



HSBC Wee Wonders

Back in 1995, Alasdair Good (PGA) gave his juniors the opportunity to develop from coaching bays to enjoyable competitive golf. This initiative became increasingly popular as the number of young golfers in the UK grew, and in turn the demand for a competition which catered especially for them.

The tournament took a step forward in 2000 when the events were replicated in each of the PGA regions across Great Britain and Ireland and a Regional Final stage was included in the tournament.

HSBC's investment in the programme since 2004 has helped to create the largest UK competition for 5 -12 year olds, and has given many youngsters the opportunity to showcase their talent.

"Wee Wonders has been running now for over 10 years, and in that time I've seen much progress and development. Most recently since 2003, and through our partnership with HSBC, we have been able to take the event to new heights. I applaud their unprecedented commitment to grassroots golf development, as well as thank the many many golf clubs and individuals who help us deliver the event on a yearly basis. My wish is to see the event continue successfully for another ten years and more, and in time we may even see a Major Champion of our own. This however is secondary to the many thousands of children who will experience golfing opportunity, some for the first time, and use this experience to teach them something more valuable about life and their own personal development"



Alasdair Good PGA
Director & Founder
of Wee Wonders





How the Championships work:

- ▶ Any child between the ages of 5 and 12* can enter the local qualifying round of the HSBC Wee Wonders Championships
- ▶ Each child plays in one of 7 categories
Girls 8 and under, 9-10, 11-12
Boys 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12
- ▶ The HSBC Wee Wonders Championships utilise the Flag Golf format of scoring. Each competitor shall have 36 strokes only, and shall place a flag where their final shot comes to rest. The winner in each Category shall be the competitor whose ball is in, or is nearest, the hole after his or her 36th stroke.
- ▶ There is an £8 registration fee per child to cover the cost of administration and green fees. £3 of this fee will be given back to each club that holds a local qualifier to cover any operating costs the club may endure
- ▶ Each child receives a free gift and certificate for taking part

Regional Finals

- ▶ The winner from each age category at every local qualifying event is invited to play in the corresponding Regional Final during the summer holidays
- ▶ The Flag Format of scoring is utilised in each Regional Final
- ▶ Each event is managed by the HSBC Golf Team rather than the host club
- ▶ Prizes are awarded at the end of the day, and every child receives a certificate

Grand Final

- ▶ The category winners from all Regional Finals are invited to play in the HSBC Wee Wonders Championships Grand Final at the home of golf, St Andrews in August
- ▶ The event runs over 2 days that includes one practice round and a family BBQ.
- ▶ The Grand Final will be strokeplay over 2 rounds of 9 holes. The overall winners will be those with the lowest 2 round aggregate score.

* Age on 1st September 2008