

Competition Framework



Youth Sport Trust



Competition Framework for School Aged Young People

Who is involved

The English Golf Union, the English Ladies Golf Association, The Professional Golfers' Association and the Golf Foundation have co-ordinated this framework in partnership with the English Schools Golf Association. The Golf Foundation as the lead body delivering schools golf development programmes and the England Golf PESSCL strategy is the primary delivery agency with the support of the English Schools Golf Association who provide many competitive opportunities.

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Benefits

The competition framework provides a clear process of systematic competitive opportunities for school aged young people to better enable them to develop as sports people while providing them with quality opportunities to access and participate in the game of golf.

Key Messages

- The Golf competition framework fits into the wider Golf Whole Sport Plan and the 'Vision to 2020'.
- The framework sets out Golf competitions from Key Stage 1-4. The Framework offers a variety of engaging options for all young people including young people with disabilities. (In time a specific disability golf framework will be produced following consultation with key agencies).
- The framework provides an opportunity for School Sport Partnerships, School Sport Associations, County Golf Partnerships, English Schools Golf Association County Representatives and England Golf Regional Development staff to work together to provide opportunities for all.
- Mapped against the National Player Pathway and based on the principles of Long Term Athlete Development it provides young people with different versions of the game appropriate to their physical development and learning needs.

- It provides something new in the 'Golf X-treme' format of the game providing schools with the ability to establish golf courses on the school site and play different versions of the game which are faster and more energetic.
- The framework seeks to support School Sports Partnerships in providing opportunities which are across the partnership rather than based around individual schools competing with one another.

Supporting Resources

- England Golf offer a number of specific training courses for teachers, AOTTs, young leaders and coaches working in Education to support schools Golf. The PGA provide PGA Coaching Courses at level 1 and 2 for people wanting to support coaching in the community setting.
- A Schools Golf Competitions Toolkit will be produced to provide guidance on the running of all competition outlined in the framework.

The Framework

Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2	Key Stage 3/4	Key Stage 4
One-off Festivals incorporating movement skills delivered through a multi skill approach though fun 'Tri-Golf' striking games.	<p>Tri-Golf Festivals as part of a wider multi skill festival.</p> <p>'Golf-X-treme' 6-hole golf on the school site</p> <p>Golf Skills linked to national curriculum through the National Skills Challenge and the Junior Golf Passport.</p>	<p>'Golf-X-treme' 6- hole golf on the school site</p> <p>Golf Skills linked to national curriculum through the National Skills Challenge and the Junior Golf Passport.</p> <p>6 or 9 Hole full course golf at a local PESSCL Club - Individual</p> <p>6 or 9 Hole full course golf at local PESSCL Club – Team matches (Junior Varsity)</p>	<p>'Golf-X-treme' Six hole golf on the school site</p> <p>Golf Skills linked to national curriculum through the National Skills Challenge and the Junior Golf Passport.</p> <p>6 or 9 Hole full course golf at a local PESSCL Club – Individual</p> <p>6 or 9 Hole full course golf at a local PESSCL Club – Team Matches (Junior Varsity)</p> <p>Partnership Wide Golf Festival - McPartlin Trophy Qualifier</p> <p>Regional / National Golf Festival - McPartlin Trophy Finals</p>

Delivery Information

- The Framework provides an opportunity to co-ordinate the delivery of golf competitions for school-aged young people and move away from the previous scenario where schools competitions are provided for players who are already within the talent system and have a full

competitive schedule already.

- The framework enables 2 key LTAD principles:
 - Late specialisation – the framework encourages participation in multiple sports until a late stage and provides a vehicle for late specialisers to engage in the talent system.
 - Periodised Competitive scheduling – the framework does not duplicate competition for the same players. Rather competitive opportunities are tailored to specific stages of development.
- Competition Managers and School Sport Partnerships will be able to find support from County Schools Golf Associations, County Golf Partnerships as well as personnel from within PESSCL clubs to assist in the roll-out of the framework in their locality.
- England Golf Development teams are an integral partner to support this work. A full list of contacts can be obtained from Brendon Pyle – National Manager for Schools and Community.

Changes to the McPartlin Trophy

Outline Proposal

Background

School Sport has been through a revolution in recent years with unprecedented levels of funding being allocated to coordinate and develop sport in schools under the Government's 'Specialist Schools' programme. This programme has seen the development of a large number of School Sports Partnerships (SSPs) across England which now see school sport organised by a central 'hub' school designated as a 'Specialist Sports College' which co-ordinates partnership activity with a number of other secondary schools and their feeder primary schools. To this end SSPs provide a unique platform for national sports agencies to work on a co-ordinated way to deliver sport specific programmes across a given locality.

As the SSPs have developed and begun to deliver their objectives increasing calls have been made for appropriate competition for the pupils within the schools which would not only enable increased participation for a wider audience but would also facilitate talent identification and improved performance levels.

Proposal

It is proposed that the England Golf Partnership (EGP) and The English Schools Golf Association (ESGA) work together to provide a competitive opportunity for young people targeted specifically at the network of School Sports Partnerships across England.

The proposal suggests that the existing 'McPartlin Trophy' be modified to provide a competitive opportunity for the SSPs alongside the recommendations being proposed under the National Schools Competition Framework which is being proposed by the National Council for School Sport (NCSS), the Youth Sport Trust (YST) and Sport England.

Process

- ESGA and the nominated EGP partner, The Golf Foundation would work collaboratively to support the roll-out of the new competition across England.

- SSPs would register their interest in participating in the competition with the Golf Foundation.
- The Golf Foundation would send a competition organiser's pack to the SSP and would inform ESGA on a regular basis of the SSPs that have registered.
- The SSP would run and organise their McPartlin Trophy qualifying event within their partnership area. This would take the form of a 9-hole open golf event at a golf course already linked to the SSP. This event would identify children who would then represent the partnership team in the regional/national final¹.
- A partnership team could include as many as 10 players with a gender ratio of 60:40 boys to girls. The players ability levels would be handicaps 10 or above. It is recommended that players with lower handicaps act as team captains or mentors to the team members.
- ESGA would be responsible for organising the regional/national final events which would be 18 hole competitions.
- The finals event would utilise a stableford format and the 8 best scores from each team would count towards the overall team score.

Timing

The competition will roll out in a pilot format in 2007 with a limited number of selected SSPs being invited to participate.

Qualifying events will be held between February half-term and May half-term with the finals event programmed for 2 weeks before the summer holidays.

¹ Nature of final will be based on the numbers of entrants.

England Golf: Working with Competition Managers

This guide has been put together to help Competition Managers in the new areas to understand the position of England Golf for the roll-out National Competitions Frameworks.

Key Points of Planning for Counties

England Golf has two teams of six Regional Development Officers, one focused on Club Development issues and developing our county infrastructure, the other working on developing golf in schools and school-club links (PESSCL). To date Golf is delivered within 180 School Sports Partnerships.

We are working hard to develop County Golf Partnerships (CGPs) to enable us to have better co-ordinated development programmes within counties and a better liaison with County Sports Partnerships. Where CGPs have been formed we have identified either voluntary or paid development officers to support the roll-out of the plans. This is in its infancy at present and is developing slowly.

Our framework is based around our player development model and as such is linked to all of our resources including teacher training courses, teacher support resources, and leadership awards.

We will be running between 10 and 12 pilot programmes this year to learn lessons from our framework and identify any gaps in provision.

How can Senior Competition Managers and Competition Managers work with us?

By linking with our Regional Officers, SCMs and CMs can support with the roll-out of our national framework for competitions. The main roll out of the national framework will happen in academic year 2007 -2008. Expressions of interest would be welcome at this time.

Existing data sources

Development Area	Contact	Telephone	E-mail	Website
Club Development	Richard Flint	01526351800	rflint@englishgolfunion.org	www.englishgolfunion.org
Schools Golf & PESSCL	Brendon Pyle	01920876200	brendon@golf-foundation.org	www.golf-foundation.org
English Schools Golf Association	David Horsburgh	01359 221281	d.horsburgh@virgin.net	<i>Under redevelopment</i>

Key work for SCMs/CMs in the next 12 months

Identify what activity is taking place at present within counties by auditing existing provision or making contact with one of our regional team through our national contacts.

If CMs or SCMs feel that they would like to build on their existing work or start up a new golf programme this can be programmed in consultation with regional officers.

Primary Framework

Competition framework Descriptor	Recommended Competition	Level and Location	Scheduling	Next steps in competition
Key Stage 2: 7-9 years multi-skill festivals (termly) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Off-school site - 'theme' based - Possible early specialisation in some sports through NGB and club structure 	'Tri-Golf' Festival Can be part of wider multi-skill festival – i.e. Striking Linked to national skills programme 'Junior Golf Passport'	Primary schools at central venue. Cluster-based or across partnership. Could be based at Golf Club as introduction to the environment	Flexible to meet the schedules of the schools. Could be delivered as a winter activity in a sports hall	Purely about skill development and experience of the sport. 9-hole short course comps not recommended at this stage.
Key Stage 2: 9-11 years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - multi-sport comp (6 week block rotation) - central venue leagues - coaching and competition based on primary, secondary or club sites 	'Tri-Golf' Festival Can be part of wider multi skill festival – i.e. Striking Linked to national skills programme 'Junior Golf Passport' 6-hole 'Golf X-treme' course. Central venue league Part of striking festival	Primary schools at central venue. Cluster based or across partnership. Could be based at Golf Club as introduction to the environment Primary clusters at local secondary school	Flexible to meet the schedules of the schools. Could be delivered as a winter activity in a sports hall Between Feb ½ term and May ½ term	Purely about skill development and experience of the sport. Possible 9-hole short course competitions but not recommended Club based handicap competitions for very advanced

Primary Organisers Sheet

Competition age group	Format	Facilities	Organiser/helpers	Equipment	Resources available from NGB to support
Key Stage 2: 7-9 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tri-Golf festival 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four court sports hall • Local club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers • Young leaders • Coaches/Volunteers from club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tri-Golf equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training for teachers and leaders • Festival Handbook
Key Stage 2: 9-11 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golf X-treme 6-hole course 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Astro Turf football pitch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers • Young leaders • Coaches/Volunteers from club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golf X-treme equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training for teachers and leaders • Festival Handbook

Secondary Framework

Competition framework Descriptor	Recommended Competition	Level and Location	Scheduling	Next steps in competition
Key Stage 3: 11-12 years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - multi-sport competition (monthly 3 sports) - e.g. Central venue leagues in a range of sports coaching and competition at secondary, hub or club sites 	6-hole 'Golf X-treme' course National Skills Challenge 9-hole golf at local club	Intra school house tournament – At school Inter school league - At school Across partnership – At club Across partnership - At club	Between Feb ½ term and May ½ term Ongoing Ongoing	9 Hole short course comps Club based handicap competitions for very advanced Talent ID for 'Birdie' Coaching (Girls)
Key Stage 3 & 4: 12-16 years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inter school leagues and cup competitions within School Sport Partnerships (year group teams) (NGBs would have to have an integrated competitive structure including Schools Associations accepted as core) 	6-hole 'Golf X-treme' course National Skills Challenge 9-hole golf at local club Partnership Golf Festival (McPartlin Trophy Qualifier) Regional / National Golf Festival (McPartlin Trophy Finals)	Intra school house tournament – At school Inter school league - At school Across partnership – At PESSCL club Across partnership - At PESSCL club Across partnership – At PESSCL club Partnership Team (12 members) – Selected Venue (e.g. Belfry)	Between Feb ½ term and May ½ term Ongoing Ongoing Between Feb ½ term and May ½ term 1st 2 weeks in July	Talent ID for 'Birdie' Coaching (Girls) Club based handicap competitions for members Possible County Development squad. County Tour County Coaching / Selection County Tour
16-19 years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Not</u> for talented already identified as part of NGB talent programs - 'junior varsity' to give this group an identity - intramural comp within the learning community-schools/PE/6th forms - organised sport in core sports that match the secondary programmes. - e.g. single venue festivals for a number of 	9 hole golf at local club Partnership Golf Festival (McPartlin Trophy Qualifier) Regional / National Golf Festival (McPartlin Trophy Finals) Junior Varsity Matches 9 holes / 6 holes	Across partnership - At PESSCL club Across partnership – At PESSCL club Partnership Team (12 members) – Selected Venue (e.g. Belfry) Inter School / Partnership at PESSCL Club	Ongoing Between Feb ½ term and May ½ term 1st 2 weeks in July Ongoing	Club based handicap competitions for members Possible County Development squad. County Tour County Coaching / Selection County Tour County Coaching / Selection County Tour

institutions during ring fenced time (Wednesday pm)				
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Competition age group	Format	Facilities	Organiser/ helpers	Equipment	Resources available from NGB to support
Key Stage 3: 11-12 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Golf X-treme six hole course Skills Challenge 9 holes at local club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Astro Turf football pitch Astro Turf football pitch Local club Local PESSCL club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers Young leaders Coaches/Volunteers from club Teachers Young leaders Coaches/Volunteers from club Coaches/Volunteers from club Teachers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Golf X-treme equipment Golf X-treme equipment Regular golf equipment Regular golf equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training for teachers and leaders Festival Handbook Skills Challenge Handbook Website
Key Stage 3: 12-16 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skills Challenge Nine holes at local club Partnership Festival (McPartlin Qualifier) Regional/National Golf Festival (McPartlin Trophy Finals) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Astro Turf football pitch Local club Local PESSCL club Local PESSCL club Selected venue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers Young leaders Coaches/Volunteers from club Coaches/Volunteers from club Teachers Coaches/Volunteers from club Teachers ESGA County Rep England Golf DO Coaches/Volunteers from club Teachers ESGA National Rep Golf Foundation Rep 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Golf X-treme equipment Regular golf equipment Regular golf equipment Regular golf equipment Regular golf equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skills Challenge Handbook Website NA Competition Managers' Toolkit Competition Managers' Toolkit
Key Stage 4: 16-19 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nine hole golf at local club Partnership Golf Festival (McPartlin Trophy Qualifier) Regional/National Golf Festival (McPartlin Trophy Qualifier) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local PESSCL club Local PESSCL club Selected venue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaches/Volunteers from club Coaches/Volunteers from club Teachers ESGA County Rep England Golf DO Young leaders Coaches/Volunteers from club Teachers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular golf equipment Regular golf equipment Regular golf equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competition Managers' Toolkit Competition Managers' Toolkit Competition Managers' Toolkit

	<p>Trophy Finals)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior Varsity matches • Nine holes/six holes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local PESSCL club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESGA National Rep • Golf Foundation Rep • Teachers • Players themselves 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular golf equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competition Managers' Toolkit
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