



# Cheshire County Ladies Golf Association

## Cheshire County junior girls coaching update – January 2015

England Golf has adopted a new approach – to develop a junior coaching pathway which integrates players, coaches and funding

England Golf wants each County to create a junior player coaching pathway – a ‘Talent Pathway’ showing a clear developmental pathway with an emphasis on **performance** rather than participation and on **ability** rather than age.

This Talent Pathway should

- allow movement up, down, in or out and between squads and also allow entry at all levels
- identify key learning priorities for each level and show how they link together
- provide coaching that is consistent and based upon key learning objectives introduced and developed at each level

Cheshire has therefore produced a Talent pathway for junior girls up to the age of 18 years



The Talent Pathway for Cheshire junior girls has at the top the Elite squad with handicaps of 6 and below, the Performance A squad - handicaps 7-20 and the Performance B squad - handicaps 21-36.



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Mark Pilling of Prestbury GC has been appointed County coach for the Performance A squad and will also be coaching one of the two Performance B squads - Ben Spanton of Warrington GC will be the County coach for the other Performance B squad.

We also have the Futures squads, which include girls with junior handicaps, and also beginner girls without handicaps due to our current numbers. The Futures squads will be coached by Judy Statham at Portal and Dan Haughian at Adlington.

As the player progresses through the Talent Pathway, the coaching will develop skills and Focus on short-game and performance coaching to include

- scoring zone activity (100 yards and in)
- putting
- more on-course activity and course management
- decision making
- preparation

The overall aim is for girls, parents, coaches and County to work together to realise the potential and develop our talented players for the future and we hope that the Talent Pathway will provide a clear structured and linked programme of coaching with investment from players allowing development and progress from Futures through to Elite squads and onwards.

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