



# FIFG Youth FootGolf World Cup 2026

## Official Qualification System and Participation Rules

### 1. Purpose and Scope

This document defines the official and exclusive qualification system for the FIFG Youth FootGolf World Cup 2026.

Its objective is to ensure a **fair, transparent, and manipulation-free qualification process** across all FIFG Member Countries, while promoting equal opportunities for boys and girls and supporting long-term youth development.

All Member Countries, players, coaches, officials, and organizers are bound by these rules. Any qualification process not conducted in accordance with this system is **invalid**.

### 2. Competition Categories

The Youth World Cup 2026 consists of four (4) individual categories:

- Boys 13–15 born 2010 and younger
- Girls 13–15 born 2010 and younger
- Boys 16–18 born 2007 and younger
- Girls 16–18 born 2007 and younger

Each category is treated independently for qualification purposes.

### 3. Player Eligibility

#### 3.1 Age Eligibility

- Players who turn 19 years old during the 2026 calendar year are only eligible if qualified through 2025 qualification events.
- Players may compete **one (1) year below the minimum age** of a category.

### 3.2 Licensing Requirements

To be eligible for qualification, players must:

- Hold a valid **FIFG World Tour or Recreational License** for the respective category
- Be registered under a recognized **FIFG Member Country**
- Participate only in **officially published qualification tournaments** (recommended using the FIFG 50 structure to ensure participation from all license types)

## 4. Mandatory National Qualification Tournaments

### 4.1 Obligation to Organize Qualification

Each Member Country intending to participate must organize a full nationwide qualification. If a tour for juniors was offered nationwide in 2025 it can be used, if not at least **one (1) official national qualification tournament**.

Participation without a national qualification tournament is **not permitted**.

### 4.2 Transparency and Publication

- All qualification tournaments must be **published on BlueGolf**
- Any tournament not published on BlueGolf is **invalid**
- The tournament date and conditions have been published on Bluegolf, the national association's website and social media.
- If a country wishes to use competitions held in the 2025 season for qualification that were not on BlueGolf, full results must be submitted to the FIFG Youth Committee.

### 4.3 Tournament Structure

Qualification tournaments may be organized:

- **Separately per category, or**
- **Jointly for all youth categories**
- **Minimum in a regular FIFG 50 tournament**

The qualification system (cut, ranking method, tie-breakers) must be:

- **Defined in advance**
- **Published**

## 5. Controllers, Oversight, and Integrity

### 5.1 Controllers

To ensure full transparency:

- All players who participated in official youth tournaments during the previous two (2) years that meet age eligibility criteria must be invited to the qualification tournament.
- No player may be excluded without **justified cause**

## 5.2 Anti-Manipulation Principle

Any attempt to:

- Restrict access unfairly
- Modify results
- Introduce last-minute changes
- Circumvent published rules

Will result in:

- Disqualification of the national qualification
- Loss of allocated World Cup spots
- Possible disciplinary action by FIGF

## 6. Basic Allocation of Spots

Each FIGF Member Country receives **four (4) guaranteed base spots**:

- 1 × Boys 13–15
- 1 × Girls 13–15
- 1 × Boys 16–18
- 1 × Girls 16–18

This creates a **baseline participation structure** aligned with the targeted total number of players.

## 7. Host Country Allocation

The **Host Member Country** is guaranteed:

- **Four 4 spots per category**
- These spots are allocated **separately** and do not affect the base or additional allocation for other Member Countries.

## 8. Eligibility for Additional Spots

### 8.1 Fundamental Requirement

Only Member Countries that:

- Field players in **both Boys and Girls categories (across any age category)**
- Have filled their allocation in the category they intend to receive additional spots for

Are eligible to receive **additional spots**.

Countries entering only one gender are **not eligible** for additional allocation.

## 9. Additional Spot Allocation Method

### 9.1 License-Based Calculation

Additional spots are allocated based on youth license numbers using the following formula:

- **50%** of licenses held in **calendar year 2025**
- **100%** of licenses held in **calendar year 2026**, counted until **May 15**
- Allocation of spots to wildcard picks to ensure top junior talent is represented

This applies **per category**.

### 9.2 Timeline

- **February:** FIGF distributes an official **participation interest survey**
- **By April 15:** Member Countries must:
  - Confirm intended participation
  - Submit a payment of **50 EUR/participant**
  - Submit a payment of **xx EUR/parent/official**
- **May 15:** Final **license count snapshot**
- **May 16–20:** FIGF calculates and announces:
  - Final number of **additional spots per country**

## 10. Declaration of Use of Additional Spots

- Member Countries must formally **confirm acceptance** of awarded additional spots
- The qualification process for additional spots follows the **same national qualification rules**
- **Unused spots cannot be transferred, sold, or reassigned** by Member Countries

## 11. Finality of Allocation

After the April 15 declaration deadline:

- No new spots can be requested
- No additional players can be added

- No spot trading, purchasing, or redistribution is permitted

#### **Rules of the allocation of the additional spots:**

1. Countries entering only one gender are **not eligible to get additional spots**.
  2. Allocation order:
    - First fill unused category spots
    - Equal distribution by gender and age, starting with the 16–18 category
    - Example for 4 additional spots: 1 × Boys 16–18, 1 × Girls 16–18, 1 × Boys 13–15, 1 × Girls 13–15 (provided country is already represented in all 4 categories)
- Allocation criteria are based on **World Tour Recreational License counts** in the Member Country
  - We have set a maximum of 4 participants from one nation per age category. So a nation can maximum compete with 4\*4 youth players.

## **12. Integration into World Cup Guidelines**

This Qualification System forms an **integral part** of the official FIG Youth World Cup Guidelines. All Member Countries, players, coaches, and officials are required to comply fully as a **condition of participation**.

## **13. Principle of the Qualification System**

The FIG Youth World Cup Qualification System is built on:

- **Equality**
- **Transparency**
- **Development**
- **Integrity**

Its purpose is to guarantee that **every qualified youth player earns their place on sporting merit**, under the same conditions, in every country.

## **14. Sanctions, Enforcement, and Disciplinary Measures**

### **14.1 Principle of Enforcement**

Compliance with this Qualification System is **mandatory**. Violations, whether intentional or negligent, are subject to sanctions.

### **14.2 Grounds for Sanctions**

Sanctions may be imposed in cases including, but not limited to:

- Failure to organize a national qualification tournament

- Organizing a tournament not published on BlueGolf (2026 season)
- Conducting qualifications after BlueGolf deadlines
- Changing formats, criteria, or cuts after publication
- Restricting access to players eligible from the last two years (age criteria permitted)
- Submission of false or misleading license data
- Attempted manipulation of results or eligibility
- Unauthorized allocation, transfer, or sale of spots
- Failure to comply with declared participation numbers or deadlines
- Breach of integrity or transparency principles

### 14.3 Types of Sanctions

- **Sporting Sanctions:** Invalidation of tournament, withdrawal of spots, disqualification of a Member Country
- **Administrative Sanctions:** Warnings, suspensions, mandatory oversight
- **Individual Sanctions:** Player disqualification, bans for officials, coaches, or organizers

### 14.4 Enforcement Authority

- FIG Youth Committee, Competitions Committee, and Disciplinary Committee
- Final approval by **FIFG Board**

### 14.5 Investigation Procedure

- Initiated by complaints, audits, or data inconsistencies
- Member Countries must **fully cooperate**
- Failure to cooperate is an **additional violation**

### 14.6 Whistleblower Protection

- Reports may be submitted confidentially or anonymously
- Protection against retaliation is **guaranteed**

### 14.7 Immediate and Preventive Measures

FIFG may **provisionally suspend qualification rights** or freeze spots to protect integrity

### 14.8 Finality of Decisions

All disciplinary decisions are **final and binding**, subject only to FIFG appeal procedures

## **15. Anti-Corruption, Integrity, and Ethical Compliance**

### **15.1 Alignment with FIG Anti-Corruption Framework**

This system is fully aligned with **FIG Anti-Corruption and Ethics Regulations**.

### **15.2 Prohibition of Improper Influence**

Strictly prohibited: money, gifts, favors, pressure, manipulation, or any **non-merit-based allocation of qualification spots**

### **15.3 Conflict of Interest**

All organizers, controllers, and officials must disclose conflicts of interest and abstain from related decisions

### **15.4 Zero-Tolerance Policy**

Violations may result in:

- Immediate disqualification
- Long-term or permanent bans
- Referral to authorities, as applicable

### **15.5 Monitoring and Auditing**

FIG may conduct audits, appoint observers, and review tournament and license data at any stage

### **15.6 Reporting and Whistleblower Protection**

Confidential or anonymous reporting is supported; retaliation is strictly prohibited

### **15.7 Precedence and Interpretation**

FIG Anti-Corruption and Ethics Regulations prevail in case of any conflict

### **15.8 Entry into Force**

This article applies immediately and governs all qualification activities for the Youth World Cup 2026.

## **16. Mandatory Anti-Doping Education**

### 16.1 Purpose

To safeguard the health, integrity, and fair play of youth athletes, all participants in the FIG Youth FootGolf World Cup 2026 must complete a mandatory anti-doping education program. This initiative is designed to prevent unintentional violations, instill ethical sport behavior, and align youth development with the highest international standards.

### 16.2 Scope

- Applies to all youth players participating in the World Cup, across all categories (Boys 13–15, Girls 13–15, Boys 16–18, Girls 16–18).
- Extends to all accompanying coaches, parents, or guardians responsible for supporting the youth players.

### 16.3 Program Requirements

- Players and accompanying adults must complete a certified anti-doping course approved by FIG prior to the tournament.
- Completion must be verified and submitted to the FIG Youth Committee no later than **30 days before the tournament starts**.

### 16.4 Enforcement

- Failure to complete the anti-doping education will result in **ineligibility to participate** in the World Cup.
- Coaches or parents failing to comply may be prohibited from accompanying players on-site until the requirement is fulfilled.

### 16.5 Rationale

Youth athletes are at a formative stage of their sporting careers. Mandatory anti-doping education ensures:

1. **Health Protection:** Youth players are informed of the potential health risks associated with banned substances and unsafe supplementation.
2. **Ethical Development:** Instills lifelong values of fair play and integrity in sport.
3. **Prevention over Punishment:** Reduces the risk of unintentional violations while promoting responsible decision-making.
4. **Alignment with International Standards:** Ensures that FIG youth competitions adhere to global anti-doping frameworks, fostering credibility and trust in the sport.

## 17. Closing Statement

The FIG Youth FootGolf World Cup 2026 Qualification System ensures a **transparent, fair, and merit-based pathway** for all youth players. It promotes **equal opportunity, integrity, and development** while safeguarding the integrity of the event.

By participating, all Member Countries, players, and officials commit to uphold the values and regulations outlined in this document. This framework guarantees that the Youth World Cup 2026 will be a **safe, competitive, and inspiring event**, setting the standard for future youth FootGolf competitions worldwide.

The FIG reserves the right to adapt or change the Youth World Cup format/setup during the process if an important factor arises. As this is the first Youth World Cup, we are still exploring all necessary requirements to ensure a safe and organized event.

Confirmed by the FIG Board & FIG Competitions committee.

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