

# Hong Kong Golf Association: Golf in School program

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# Golf in Hong Kong

- Golf has been played in Hong Kong since 1879
- Home to an estimated 80,000 regular golfers
- Since 1959, host of Hong Kong Open, one of Asia's most prestigious professional tournaments
- Host of 2020 World Amateur Team Championships:
  - Espirito Santo Trophy (Women)
  - Eisenhower Trophy (Men)



# Hong Kong Golf Association

- Formed in 1968 as a National Sports Association
- Mission is to govern, promote and grow golf
- Responsibilities include:
  - Hong Kong national teams
  - Junior and elite player development
  - Grassroots initiatives
- A centralized handicapping service for 15,000+ subscribers
- Conduct international and domestic golfing events
- More than 30 amateur tournaments each year



# Pathway for Junior Golf



# HKGA video

# Leung Ching Hei (Hazel)

Leung Ching Hei (Hazel), from SKH Wing Chun Primary School, has joined our Development Squad.

She learned golf in school through this program since 2015, starting from ShortGolf training.

In the past year, she played several local tournaments such as HSBC Series and Winter Junior Championship.



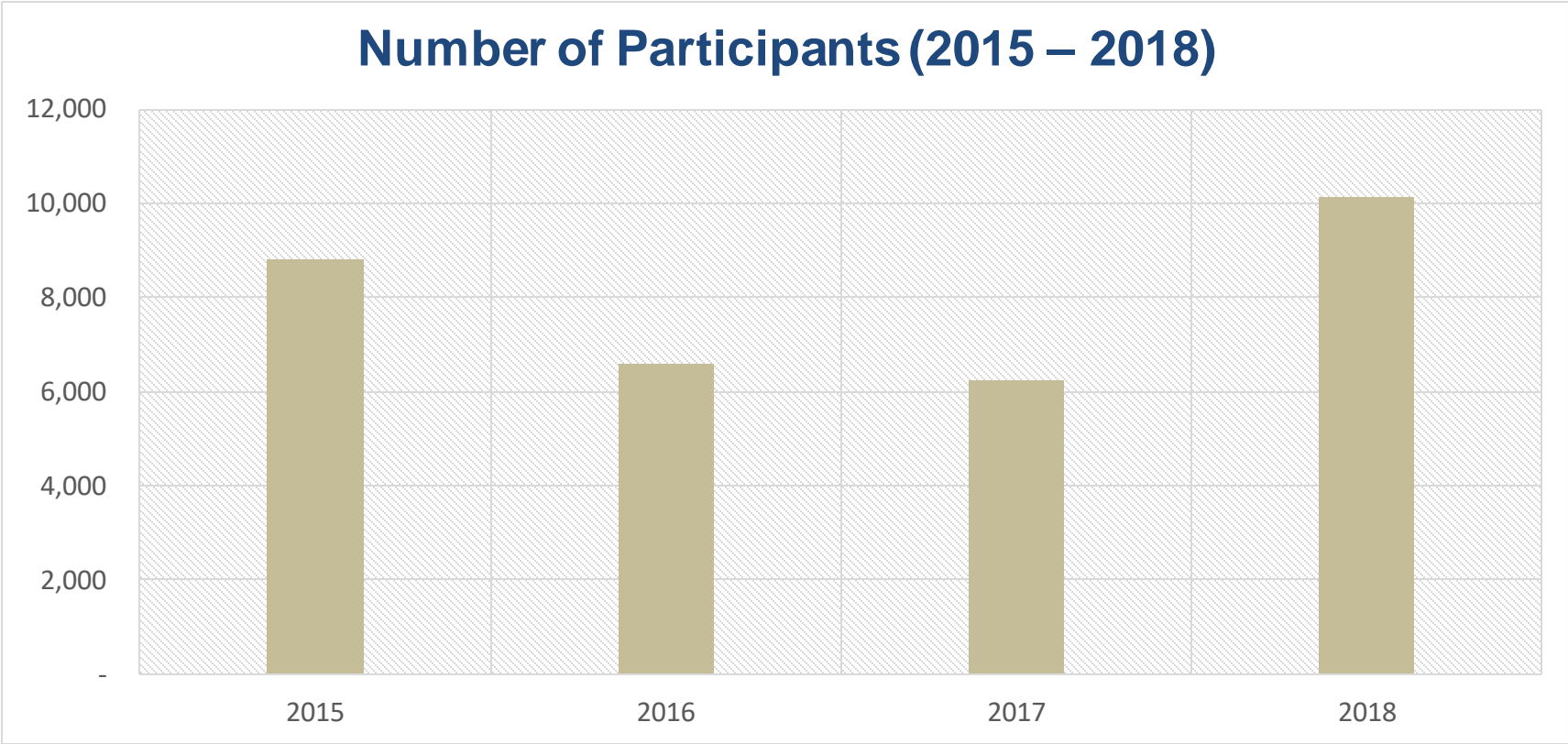
# Yang Raze Yu Hang

Yang Raze Yu Hang is another member from SKH Wing Chun Primary School.

The 11-year-old boy, who has been playing for three years, became part of the HKGA Development Squad in 2019.



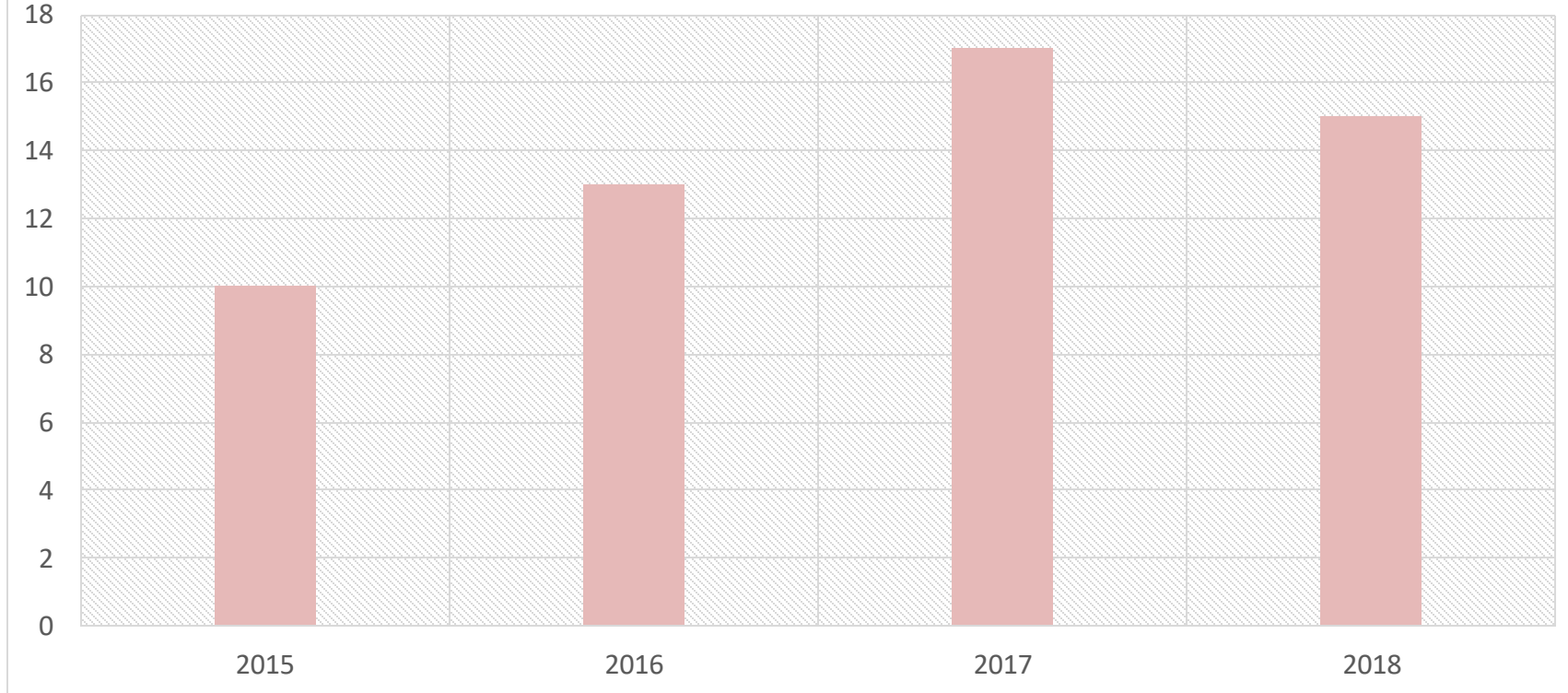
# Short Golf



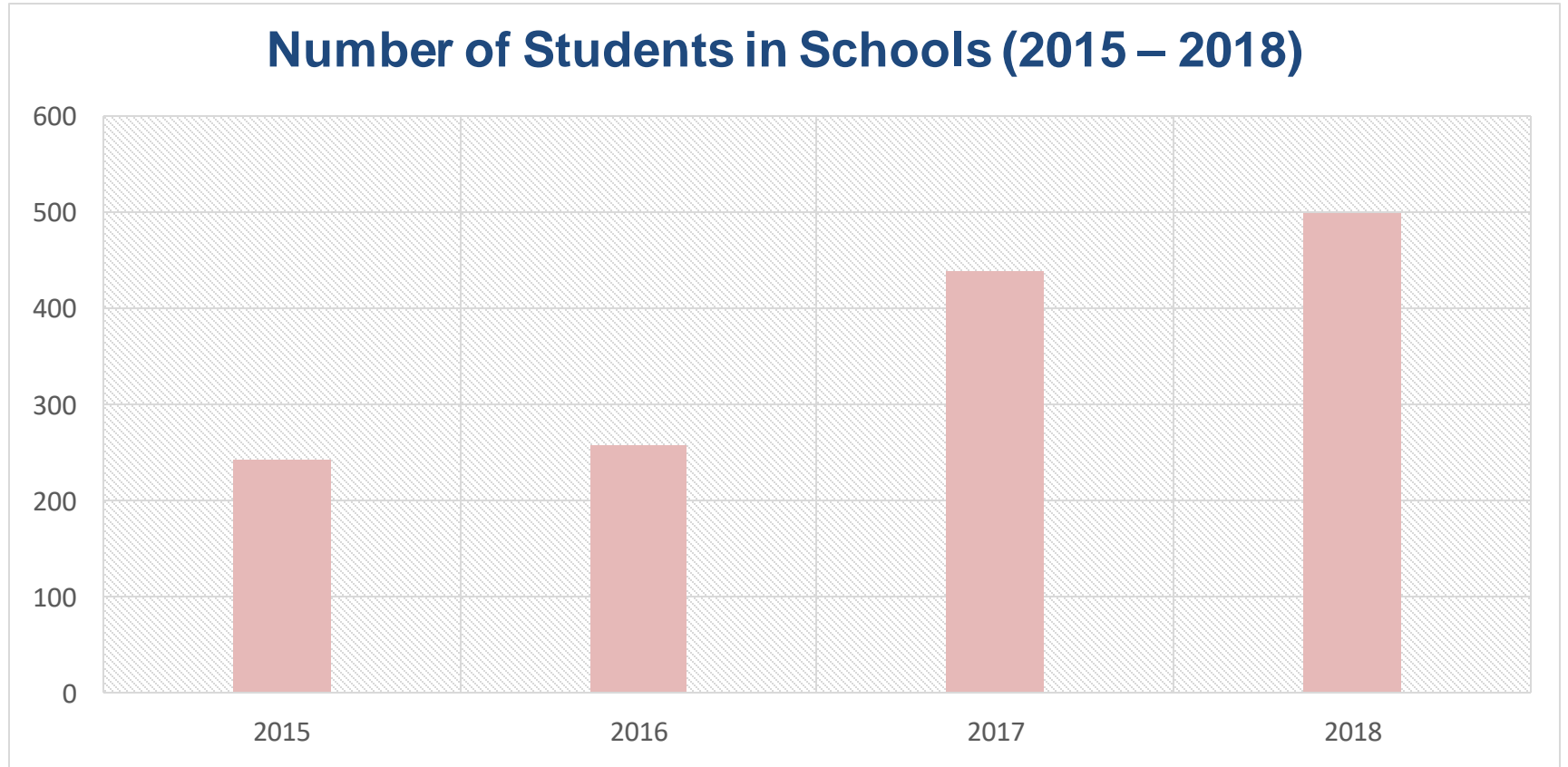


# Basic Level Training

## Number of Schools (2015 – 2018)

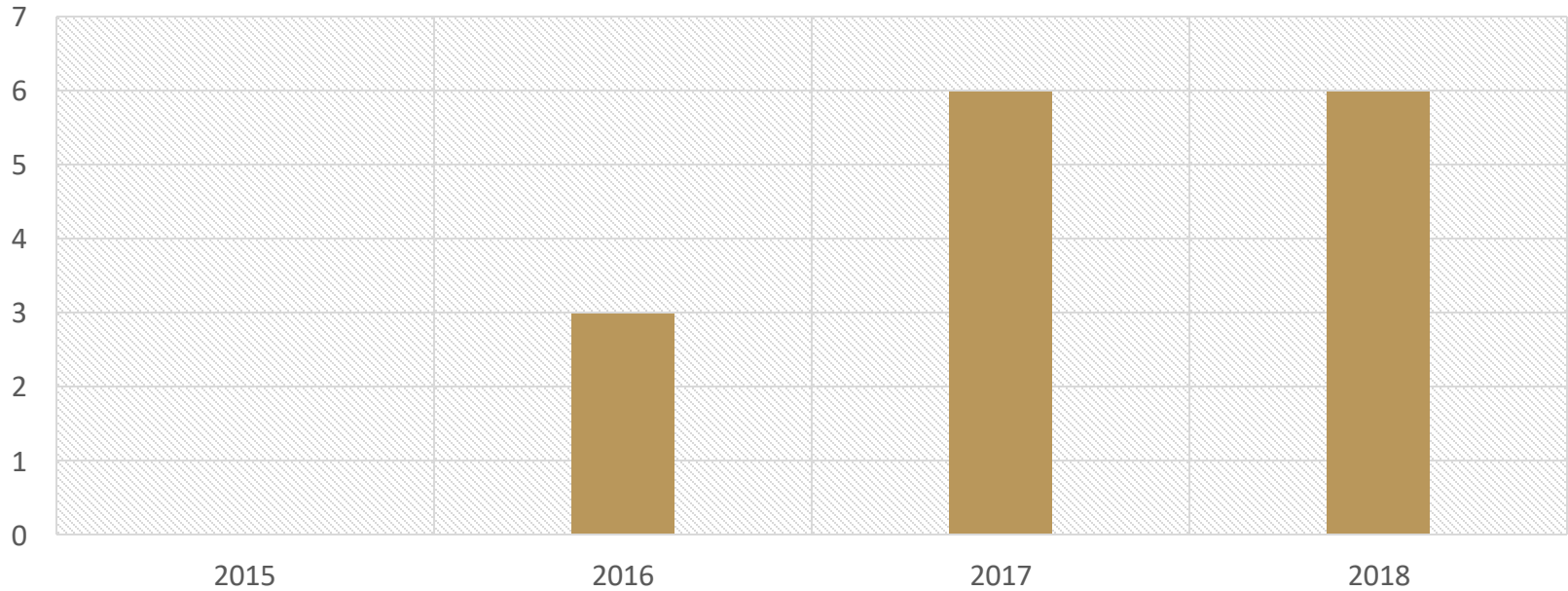


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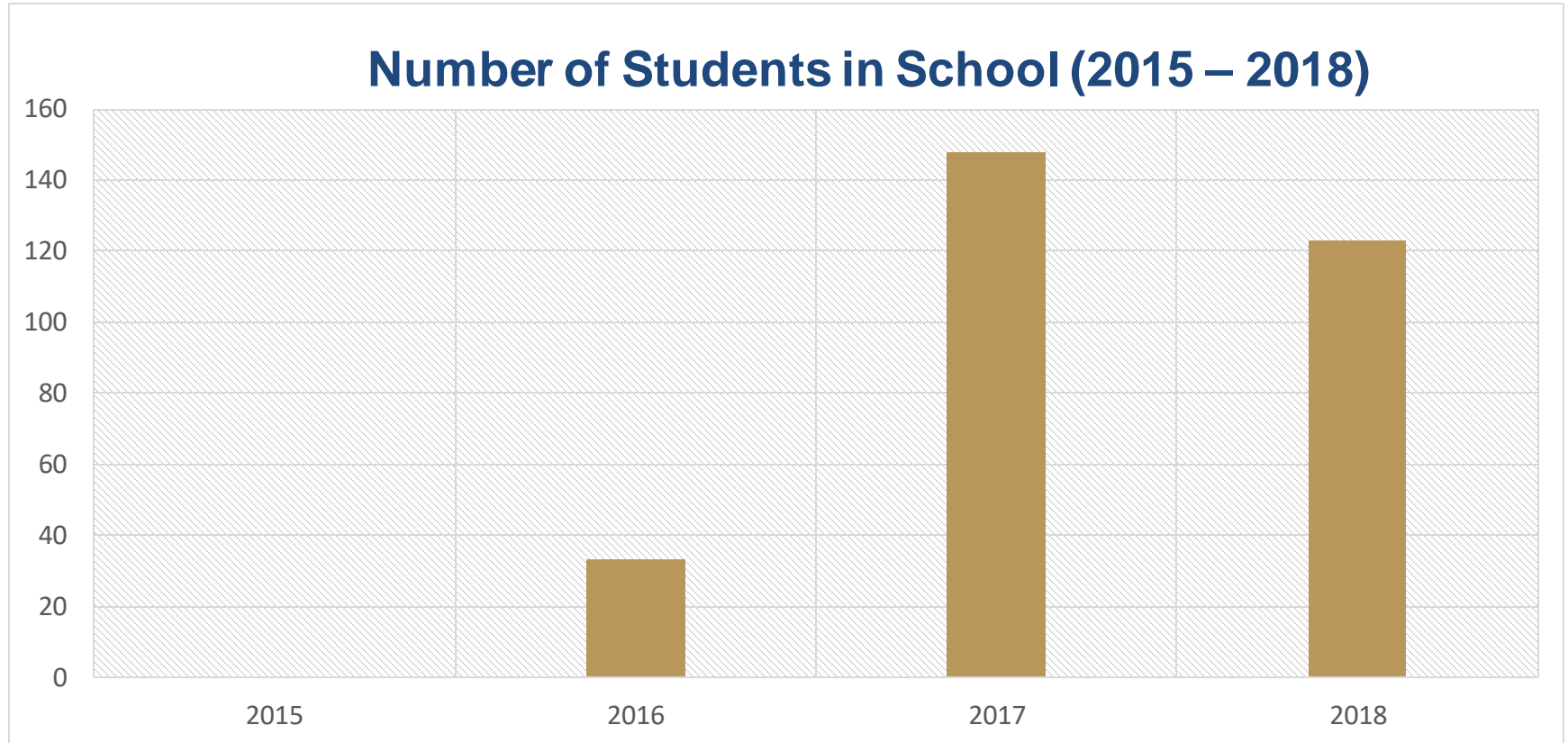


# Advanced Level Training

## Number of Schools (2015 – 2018)



# Advanced Level Training



# HSBC Junior Golf Tour

6 nine-hole tournaments per year



# HKGA Junior Tournaments

## Year-round schedule of tournaments for teams and individuals

NAME	VENUE	DATE
UST Mamiya Junior Tournament 2019	HKGC	Feb. 11, 2019
HK Junior Close Championship 2019 (7 -10)	HKGC(DWB)	April 18, 2019
HK Junior Close Championship 2019 (11-17)	CWB	April 24-26, 2019
HK-Guangdong Interport Junior Team Matchplay	HKGC	June 5 -6, 2019
Albert K W Lai Junior Tournament 2019	HKGC	July 15, 2019
HK Junior Open Championship 2019 (11-17)	HKGC	Aug.t 7-9, 2019
HK Junior Open Championship 2019 (7-10)	HKGC (DWB)	Aug. 12, 2019
Dr. George Choa Cup 2019 - Team Event by Invitation	HKGC	Dec. 18-19, 2019
Graphite Design Hong Kong Schools Holiday Competition 2019 (12 and under)	HKGC(DWB)	Dec. 23, 2019
HKGA Winter Junior Championship 2019	KSC	Dec. 30-31, 2019

Dr. George Choa Cup



HK Junior Open



# HKGA Talent Identification Day

**Chance for HKGA coaches to identify those ready to join the HKGA Junior Squad**

## **Selection Criteria to become a HKGA Junior Squad Member**

1. The best score of each age group for the on-course assessment
2. Finish every hole in 9 strokes or under
3. Finish by 100 strokes or under for 18-hole assessment /  
Finish by 50 strokes or under for 9-hole assessment

## **Join Squad via ID Day 2019**

- Junior Squad: 5 pax

## **Join Squad via ID Day 2018**

- Junior Squad: 7 pax



# HKGA Junior Squad

**Weekly coaching, on-course training,  
fitness programs and expert advice**

## Benefits of being a member of our Junior Squad

1. Squad uniform
2. Weekly coaching by HKGA coaches at driving range
3. Physical training/sports psychology training
4. On-course practice opportunities
5. Opportunity to represent HKGA in local and overseas tournaments (Junior Squad)

Number of Members in Junior Squads: **82**





# Learnings

1. First level of the whole feeder system
2. Sowing the seed of golf in schools by bringing it into the community
3. Promoting golf in a fun and safe environment
4. Giving students who, if not of this program, could not have a chance to touch on the sport
5. Giving young kids the opportunity to touch on golf and hopefully develop further in their futures



## Challenges

1. Competition with other sports and after school activities
2. Lack of practice facilities
3. Due to limited space only a certain skills such as putting and chipping can be taught

Thank you!

