hoped that these children will wish to become members of the Girls Golf Network and/or Stuart Appleby Junior Golf.

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WGV



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2009 ROOKIE SERIES

The ROOKIE SERIES in 2009 will be played throughout the year at golf clubs across Victoria. The Series is designed for golf clubs with younger players, both boys and girls aged 6-13 wishing to start playing golf at a basic competitive level (prior to obtaining a Golf Australia handicap). The Series is designed to build on the great junior development work being done at many golf clubs across the state to grow our game.

SAJG will administer the Rookie Series and run the finals. Winners and scores from Club events and Rookie Series Finals will all be posted on the SAJG website.

Events will be scheduled in the main for Sunday afternoons as well during school holiday periods. For club events scheduling will be entirely at the club's discretion. There will be 2 Rookie Series Finals, one in July and one in December/January school holidays. The winners of each section in each of the Rookie Series events will qualify for an invitation to the next Rookie Series Final.

Event	Format of Play	Event Prize Allocation
Rookie Series	9 holes (eg. modified stroke)	Gross winner - U14 boys Gross winner - U10 boys Gross winner - U14 girls Gross winner - U10 girls

Club Events

Clubs may enter their events into the Rookie Series free of charge. The club will run its event and return names and images (optional) of the winners to SAJG, for posting on the SAJG website. SAJG will send certificates/prizes to the club along with an invitation for winners to compete in the next Rookie Series Final.

SAJG/WGV Events

SAJG/WGV will from time to time run other events which also qualify for the Rookie Series. The entry fee will be as per the respective event.

The Finals

The Rookie Series Finals will be held in 2 school holiday periods, July and December/January, played over 9 holes. Entry fees for the finals will be \$12 per player. Entry is by invitation only.



Bookings are essential! For full conditions and entry details...

Visit www.stuartappleby.com.au or call
Stuart Appleby Junior Golf on (03) 9577 7600





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GOLF CLUB EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Golf Club: _____ Coordinator: _____

Club Address: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Co-ordinator's Email: _____

- *Correspondence will be done by email where possible*

Our Club wishes to enter the following dates and times for Club 9 hole junior competitions to be eligible and listed as part of the 2009 Rookie Series. Clubs are welcome to enter as many 'Rookie Series' as they wish.

	Dates	Times (a.m. or p.m.)
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____

Feedback / Comments from your Club:



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GOLF CLUB EVENT RESULTS

Golf Club: _____ Coordinator: _____

Our club is pleased to lodge the following results for the 2009 Rookie Series.

Competition Date: _____ Format: 9 holes stroke

Images have been forwarded to SAJG: Yes / No

Comments/Feedback: _____

Winner (Boys U14): _____ Score: _____

Winner (Boys U10): _____ Score: _____

Winner (Girls U14): _____ Score: _____

Winner (Girls U10): _____ Score: _____

Winner's certificates, prizes and invitations to compete in the Rookie Series Final will be forwarded directly to your Club for presentation/distribution to your Club event winners, and the results published on the SAJG website.



Please fax results to SAJG on 03 9577 7666 or mail to:
SAJG Rookie Series, PO Box 415, Ashburton VIC 3147
Alternatively, scan and email to info@stuartappleby.com.au

"Thank you for taking part in the Rookie Series!"

Ashley Marshall, SAJG Manager