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FGAoE Winter Regional Matchplay Championship 2026/27

Choose Your Course. Defend Your Region. Become Champion.

The **FGAoE Winter Regional Matchplay Championship** is a winter-long competition designed to provide meaningful competitive footgolf throughout the off-season. Combining a regional group stage, flexible scheduling, and home venue advantage, the championship offers players regular competitive opportunities while supporting FootGolf venues across England.

Most importantly, the championship has been created to give players **more opportunities to experience and develop within the matchplay format**. While many competitions are played as Strokeplay events, matchplay presents a unique challenge that rewards tactical thinking, momentum, course management, and head-to-head performance.

Whether you're an experienced competitor or new to matchplay, this championship provides the perfect opportunity to sharpen your skills, enjoy regular competition, and represent your region throughout the winter season.

Entry Fee
£30 per player

Prize Fund

The FGAoE will allocate **50% of all entry fees directly into the prize fund**, with the remaining 50% contributing towards administration, rankings, trophies, promotion, and competition management.

Prize allocations will be confirmed once entries close and player numbers are finalised.

Championship Objectives

The Winter Regional Matchplay Championship aims to:

- Increase opportunities for competitive matchplay.
- Encourage participation throughout the off-season.
- Develop players' matchplay skills and experience.
- Support local FootGolf venues during the winter months.
- Strengthen regional player communities.
- Create a fun, flexible, and competitive pathway to becoming FGAoE Winter Matchplay Champion.



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Competition Format

The championship begins with a regional group stage before progressing to knockout rounds.

- One Absolute Category (Further categories could be added where numbers allow)
- Open to all players regardless of age, gender, or ranking
- Regionalised draw structure
- Three guaranteed group matches
- 18-Hole Matchplay format
- Top two players from each group qualify
- Knockout rounds determine the overall champion

Regions

Players will be allocated to one of the following regions based upon Club registration:

- North
- Midlands
- South-East
- South-West

Regional draws are designed to minimise travel requirements while maintaining competitive integrity.

All regions, group sizes, and qualification places are subject to registered player numbers. The FGAoE reserves the right to amend the competition structure where required to ensure a fair and competitive championship.

Competition Schedule

Period	Stage
November - December 2026	Regional Group Stage
January 2027	Knockout Round
February 2027	Quarter Finals
March 2027	Semi Finals
April 2027	Championship Final

Schedule maybe amended based upon playing numbers.

Group Stage



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The competition begins with a Regional Group Stage.

- Groups will typically consist of 3/4/5 players where numbers allow.
- Each player will play three matches.
- All group matches must be completed during November and December.
- Two points awarded for a win.
- One point awarded for a draw after 18 holes.
- The top two players from each group progress to the knockout stages.

Tiebreakers

If players finish level on points:

1. Head-to-head result
2. Total holes won
3. Playoff if required

Home Advantage System

For each fixture, one player will be designated as the **Home Player**.

Home Player Responsibilities

- Select a venue within their region.
- Provide three possible match dates to their opponent within 72 hours of the fixture release.
- Ensure all proposed dates fall within the allocated competition period.

Example Fixture:

Kyle Brown vs Amin Aly
Venue: Aintree FootGolf

Available Dates:

- Sunday 15 November
- Sunday 22 November
- Sunday 29 November

The Away Player selects one of the proposed dates.

Away Player Responsibilities



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The Away Player must:

- Respond within seven days.
- Select one of the offered dates.
- Confirm attendance with their opponent.

Failure to engage with scheduling may result in a walkover being awarded.

Match Rules

- All matches are played over 18 holes.
 - The lowest score on each hole wins the hole.
 - The player winning the most holes after 18 holes wins the match.
 - Group stage matches may finish tied.
 - Knockout matches tied after 18 holes proceed to sudden-death playoffs.
 - Playoffs begin at Hole 1 and continue until a winner is determined.
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Match & Venue Fees

The FGAoE is committed to supporting FootGolf venues across England.

- All green fees are paid **directly to the host venue**.
 - The FGAoE does not collect or retain any portion of green fee revenue.
 - Players are responsible for paying their own venue fees on the day of play.
 - Every fixture played helps generate valuable revenue for local courses and supports the continued growth of FootGolf at venue level.
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Results Submission

The winning player must submit:

- Match result
- Venue played
- Date played
- Player photograph (where possible)



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Match results will be posted within the relevant Regional Winter Series WhatsApp group, allowing players to follow standings, fixtures, qualification scenarios, and knockout progression throughout the championship.

Results will also be promoted across FGAoE media channels to celebrate player achievements, support host venues, and engage the wider FootGolf community throughout the winter season.

Regional Winter Series WhatsApp Groups

Each region will operate a dedicated Winter Series WhatsApp group for:

- Competition announcements
- Fixture scheduling
- Group standings
- Match result updates
- Qualification tracking
- Knockout draw releases
- Championship news and player highlights

Players are encouraged to communicate promptly and professionally to ensure a smooth and enjoyable competition for all.

Competition Administration

- Players are expected to communicate promptly and professionally.
- Matches must be completed within the allocated competition period.
- Extensions will only be granted in exceptional circumstances and must be approved by the FGAoE.
- Any disputes should be referred to the FGAoE.
- The FGAoE reserves the right to make decisions in the best interests of the competition.



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Championship Summary

- ✓ £30 Entry Fee
- ✓ 50% Prize Fund
- ✓ Three Guaranteed Matches
- ✓ Regional Group Stage
- ✓ Top Two Qualify
- ✓ Home Venue Advantage
- ✓ Flexible Scheduling
- ✓ Supports Local FootGolf Courses
- ✓ Regional WhatsApp Updates
- ✓ One Overall Champion

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Earn home advantage, represent your region, improve your matchplay skills, and battle through the winter months to become the **FGAoE Winter Regional Matchplay Champion 2026/27**.

