

JUNIOR LEAGUE 2026

1. The 2026 Hertfordshire Golf Junior League consists of TBC Clubs, drawn into four Pools of clubs.
2. Players can only represent an Away Hertfordshire club if their Home club is either outside of Hertfordshire or not participating in the Junior League. Players can only represent their selected club during the duration of that season. The Home Handicap Index (HI) will be used.
3. A team will consist of 7 players. 3 players from each side will contest 18-hole Singles Matchplay games and 4 players will contest two 18-hole Greensomes Matchplay games.
4. A match can take place with a minimum of 3 players. A team missing one player will forfeit the 3rd Singles match, missing two players the last Greensomes match, missing three players the 3rd Singles and last Greensomes match and missing four players both Greensomes matches will be forfeited. In the event both teams are missing the maximum 7 players but have 3 or more, then the above rule will be applied proportionately.
5. Players selected to play in the Singles matches must have a HI below 18.0. It is permissible where necessary to select a player whose HI is higher than the permitted level, however they must play off 18.0 HI for the match. Players selected to play in the Greensomes matches must have a HI no higher than 28.0. It is permissible where necessary to select a player whose HI is higher than the permitted level, however they must play off 28.0 HI for the match. The maximum handicap index to be eligible to play at all is 36.0
6. Matches will be played from the white tees or equivalent (boys) and red tees or equivalent (girls).
7. Participants in the singles games will play in HI order (from lowest to highest) verses the opposing team, using the standard singles Matchplay format, 100% difference and shots will be given by the player with the lower course handicap.
8. Mixed matches must adjust and apply course balancing shots between the tees and play using the Stroke Indices agreed before play.
9. The Greensomes matches will be played in lowest combined HI order versus the equivalent players from the opposing side.
10. Each match will be awarded 2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss.
11. In the event of inclement weather prior to a match, the JO's concerned must talk to one another regarding the playability of the course and come to an agreement.
12. In the event of a match being abandoned mid-round due to bad weather, if all games have completed 9 holes, then each match score after the 9th hole was completed will be taken as the result. If any matches have been unable to

complete the ninth hole, then the match should be abandoned and re-scheduled or an agreement to call the match a draw.

13. In the event of being unable to raise a team of 3 or more players, no later than 1 week prior to the match, please contact the opposing JO to reschedule the match. Matches must not be forfeited and doing so may result in a 1 year ban from the junior league.
14. Pre or post-match refreshments will be offered to both teams by the home team.
15. Pool matches should be completed and results returned no later than Monday 31st August 2026, to allow the semi-final matches to be completed by October 4th.
16. The clubs who finish first place in their respective pools will then be drawn to play home and away semi-final matches. In the event any of the pools finishing in a tie for points, then it will be determined by head-to-head results against each other, if still not separated totalling up and down scores in head-to-head results against each other, failing that, then by total game points won over all their respective pool matches.
17. The two winning teams will play for the Ver Shield and the two losing teams will play for the Ver Plate on Finals Day at a neutral venue. The semi-final matches must be played to completion and results returned no later than first weekend of October.
18. In the event of the semi-final or Finals Day matches ending in a draw, the player with the lowest HI in the Singles team will be selected to play a sudden death play-off using standard league rules.
19. It is expected that players and Junior Organisers will respect the dress code, club rules and the rules and etiquette of Matchplay golf.
20. Both teams **must** have an official adult organiser (not a player) attending the event for the duration of the match who has access to the players Parent Consent Forms and medical details.
21. Infringements of the basic junior rules of no smoking (vaping) or drinking alcohol will result in points deduction by the committee.
22. In Pool matches, players subsequently found to have been ineligible will have their match forfeited should they have won or halved their match, up to 1 week after their respective pool has been completed. In semi-finals, it must be brought to attention up to 1 week before Finals Day, from which time no action will be taken. An ineligible player on Finals Day must have been brought to the attention of the organiser prior to presentation of trophies, after which it will be final.
23. Any other issues raised throughout the season and not covered here will be determined by the Hertfordshire Golf Championship Committee.
24. The cost of entry for 2026 will be £90 per club. Each of the seven players in the team taking part on Finals Day will receive a glass memento and food. If required, extra trophies can be ordered from Five Star Trophies. ross@fivestartrophies.co.uk
25. Any changes to Junior Organiser, please notify me by email admin@hertfordshiregolf.org