



Running A Local FootGolf Competition



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Running a local competition for your club or local area is a great way of building a club camaraderie and new friendships. Some friendships which have built in clubs have gone on to last indefinitely.

For clubs, it is recommended to have a programme of events for members to take part in, also taking into consideration other activities which club members and the club may be taking part in.

For hosting a calendar of club events, it is also recommended to determine which time of the week is most suitable for the majority of members to be able to take part, although this may change through time.

Booking The Course

Before anything can be planned or arranged, it is important to determine the availability of the course. To do this, enter a discussion with the course to find out if when the course will be available to host the event, and at this time have a estimated number of participants that will be taking part so that sufficient timing can be planned by the course.

Format of Play

Before advertising your event, the club must also decide on the format of play, including whether this will be an single, pairs or team event.

There are 2 main formats of play to decide on, strokeplay or matchplay.

Strokeplay

This format of play is the traditional format of play that is imagined when considering footgolf. Each player plays their own ball in the least number of shots they can to play from the tee to the hole. The player with the lowest score overall when finished all holes is the winner.

Matchplay

Matchplay is an alternative format to play, with each hole worth one point. In this format of play, only the players in the group play to win against each other.

Each player plays their own ball for a single hole, the winner of the hole receives the point. After playing all holes, the player in the group with the most points wins.

For events with more than one group, this format of play requires to be played in a knock-out format, with winners from each group playing against each other and progressing until only one player remains.

Advertising

Once you have the course booked, you now need to advertise your event.

If it is being hosted purely for club members, then you can do this internally, using whichever method you normally use for communicating with members.

If you are inviting no-club members to take part, then you can advertise your event through social media in the local area, using posters and flyers (particularly at the course), and you can also access the FootGolf Association of Scotland for support to advertise wider through their methods.

Make sure when advertising your event you include:

- Date & Time
- Venue
- Cost
- Playing format
- How to Book
- Any prizes you have on offer
- Any further information you feel is relevant for them to know

And, make sure your advertising is inviting, welcoming non-members to take part.

Bookings

As bookings come in for your event, you can deal with these in a number of ways. You can allow participants to book specific times, or alternatively have participants book for the event and then do a draw later and inform all participants of their tee times.

When taking the booking, you need to know contact details, and category that the player will be playing in.

It is best to keep a booking record so you have all the details for recording all bookings in the one place.

You may also have a computerised booking system for your events, which does make it easier but there are costs involved with this. Participants can then book themselves into the event and then the club can use this system to also manage tee times, payments and scoring.

During the booking process there is also the option to take or arrange payment. You can do this with a card machine or bank transfer, or alternatively you can take payment on the day when participants arrive.

Playing Categories

In FootGolf there are a number of different categories that players play in, including:

Following the event, it is important to ensure all scorecards are submitted and then scores recorded to determine the winner of the event, which can then be announced and any prizes awarded

Playing Rules

All play should be in accordance with FootGolf rules, which can be found on the Federation for International FootGolf (FIGF) website at footgolf.sport/rules

It is advisable to also have a marshal appointed who has knowledge of the rules to be able to advise and support newer players and provide decision on any uncertainty.

When inviting new players to take part, take into account that it is unlikely they will be aware of all footgolf rules and therefore a certain level of leniency on some rules may be required.

FootGolf Association of Scotland Activities

FootGolf Association of Scotland host a number of different activities across the country at all different levels, including social play, regional tours, the National Tour, and National Club League.

The Regional and National Tours are a great way for players to progress and develop their ability and skill, as well as tap into the experience of seasoned players, including the Scotland National Team.

There are also incentives from the association to clubs when club players join the National Tour, if they choose to do so, and the club can generate income from this.

More Information

FootGolf Association of Scotland have a large team available to support running your events, including dedicated people who will work with you to set up all aspects of the event and support on the day.

The association can help as much or as little as you wish.

For more information, contact enquires@scotlandfootgolf.com