

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.

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).

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.

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 **3rd August 2025**.

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.

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.

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

- 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.
- 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.
- Competition Rules:**
 - Regardless of the tee position used, juniors will compete against each other for the **Junior Point**.
- 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

Footwear

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

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

A Club Cup will be added to a League Division that does not meet the minimum of six matches.

- All Division Club Players compete over 18 Holes Individual Strokeplay.
 - Standard League match scoring creates Club score.
 - Two Pairs per Club (as per Standard League match criteria) to play off 9 Holes Foursomes Strokeplay for position, points 1st 8 points, 2nd 5 points & 3rd 2 points.
 - Club score is added to Foursomes score to give you 1st, 2nd & 3rd position.
 - Points allocated to League Table - 1st = 3pts, 2nd = 2pts & 3rd = 1pt.
 - A match tie will result in points shared.
 - Venue to be selected by FGAoE.
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