

# FootGolf Association of England CIC



## FGAoE Club League Handbook 2026

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Website: <https://www.fgaengland.com/englishclubleague>

### Player Membership and Registration Requirements

#### 1. Membership Requirements

- All club players must be **registered FGAoE Club Members**.
- Annual **membership fee: £8**

#### 2. Player Records

- **Club Captains** are responsible for maintaining accurate records of all **registered players**.
- Each player's **club affiliation** will appear on both the **official Leaderboard** and their **FGAoE player profile**.

#### 3. Registration Timeline

- Players must hold **active membership** at least **48 hours before** a scheduled match to be eligible to play.

#### 4. Match Registration and Payments

- All **match registrations and payments** must be completed through the **Golf Genius portal**.

#### 5. Club Affiliation Rule

- Players may register with **one (1) club only per season**.



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## Club Requirements

- **Minimum Players:** Each club must have at least **four (4)** registered players. There is **no maximum limit**.
- **Club Name:** Clubs should adopt the name of their **local FGAoE-affiliated course or town**.
- **Team Captain:** Every club must appoint a **Team Captain** to act as the primary point of contact.
- **Eligibility:** The **England National Club League** is open exclusively to **UK-based, non-affiliated players**.

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## Match Day Categories

Players will compete in the following categories:

- **Absolute**
- **Women**
- **Men, Senior:** Born in **1980 or earlier**.
- **Junior:** Born in **2007 or later**.
- **Rookie:** Players who are new to competitive FootGolf, won an FGAoE competition or have finished with an **average National Tour points total below 1, 500**, or have **not** represented the **National Development Team** during 2025.

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## League Divisions

- Each **division** will consist of **up to six (6)** clubs.
- Clubs will be grouped based on **English regions**:
  - Midlands
  - North
  - South-East
  - South-West
- Matches will be played on a **home-and-away** basis where applicable.

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## Match Scheduling

- **Scheduled Dates:** Matches will be pre-scheduled by the **FGAoE Club League Administrator**.
- **Rescheduling:** Matches may be rescheduled **if both Captains agree**.
  - Any changes must be communicated with a new date via email to:  
**Paul.Boulton@fgaoe.uk**.
- **Clash Policy:** Club matches **cannot coincide** with official **FGAoE Tour events**.
- **Deadlines:** All club matches and cup events must be **completed by 30th August 2026**.



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## National Tour Player Integration

- Four league match days per division will count as FGAoE Category D National Tour events.
- The Club Finals Weekend will be a Category C National Tour event.
- Format: 18-hole individual stroke play.
- Points: Awarded equally across all places.

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## Regional Tour Player Integration

- All league match days per division will earn FGAoE Category D points.
- The Club Finals Weekend will also serve as a Category C Regional Tour event.
- Format: 18-hole individual stroke play.
- Points: Distributed equally across all places.

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## Regional Tour Rankings Set-Up

- All midweek events will earn Category E points for regional rankings.
- All league match days, across every division, will earn FGAoE Category D points.
- The Club Finals Weekend will also operate as a Category C Regional Tour event for all regions.
- Each Regional Open will earn Category B points for the regional rankings.
- Any Regional Open – Add-On Event will earn Category C points for the regional rankings.



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## Club Set-Up

### 1. Pre-Season Preparation:

- All fixtures and dates are announced before the start of the season and will be available on the **FGAoE website** - <https://www.fgaengland.com/clubfootgolfengland>
- Player registration portals will be accessible via the FGAoE website for all participants.
- Players must be registered to compete in Club Matches

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## Club Match Set-Up

### 2. One Week Before the Match

- The **Home Captain** must contact the **Opposition Captain** to confirm the **match date, time, and venue**.
- **Tee slots** must be booked with the host course.

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### 3. Two Days Before the Match

- The **FGAoE** will arrange **playing groups** via the official **Match Portal**.
  - **Important:** Flights **must not** consist exclusively of players from the same club.
- Clubs may **add players up to one (1) hour before the match start time**, but these players **cannot contribute points** to the match or earn Tour points, **green fees** are to be paid **directly to the course**.

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### 4. Match Day Requirements

- Ensure the **course meets FGAoE-approved standards**.
- **Welcome and check in** opposition players upon arrival.
- **Distribute scorecards and pencils** to all players before tee-off.
- Ensure a **LIVE scorer** is active in each playing group to provide **real-time scoring updates**.



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## 1. Match Structure

- Each fixture consists of:
  - **18 holes of Individual Stroke Play** for all participating players.
  - **An additional 9 holes of Match Play** contested between **five (5) players per club**.
- **Match Points** are awarded in the **Men, Men-Senior, Junior, Women, and Rookie** categories based on results from the **18-hole Stroke Play** round.
- **Qualifying** Men-Senior, Junior, Women, or Rookie players are to be playing from the main tee area.

## 2. 9-Hole Matchplay Qualification

- The **top five (5) players** from each club's **Absolute category rankings** after the 18-hole Stroke Play qualify for the 9-hole Match Play.
- **At least one** of these five players **must represent** one of the following categories: **Men-Senior, Junior, Women, or Rookie**.
- If the top five Absolute players **do not include** a Men-Senior, Junior, Women, or Rookie, then the **highest-placed** player from one of those categories will **replace the 5th-placed Absolute player** in the Match Play team.

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## 3. 9-Hole Matchplay Setup

### Match Formats

- **Match 1:** Individual
- **Match 2:** Foursomes (Alternate Shot)
- **Match 3:** Betterball (Best Ball)

Captains must select and confirm the player order prior to the first tee and present it to the opposing captain.

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### Additional Matchplay Rules

- If a club has no eligible **Over 45, Women, Junior, or Rookie** players, **thirteen (13) points** will be deducted from their match score.
- The five (5) positions may consist entirely of **Over 45, Women, Junior, and Rookie** players, provided their scores qualify.
- **Any Round 2 (R2) qualified player cannot be replaced at any point.**
- **Match 3 (Betterball) may be played with one player if injury or unforeseen unavailability occurs.**
- **No match players may be redeployed once Round 2 has commenced.**



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## League Match Points (18 Hole Strokeplay)

| Category   | 1st Place Points | 2nd Place Points | 3rd Place Points |
|------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Absolute   | 6                | 3                | 2                |
| Junior     | 1                | —                | —                |
| Men-Senior | 3                | 1                | —                |
| Women      | 2                | —                | —                |
| Rookie     | 2                | 1                | —                |

- Total points: **21**

| Match   | Format     | Win Points | Draw Points |
|---------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Match 1 | Individual | 3          | 1           |
| Match 2 | Foursome   | 6          | 3           |
| Match 3 | Betterball | 4          | 1           |

- Total points per 9-hole Matchplay: 13

*Note: Tied scores for any matchplay position will be resolved using the **countback method (9-6-3-1)**. If still tied, highest ranked in regional ranking takes the place.*

## Match Results and League Points

- After adding all points, the match winner is determined by the total score. For example:
  - **Team A: 23 points vs. Team B: 11 points** → Team A wins the fixture.
- **League Points Allocation:**
  - **3 points:** Win
  - **1 point:** Draw
  - **0 points:** Loss
- Match scores will be used to calculate the **Hole-Difference** on the league table.

## Reporting Match Results

- The Home Club Captain must complete the on-line league match sheet by 18:00 on the day of the match.



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## Junior Players

### 1. Tee Locations

- **Junior tee locations** may be designated at the **discretion of the Home Club**.
- **Under 12s** have the option to tee off from a position **approximately 50% down the fairway**, as agreed by both clubs.

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### 2. Points Eligibility

- **Junior Tees:**
  - Players using Junior Tees are **eligible for Junior Points only**.
- **Standard Tees:**
  - Players competing from Standard Tees are **eligible for all points categories**, including Junior Points.

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### 3. Club League Ball Sizes (Optional)

- Players may choose to use **optional ball size requirements** for league matches from the chart below:



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## Kit Standards

- **Tour Kit** must be worn for all Club League fixtures.
- Required attire includes:
  - **Collared shirt** (single layer)
  - **Smart shorts**
  - **Long socks** (pulled up to the knee)
- **Footwear:**
  - **Astroturf trainers** are permitted.
  - **Football boots** may be worn **only if approved by the home club** and **both clubs are notified at least five (5) days in advance**.

A relaxed approach is taken with New players.

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## LIVE Scoring

- **LIVE** scoring on Golf Genius is **mandatory** during R1 and R2 of a Club match.

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## Rulebook

- League matches will adhere to the **FIFG Rulebook**.

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## National Finals Weekend Qualification

- All clubs qualify for the **National Finals Weekend**.
- Players must participate in a minimum of **two League or Club Cup matches** to be eligible for the Finals.
- Club Finals date – 6<sup>th</sup> September 2026

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## FGAoE Regional Categories

- UK-based FootGolfers will be registered in **Regional Rankings** based on their **chosen club's Division**.



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## Discipline

1. **Unfulfilled Matches:**
  - **First Offense:** Warning
  - **Second Offense:** 3-point deduction
  - **Third Offense:** Expulsion from the league
2. **Late Submission of Match Sheets:**
  - **First Offense:** Warning
  - **Second Offense:** 1-point deduction
3. **Breach of Rules:**
  - **First Offense:** Warning
  - **Second Offense:** 1-point deduction
  - **Third Offense:** Referral to a disciplinary panel

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League fixtures including Regional Club events are to be complete by 16<sup>th</sup> August 2026

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## Additional FGAoE Club Competitions

### FGAoE Club Cup – Competition Format (3 Clubs)

To maintain competitive opportunities in League Divisions that fall short of the minimum six scheduled matches, the **FGAoE Club Cup** will be introduced. This stand-alone event will allow clubs to compete for league points through a one-day combined format at a venue chosen by the FGAoE.

## Eligibility

- The Club Cup is only introduced in divisions that do **not** reach the minimum of six league matches.
- All clubs in the affected division are **automatically entered**.
- Clubs must field players in accordance with the standard league match rules.

## Competition Format

The Club Cup consists of **two parts**, both contributing to an overall club score:

### 1. Individual Strokeplay (18 Holes)

- All registered Division players from each club compete over 18 holes of **Individual Strokeplay**.
- Standard league match scoring will be used to determine each club's Individual Match Score.



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## 2. Foursomes Strokeplay (9 Holes)

- Each club presents **two pairs** to compete in **9-hole Foursomes Strokeplay** as per standard selection process.
- The combined scores of both pairs determine the club's ranking in this section.
- Points awarded based on finishing position:
  -  1st place = 8 points
  -  2nd place = 5 points
  -  3rd place = 2 points

## Scoring & Final Position

- Each club's **Individual Strokeplay points** and **Foursomes points** are **added together** to create a final Club Cup score.
- Clubs are ranked 1st, 2nd, 3rd based on this combined total.

## League Points Allocation

- Final Club Cup standings contribute to the League Table as follows:
  -  1st = 3 league points
  -  2nd = 2 league points
  -  3rd = 1 league point
- In the event of a tie, points will be **shared equally** between the tied clubs.

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## National Tour Club League – Competition Format

<https://www.fgaengland.com/nationaltourclubleague>

## Club League Player of the Year – Competition Format

<https://www.fgaengland.com/playeroftheyear>

## Champions Invitational Trophy – Competition Format

Competition date – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2026

<https://www.fgaengland.com/invitationalclubtrophy>

## Midweek Regional FootGolf

Midweek Regional FootGolf will be confirmed around each region ASAP.

These events are intended to be accessible and welcoming, with **no formal dress code** in place. Offering an affordable way to enjoy competitive FootGolf during the week.

