



clubgolf Stage 3 and Area Coaching – Orientation Courses for Coaches

clubgolf Stage 3 is part of clubgolf and as such is supported by all clubgolf partners.

What are these courses?

The Scottish Golf Union (SGU), in conjunction with other clubgolf Partners including the PGA has developed a set of resources for use by coaches working with groups of players. These resources cover all levels from introduction to the game of golf (Stage 1) right up to coaching for internationals and professionals (Stage 5).

- clubgolf Stages 1 and 2 are already being implemented by clubgolf at golf clubs and facilities throughout Scotland. In 2009, clubgolf had 44,000 children in different programmes.
- clubgolf Stage 3 is targeted at young golfers who have attained a handicap and want to be coached to improve all aspects of their game at club level.
- Area Coaching uses Stage 3 (Performance) materials and is targeted at Area level players selected for Area Coaching Programmes.

Who can coach these courses?

In order to be able to coach clubgolf Stage 3 and Area Coaching, coaches must be qualified PGA Professionals. In addition they must attend an Orientation course of 1½ days duration and be deemed suitable by the course tutors.

How will the Orientation work?

Each Orientation course will cost £100.00 for clubgolf Stage 3 participants and will include meals and a coaching manual. **The PGA will offer 50 CPD points** to each coach taking part.

What do I need to do to be involved?

Coaches who are interested in being involved in this orientation must:

- Be attached to, or prepared to work at a club which is committed to clubgolf
- Be available for the full Orientation
- Be available to run a course following Orientation
- Be committed to working with coaching software, computer and video camera on a regular basis

What happens after the Orientation?

- Coaches orientated at clubgolf Stage 3 can either run full programmes at their own golf clubs or use parts of the programme to best meet their own needs. The programme and resource is flexible.
- Coaches orientated at Stage 3 Performance will have been identified by their SGU Area. They will be asked by their Areas to implement elements of the coaching programme into their Area Coaching. They can also run their own development / performance programme at their own golf facility.

How will the Courses run?

The clubgolf Stage 3 courses will run at clubs where the coaches have been successfully orientated. There will be a ratio of approximately 1 coach to 8 players although coaches may also wish to use the resources in individual lessons. The overall clubgolf Stage 3 Course is 120 hours in duration which can be split to accommodate both coach and players.

The Stage 3 Performance courses will be used as Area Coaching programmes throughout Scotland. The delivery of the programme will be determined by each areas individual needs. Ideally this would be delivered to Under 14 and Under 16 age groups. The programmes are video template based and as a result you will be required to use video camera, coaching software and a computer on a regular basis. Training and advice on operating will be given during the Orientation courses.

What are the benefits for my club and myself?

The ultimate goal is to have a complete pathway in place from entry level through to National Level. It is envisaged that the clubgolf Stage 3 programme will help generate a strong new junior membership base for the club, improve the standard of its players and offer a revenue stream. Players will then be selected into Area and Academy coaching with a clear progression and common coaching themes.

Participating professionals gain the opportunity to be at the forefront of a new national development, to access a high quality coaching resource and to give themselves a means of generating income in future.

What do I do next?

Complete attached application form and together with payment return to Coach Education Administrator, PGA Scottish Region Office, King's Lodge, Gleneagles, Auchterarder, Perthshire, PH3 1NE

In 2010 orientations will all be held at the following venues:

Dates - 2010	Venue	Closing Date	Course Code
18 th & 19 th January	Sportscotland National Centre Inverclyde, Largs	4 th December 2009	S3SC0310
25 th & 26 th January	St Andrews Links Trust	11 th December 2009	S3SC0311

*** Overnight Accommodation available upon request at Inverclyde venue only**

*** Residential Accommodation form attached**

*** For further information please contact Ron Wallace – PGA Coach Education Manager on 07919 804 801**

*** The delivery of additional courses in 2010 will be determined by demand.**

We will send confirmation and full details in due course. If you require any further information regarding this course please contact Spencer Henderson – National Junior Coach on 07834 342213 s.henderson@scottishgolfunion.org or Ron Wallace – PGA Coach Education Manager – 07919 804 801 ron.wallace@pga.org.uk

The partners in clubgolf together with the SGU and PGA are sportscotland, Scottish Ladies Golfing Association and the Golf Foundation.