

# FootGolf Association of England

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## Club Requirements

- **Minimum Players:** Each club must have at least 4 players (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.
- **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:

- **Men**
- **Women**
- **Over 45:** Born in 1979 or earlier.
- **Junior:** Born in 2006 or later.
- **Newcomer:** Not played a National Tour event, Category C upwards (excluding Club Finals).

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## League Divisions

- Divisions will consist of up to five clubs per group.
- Clubs will be grouped based on English regions: **Midlands, North, South-East, and South-West.**
- Matches will be played on a **home-and-away** basis.

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## Match Scheduling

- **Scheduled Dates:** Matches will be pre-scheduled.
- **Rescheduling:** Matches may be rescheduled if both clubs agree. Changes must be communicated via email to **Paul.Boulton@fgaoe.uk**.
- **Clash Policy:** Matches cannot coincide with FGAoE Tour events.
- **Deadlines:** All club matches and cup events must be completed by **3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025**.

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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 will be 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 National Tour event**.
- Format: 18-hole individual stroke play.
- Points will be distributed equally across all places.

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## League Match Format

1. **Match Structure:**
  - Fixtures consist of **18 holes Individual Strokeplay** for all players and **9 holes Foursomes Matchplay** for four players per club.
  - Match points are awarded in the **Over 45, Junior, Women, and Newcomer** categories after the 18-hole Strokeplay round.
2. **Foursomes Matchplay Rules:**
  - Each club fields **four players** for two 9-hole Foursomes Matchplay rounds:
    - **Match 1:** The top two players from the “Absolute Leaderboard” of each club compete against each other.
    - **Match 2:** The third-best player from the “Absolute Leaderboard” and the highest-placed Over 45, Female, Junior, or Newcomer (from the main tee area) compete against their counterparts.
3. **Special Notes for Foursomes Matchplay:**
  - **Note 1:** If a club lacks players in the Over 45, Female, Junior, or Newcomer categories, they may substitute a male player. However, this team will compete for **2 points only** in that match.
  - **Note 2:** The highest-placed Over 45, Women, Junior, or Newcomer may occupy any position on the Leaderboard. For example, if a Women player finishes first overall, they will participate in **Match 1**.
  - **Note 3:** The Foursomes Matchplay can consist entirely of Over 45, Women, Junior, or Newcomer players if their scores qualify.
4. **Player Substitution:**
  - A change of player during the Matchplay Foursomes will result in the club playing for **2 points per match** and **1 point for a draw**.



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## League Match Arrangement Procedure

1. **Pre-Season Preparation:**
  - All fixtures and dates are announced before the start of the season and will be available on the **FGAoE website**.
  - Player registration portals will be accessible via the FGAoE website for all participants.
2. **One Week Before the Match:**
  - The **Home Captain** must contact the opposition Captain to confirm the match date, time, and venue.
  - Tee slots should be booked with the course.
3. **Two Days Before the Match:**
  - FGAoE will arrange playing groups on the match portal.
    - **Important:** Flights cannot consist of players exclusively from one club.
  - Clubs may add players up to **1 hour before the match start time**, but these players cannot contribute points to the match. Green fees are to be paid directly to the course.
4. **Match Day Requirements:**
  - Ensure the course meets the agreed **FGAoE standards**.
  - Greet the opposition players upon arrival.
  - Distribute scorecards and pencils to all players.
  - Ensure a **LIVE scorer** is active in each playing group for real-time updates.

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## League Match Points

Teams will compete for a total of **31 points per match**, distributed as follows:

### *18 Holes Strokeplay (Individual Scores)*

- **Best Absolute Scores:**
  - **1st Place:** 6 points
  - **2nd Place:** 3 points
  - **3rd Place:** 1 point
- **Category-Specific Scores:**
  - **Best Junior Score:** 1 point
  - **Best Over 45 Score:** 3 points
  - **Best Female Score:** 2 points
  - **Best Newcomer Score:** 2 points



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## 9 Holes Foursomes Matchplay

- **Match 1:**
  - **Winner:** 8 points
  - **Draw:** 4 points
- **Match 2:**
  - **Winner:** 5 points
  - **Draw:** 2 points

**Note:** Tied scores for any position will be resolved using the **countback method (9-6-3-1)**. If still tied, points will be shared (rounded up where applicable).

## Match Results and League Points

- After adding all points, the match winner is determined by the total score. For example:
  - **Team A: 13 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 report the league match score in the **England Club League Chat Groups** within **24 hours** of the match.

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## Player Registration

1. **Membership Requirements:**
  - All Club players must be **FGAoE Club Members** (membership is **£5**).
2. **Player Records:**
  - Club Captains are responsible for maintaining records of registered players.
  - Each player's club affiliation will appear on the Leaderboard and their FGAoE player profile.
3. **Registration Timeline:**
  - Players must become members at least **48 hours prior to a match** to be eligible for registration.
4. **Match Registration and Payments:**
  - All match registrations and payments must be completed via the **Golf Genius portal**.
5. **Club Affiliation Rule:**
  - Players may register for **ONE club per season** only.



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## Junior Players

1. **Tee Locations:**
  - Junior tee locations are permitted at the discretion of the **Home Club**.
  - Under 10, to tee off down an agreed 50% of fairway.
2. **Points Eligibility:**
  - **Junior Tees:**
    - Players using Junior Tees are eligible to earn **Junior Points only**.
  - **Normal Tees:**
    - Players competing from Normal Tees qualify for points in **all sections**, including Junior Points.
3. **Competition Rules:**
  - Regardless of the tee position used, juniors will compete against each other for the **Junior Point**.
4. **Club League Ball Sizes (Optional):**
  - Clubs may set optional ball size requirements for league matches.

FOOTBALL SIZE / RECOMMENDED AGE GROUP	
SIZE	AGE (YEARS)
5	14+
4	9-14
3	6-9
2 (Midi)	3-6
1 (Mini)	All ages

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## Footwear

- **Permitted Footwear:**
  - **Astroturf trainers** and **football boots** are allowed, provided the course permits their use.

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## LIVE Scoring

- **LIVE** scoring 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.
    - Finals will take place over Saturday and Sunday.
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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
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## FGAoE Club Cup – Competition Format

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.

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### 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.

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### 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.

#### 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




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### 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.

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### 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.

