

FEDERATION FOR INTERNATIONAL FOOTGOLF



FIFG WORLD CLUB TROPHY 2027

Competition and Qualification Guidelines

16-CLUB WORLD FINAL | MATCH PLAY | STANDALONE EVENT

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2027 Edition

1. Introduction and Scope

The development of strong and sustainable club structures within FIFG Member Countries is a key foundation for the long-term development of FootGolf. Clubs provide the environment in which players enter the sport, develop, compete and build a lasting connection with FootGolf, while supporting regular activity, community, and youth and female participation.

Following the successful introduction of the FIFG World Club Trophy in 2025, the 2027 framework continues the international club competition pathway. It builds on the original concept, the experience of the inaugural World Final, feedback from participating clubs and captains, and the conclusions of the 2025 World Club Trophy Finalists Meeting at Ashbury.

These Guidelines establish the pathway from national competition through Regional Qualification to the World Final and set the principal requirements for regional allocation, club and player eligibility, team composition and competition format.

2. Competition objectives

1. Develop sustainable FootGolf clubs and club competitions at national level.
2. Create a clear pathway from domestic competition to regional qualification and the world final.
3. Promote youth and female development through participation requirements applied from national qualification onward.
4. Increase the visibility of clubs, players and Member Countries through an international standalone event.
5. Improve the financial sustainability of international club participation and prepare solidarity support mechanisms.
6. Ensure every qualified club remains active throughout the event and receives a final position from 1st to 16th.

3. Competition pathway

7. **National qualification.** Each Member Country establishes and publishes a transparent national club competition or qualification system incorporating the mandatory Women's Individual component defined in Section 8.2.
8. **Regional qualification.** Eligible clubs advance through the competition approved by their FIFG region, using the same mandatory female component. The regional final standings determine the clubs entitled to the region's World Final places, except for the host-country club reserved within Region 3's allocation.
9. **World Final.** Sixteen clubs compete in four groups of four, followed by position-based semifinal and final brackets.

COMPETITION CYCLE The World Club Trophy will operate on a two-year cycle, with the year preceding each World Final serving as the principal qualification year. FIFG may consider an annual cycle if sustainable financing becomes available, provided any change is communicated at least one year before the relevant qualification cycle.

4. World Final overview

Item	2027 framework
Competition	FIFG World Club Trophy 2027 - standalone World Final
Field	16 qualified clubs; up to 15 registered players per club; capacity up to 240 players
Format	Team match play; four groups of four; four placement brackets
Event window	Between September and December 2027; final dates to be confirmed
Duration	Preferred four event days; five days is the absolute maximum
Club matches	Five per club: three group matches, one semifinal and one final or placement match
Location	Europe - all qualified Member Countries that submitted an intention to bid were European.

5. Regional allocation of the 16 places

Each of the five FIFG regions is guaranteed one place in the World Final. The remaining 11 places are distributed in proportion to the number of 2025 FIFG licences assigned to each region.

5.1 Allocation method

10. One guaranteed place is assigned to each region, accounting for five places.
11. The remaining 11 places are calculated using: $11 \times \text{regional licences} / 4,825 \text{ regional licences}$.
12. Whole-number places are assigned first. The remaining places are awarded in descending order of the decimal remainders under the Largest Remainder Method.

5.2 Confirmed regional distribution

Region	2025 licences	Share	Guaranteed places	Additional	Total places
Region 1 - North America	414	8.58%	1	1	2
Region 2 - South America	688	14.26%	1	2	3
Region 3 - Europe	3,276	67.90%	1	7	8
Region 4 - Asia-Pacific	343	7.11%	1	1	2
Region 5 - Africa	104	2.16%	1	0	1
TOTAL	4,825	100.00%	5	11	16

REGION 3 Where Region 3 operates two recognized European qualification groups, the host-country berth will count within the allocation of the group to which the host Member Country belongs. The remaining seven places should be distributed so that the final European representation is balanced at four clubs from each qualification group, subject to final FIFG approval before qualification begins.

HOST MEMBER COUNTRY The 2027 FIFG World Club Trophy will be held in Europe. The host Member Country is guaranteed one club place within Region 3's allocation of eight places, ensuring local representation at the World Final. This berth does not increase the 16-club field; seven other Region 3 places remain available through the approved European qualification process.

If a region cannot fill an allocated place, it must first offer that place to the next eligible club in its approved regional standings. If no eligible club can accept by the FIFG deadline, the region must formally return the place to FIFG for reallocation under published sporting and regional-balance criteria.

6. National and regional qualification requirements

6.1 Member Country responsibilities

13. Publish the national qualification system, eligibility rules, calendar and tie-break procedures before the competition begins.
14. Register every club entering the national qualification pathway at FIFG level through the designated registration form or platform and maintain the club record during qualification.
15. Confirm the accuracy of club information, player affiliation, licence status, mandatory female participation and youth and/or female development evidence.
16. Ensure that all mandatory registration and eligibility requirements are complete and verified before a club enters Regional Qualification.
17. Nominate qualified clubs and eligible reserve clubs by the applicable regional deadline.

6.2 Regional responsibilities

18. Publish the regional qualification format, entry conditions, schedule and number of World Final places available.
19. Provide an equitable sporting route for eligible clubs from the region's Member Countries.
20. Apply the Women's Individual component in every Regional Qualification match and confirm that all participating players hold valid FIFG World Tour Licences.
21. Approve and supervise the regional competition, including scoring, discipline, protests and final standings.

7. Club and player eligibility

7.1 Club eligibility

22. The club must be recognized by its FIFG Member Country and must qualify through the approved national and regional pathway, except for the host-country club nominated under the berth reserved within Region 3's allocation.
23. The Member Country must register the club with FIFG when it enters the national qualification pathway. The record may be updated during national qualification but must be complete and verified before Regional Qualification.
24. For 2027, the club must demonstrate active youth and/or female development through at least one registered junior player, at least one registered female player, or a documented development activity recognized by its Member Country.
25. The club must accept the FIFG Rules of the Game, Club Trophy Regulations, disciplinary framework, integrity requirements and event conditions.

7.2 Player registration and club affiliation

26. At national qualification stage, every listed player must hold at least a valid FIFG Recreation Licence. A valid FIFG World Tour Licence is required for every player from Regional Qualification onward.
27. Players must be registered with and actively representing their club within the deadlines established for the qualification cycle. The submitted roster forms the basis for affiliation and eligibility verification.
28. A player may represent only one club during the same Club Trophy qualification cycle and may not switch clubs after participating in an official qualifier.
29. Players should primarily represent a club from their Member Country. A foreign resident may be eligible after a minimum residence of seven months in that country.

7.3 Non-resident player

30. A club may register no more than one non-resident player.
31. To be eligible for the World Final, the player must have made at least three appearances for the club in the current domestic and/or regional club competition. One appearance means participation in one official club tournament or competition event, regardless of the number of rounds played within that event.
32. The club must provide the declaration and supporting evidence to its Member Country at least two weeks before the World Final. The Member Country must review and confirm eligibility and forward the completed declaration to FIFG.
33. Without timely confirmation, the player is ineligible. Any match involving an ineligible player is subject to forfeiture and any additional action provided by the applicable Sporting and Disciplinary Regulations.

ELIGIBILITY CONTROL The Member Country is responsible for reviewing the submitted information and confirming eligibility. FIFG may audit any roster or qualification record. Ineligible participation may lead to removal of the player, forfeiture of matches, disqualification or disciplinary action under the applicable regulations.

8. Team registration and match composition

8.1 Club delegation

34. Registered roster: minimum six and maximum 15 players.
35. Match sheet: up to 11 registered players, including six starters and permitted substitutes.
36. Each club must nominate a captain. The captain may be playing or non-playing, subject to accreditation and event rules.
37. Registered reserves may support the team as caddies, captain, or coach when permitted by the final regulations.

8.2 Team match composition with female participation

For the 2027 cycle, each club match shall consist of four match play games and six starting players per club. The Women's Individual game is mandatory at national qualification, Regional Qualification and the World Final. Tee assignments, substitution procedures and game order will be confirmed in the 2027 Sporting Regulations.

Game	Players per club	Eligibility	Format summary
Individual	1 + 1 Sub	Men / Open	One player against one player
Fourball	2 + 1 Sub	Open or mixed	Each player plays a ball; the better score of the pair counts
Foursomes	2 + 1 Sub	Open or mixed	The pair uses one ball and plays alternate shots
Individual	1 + 1 Sub	Women - mandatory	One woman against one woman

9. World Final competition format

9.1 Group stage

38. The 16 clubs are drawn into four groups of four: Groups A, B, C and D.
39. Each club plays the other three clubs in its group, for three group matches per club.
40. Group winners qualify for the Championship bracket for places 1-4.
41. Group runners-up enter the bracket for places 5-8.
42. Third-placed clubs enter the bracket for places 9-12.
43. Fourth-placed clubs enter the bracket for places 13-16.

9.2 Semifinals, finals and placement matches

All clubs continue after the group stage. Each position-based bracket contains two semifinals followed by a final and a placement match. Every club therefore plays five team matches and receives a final position from 1st to 16th.

Bracket	Clubs	Stages	Places determined
Championship	Group winners	Semifinals and finals	1-4
Placement 5-8	Group runners-up	Semifinals and finals	5-8
Placement 9-12	Group third place	Semifinals and finals	9-12
Placement 13-16	Group fourth place	Semifinals and finals	13-16

9.3 Preferred four-day schedule

Day	Sporting program	Event program
Day 1	Registration; official practice in the morning; Group Round 1 in the afternoon	Shared player lunch; welcome ceremony and club parade
Day 2	Group Rounds 2 and 3	Shared player lunch
Day 3	Championship and placement-bracket semifinals	Shared player lunch; optional social evening
Day 4	Finals and placement matches for positions 1-16	Shared player lunch; awards and closing ceremony

A fifth event day is the absolute maximum and may be used only when venue capacity, daylight, safety or broadcast delivery makes the preferred four-day program impracticable.

10. Future development and financial sustainability

STATUS The following measures describe FIFG's intended direction beyond the confirmed 2027 sporting framework. They require FIFG Board approval and, where applicable, separate regulations before becoming binding.

2029 FEMALE PARTICIPATION Subject to Board approval, the 2029 cycle is intended to require at least two female players per club, including a mandatory Women's Pair match. Advance notice is provided so Member Countries and clubs can recruit, integrate and develop female players.

CLUB PLATFORM AND FUTURE ALLOCATION FIFG intends to establish an Official FIFG Club Platform. Future regional allocations may consider the number of officially registered active clubs together with World Tour Licence totals. An additional regional runner-up pathway may also be explored for Member Countries with sufficiently developed club structures; all criteria and places remain subject to approval.

CLUB COMPETITION SOLIDARITY FUND Starting in 2027, FIFG intends to establish a dedicated fund to reduce the costs of World Final participation, particularly for clubs travelling outside their home region. Potential funding sources include contributions from FIFG 50 and FIFG 100 tournaments, mandatory club registration fees (intended to charge clubs depending on the income level classifications of the World Bank), sponsorship and commercial revenues, and other approved FIFG funding. Support may cover competition or green fees, accommodation and partial travel costs. Contribution levels, regional and global allocations, eligibility, controls and distribution rules will be defined in a separate regulation. Financial support will remain independent from sporting qualification.

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The Competition Committee