



NORTH-EASTERN DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION

NEDGA JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT FUND

PURPOSE OF THE FUND

The purpose of the fund is to aid in the development of NEDGA junior golfers and junior golf programs delivered in the district. There is an initial fund size of approximately \$35,000 held in an interest-bearing term deposit. Additions to the base fund may be made as NEDGA funds permit.

This management plan is in place to use the funds, in accordance with the NEDGA Rules of Incorporation and the direction of the NEDGA. The Committee expects the funds to be spent for the benefit and development of Junior golfers and member clubs in a manner that is controlled and responsible.

OPERATING GUIDELINES

- A maximum of \$1000 will be allocated for spend each financial year.
- No more than \$250 of the distributable funds will be approved for any one individual application.
- No more than \$500 of the distributable funds will be approved for an individual club.
- Only one application will be accepted from any one person or member club per year.
- The applications must be in writing and their primary purpose is to help cover travel, coaching and entry fee expenses.
- Applications are welcome from both male and female golfers under the age of 18 as at the 31st of December each calendar year.
- Decisions about investment and expenditure of the fund will vary each year depending on events and authorised activities.
- The history of the fund is such that it was raised through the member clubs and therefore it has been decided by the NEDGA Committee that the expenditure of the funds will be directed through NEDGA Member Clubs, rather than to juniors or parents themselves or paid directly by NEDGA for Junior activities (such as accommodation, bus hire).

CONTRIBUTIONS

Golf Australia/Youth Grants (Victorian Government)

Golf Australia can be a source of funding for junior activities and equipment. Many clubs have now become "My Golf Centres" and have Community Instructors qualified to help run clinics within the clubs and in schools. Clubs can apply for such funds through Golf Australia and this is completely separate from anything done by or through NEDGA.

There are also community grants on offer such as the recent Victorian Government "Youth Grants" offering \$2,000 to eligible community activities which focus on young people.



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The NEDGA Juniors on the Move Program is one example of a junior community event/program which fits into the guidelines for this grant. The incumbent Junior Development Officer is responsible for coordination and submission of such applications.

The Regional Development Officer can offer support or answer any questions related to funding opportunities available within Golf Australia.

NEDGA SUPPORT

The North Eastern District Golf Association will provide funds to clubs or will actively try to organise activities and the like through the following:

1. MY GOLF PACKS

My Golf is the Junior Development Program under the control of Golf Australia and as such the NEDGA is supportive of the program managed by our lead organisations. Juniors pay a program based fee to join My Golf. In addition, Juniors can purchase My Golf Packs (consisting of a golf club, balls, development material).

The NEDGA will consider any Junior Development Fund Grants received from junior members of a member club (excluding Associate Member Clubs) for My Golf Packs.

2. JUNIOR TEAMS & INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

The NEDGA will support the entry of teams and individuals at the Junior Events conducted by Golf Australia e.g. Junior Regionals event. Support may include payment for transport, accommodation, uniforms and entry fee to teams and associated individual events.

On advice from Member Clubs the NEDGA will pay via reimbursement to clubs the entry fee for any junior who plays in a designated Junior tournament / event in Victoria or New South Wales sanctioned by the State Golf Bodies or District Association. Clubs will need to establish a system with their junior members so that they know what events they are playing in. This in turn will encourage two-way involvement between clubs and their junior members.

The NEDGA will provide each Junior who represents the NEDGA in some form with appropriate number of logo shirts and a cap (e.g. Country Week, Junior Regionals).

3. HIGHER DEVELOPMENT

The NEDGA will pay for up to three selected juniors from Member Clubs to attend selected junior golf clinics. Clubs will be asked to nominate juniors for consideration and selection by the NEDGA Executive each year. This is aimed at more developed juniors to give them an opportunity to develop to a higher level.



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4. JUNIORS ON THE MOVE SUPER SERIES

Working in conjunction with the Murray District Golf Association, the NEDGA will contribute \$1,500 together with the MDGA to help facilitate the Juniors on the Move Super Series program. This funding will assist cover the costs of running this program. Participants are to pay \$100 for the 6-week program, which provides them with tuition, green fees, golf hat, prizes and lunch each day.

5. CLUB SUPPORT

Via a grant application process to the NEDGA, the NEDGA will offer up to \$500 for Member Clubs to use as part of their Junior Development Program. It will be up to the Clubs who apply to decide what they want to use the money for. The aim is for the Clubs to be able to assist one or more junior golfers. It is expected to be directly related to junior golf such as paying for lessons, to assist a junior purchase equipment or it could be related to golf exposure programs in schools or the like. Successful clubs will be asked to provide a report back to the NEDGA about the expenditure of the funds and successes.

Through an arrangement with Clubs who demonstrate a need and have a developed a Junior Golf Program (whether in action or not), the NEDGA will assist in identifying a professional or trained Junior golf instructor to visit the clubs to conduct teaching sessions for the Juniors.

