

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 **five (5)** registered players. There is **no maximum limit**.
- **Club Name:** Clubs should adopt the name of their **local FGAE-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**.

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 or have finished with an **average National Tour points total below 1,500**, or have **not** represented the **National Development Team** during 2025.

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.

Match Scheduling

- **Scheduled Dates:** Matches will be pre-scheduled by the **FGAE Club League Administrator**.
- **Rescheduling:** Matches may be rescheduled **if both Captains agree**.
 - Any changes must be communicated via email to: **Paul.Boulton@fgae.uk**.
- **Clash Policy:** Club matches **cannot coincide** with official **FGAE 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/englishclubleague>
- Player registration portals will be accessible via the FGAoE website for all participants.
- Players must be registered to compete in Club Matches

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.

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**.

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**.

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.



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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.

3. 9-Hole Matchplay Setup

- **Match 1:** Individual
- **Match 2:** Foursomes (Alternate shot)
- **Match 3:** Betterball (Best ball)

Captains to select the order of the players prior to the first tee and present to opposition captain.

Additional Matchplay Rules

- **Note:** If a club has no eligible **Over 45, Women, Junior, or Rookie** players, the selected match results in a win for the opposition.
- **Note:** The **five (5) places** may consist entirely of **Over 45, Women, Junior, and Rookie** players if their scores qualify.

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**



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*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 league match sheet and post in the **FGAoE Club League Chat Groups** within **24 hours** 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.

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.

3. Club League Ball Sizes (Optional)

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

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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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**.

LIVE Scoring

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

Rulebook

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

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 – 6th September 2026

FGAoE Regional Categories

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

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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Additional FGAoE Club Competitions

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.

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.

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 – 5th September 2026

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

Midweek Regional FootGolf

Midweek Regional FootGolf events are designed to provide regular, competitive play in a relaxed evening setting. Each region will host **one midweek evening event per month**, totalling **5–6 events per region across the season**, giving players new, old & current multiple opportunities to compete and improve their regional standing.

All events will be played as a **full 18-hole individual competition**, ensuring a consistent and competitive format. Results will count towards **Category E Regional Ranking Points (points chart on the FGAoE Handbook)**, contributing to each player's regional ranking.

Playing categories will mirror the Club League and Regional categories, ensuring consistency across competitions and a clear pathway for players competing at different levels.

Awards will be presented as follows:

- **Men:** Top 3
- **Senior:** Top 3
- **Rookie:** Top 3
- **Women:** Top 1
- **Junior:** Top 1

These events are intended to be accessible and welcoming, with **no formal dress code** in place. Entry is **£15 per event**, offering an affordable way to enjoy competitive FootGolf during the week.

