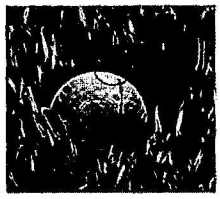
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The Golf Foundation is a charity committed to the sporting and social development of young people through golf.

Introduction

The Golf Foundation believes that golf is a wholesome activity that enriches the lives of those who participate in the sport. Through its work, it aims to give all young people a positive experience through the medium of golf regardless of their background or circumstances.

'Skills for Life' is a principle that underpins the Golf Foundation's work and links directly to the organisation's mission statement. It is based on the belief that children and young people are able to develop playing skills and personal skills through the Foundation's development initiatives, which will benefit them for the rest of their lives.

Encouraging children and young people to learn and practice the basic playing skills - putting, short game, long game, course play and the golfer's code - will lead to the psychological and physical benefits associated with improvement, personal achievement and life-long participation in sport.

Golf places strong emphasis on standards of behaviour and, therefore, is an ideal medium through which children and young people can develop six core personal skills - honesty, respect, co-operation, perseverance, concentration and self-motivation - which will help them through their youth and into adulthood.

Through the application of 'Skills for Life' the Golf Foundation is aiming to achieve the following outcomes:

i) Young individuals with a basic knowledge of golf and how to play the game.

ii) Young individuals with confidence and the ability to be able to handle themselves appropriately within a social setting.

iii) Young individuals with an understanding of the importance of adopting an active lifestyle.

Achieving the operational aims

The Golf Foundation aims to achieve its mission by focusing on two areas: school and community.

The national schools programmes, which are driven through the School Sport Partnerships or similar structures, goes under the name of 'School Links'

The national community programmes, which focuses on outreach work from golf facilities and school/club link programmes run by golf facilities or programmes run at other community facilities such as leisure centres, etc., goes under the name 'Community Links'.

The operational aims are achieved by supporting the application of the 'School Links' programmes and 'Community Links' programmes at a local level.

The Junior Golf Passport is designed to facilitate a smooth transition from school-based activity to club-based programmes by bridging the gap between 'School Links' and 'Community Links'. As well as the Junior Golf Passport Core Pack, which is provided to all those who deliver the scheme, there will be a School Links Support Pack and a Community Links Support Pack which will provide guidance, information and resources specific to delivery in the school and golf facility environments.

Both of the national programmes are based on Long Term Athlete Development Principles.

The Golf Foundation aims to maintain a network of Regional Development Officers who are available to assist and support School Sport Partnerships and local golf facilities.

To complement the development initiatives, the Golf Foundation encourages the organisation of appropriate competitive opportunities including Tri-Golf Festivals, Golf Xtreme Festivals, competitions on 'throw-down' courses, and short course events.

A central administration team provide support to the Regional Development Officers and a marketing team exists to ensure that the organisation and its work are promoted effectively.

The Golf Foundation's development remit ceases when a child or young person achieves an official CONGU handicap (ie 28 for males and 36 for females).

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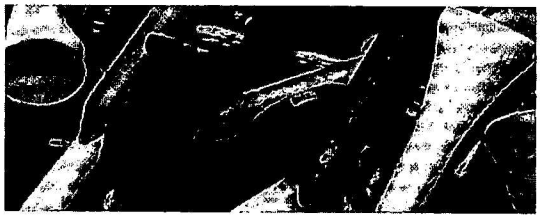
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The Golf Foundation is committed to working in partnership with the education sector and meeting the needs of teachers in schools.

Under the banner of 'School Links', it operates a variety of initiatives designed to promotes and support the development of junior golf through schools, and further the principle of 'Golf through Education - Education through Golf'.

Tri-Golf was developed to enable golf to be delivered to primary school children by teachers within the school environment. A range of fun-based games and activities have been developed and resource material is available linked to the curriculum. As well as delivery through schools, Tri-Golf can also be used in almost any environment to inspire and motivate children - indoors, outdoors, inner city areas, rural areas, leisure centres, open public events, shopping centres and so on.

Golf Xtreme gives young people in secondary schools the chance to experience golf. As with Tri-Golf, there is a range of games and activity, as well as curriculum-linked resources.

These initiatives enable schools to work together through the network of school sport partnerships to create structures and pathways that link the school-based activity to follow-on activity based at golf facilities in the local area.

Underpinning all of this work is the belief that golf can be a powerful vehicle in terms of helping children and young people to develop important

The number of schools delivering golf has more than doubled from 2003/4 to 2006/7



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