



New2Golf Beginner Scheme 2023 – Criteria

This scheme aims to assist clubs in recruiting new members and funds a Golf Professional to deliver 6 beginner group lessons for potential members. Wales Golf will fund up to 3 beginner groups per year (of the club's choice e.g. women, juniors), with additional funding available for junior girl's groups and disability groups.

CHANGES FOR 2023

- Wales Golf will fund beginner sessions at the new rate of £30 p.h. (£180 per group)
- With the help of your regional development officer, your club will be set up on the new online participant booking platform
- Wales Golf can provide each club with one paid social media advert (max £30)

SCHEME ESSENTIALS

SAFEGUARDING:

All clubs must be **SafeGolf** accredited to ensure that the club environment is safe for young people playing the sport. The club must:-

- ✓ Have a child and adult safeguarding policy in place
- ✓ Have a Junior Organiser who is DBS checked and attended a Safeguarding and Protecting Children Workshop (all other volunteers helping within the junior section will also need to have DBS and SPC)
- ✓ PGA Professional(s) delivering the coaching sessions **MUST** be on the SafeGolf Accredited Coaches list on the SafeGolf website (so have a current DBS check and have attended and SPC course)
- ✓ Have a Club Welfare Officer who has attended an SPC and Time to Listen workshop

If you require assistance with any of the above please get in contact with your Community Officer (details below).

GENERAL:

- ✓ Your application **must** be approved by Wales Golf **BEFORE** the lessons start
- ✓ Participants **must** be non-members (or those who have just newly joined the club and are beginners).
- ✓ Group sizes **must** be a minimum of 8.
- ✓ The safety of the participants, coaches and volunteers is paramount and the club and coach must conduct a risk assessment prior to each session.
- ✓ Each participant will receive a New2Golf pack including discount vouchers (these will be sent to the club prior to the start of the scheme)
- ✓ The club **must** have a scheme organiser in addition to the Professional
- ✓ All New2Golf participants will be entered into the Wales Golf Clubhouse, World Handicapping System (WHS) in a separate New2Golf area. This will create a CDH number for the participant which can be activated by the club when the participant joins.

AN IDEAL BEGINNER SCHEME WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- ✓ Using existing members to promote scheme as well as promoting in the local community
- ✓ A free taster session for the beginners wanting to try golf prior to signing up to the lessons
- ✓ Representatives from the club (or section) involved in organising and supporting the sessions
- ✓ An offer of continuation group lessons to enable ongoing progression (e.g. a further 6 weeks for £30). These should be self-funded by the participants or subsidised by the club.
- ✓ Fun beginner competitions / introduction to golf course

- ✓ Promotion of the Wales Golf New2Golf Summer Swing competitions

- ✓ The club/facility MUST offer some form of trial membership for those who have participated in the scheme to encourage them to join (e.g. £20/30 for 2 months). During this, members should make the new participants feel welcome, gradually introduce them to the course (e.g. a mentoring scheme, fun comps), familiarise them with the rules/etiquette and invite them to social events. For ideas refer to "Examples of Trial Membership" available via <https://www.walesgolf.org/new2golf-back2golf-digital-toolkit/>
- ✓ Clubs should offer a menu of membership options (post trial membership) to suit different lifestyles. E.g. flexible, lifestyle, family, academy
- ✓ Clubs should consider supporting new members through mentoring and lessons for at least 3 years to aid improvement

APPLICATION AND CLAIMS PROCESS

1. Email Sarah Lewis: sarah.lewis@walesgolf.org for an online application form.
2. Once approved, you will receive a confirmation email and links to the necessary resources.
3. Arrange a planning session with your Development Officer who will set your club up on the online booking platform
4. New2Golf membership packs will be sent out on receipt of the above and must to be distributed ASAP.
5. After the 6 weeks are completed, return the claim form and await payment.

N.B. IF THIS PROCESS IS NOT ADHERED TO - FUNDING WILL NOT BE RELEASED
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