

2 Financial Help for Student Golfers

The following section aims to provide an overview of what funding opportunities are available for student golfers, but also explains what financial support is offered to talented golfers that are part of English national squads.

Royal & Ancient (R&A) Foundation Bursary Scheme



The R&A Foundation Bursary Scheme aims to help students to play competitive golf and is open to all in full time study, usually those who have reached representative standard at county/state/province or national level.

There are 2 types of Bursary available:

1. Bursaries awarded by Universities and Colleges
11 universities are currently in receipt of the golf programme funding, see Part 1 for further information or contact the R&A, details below.
2. Individual Bursaries
Individuals have been identified to meet the following minimum criteria:
 - Hold a current playing handicap of +1 or better for men or 3 or better for women or
 - Have been identified by their national governing body and offered a place on a training squad

Individual bursaries remain available but other grant support awards for example TASS, will be taken into account when considering the merits of each application. To be considered applicants should contact Duncan Weir – details below.

For further information contact:

The R&A
Telephone:
01334 460000

Website:
www.randa.org

National Governing Body Support



The EGU and ELGA support a wide range of players of all ages within their coaching structures, including access to coaching, equipment, physiology, psychology and nutrition. This work is part of the England Golf Partnership (EGP), which is made up of the EGU, ELGA and Professional Golfers' Association (PGA) and is supported by the Golf Foundation and Sport England. For more information see player development in Part 4.

Bursaries available to English women golfers:

Angela Uzielli Bursaries

Established in memory of Angela Uzielli (British Champion 1977) from a capital donation by Mr & Mrs Hugh Stevenson.

The Bursaries are awarded to promising girl golfers who wish to further their education at University or College after school academic year 12, and at the same time continue to develop their golfing skills. They should be of English nationality by birth, have either parent of English nationality or have been resident in England for the last two years.

The bursaries are to provide financial assistance for educational expenses of girls in further education. The awards will be administered through the ELGA Trust.

Up to four bursaries at any one time, of up to £1,250 – £1,500 each per annum.

The bursaries will be awarded to students who have a financial need and will continue for the duration of their academic course. However, they will be reviewed annually and the students will need to show that their enthusiasm and commitment to their golf has been satisfactory before the next year's funds are released.

Bellamy Bursaries

Established from a legacy of Mrs. L.M.L. Bellamy, daughter of Arnaud Massey (Open Champion 1907).

The legacy funds two bursaries, at any one time, of up to £1,500 per student, per academic year, for any recognised course at a Higher or Further Education College in a golf related subject. This for example might be Golf Course Management, Turf Management, Greenkeeping, Horticulture, Sports Management, to name a few.

National Governing Body Support cont...

The bursaries are provided for students with formal offer places on courses in related subjects. Alternatively applicants must be actively participating in a course and must be able to provide support for their application from their Course Tutor.

Applications for a bursary are open to all English female golfers who fulfil the above criteria, irrespective of age or ethnicity. In general, a Bursary may be used for educational purposes, including tuition fees, books, room and board. Annually each bursar must show that their enthusiasm and commitment to their golf has been satisfactory before the next year's funds are released.

Applications

Application forms for both bursaries are available from:

ELGA, Edgbaston Golf Club,
Church Road, Birmingham B15 3TB

Telephone:
0121 456 2088

E-mail:
office@englishladiesgolf.org

The form must be sent to the applicant's County Junior Organiser who will provide a confidential assessment of the player to support the application. Applications must be received at the ELGA office by 1st September for that academic year.

Recipients of the awards are decided by the ELGA Trust Management Committee.

Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme (TASS)

Introduction:

TASS is an initiative by the Department of Culture Media and Sport and aims to encourage and assist good sportsmen and women to continue and improve in their chosen sport while in higher or further education. The scheme covers 46 different sports including golf and is available to UK citizens attending higher or further education institutions in England.

Participating Institutes:

The university or college must be TASS approved, a full list of institutes operating TASS for golfers is available to view at www.tass.gov.uk

The following universities are recommended as operating a first class TASS service and having a number of good golfers already enrolled:

Bournemouth University
Loughborough University
University of Birmingham
University of Durham
University of Exeter
University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne
University of Northumbria

TASS Scholarships:

Scholarships are available to students aged between 18 and 24 studying full or part time. The scholarship provides services and assistance to the value of £3,000 per annum.

Approximately 50 scholarships are available annually.

Services provided include:

- Coaching – through a local professional approved by the university and EGU/ELGA
- Facility fee and/or golf club subscription.
- Sports science support, including fitness programme
- Sports medicine support and injury treatment
- Equipment purchase
- Competition expenses

The institute holds the funds on behalf of the student and costs are reimbursed direct to the service provider.

Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme (TASS) cont...

TASS Bursaries:

A small number of bursaries are available to students aged 16 to 18 who attend colleges operating a TASS scholarship programme for golf. A full list of institutes can be viewed at www.tass.gov.uk

Selection:

The EGU and ELGA select recipients on golfing ability and is reviewed annually. Applications should be made between 1st May and 15th June each year. Male golfers of 1.9 handicap or lower and female golfers of 3.9 or lower will be considered.

Application forms can be downloaded from the EGU and ELGA websites – www.englishgolfunion.org or www.englishladiesgolf.org

Further information is also available at www.sportandstudy.net

SportsAid

SportsAid helps to aspire sportsmen and women through grants donated by individual donors, corporate partners and other grant giving trusts. SportsAid grants are given predominantly to youngsters 12 to 16 years of age.

SportsAid works with the National Governing Bodies of Sport to identify young athletes and help them to achieve their sporting potential.

To access funding applicants must meet the relevant criteria and be nominated and endorsed by their governing body.

For further information on SportsAid:

Telephone:
020 7273 1975

Website:
www.sportsaid.org.uk

Amateur Status Protection – Guidelines for Golf Scholarships and Bursaries

Introduction

The definition of an amateur golfer provides as follows:

“An amateur golfer is one who plays the game as a non-remunerative and non-profit-making sport and who does not receive remuneration for teaching golf or for other activities because of golf skill or reputation, except as provided in the Rules.”

The Rules of Amateur Status cover acts which would cause an amateur golfer to breach the above Definition, thereby causing forfeiture of Amateur Status.

Rule 6-5 of the Rules of Amateur Status concerns the acceptance of grants, scholarships and bursaries and states as follows:

“An amateur golfer of golf skill and reputation must not accept the benefits of a grant, scholarship or bursary, except one whose terms and conditions have been approved by the Governing Body.”

The Governing Body in Great Britain and Ireland is The R&A. The Amateur Status Committee of The R&A has established the following guidelines in order to assist those who wish to donate a scholarship or a bursary, or establish such a fund, and for those who wish to accept the benefit of a scholarship or bursary while attending an educational establishment (i.e. School, College or University).

Academic Scholarships or Bursaries

Scholarships or bursaries awarded purely on academic ability do not require the approval of the Amateur Status Committee of The R&A. Acceptance of such a scholarship or bursary is not a breach of the Rules of Amateur Status.

Golf Related Scholarships or Bursaries

The Amateur Status Committee of The R&A must approve all scholarships or bursaries awarded in Great Britain and Ireland where golf skill is a factor in the selection process for such an award. Acceptance of a golf scholarship or bursary which has not been approved may constitute a breach of Rule 6-5 of the Rules of Amateur Status.

Approval of Golf Scholarships or Bursaries

Any donor or individual who wishes to receive approval of a golf scholarship or bursary, or any individual who wishes to know if a golf scholarship or bursary has been approved, should write (giving full details of the scholarship or bursary concerned) to:

Amateur Status Committee
R&A Rules Limited
Beach House, Golf Place
St Andrews, Fife,
Scotland, KY16 9JA

Amateur Status Protection cont...

Procedural Criteria for Approval of Golf Scholarships or Bursaries

In order for a golf scholarship or bursary to be approved by the Amateur Status Committee of The R&A, the procedure for payment of the fund must meet the following criteria:

- (i) if the fund is not created by the educational establishment concerned, it must be paid in the first instance to the educational establishment; and
- (ii) the scholar or bursar may only receive the money directly or indirectly through the educational establishment.

Permitted Purposes of Golf Scholarships or Bursaries

A golf scholarship or bursary may be used for the following purposes:

- (i) for educational purposes, including tuition fees, books, room and board;
- (ii) costs of coaching (including coaching fees and travel and living expenses);
- (iii) golf equipment;
- (iv) Golf Club subscriptions; and
- (v) travel, living costs and caddie fees at individual or team University, College or School events.

A golf scholarship or bursary may not be used for travel, living costs and caddie fees at non-University, non-College or non-School individual or team events, except in accordance with Rule 4-2.

Golf Scholarships in the United States of America

It is current policy of the Amateur Status Committee of The R&A to permit amateur golfers to accept golf scholarships at Universities or Colleges in the USA, provided they comply with the United States Golf Association's Rules of Amateur Status. The USGA's Rules permit a scholarship or grant-in-aid to be accepted if it accords with the regulations of the National Collegiate Athletic Association or the Association of Inter-Collegiate Athletics for Women. Separate approval from the Amateur Status Committee of The R&A is not required.

In general terms, a University or College in the USA may provide a student attending the institution on a golf scholarship with financial assistance that may include tuition, room and board, required course-related books and incidental fees (i.e. essentially everything a student would normally pay at such institution).

A University or College may not pay for:

- (i) fees for services offered on an optional basis (e.g. health insurance);
- (ii) fees for non-University or non-College costs (e.g. costs of typing reports); and
- (iii) fees and related expenses for prospective students unless such benefits generally conform to the University or the College policy for other students receiving financial aid.

Amateur Status Protection cont...

Note 1:

An amateur golfer, normally a resident of Great Britain or Ireland, who accepts a scholarship in the USA under the USGA Rules of Amateur Status, is permitted to play in amateur or open events in Great Britain and Ireland or elsewhere during vacations.

Note 2:

The following are other restrictions under the Rules of Amateur Status placed on an amateur golfer accepting a scholarship in the USA:

- (i) If travelling to play in amateur events in Great Britain or Ireland or elsewhere he must not accept free transport to or from Great Britain or Ireland or elsewhere at the beginning or end of his University or College course or during vacations.
- (ii) He must on no account enter into any contract to become a professional golfer at the end of his University or College course (Rule 2-1).
- (iii) He must comply with the Rules of Amateur Status applicable to both the country where he is playing and the country in which he resides.

For further information or advice,
please contact:

The Amateur Status Committee,
R&A Rules Limited,
Beach House, Golf Place,
St Andrews, Fife,
Scotland, KY16 9JA

Telephone:
01334 460000

Fax:
01334 460001

The R&A is golf's world rules and development body and organiser of The Open Championship. It operates with the consent of more than 125 national and international, amateur and professional organisations, from over 110 countries and on behalf of an estimated 28 million golfers in Europe, Africa, Asia Pacific and The Americas (outside the USA and Mexico). The United States Golf Association (USGA) is the game's governing body in the United States and Mexico.

3 Studying at an American University

The following section aims to provide an overview of what opportunities are available to students wishing to study in America.

Applying to an American University

There are over 3,000 institutions in America with in excess of 600 programmes that offer a liberal arts education of variety, flexibility and academic quality. More than 1,200 of these institutions have competitive golf programmes for men and women and many schools offer golf scholarships to accomplished players.

The Educational Advisory Service (EAS) of The US-UK Fulbright Commission, funded by the American Government, aims to help students make informed decisions from the wealth of choice before them and is the primary source of information in the UK on US education.

The EAS is open to the public from 1.30pm to 7pm on Mondays and 1.30pm to 5pm Tuesday to Friday. The resource centre contains guides on US colleges and universities, undergraduate study, US university prospectuses, test preparation materials and software all for reference use.

Telephone enquiries are taken during opening hours. Requests for information must include a stamped self-addressed envelope (A4) and be sent to the address detailed on the next page. Individual advising appointments are available for students for essay reviews.

The Annual College Day provides an excellent opportunity for prospective undergraduates to meet with US admissions officers, faculty and graduates and to find out more about US education. Over 100 US colleges and universities are represented.

www.fulbright.co.uk includes detailed information about The Fulbright Commission, EAS services and publications.

Resources for reference use only on sports scholarships and golf available at EAS:

Ping. American College Golf Guide

Sports Scholarships and College Athletic Programs

The Athletic Recruiting & Scholarship Guide

NCAA Division 1 Manual

Winning Athletic Scholarships

The Student Athlete's Handbook

Everything You Need too Know about College Sports Recruiting

Applying to an American University cont...

Other Resources:

Registration forms for admissions tests.

Send a large SAE with 49p postage, stating which forms you require (or collect in person).

A Few Things to Know Before You Go.

A pre-departure guide, published by EAS at £5.00 plus a £1.00 handling charge.

Uni in the USA:

The UK Guide to US Universities. A guide to a selection of US universities at £12.99 plus a £2.01 handling charge.

Information sheets on athletic scholarships, gap year opportunities, US colleges in the UK and temporary work exchange schemes.

US Educational Advisory Service
The Fulbright Commission
Fulbright House
62 Doughty Street
London, WC1N 2JZ

Telephone:
0207 4046994

E-mail:
education@fulbright.co.uk

Website:
www.fulbright.co.uk/eas

Consultancy

There are also a number of companies that act as consultants to help find scholarship opportunities in American universities. They can offer advice about the individual colleges, the costs involved and can also offer advice about entrance exams, academic ability and everything else you need including visas and insurance. Many of these consultants can be found over the Internet, however please note there may be a cost to use their services.

Alternatively you can contact the EGU and ELGA to obtain advice on playing opportunities at county and national level in England and how this can fit in with your educational aspirations.

Pros and Cons of studying in America

The following comments are a collection of experiences from golfers that have previously studied at an American University. This list is in no way definitive and is not intended to be bias in any way. Please treat the information as advice in addition to contacting the appropriate bodies.

Pros	Cons
Studying overseas is a fantastic life experience.	You are a long way from home, living in a foreign country with a different culture.
A full golf scholarship can give you the opportunity to complete further education without debt, although the extent of funding will vary.	Usually, you have to fund your own flights to and from home, which can be expensive.
The opportunity to make a full time commitment to golf for the duration of your studies.	Coaching techniques and attitudes can be very different. Try to find out as much as you can about coaching programmes and styles before you select a University or College.
Year round competitive opportunity with extensive travel.	A busy golf programme means that you miss lectures and have to work hard to catch up with study notes etc.
Excellent choice and quality of facilities available throughout the year.	Depending on your coach, training can be very intensive and demanding.
Earning a degree.	You have to study core subjects – English, Maths, a foreign language, religion as well as your specialist subject.
Climate.	Certain parts of the country experience hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes, extreme temperatures (hot and cold) and humidity.
Expert advice and support with fitness, psychology, nutrition and coaching.	Healthcare can be very expensive – ask if this is included in your scholarship.
Good food and accommodation. This will vary from place to place, generally the standards of student food and accommodation, particularly for scholarship athletes are very good. Some scholarships will provide a monthly allowance for rent and food if you decide to move off campus.	“Freshmen 14” is used to describe the 14lbs that students gain in their first year – so don’t overdo it! Transport to golf clubs can be difficult without a car, although you can arrange lifts with team mates or coaches.
Ongoing support for further education beyond your degree. Athletes can apply for coaching assistantships to fund Masters degrees or further studies.	Staying in America after you have completed your degree can be difficult. If you want to work you have to apply for a visa and the process is very complicated.

Ping American College Golf Guide

The PING Guide contains information for junior golfers who want to continue their golf career at the collegiate level. It includes information on every scholarship and non-scholarship golf program in the U.S. (more than 1,200 colleges and community colleges), and it answers the questions facing college students on subjects including:

- Taking advantage of the numerous opportunities for both men and women to play college golf
- Understanding recruiting guidelines, entrance and eligibility requirements, letters of intent and scholarships
- Maximising your exposure to college coaches
- Qualifying for financial aid
- Handling interviews and meetings with coaches
- Preparing to enjoy your college golf experience no matter what level of competition you seek

For further information contact:

PING American College Golf Guide
Dean Frischknecht Publishing
P.O. Box 1179
Hillsboro
Oregon
United States OR 97123

Telephone:
(503) 648 -1333

Email:
info@collegegolf.com

Website:
www.collegegolf.com

4 Careers in Golf & Player Development

There are many exciting and diverse career paths within golf and the following section is a starting point for anyone wishing to find out more information on working within the golfing industry.



Organisations & Bodies within the Golf Industry

The contact details within Part 4 provide a brief outline of organisations within golf and the information allows you to get in contact with them to obtain further details of opportunities that are available, which may include:

- Caddy
- Course Manager or Green-keeper
- Golf Club Secretary
- Golf Course Designer, Architect or Builder
- Golf Equipment Manufacturer (design, production, marketing, representative)
- Golf Facility Manager
- Head Professional or Assistant Professional
- Health & Fitness Trainer
- National Governing Bodies (International, National, Regional or County)
- Other Golfing Bodies
- Player Management
- Retail Golf Shop Manager or Salesperson
- Rules Official
- Sport Nutritionist
- Sports Physiologist
- Sports Psychologist
- Teaching Professional
- Tournament Director
- Tour player

Association of Golf Club Secretaries (AGCS)

Role/remit of organisation:

The AGCS supports more than 2,500 Golf Secretaries (Managers) and their golf clubs through a network incorporating a National Head Office in Weston-Super-Mare and 17 Regional Secretaries spread throughout the UK. The Association provides an information service, training courses/seminars, regional networking structures and meetings.

Training and/or courses offered by the organisation:

- Residential 4 day courses for newly appointed or potential secretaries/managers
- Day seminars
- National conference

Further information/contact details:

Telephone:
01934 641166

E-mail:
hq@agcs.org.uk

Website:
www.agcs.org.uk

Address:
7A Beaconsfield Road
Weston-Super-Mare
North Somerset, BS23 1YE

British & International Golf Greenkeepers Association (BIGGA)

Role/remit of organisation:

BIGGA provides information on careers in golf greenkeeping and golf course management, including gaining qualifications and providing for training needs.

Further information/contact details:

Telephone:
01347 833800

E-mail:
ken@bigga.co.uk

Website:
www.bigga.org.uk

Address:
BIGGA House
Aldwark
Alne
York, YO61 1UF

British Golf Industry Association (BGIA)

Role/remit of organisation:

The British Golf Industry Association is a trade association that operates on behalf of manufacturers, distributors and wholesalers of golf equipment.

Further information/contact details:

Telephone:
02476 417141

E-mail:
bgia@sportsandplay.com

Website:
www.bgia.org.uk

Address:
British Golf Industry Association
Federation House
Stoneleigh Park
Warwickshire, CV8 2RF



Caddie Connect

Role/remit of organisation:

Caddie Connect is a unique training programme based on the training given to the caddies who work at St Andrews Links. It was developed by St Andrews Links Caddie Manager, Rick Mackenzie in conjunction with Elmwood College, and leads to the first accredited qualification in caddying, known as the St Andrews Standard. Caddie Connect includes the traditional aspects of caddying and the skills needed to meet the expectations of today's golfers.

Further information/contact details:

Telephone:
01334 466666
Website:
www.caddieconnect.com
Address:
Caddie Connect
St Andrews, Links Trust
Pilmour House
St Andrews, KY16 9SF

College Prospects of America (UK)

Role/remit of organisation:

College Prospects of America (CPOA) is the largest sports placement company in the US with branches in the UK, Australia and South Africa. CPOA can help young people find scholarship opportunities in American universities.

Further information/contact details:

Telephone:
01582 712364
E-mail:
marva@cpoauk.com
Website:
www.cpoauk.com
Address:
5 Manland Avenue
Harpenden
Hertfordshire, AL5 4RE

English Golf Union (EGU)

Role/remit of organisation:

The EGU has served as the governing body of male amateur golf in England since it was founded in 1924. The EGU is one of the largest sports governing bodies in England looking after the interests of over 1,900 golf clubs and 740,000 club members. It is a non-profit organisation run for the benefit of the game and its players.

Further information/contact details:

Telephone:
01526 354500
E-mail:
info@englishgolfunion.org
Website:
www.englishgolfunion.org
Address:
The National Golf Centre
The Broadway
Woodhall Spa
Lincolnshire, LN10 6PU

English Ladies' Golf Association (ELGA)

Role/remit of organisation:

The ELGA is the governing body for ladies' amateur golf and was formed in 1952. There are over 1,780 ladies' sections of golf clubs affiliated to the Association in England, resulting in a membership of over 135,000. The work of the Association is very varied but its overall objective is to further the interest of women's golf in England.

Further information/contact details:

Telephone:
0121 4562088
E-mail:
office@englishladiesgolf.org
Website:
www.englishladiesgolf.org
Address:
Edgbaston Golf Club
Church Road
Birmingham, B15 3TB

European Institute of Golf Course Architects (EIGCA)

Role/remit of organisation:

The European Institute of Golf Course Architects (EIGCA) represents the vast majority of qualified and experienced golf course architects throughout Europe. EIGCA's goals include enhancing the professional status of the profession, developing the role of education and increasing the opportunities for its members to practice in countries throughout the world.

Type of job roles within the organisation:

- Golf course architects

Any specific qualifications/experience required for working within the organisation:

- Candidates applying for a place on the Diploma course come from a variety of backgrounds, often with relevant degrees

Training and/or courses offered by the organisation:

- 2-year part time post-graduate Diploma in Golf Course Architecture, which commences bi-annually. The principal aim of the course is to teach the fundamental skills and knowledge required for a career in golf course architecture. It may also appeal to individuals pursuing an interest in the subject

Further information/contact details:

Telephone:
01428 681528

E-mail:
info@eigca.org

Website:
www.eigca.org

Address:
EIGCA
Chiddingfold Golf Club
Petworth Road
Chiddingfold
Surrey, GU8 4SL

Golf Foundation

Role/remit of organisation:

The Golf Foundation is a registered charity established to develop and promote junior golf throughout the British Isles (Charity number 285917).

Further information/contact details:

Telephone:
01920 876200

E-mail:
development@golf-foundation.org

Website:
www.golf-foundation.org

Address:
Foundation House
The Spinney
Hoddesden Road
Stanstead Abbots
Hertfordshire, SG12 8GF

Institute of Groundsmanship (IOG)

Role/remit of organisation:

The Institute is a professional membership organisation representing all those involved in groundsmanship, green keeping, horticulture, landscaping, turf culture and amenity management. The Institute offers numerous training courses for Groundsmen.

Further information/contact details:

Telephone:
01908 312511

E-mail:
iog@iog.org

Website:
www.iog.org

Address:
28 Stratford Office Village
Walker Avenue
Wolverton Mill East
Milton Keynes, MK12 5TW

Ladies European Tour

Role/remit of organisation:

The Ladies European Tour was founded to further the development of women's professional golf throughout Europe and its membership is open to all nationalities. A qualifying school is held annually and any amateur wishing to participate must be 18 years of age and have a handicap of 3 or less.

Further information/contact details:

Position of Contact:
Membership Services Manager

Telephone:
01625 611444

E-mail:
mail@ladieseuropeantour.com

Website:
www.ladieseuropeantour.com

Address:
Ladies European Tour
The Old Hall
Dorchester Way
Macclesfield, SK10 2LQ

PGA European Tour (The)

Role/remit of organisation:

A Qualifying School for potential new members takes place annually; to become a member a player must possess certain minimum standards of playing ability. The leading players are awarded cards allowing them to compete in PGA European Tour tournaments.

Further information/contact details:

Telephone:
01344 840400

E-mail:
info@europeantour.com

Website:
www.europeantour.com

Address:
PGA Building
Wentworth Drive
Virginia Water
Surrey, GU25 4LX

Professional Golfers' Association (PGA)

Role/remit of organisation:

The affairs of the Association are wide and diverse. These include the training and further education of assistants and members, membership services and the organisation of tournaments at national and international level. The organisation also serves as the administrative base for membership records, accounts, marketing and the commercial activities of the Association.

Type of job roles within the organisation:

- Golf Professionals
- Tournament Directors & Referees
- Tutors in a range of different disciplines
- Director(s) of golf
- Academic staff – teachers
- Executives
- Managers
- Administration staff
- Marketing and commercial
- Membership

Any specific qualifications/experience required for working within the organisation:

- PGA Membership required for certain job roles
- First degree and masters (advantageous) degree for academic subjects
- Subject specific knowledge/experience in rules and tournament organisation
- Business management
- Equipment technology
- Golf swing and sport science

Training and/or courses offered by the organisation:

- Foundation degree
- Full time degree in Golf Management studies
- Coaching education courses
- CPD programmes in all areas
- Advanced programme in different disciplines

Further information/contact details:

Position of Contact:
Training Manager

Telephone:
01675 470333

E-mail:
training@pga.org.uk

Website:
www.pga.info

Address:
PGA
National Training Academy
Ping House
The De Vere Belfry
Sutton Coldfield, B76 9PW

Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews (R&A)

Role/remit of organisation:

The R&A is golf's world rules and development body and organiser of The Open Championship. It operates with the consent of more than 125 national and international, amateur and professional organisations, from over 110 countries and on behalf of an estimated 28 million golfers in Europe, Africa, Asia Pacific and The Americas (outside the USA and Mexico). The United States Golf Association (USGA) is the game's governing body in the United States and Mexico.

Particular emphasis is placed on the encouragement of junior golf, on the development of the game in emerging golfing nations, on coaching and the provision of open-to-all courses and

practice facilities. The R&A also provides best practice guidance on all aspects of golf course management, with specific reference to ecological and conservation issues, to help the growth of the game in a commercially and environmentally sustainable way.

Further information/contact details:

Telephone:
(0)1334 460000

Website:
www.randa.org

Address:
St Andrews
Fife
Scotland, KY16 9JD

Sport England

Role/remit of organisation:

Sport England is an organisation committed to creating opportunities for people to start, stay and succeed in sport. Sport England promote and invest in sport and are responsible for delivering the Government's sporting objectives.

Further information/contact details:

Telephone:
08458 508 508

E-mail:
info@sportengland.org

Website:
www.sportengland.org

Address:
3rd Floor Victoria House
Bloomsbury Square
London, WC1B 4SE

Sports Turf Research Institute (STRI)

Role/remit of organisation:

STRI is the independent market leader in turfgrass research and agronomy. It is the UK's national centre for consultancy in Sports and Amenity Turf and a recognised world centre for research. STRI also run specialist training days at Bingley.

Type of job roles within the organisation:

- Turfgrass agronomists
- Golf course ecology
- Golf course architects
- Construction specialists
- Laboratory technicians
- Grass cultivators
- Soil chemistry
- Sports surface science

Any specific qualifications/experience required for working within the organisation:

- Relevant degree in science related subject or higher qualification
- Golf course management experience
- Related research experience

Training and/or courses offered by the organisation:

- Turf management training
- Maintenance for golf courses
- Golf course design and construction
- Golf course ecology
- Training for Golf Club Secretaries and Chairman of Green
- Golf course irrigation

Further information/contact details:

Position of Contact:
Head of External Affairs

Telephone:
01274 565131

E-mail:
info@stri.co.uk

Website:
www.stri.co.uk

Address:
STRI
St Ives Estate
Bingley
West Yorkshire, BD16 1AU

There are also equivalent National Governing Bodies in Ireland, Scotland & Wales

How to become a PGA Professional

When considering a career in professional golf please note the following:

Forfeiture of Amateur Status

The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews governs all aspects of amateur golf in Britain and lays down very clear rules on the forfeiture of amateur status. These are fully explained in the last chapter of the R&A 'Rules of Golf' booklet.

Making enquiries, seeking advice, approaching the PGA or one of its members for information will not affect your amateur status. The PGA has experienced staff at its headquarters and in each of its regions, who will be happy to discuss any queries.

In broad terms, applying for a position with a golf professional and even working for a golf professional need not jeopardise an individual's amateur status. However, registering with the PGA as an Assistant Professional or becoming involved in playing or teaching golf for financial reward certainly does violate the Rules of Amateur Status.

Registering onto the Foundation Degree Programme

This programme has been designed to meet the developing needs of the professional golfer in all aspects of the profession including sport science, coaching and managing a business. An Admission Review Programme takes place over two days at the National Training Academy based at the De Vere Belfry. The programme provides the opportunity to assess the suitability of potential students to enter the profession, testing their commitment to the PGA, its values and philosophy. It will also provide potential students with an understanding of career opportunities within the profession.

When applicants apply for the programme they are required to successfully complete a playing ability test, which is held over 36 holes to a defined national standard (exempt if scratch handicap is held when applicants apply for the programme).

For further information on eligibility, qualifications and dates for the Foundation Degree Programme contact:

PGA National Training Academy

Telephone:
01675 470333

E-mail:
training@pga.org.uk

Website:
www.pga.info/professional

How to become a PGA Professional cont...

BA (Hons) Applied Golf Management Studies

The University of Birmingham and the PGA have teamed up to offer a unique degree combining applied academic and theoretical aspects of sports management and science related to golf, with vocational aspects of the game. The three-year full-time programme leads to an Honours Degree and (on achieving the required standards) PGA Professional Status at the end of the course.

What can the Degree offer?

- Access to top academic and sports facilities at the University of Birmingham and the PGA Training Academy at The Belfry
- Opportunities for sports scholarships from the University and from the R&A
- The opportunity to gain PGA status by successfully completing three placements in golf settings (summer vacation in years one and two, and spring semester placement in year three)

Specialist sports science, golf lecturers and researchers teach the degree from both the University and the PGA.

For further information on this course contact:

Programme Leader

Telephone:
0121 4143344

Website:
www.undergraduate.bham.ac.uk/
programmes/golf.htm

or contact:
Training Executive – PGA

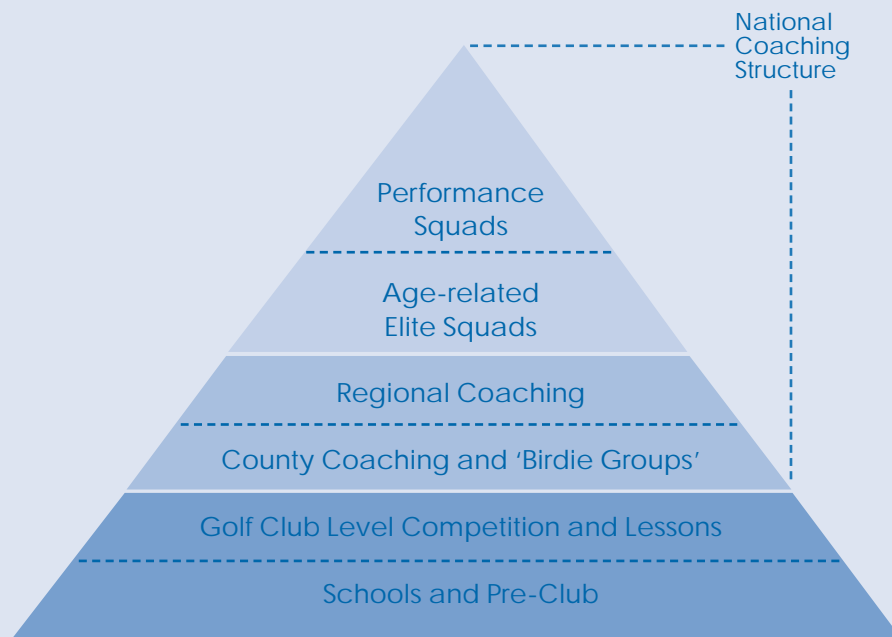
Telephone:
01675 470333

The Player Pathway

The following information is intended to provide a basic overview of the coaching and playing opportunities within England from schools to national squads. No matter what your aspirations are within the game, whether you are a budding Tiger Woods or simply want to know what is available and who to contact, there are many opportunities at club, county and national level.

There is more than one way to achieve your goal!

For more details, advice and to find out how you can benefit, it is important to contact the appropriate bodies identified within each area.



The Player Pathway cont...

STEP 1: Schools & Pre-Club

The Golf Foundation is a registered charity established to develop and promote junior golf throughout the British Isles (Charity number 285917). It achieves this by providing support for golf sessions at schools (using adapted equipment called Tri-Golf) so that young people are given a first introduction to golf. For youngsters interested in taking up golf then a great place to start is at an official 'Junior Golf Starter Centre'. These are facilities or organisations that run starter courses for beginners at little or no cost.

Driving ranges and pitch and putt courses are also a great place to practice especially when you are a beginner, as they allow you to practice a range of shots, have lessons and above all have fun. There are also county and national competitions for junior golfers as young as under 6 years and you don't have to be a golf club member with a handicap to enter.

Remember ultimately it is about having fun and making sure you enjoy your golf!

For details of golfing opportunities at schools and Starter Centres go to www.golf-foundation.org or telephone 01920 876200.

STEP 2: The Golf Club

There are over 1,920 golf courses in England affiliated to the EGU/ELGA that will suit players of all abilities. The majority of courses provide a practice area such as a practice ground and putting green. Many clubs also provide leisure/social amenities where the whole family can relax before or after a round of golf.

Joining a golf club may seem daunting, but with the EGU and ELGA's assistance you are able to identify which clubs in your area have junior/adult vacancies, through the membership vacancies database. The EGU/ELGA support golf clubs with a number of junior development programmes, including funding opportunities. The GolfMark award identifies junior and beginner friendly golf clubs and is an important consideration when looking for appropriate membership.

Once in golf club membership it is important that you have access to structured coaching and regular competitions in order to develop and reduce your handicap. Most golf clubs are asked to put forward the names of talented youngsters who they think could benefit from county coaching on a yearly basis.

For a list of all EGU/ELGA affiliated golf clubs go to www.englishgolfunion.org or www.englishladiesgolf.org – information on clubs that have been awarded GolfMark status, run other development programmes and have membership vacancies will also be available. In addition golf clubs that offer taster sessions and have vacancies can be found at www.getintogolf.org

The Player Pathway cont...

STEP 3: County Level (Union & Association)

There are 34 men's County Golf Unions in England and 35 ladies County Golf Associations that support the development of golf at county level. The majority of unions and associations run junior and adult competitions and select teams to represent the county in county leagues, including junior, youth, second and first teams. As part of a team you are likely to get access to regular coaching from county coaches to help improve your game (some counties have under 12's coaching). As well as counties asking golf clubs to put forward the names of talented youngsters to be considered for coaching and team selection, many counties have trial or talent identification days.

ELGA runs Birdie groups at venues throughout England. These are for 10 to 13 year old girls with a handicap in the low 20s or better and are by invitation. The County Junior Organiser will put your name forward for selection if you meet the criteria.

By representing your county in team events and by playing in individual competitions at county level it will help you to get spotted by England selectors and potentially you may get asked to attend regional or national coaching.

For a list of County Unions and Associations go to www.englishgolfunion.org or www.englishladiesgolf.org or telephone 01526 354500.

STEP 4: Regional Level

There are regional coaching squads across England forming the first rung of the National Coaching ladder. The regional squads bring together the cream of junior golf at county level for more advanced coaching and tournament preparation. Competition for places is very tough with the standard very high. A low single figure handicap and proven tournament results are required to be picked for these squads.

For details on regional coaching contact the EGU (male) on www.englishgolfunion.org or telephone 01526 354500 or contact ELGA (female) on www.englishladiesgolf.org or telephone 0121 456 2088.

STEP 5: National Level (amateur)

The EGU and ELGA national coaching programmes select and train squads by age group, from under 16 to elite squad level. The standard is extremely demanding. EGU elite squad players usually hold handicaps from +3 to +5 and ELGA elite players from +1 to +3.

Performances in the major amateur tournaments are carefully monitored by the England Selectors and form the primary basis for squad and team selection.

The Player Pathway cont...

Other factors include recommendations from county and regional coaches, outstanding handicap achievement, squad trials and guidance from national and regional orders of merit. National competitions for junior golfers run by the EGU And ELGA include the Reid Trophy (Under 14), McGregor Trophy (Under 16) and Carris Trophy (Under 18) for boys and Under 13, Under 14 and English Girls Championships. Please refer to the EGU and ELGA websites for a full national fixture list.

For details on national coaching squads contact the EGU (male) on www.englishgolfunion.org or telephone 01526 354500 or contact ELGA (female) on www.englishladiesgolf.org or telephone 0121 456 2088.

STEP 6: Professional Level

It is the dream of most young golfers (and adults too!) to become a professional, play on the European Tour and compete on the world stage with some of the greatest players in the game. Only a fraction of amateurs actually make it as the competition and standard of players continues to rise year on year. To qualify to play on the European Tour you will need to enter the qualifying school having reduced your handicap to scratch or ideally even better. Depending on your success you could earn an exemption on either the main European Tour or European Challenge Tour.

Players that have experience of the EGU/ELGA performance squads have been given advice and training on how to deal with the realities of being a professional golfer, but nothing can fully prepare you for the adventures ahead. English players such as Lee Westwood, Justin Rose and Nick Dougherty came through the national coaching squads whereas other players such as Luke Donald played for England but studied in America.

As well as advice from the EGU and ELGA to elite amateur players, there are a number of management companies that support golfers (and other elite sports men and women) when they turn professional and guide them on various issues relevant to life on tour.

You can also follow a career as a PGA Club Professional by registering on the Foundation Degree Programme or the BA (Hons) Applied Golf Management Studies. Information on this can be found on page 84.

For details on the PGA European Tour contact www.europeantour.com or telephone 01344 840400 or to become a PGA Club Professional contact the PGA at www.pga.info or telephone 01675 470333

What is The England Golf Partnership? (EGP)



Under the umbrella of the England Golf Partnership, the EGU, ELGA, PGA, together with the support of the Golf Foundation and Sport England have come together to produce a 'Whole Sport Plan' for golf 2005 to 2009' which follows directly on from the 'Vision for English Golf', published in October 2004.

The three underlying and important principles are:

1. Plan for the 'Whole' game: The plan has been developed by the game and represents a fully costed framework for the development of golf in England over the next four years. It provides a blueprint for organisations and individuals within golf and outside the sport who are totally committed to the game at local and national levels.
2. Golfer Centred: The focus of the plan is centred on the golfer and not any one organisation, setting out a clear player pathway, based on newly emerging Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) principles. This assesses individual golfer needs whatever age (5 to 75 years) or standard (beginner to tour pro), regardless of whatever he or she is looking to 'start, stay or succeed' in golf.
3. Funding: For the first time ever, the plan represents one clear and succinct investment proposal for all potential financial backers of the game in this country. Its target audience is wide ranging from the corporate and commercial sectors, government departments, governing bodies and associations to golf clubs and individual golfers.

Golf in England is one of the countries top 10 sports and on the up, however the partnership aims to continue to grow the game and become the worlds leading golfing nation. The first ever player pathway in golf is made up of the three main areas of START, STAY and SUCCEED and along with a number of underpinning programmes will provide a firm foundation on which to develop, maintain and grow the game.

For more information on the EGP please contact any of the partners.

What is Long Term Athlete Development? (LTAD)

What is Long Term Athlete Development?

Youngsters must be adequately prepared for a life in sport (many people enjoy working hard to improve, even without aspirations to be elite performers). LTAD provides a model to work from. The LTAD approach is designed to help prepare players to reach elite levels, but is equally valid for a healthy lifelong participation in sport.

LTAD is the brainchild of Dr Istvan Balyi, a former Hungarian athletics coach and no sports scientist from the University of Victoria in Canada. Dr Balyi suggests that our current conception of player or athlete development owes more to luck than design. His contention is that elite sportspeople emerge from the confusion of development pathways by 'happy accident' and then our elite performer programmes attempt to mould this talent into world-class performance.

Having conducted a significant review of relevant sports science literature Balyi published his findings in 2001 and suggested that this model should be over hauled and proposed the Long Term model of Athlete Development. This endeavoured to provide young sportspeople with a developmental framework which was 'Athlete Centred', catering for their individual needs at each stage of physical, emotional and social development.

The LTAD concept has been adopted by a number of countries throughout the world and is outlined as a core strand of the government agenda for the development for sport.

Over playing

Research has shown that young people compete too much and practice too little. Given that it takes approximately 10,000 hours of deliberate practice to become excellent at anything, young players should focus on the preparation for excellent performance at the right time in their development rather than focusing on competing and playing.

Furthermore young people who often have a difficult time juggling their schooling, their sporting lives and their leisure time, find themselves in the ever more difficult position of juggling these elements with the demands placed on them to represent the variety of teams or clubs that they may be involved with. Players often find themselves playing in club, county, representative and school teams, which can place an intolerable burden on their lives and the lives of their parents .

Selection

Selection is currently based on a player's chronological age. This can have a negative effect as children develop at different rates but are expected to compete against each other. The more physically developed may find performance too easy and not develop as far as they should while the underdeveloped youngster may struggle to compete, become disillusioned and ultimately drop out.

Another area of concern is the current practice of selection based on performance. A number of researchers have questioned the process of basing selection on what a child can do now rather than what they may be able to achieve in the future.

What is Long Term Athlete Development? (LTAD) cont...

Specialisation

Talented players are often encouraged to engage in one sport too early, moreover young players with potential are often required to make considerable sacrifices to pursue their sporting endeavours. If this process begins too early then many players can become disillusioned with the sport and 'burn out'. In addition these young people who are often going through considerable physical and psychological changes are asked to make important decisions as to their sporting futures and give a disproportionate amount of their time, effort and commitment to this one area of their lives. The wisdom of making these demands on young people during this critical phase in their development must be brought into question.

Research has also suggested that premature involvement in organised competitive sports can be counter-productive for the development of a child's potential. Some studies have shown that before the age of 10 children equate effort with ability, they think that if they try hard they will achieve success. However between the ages of 10 and 13 children begin to develop an acute sense of their social hierarchy and develop a sense of their own ability based on this awareness. To this end children who engage in overly competitive sports too early can develop a sense that they will not achieve success as they equate their own ability against other individuals who may be more developed physically or have acquired greater skills.

Trainability

Balyi contends that without the proper development of movement and physical capacities, which he calls 'Physical Literacy' at an early stage, players will be limited in achieving their potential due to the constraints imposed by their underdeveloped physical capacities.

LTAD research has specified a number of 'windows of trainability' that are mapped against the developmental age of the individual. These windows specify when a young person can best develop certain physical capacities as they grow, mature and ultimately emerge as young sportsmen and women. The argument therefore is that golfers who ignore physical training opportunities and attempt to retrospectively develop the physical capacities required for elite performance will be 'playing catch up' (as happens currently with a number of sports elite programmes), however the research outlines that the developmental gains would be at best limited and would require considerable time and effort and resources. Therefore without the appropriate physical training programmes implemented at the correct time according to a player's development, talented golfers will emerge onto the elite pathway under-prepared for the demands they face.

If you would like to know more about the concept of LTAD:

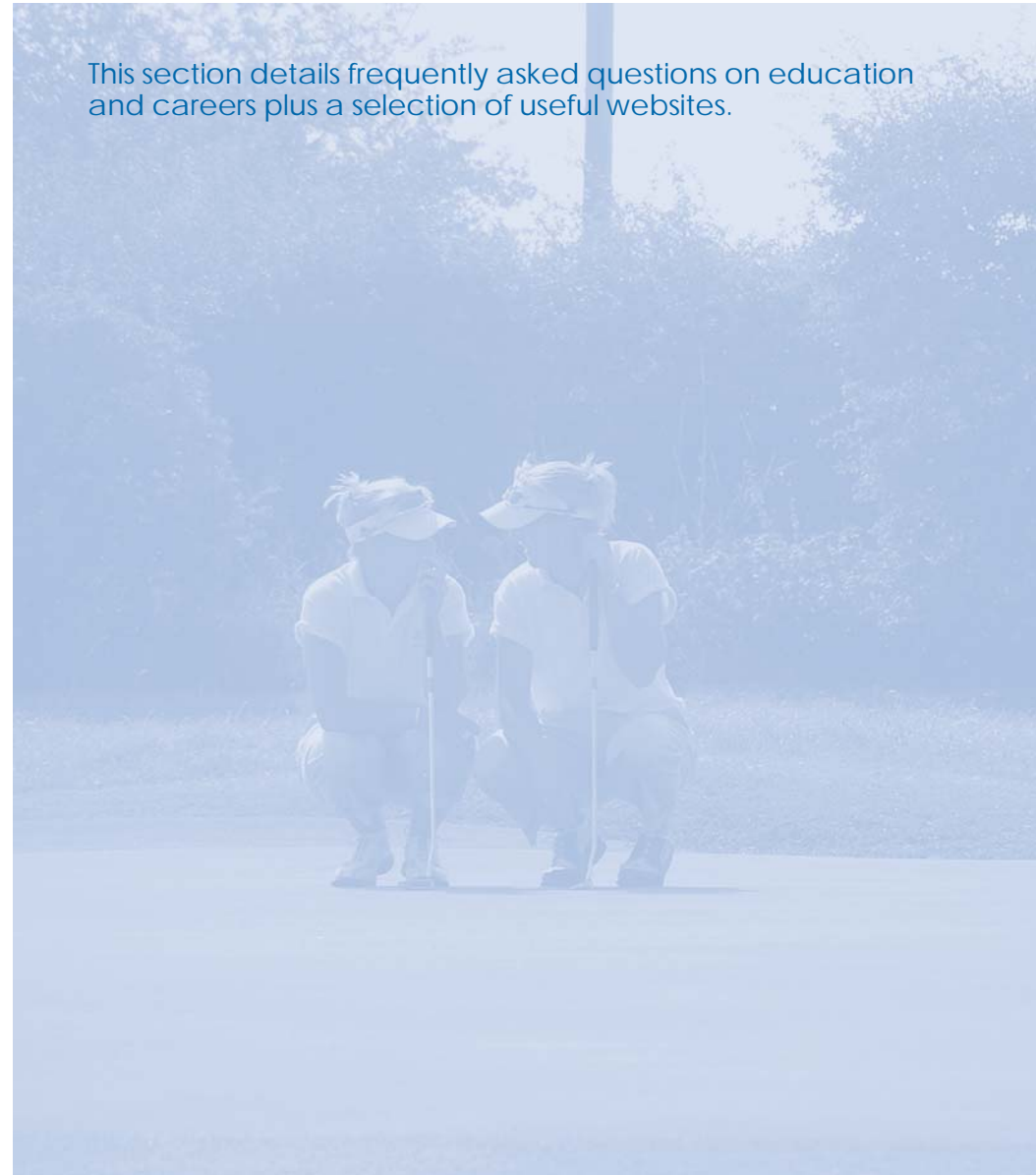
Contact:
Stuart Armstrong – LTAD Project Manager

E-mail:
stuart.Armstrong@englandgolfpartnership.com

The England Golf Partnership (EGP) is currently working in consultation with golf facilities, county bodies, coaches, administrators, players and volunteers in producing an LTAD model for golf. For a copy of the leaflet entitled 'Preparing for a life in sport – Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD)' produced by Sports Coach UK go to www.1st4sport.com

5 Further Information

This section details frequently asked questions on education and careers plus a selection of useful websites.



Frequently Asked Questions

University & College Information

Q1. How do I know which is the right course for me?

When choosing a higher or further education course it is essential to find out as much information as possible regarding the course content, itinerary, qualifications and further education/career opportunities. To coincide with the course it is also important to look at what is available at the institution such as sporting opportunities, facilities and even possible funding assistance. By assessing all the options students are hopefully able to make a well-judged decision. Details of colleges and universities offering golf and sport related courses are found in Part 1 of the booklet.

Q2. I am a keen golfer, how do I know which colleges/universities offer playing opportunities?

Colleges and universities offering golf related courses and bursary/scholarship schemes often have ample playing opportunities for keen golfers. Those institutions that do not have funding opportunities may have opportunities through golf teams and links with local facilities. Details of all colleges/universities can be found in Part 1.

Q3. Are there scholarships available at colleges/universities?

Many colleges and universities run scholarship/bursary schemes for talented students, some are general sports scholarships whereas others are golf specific. Details of all institutions offering scholarships/bursaries can be found in Part 1.

Q4. How can I find out about entry requirements?

For information on specific entry requirements please visit individual college/university websites or alternatively telephone/e-mail the individual contacts listed in Part 1.

Q5. Is this booklet a complete list of all colleges/universities in the UK?

The list in Part 1 is not a complete list and information on other colleges and universities can be found on websites such as www.ucas.ac.uk or www.hero.ac.uk

Q6. How do I find out about the BUSA Golf Championships?

Information about the BUSA Golf Championships can be found at www.busa.org.uk or by contacting the BUSA's Sports Programme Manager – details under BUSA in Part 1.

Q7. Do I need to study a golf specific subject to have a career within the golf industry?

No, although it may be beneficial. There is a diverse range of careers available within the golf industry, see Part 4 for details on these positions. For information on golf related training courses see Part 1.

Frequently Asked Questions cont...

Q8. Why choose higher education?

The EGU/ELGA recommend that golfers try and continue with their education for as long as possible, below are some of the reasons why:

- Many higher education courses provide a vocational programme of study directly related to particular work areas, such as accountancy, business administration, sports science and teaching
- A higher education qualification is an absolute must for initial entry to some careers
- A degree or HND usually improves your chances of obtaining a fulfilling job and your earning potential
- Higher education develops important transferable skills, such as numeracy, communication and information technology, which can give you an edge in the fast-changing world of employment
- You may be at a stage in life when you can study a subject for the sake of personal satisfaction

Q9. I am a talented golfer and thinking of leaving education at 16 years of age?

The EGU/ELGA advise golfers to continue with their education to higher and further level as only a small percentage of talented golfers reach Professional level. It is therefore always essential to have other career options available.

Q10. Whilst studying at University, what opportunities are there to continue playing golf?

Whilst studying at university there are still opportunities for playing golf. Some universities have student golf teams or links with local golfing facilities at discounted rates. To maintain a handicap the EGU/ELGA runs an Associate Membership Programme for non golf club members – see www.englishgolfunion.org for further details. Alternatively your golf club may offer some kind of student package, allowing you to maintain your handicap and still have certain playing opportunities when returning home.

Financial help for Student Golfers

Q1. Where can I find out about funding available to student golfers?

Student golfers may be eligible for college/university sports scholarships or bursaries to assist with their training. This information if not detailed in Part 1 can be found on individual college/university websites. Details of other types of funding can be found in Part 2.

Q2. Is the R&A bursary scheme only open to individuals or is funding available for teams?

The R&A have 2 types of bursary, these are individual bursaries and bursaries awarded by colleges and universities for golf programmes. Information on the R&A Bursary scheme can be found in Part 1 and Part 2, alternatively visit www.randa.org

For information on the 11 universities that award R&A bursaries see Part 1.

Frequently Asked Questions cont...

Q3. I am not part of any county or national squad so am I excluded from receiving financial help?

Financial help can be received from a variety of organisations and bodies, see Part 2, each with their own set of criteria for the funding.

Q4. What specific support can I get from my national governing body?

The EGU and ELGA provide a variety of support to players through funding, coaching, equipment, physiology, psychology and nutrition. For further information contact your governing body – details can be found in Part 2 and Part 5.

Q5. Can I obtain funding for TASS if I am on a national squad?

Contact your national governing body for further information on how you can obtain TASS funding. Information on TASS can be found in Part 4.

Q6. As an individual, can I apply direct for SportsAid funding?

National governing bodies usually apply for SportsAid funding on a player's behalf. Further information on SportsAid can be found in Part 2 or at www.sportsaid.org.uk

Q7. What do I need to do in order to protect my amateur status?

The R&A have guidelines to help students protect their amateur status whilst studying. Details regarding this can be found in Part 2, alternatively contact the R&A.

Studying at an American University

Q1. Who can help me find out information on studying at an American University?

There are numerous consultancies that can provide advice about studying in America. The EGU/ELGA direct students towards the Educational Advisory Service, Fulbright Commission – details in Part 3.

Q2. What are the advantages of studying in America?

There are pros and cons of studying in America, see Part 3 for details compiled by previous students. The EGU/ELGA recommend that you gain as much information, including student experiences, prior to making your decision.

Q3. Should I pay money to a consultancy to help me find a place at an American University?

The Educational Advisory Service provides a variety of resources at no cost – see Part 2. However, there are a number of credible consultancies offering excellent advice that charge for their service.

Q4. Is America the only place to study abroad or can you study elsewhere in the World?

America is usually a popular destination for students, however there are other countries that you can study in.

Q5. Should I go direct to an American University for information?

Just like in the UK, American Universities usually have information available either on their website or in hard copy format. The more information you can obtain to help make the right choice the better.

Frequently Asked Questions cont...

Careers in Golf & Player Development

Q1. How many opportunities are there within the golfing industry?

There are numerous career opportunities available within the golfing industry, a list can be viewed in Part 4.

Q2. How do I become a Professional Golfer?

Details of how to become a professional golfer can be found in Part 4 or by contacting the Professional Golfers' Association www.pga.info for more detailed information.

Q3. How do I know which organisations have employment opportunities?

Dependant upon the vacant position some organisations will advertise locally, others will choose more national or more specialist publications. Alternatively many organisations detail vacancies on their websites.

Q4. What is the difference between a teaching and playing Professional?

Exactly that. A teaching Professional (usually based at a golf club) concentrates on coaching, which can include beginners and/or elite golfers. A playing Professional usually plays golf for a living.

Q5. Is there only one way of progressing to become a talented player?

Governing bodies have their own player pathways see Part 4, however this is not the only option and golfers can choose to go down a different route.

Q6. My son/daughter has great potential, how will he/she get spotted?

There are a number of ways that talented players get identified at club, county and national level. See Part 4 for more information.

Q7. Are there junior development programmes available for youngsters of any age to participate in?

The EGU/ELGA run a National Skills Challenge that allows junior players to participate in seasonal challenges testing their skills on 10 different activities. Details of this Challenge can be found at www.getintogolf.org/skills Other development programmes include 'Junior Golf Passport', run by the Golf Foundation and Young Masters Golf (YMG).

Q8. How do we know whether a golf club offers opportunities for juniors and beginners?

The EGU/ELGA run an accreditation scheme for golf clubs called GolfMark. Golf clubs are assessed on three main areas to see whether they are junior and beginner friendly. For further information on GolfMark and to view which golf clubs are accredited visit www.golfmark.org

Q9. I have heard about LTAD, what does it mean to me?

Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) is a concept that aims to help players prepare for and to reach elite level. Information on LTAD can be found in Part 4.

Q10. How does the England Golf Partnership develop the game in England?

The England Golf Partnership has created a 'Whole Sport Plan' for golf, which is a pathway from beginner to elite level, through a series of programmes called Start, Stay and Succeed. The plan not only benefits players, but also golf facilities and all those involved within golf in England.

Useful Websites

www.bbc.co.uk/academy – BBC Sport Academy
www.britishcollegessport.org – British Colleges Sport
www.busa.org.uk – British Universities Sports Association
www.culture.gov.uk – Department for Culture, Media & Sport
www.dfes.gov.uk – Department for Education & Skills (including Specialist Sports Colleges)
www.englishgolfunion.org – English Golf Union Ltd
www.englishladiesgolf.org – English Ladies' Golf Association
www.englishschoolsgolf.org – English Schools Golf Association
www.fulbright.co.uk – Fulbright Commission (including The US Educational Advisory Service)
www.gui.ie – Golfing Union of Ireland
www.ilgu.ie – Irish Ladies' Golf Union
www.ilam.co.uk – Institute of Leisure & Amenity Management (sports related careers)
www.isrm.co.uk – Institute of Sport & Recreation Management (sports related careers)
www.collegegolf.com – PING American College Golf Guide
www.pga.info – Professional Golfers' Association
www.randa.org – Royal & Ancient
www.scottishgolfunion.org – Scottish Golf Union
www.slga.co.uk – Scottish Ladies' Golfing Association
www.sportsaid.org.uk – SportsAid
www.sportengland.org – Sport England
www.tass.gov.uk – Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme
www.ucas.ac.uk – Universities & Colleges Admissions Service
www.welshgolf.org.uk – Welsh Golfing Union
www.wlgu.org.uk – Welsh Ladies' Golf Union

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