



National Skills Challenge Adapted version for Driving Ranges

- Any Driving Range registered for the EGU/EWGA RangeMark & Golf Central (see www.golfmark.org for info) initiative can contact the Development Team at development@englishgolfunion.org to receive Skills Challenge resources.
- The 10 Challenges have been designed for use within golf clubs, however driving ranges may be able to utilise some of the activities within their junior coaching.
- Upon request for Skills Challenge resources, Driving Ranges will be sent:
 1. Cue Cards – detailing the Rookie & Tour Challenge activities
 2. Scorecards – for players to record their scores on
 3. Selection of Rookie & Tour certificates for junior players. 10 of each certificate will be sent.

- The Challenges

Rookie Challenge – for juniors under 12 years of age, divided into 2 groups

- 8 years & under
- 9 – 11 years

Tour Challenge – for juniors under 12 to 17 years of age, divided into 2 groups

- 12 to 14 years
- 15 to 17 years

- Scoring

Players must only attempt each Challenge once in order to get their score. The Rookie Challenges are out of 3 and the Tour Challenges out of 5.

A player's overall score determines which certificate they are entitled to.

Please note: as not all Challenges (Bunker Play & Putting) will be possible at all facilities, scores should be determined as follows:

Rookie

	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum
10 Challenges completed	0 - 10	11-16	17 - 22	23 - 30
8 Challenges completed	0 - 8	9 - 14	15 -19	20 - 24
6 Challenges completed	0 - 6	7 - 10	11 - 14	15 -18

Tour

	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum
10 Challenges completed	0 - 15	16 - 25	26 - 35	36 - 50
8 Challenges completed	0 - 12	13 - 20	21 - 28	29 - 40
6 Challenges completed	0 - 9	10 - 15	16 - 21	22 - 30

- Driving ranges can run the Skills Challenge activities at any time of the year and can produce their own overall Challenge scoreboard – see example below:

Rookie Players	Challenge 1 – 16th March	Challenge 2 – 21st May	Challenge 3 – 28th July	Overall points
Junior 1	12 pts - silver	11 pts - silver	18 pts - gold	41 pts
Junior 2	3 pts - bronze	12 pts - silver	13 pts - silver	28 pts
Junior 3	20 pts - gold	x	18 pts - gold	38 pts
Junior 4		15 pts - silver	24pts - platinum	39 pts
Junior 5	7pts - bronze	10 pts - bronze		17 pts

Preparation for Conducting Skills Challenge

Time to set up the Challenges:

Between 30 minutes and 2 hours dependant upon the number of Challenges you are conducting and the number of juniors participating.

Number of helpers:

Varies - dependant upon the number of juniors participating.

- Always ensure there is sufficient space to conduct the Challenges.
- Consider the numbers wishing to participate in the Challenges, you may wish to run the Challenge over a weekend or a series of days.
- Always ensure there will be enough helpers on the day (dependant upon the numbers of juniors participating in the Challenges).
- Have the necessary kit available - equipment ideally needed: balls, clubs, tee-pegs, disks, flags and markers.
- When marking out Challenges you may wish to improvise with equipment:
 - Use umbrellas in the ground as markers for the long game.
 - Use tee pegs or cones to mark out target areas.
- Try and combine the Challenges with what activities are being undertaken in the junior coaching programme so that equipment can be used again and marking out only done once.
- Try to ensure accurate distances however they do not have to always be measured exactly – striding out some areas will suffice.