



R&A Participation Report 2021.

Africa, Asia-Pacific,
Canada, Latin America

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249

average number of
registered golfers per course
across the eight regions

16%

of registered adult
golfers are female across
all markets

1,898,838

registered golfers in Asia,
ranking highest region

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Introduction.

Welcome to The R&A Participation Report 2021 providing an overview of the state of golf from national federations affiliated to The R&A in Africa, Asia, Canada, the Caribbean, Central America, the Middle East, Oceania, and South America.

We gathered and collated this data in 2020, a year in which every facet of society was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, but we believe this work is important so that we can establish a benchmark of the latest data on participation and facilities. The measures introduced by governments to mitigate the pandemic has seen countries around the world placed into periods of lockdown and for golf that has meant courses and facilities being required to close and golfers unable to play recreationally and competitively during parts of the year.

The pandemic has impacted on the working and social lives of millions of people around the world, resulting in changes to work-life balance and the availability of social activities, including attendance at sports events and participation in leisure. Positively for golf it has been considered by many governments to be an activity that can be enjoyed safely outdoors during the pandemic and there has been a surge in demand for golf course tee-times in many markets as golfers seek to enjoy its many social and health benefits.

The R&A has undertaken research to understand this trend so that steps can be taken within the sport to ensure that demand for golf continues to remain high beyond the pandemic by

attracting and retaining new players, while encouraging lapsed golfers back into playing again.

This report looks largely at the situation before the outbreak of the pandemic and so is an excellent benchmark – it is the first collection of this data for many of the countries reported on – on the state of golf in these key regions around the world.

Golf provides many social and health benefits and it is something that we have been strongly promoting in our activities. It offers a wonderful opportunity for social interaction and physical activity, while delivering real fun and relaxation for families and friends. Golf is critical to support our mental fitness as well as our physical fitness.

There are many examples in this report of initiatives that illustrate how national federations have been developing and growing the sport, ensuring engagement and opportunity and encouraging diversity throughout communities in these countries. Many of these federations have signed up to our Women in Golf Charter and a number of the case studies, from the Pink Birdies in Costa Rica to Flexiclub in New Zealand, have provided successful models for others to replicate in order to encourage more women and girls into playing golf.



Photo courtesy of Golf New Zealand

These programmes also promote shorter formats of golf which allow the sport to be enjoyed by participants who desire less time-consuming leisure and entertainment activities in their lives.

To fully understand the impact of these initiatives, it is important to measure and monitor participation amongst all golfers – from the beginner in the sport to the new or established club player and finally to national squad members. This report brings the information together from these regions for the first time and The R&A is committed to making this available to the wider golfing and sporting community.

The analysis on the markets included in this report supplements the study on the European countries affiliated to The R&A published in 2020.

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There are seven case studies highlighted in this report from Central and South America, to Africa, to Asia and Australasia. There are many more case studies from around the world that we could also have chosen. I do encourage you to read, learn and absorb these success stories and we hope they inspire you to develop golf and positively influence the growth of golf where you can. Enjoy the report.



Martin Slumbers
Chief Executive, The R&A

Executive Summary and Analysis.

Global Golf Comparative Performance

It is estimated there are over 31 million golfers playing the sport on more than 12,600 full length golf courses in the eight monitored regions in this report which illustrates how important golf is in terms of overall sport participation and as an economic generator for these markets. Over three million of these golfers are registered players with the national federations in these countries.

This new report is the first time that The R&A has looked to benchmark the state of golf amongst its Affiliates around the world outside of Europe.* Countries included in the report are R&A Affiliates based on geographical location and are grouped according to the ISO definition resulting in a few member nations of the European Golf Association (EGA) being reproduced in this regional analysis.

Whilst golf's participation rates may be a small proportion of the overall aggregated population of 5.85 billion in these regions, it is estimated that over 31 million individuals are involved in the sport of which over three million are affiliated to the national federations.

The report looks at total golfers* in 102 markets across eight regions,

but with the main focus being on registered golfers to the national federation which is actively monitored by these R&A Affiliates. The areas covered include Africa, Asia, Canada, the Caribbean, Central America, the Middle East, Oceania and South America. All countries in these areas fall under the jurisdiction of The R&A.

3.1 million

registered golfers

12,633

golf courses being
played on

31 million

estimated total golfers
enjoying the sport*

*European markets affiliated to The R&A reported in European Participation 2019 publication

*Total golfers being the estimated aggregated number of registered and independent golfers to be primarily playing full length courses across the eight monitored regions

Asia leads the way with almost 1.9 million registered players, followed by Oceania at over 600,000 and then Canada at over 285,000.

Registered golfers are those who are affiliated to national federations through golf club membership or direct federation membership, whereas total golfers covers not only registered golfers but also independent or nomadic golfers who play on full length golf courses but are not club members or affiliated to national federations. Total golfers is therefore the aggregation of registered and non-registered players and accounts for over 31 million individuals in this report.

The R&A fully recognises there are many other popular ways of being involved in the sport, aside from playing on a full length golf course, including driving ranges, pitch & putt, golf simulator usage, gamification and Adventure Golf. When combined with total golfers, these other ways of experiencing the sport provide a measure of Golf Actives, and significantly increase the overall size of the golfing landscape.

A full analysis of Golf Actives and the broader golfing landscape is not covered in this report as the level of detail and monitoring required to accurately measure this involvement has not been undertaken by the national federations or The R&A. However, it is clear from those markets in Europe where this has been undertaken sees an active involvement in the sport increase by as much as three times the level of the total golfer numbers recorded.

This report concentrates on countries affiliated to The R&A outside of Europe. Across the countries covered are a total of 12,633 courses, the data for which has been sourced by The R&A through its 'Golf Around the World' publication which explores golf's global supply of golf courses, existing and under development, and produced with the National Golf Foundation (NGF).

Golf allows active participation by people of all ages, genders and backgrounds and has a truly international footprint. The national federations from all of the featured regions have been growing grassroots participation and developing elite players who appear on the world's leading amateur and professional golf stages. Golf's reach, participation and influence is growing – providing physical and mental health benefits to millions of players, as well as supporting the sustainability of diverse habitats and ecological environments.

Using a combination of data provided by national federations, governing bodies and industry golf specialists, and with the use of case studies to highlight best practices for growing the sport as well as characterising this data, this report provides insight into the importance of golf and showcases the opportunities for its development in the future.

Also included in the report is important information relating to elite level golfers and contact information and social media details across each of the individual countries monitored. This makes this the most comprehensive collection of national federation information collated and presented for the sport.

As this is the first time analysis at this level has been attempted, not all information is currently monitored by each national federation or country, and the report only includes that data that has been provided to The R&A or has been sourced from The IGF (International Golf Federation) and industry experts. Data calculations have been made based on the information available and include some estimations agreed with the national federations. The final report is believed to accurately reflect the state of golf within the regions that have been covered.

The report also details a number of case studies where participation initiatives have been growing the sport or are in place and have helped in changing the perceptions, attitudes and playing profiles of golfers around the world. These case studies include researching the value of golf in Hong Kong and Singapore, the introduction of Flexiclub for a simpler, more affordable and less binding golf and golf club membership experience in New Zealand, the introduction of female focused participation initiatives in Argentina and the 'Pink Birdies' programme in Costa Rica, as well as how golf is creating a path for success for children in underprivileged communities in South Africa.

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Total registered golfers by market 2020


In total, there are six markets with over 200,000 registered golfers. Asia holds the top two markets in Japan and China which have the highest number of registered golfers with over 629,000 and 520,000 respectively. These are followed by Australia with almost 384,000, Canada with over 285,000, New Zealand with over 223,000 and then South Korea

with over 214,000. South Korea has over 7.7 million total golfers although registered golfers are a smaller proportion of total players in this market at 214,000. These six markets account for almost 2.6 million registered golfers or 72% of the total monitored markets.

The region with the highest total is Asia with over 1.89 million registered golfers accounting for 61% of the total. In total, of those Affiliates able to provide measurable numbers, the number of registered players is over 3.1 million.

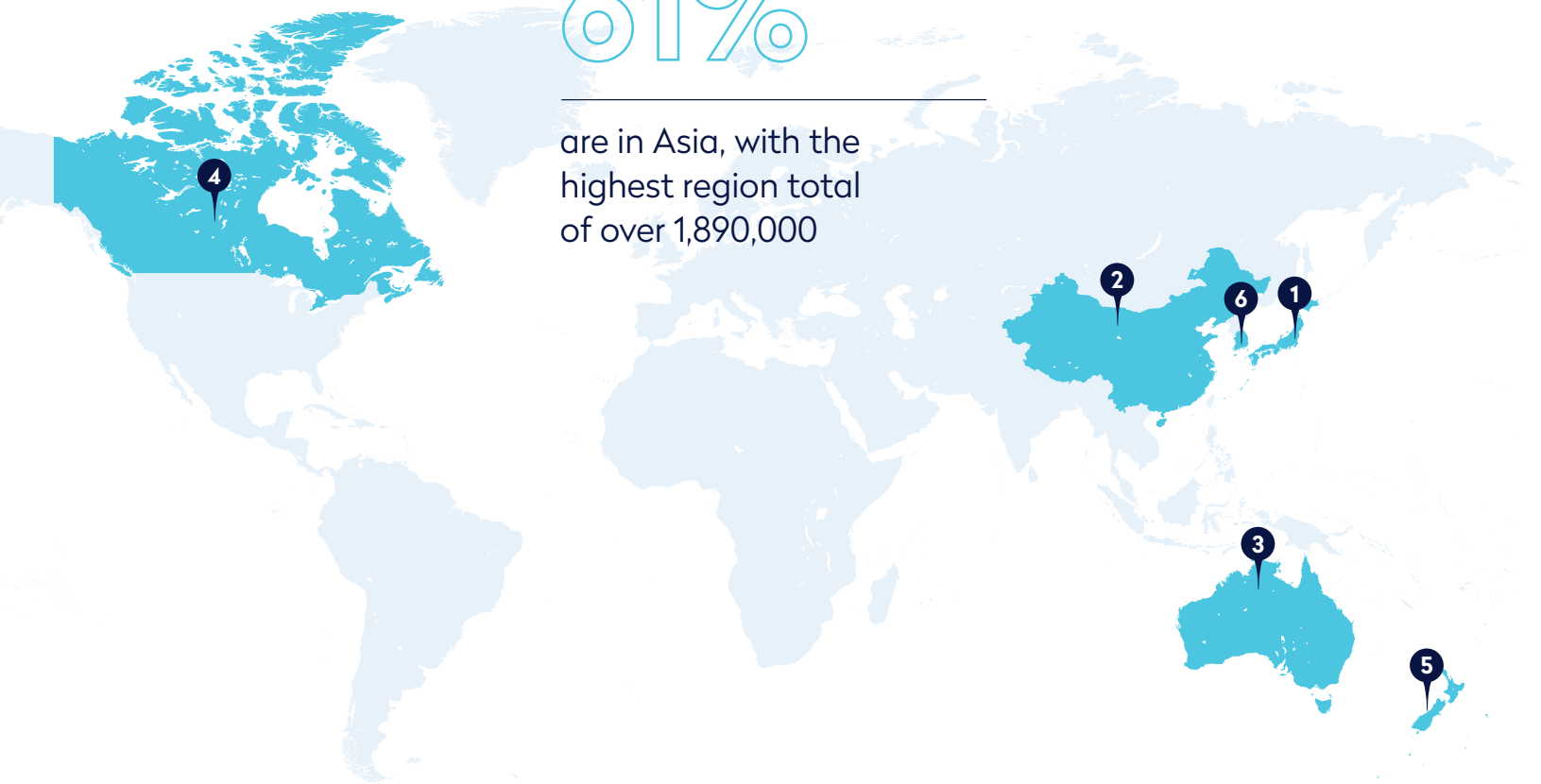
72%

of registered golfers in the total monitored markets are made up by these six

1		Japan, Asia	629,000
2		China, Asia	520,000
3		Australia, Oceania	384,000
4		Canada	285,000
5		New Zealand, Oceania	223,000
6		South Korea, Asia	214,000

61%

are in Asia, with the highest region total of over 1,890,000



Total golfers

It is estimated there are over 31 million golfers across all 102 markets who are involved in the sport. With over 23.3 million players, Asia has the highest number of total golfers and makes up 75% of the total followed by 5.7 million total players in Canada and then almost 1.4 million in Oceania. There are also significant differences across the regions when comparing the proportion of registered golfers against the total number of golfers accounted for – with South America leading with 62% of total golfers being registered followed by 53% in the Caribbean and over 44% in Oceania.

In comparison, registered golfers only account for 8% of total golfers across Asia and 5% in Canada. This is reflective of the nature of the infrastructure and development of golf in these regions – with Asia for example, having a greater proportion and presence of driving ranges and golf simulator venues for players to be actively involved in the sport.

The top 12 markets within the monitored Affiliates outside of Europe account for 30.6 million or 98% of total golfers across these regions. Japan with 8.8 million is the leading country closely followed by South Korea with 7.7 million, and these two Asian countries account for over 50% of total golfers across The R&A Affiliates outside of Europe.











Asia has seven of the top 12 markets, with Oceania delivering two and 1.4 million golfers and 4.4% of total golfers, and then Canada, and one country each in Africa and South America.

The R&A is aware that an active involvement in golf can occur in many different formats and at many different venues – from driving ranges, to pitch & putt

courses; from Adventure Golf to indoor golf simulators; as well as initiatives to play on full length golf courses from six holes to nine holes or to a full 18 holes, as well as other local options in-between.

These are all valid routes to being active in the sport and are influenced by the historic level of involvement and infrastructure for the sport in the different markets.

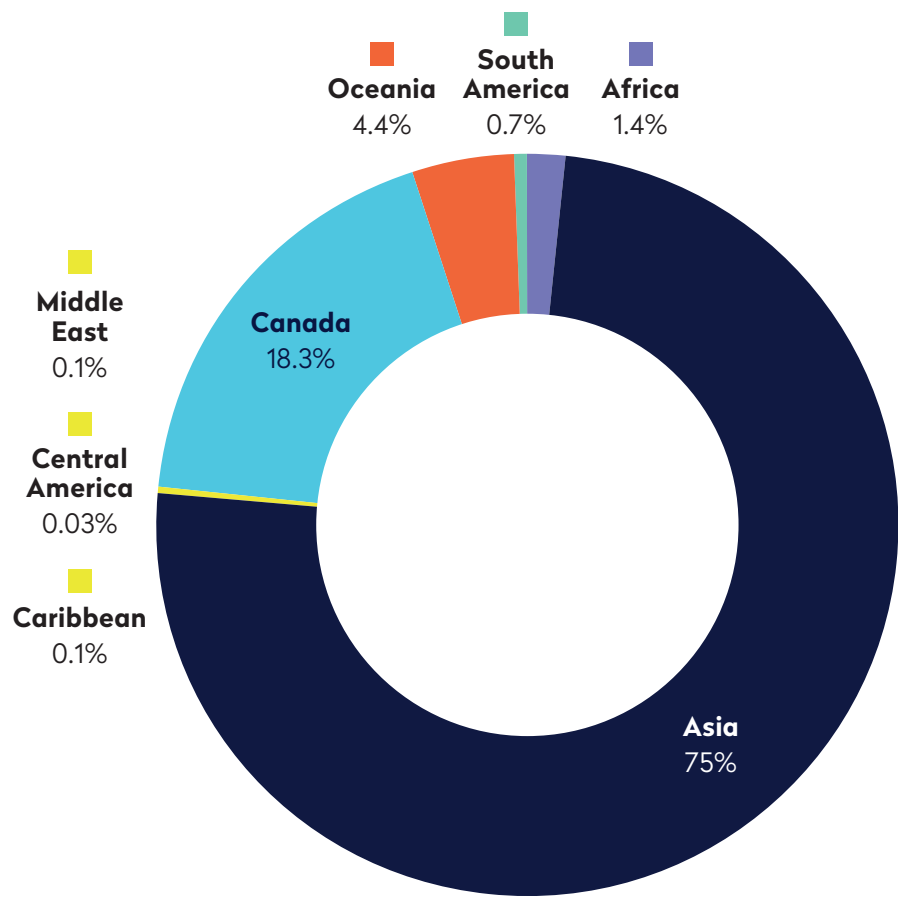
Top 12 R&A Affiliates (excluding Europe) by market for Total Golfers

1		Japan, Asia	8,820,000
2		South Korea, Asia	7,700,000
3		Canada	5,700,000
4		China, Asia	5,000,000
5		Chinese Taipei, Asia	880,000 *
6		Australia, Oceania	877,900
7		New Zealand, Oceania	482,000
8		South Africa, Africa	350,000
9		Malaysia, Asia	300,000
10		India, Asia	200,000
11		Thailand, Asia	150,000
12		Argentina, South America	100,000

*Estimate provided by Chinese Taipei Golf Association

Total golfers

Total Golfers by region – percentage



Golf can be played in many other formats and at other golf facilities and efforts are being made to broaden this diverse offering on a global scale. The growth of driving ranges with tracking monitors and gamification offers is part of the future development of the sport expected across all regions.

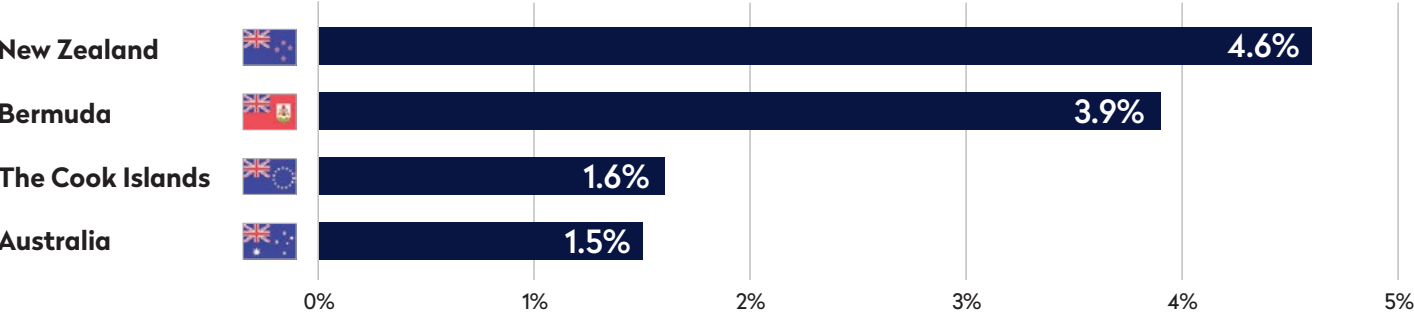
Whilst most of these active players of golf in different formats will not be known to the national federations as they will not be registered as either a member of a golf club or affiliated to the national federation, they are individuals who are being introduced to the sport. As such, embracing and encouraging these players to stay in the sport, to try golf on a full length or par-3 course, is part of a strategy that will ensure the sport remains diverse, remains vibrant, and becomes increasingly successful and robust for years to come.

Total Golfers by region – player numbers

Asia	23,301,000
Canada	5,700,000
Oceania	1,372,000
Africa	439,000
South America	204,000
Middle East	26,000
Caribbean	18,000
Central America	9,000

Golfers as a proportion of the population

Markets with more than 1% of the national population as registered golfers



Across almost all markets the percentage of registered golfers as a proportion of the population is low. Currently only four markets have more than 1% of the national population registered as golfers with New Zealand and Golf NZ having the greatest up-take with 4.6% followed by Bermuda with 3.9%, the Cook Islands with 1.6%, and Australia with 1.5%. Both Bermuda and the Cook Islands have small national populations where tourism is a major source of business revenue. Golf is an important aspect of this income source and hence player numbers as a proportion of population are higher than many other markets.

It is important to consider that the registered golfer market is not indicative of golf as a whole in each country. Those golfers who are not registered are often termed as independent or nomadic golfers and are those players who could be the most likely to be encouraged to play more frequently or play on a full length golf course.

It is these golfing participants who could be most easily encouraged to become golf club members and hence registered players or who could be better embraced by the national federations through initiatives such as Golf NZ's Flexiclub – case study later in this report.

The independent or nomadic golfer is included in the total golfer number which is the traditional comparative metric used to monitor player numbers internationally, and is largely representative of total full length course players – 6, 9, or 18-hole – in each market. However, in some markets where driving range use is dominant then a measure of regular driving range players is included in the total golfer analysis.

When you look at these total golfers as a percentage of the population, then Canada has the highest proportion of the national population as active golfers at 15.2% followed by South Korea with 14.9%, and then New Zealand at 9.8% and Japan at 7.0% of the population.

Independent golfers play golf by paying a green fee at different golf courses in their own market or when playing in another country on a golfing break or holiday. There will also be a number of golfers whose active involvement in golf is only through driving ranges, par-3 courses, pitch & putt, Adventure Golf putting experiences or indoor golf simulators. All of these activities get potential players into a golf environment and expose them to the fundamentals of the sport and are legitimate channels to recruit new players to golf.

15.2%

of the national population of Canada are active golfers – the highest country rate of all the eight regions





Player demand on golf courses – average registered golfers per golf course

Given the variations in cultures and infrastructures, countries will have varying capacities to absorb golfers into their community.

There are eight markets with over 500 registered golfers per course. Singapore has the highest ratio of registered golfers per course with 1,429 players, followed by Hong Kong with 954 and Venezuela with 871 registered golfers per course.

There are also some markets where registered golfer figures do not reflect the golf course infrastructure provided. This can be for a few reasons, including where golf courses and the golf infrastructure is more designed for an inbound tourism market, or where a large number of alternative formats allows for multiple ways to engage with golf, for example where driving ranges and simulator golf are popular formats.

Markets with over 500 registered golfers per course

	Singapore	1,429
	Hong Kong	954
	Venezuela	871
	China	843
	Malaysia	753
	Chinese Taipei	699
	Israel	544
	New Zealand	537

Golf courses

According to The R&A Golf Around the World study produced by the National Golf Foundation (NGF) of America, there are a total of 12,633 golf courses, including 9-hole, 18-hole and other full length golf course facilities in the markets monitored.

Golf Around the World is the most comprehensive measurement of golf courses available and across the regions there are 1,013 golf courses in Africa, 6,111 in Asia, 2,564 in Canada, 87 in the Caribbean, 35 in Central America, 69 in the Middle East, 2,037 in Oceania and 717 in South America.

There are only five markets from The R&A Affiliates outside of Europe that have over 500 golf courses. Japan is the country with the highest number of courses with 3,140 golf courses followed by Canada (2,564) and Australia (1,584), with the other two markets with over 500 golf courses being South Korea (810), and China (617 estimated). These five markets account for 8,715 courses or 69% of the total reported in Golf Around the World for monitored Affiliate countries outside of Europe.

The average number of total registered golfers per course is 249 players, with 20 markets or 24% (only taking into account those that have submitted registered golfer numbers) having more than the average.

Markets outside Europe with over 500 golf courses

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	Canada	2,564
	Australia	1,584
	South Korea	810
	China	617

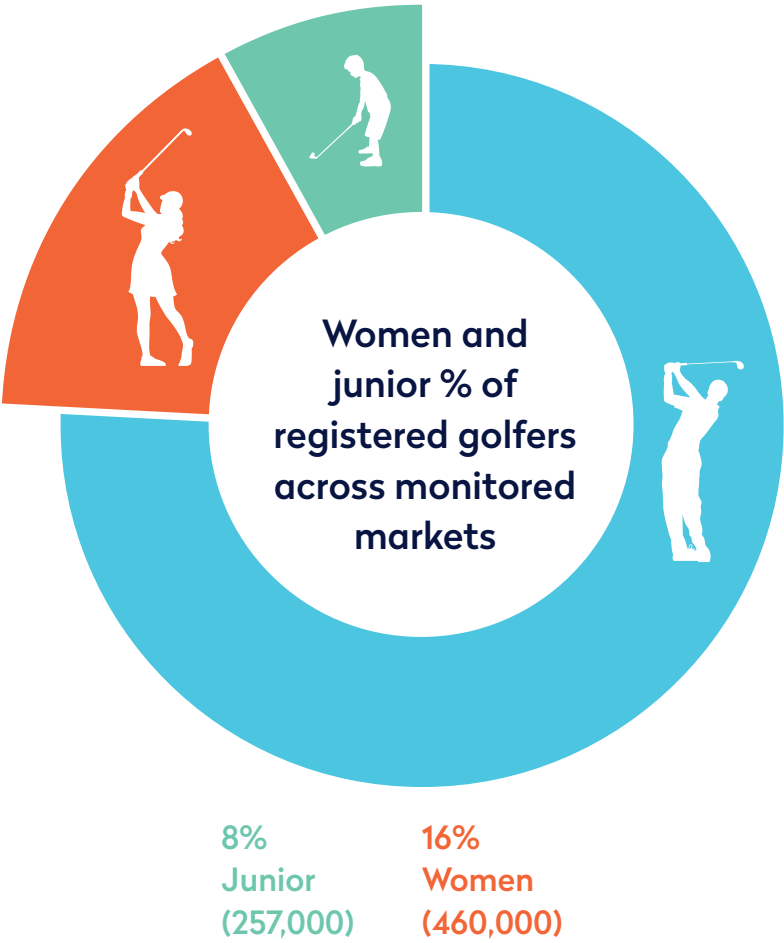
Female and junior golf

Golf is a family sport and can be played by different age groups and different genders together. There are many initiatives around the world focused on encouraging more women and girls – and hence more families – to be actively involved. Golf is a sport that is trying to be more inclusive and more balanced. Increasing female participation levels and growing junior involvement will enable the sport’s family-focus to be realised and ensure a more diverse sport in the future.

Golf has traditionally been played more by male golfers and across all eight regions the sport is currently male-dominated. In Asia, for example, 86% of registered adult golfers are male. Canada is the only region where the rate falls below 80 to 76%.

There are a number of initiatives being championed by national federations to change this picture whether as part of The R&A’s Women in Golf Charter, or as local initiatives. There are case studies featured in Argentina, Costa Rica and New Zealand considered as some of the best practices being trialled.

Across these monitored markets, there are currently over 460,000 registered women golfers, which account for 16% of total adult golfers measured.



There are five national federations where registered women golfers account for more than 30% of total adult golfers and 13 markets with 25% or above. Chinese Taipei has the highest percentage with 44%, followed by Nigeria with 35% and Morocco with 34%. Of the more established golfing markets, the country with the highest percentage of women golfers is Canada with

24%. Australia and China are the markets with the highest number of registered women golfers with over 74,000 and 70,000 respectively.

The markets that currently have the lowest proportion of registered women golfers are Belize and Libya where there are no adult female registered players, followed by India and Pakistan with only one percent.

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Female and junior golf *(continued)*

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There are also a number of initiatives that focus on increasing the number of junior golfers. This is consistent with the sport becoming more family focused and also ensuring that golf has a sustainable future. A powerful case study on attracting junior players from a disadvantaged background can be seen in South Africa which explains how the federation is encouraging a diverse group of junior players with different backgrounds and experiences to try the sport.

With the markets that are able to monitor and record junior players, there are currently almost 257,000 junior registered golfers that account for eight percent of total registered players.

Of this total, 166,000 or 65% are boys and there are 90,000 girl players – or 35% of the total. This indicates a better gender balance than is the case for registered adult golfers.

The majority of these registered juniors are in Asia with 203,000 players or 79% of the total juniors monitored. The majority of the remainder of junior players are in Oceania – with just over 18,500 registered, and in Canada with just over 14,000 registered junior golfers.

The leading market for registered junior golfers is China with 170,000 – which account for a third of all registered players in the country. This is significantly more than Canada which has the next highest at almost 14,200 with Australia following at just over 13,100. These three countries make up 77% of the total junior registered golfers monitored.

Whilst generally coming from a very small base of overall players, the countries with the highest proportion of junior registered golfers as a proportion of total registered golfers are Jordan (60%), Libya (60%), Armenia (45%), Sri Lanka (44%), Afghanistan (43%) and Turkey (41%).

There are clear opportunities to grow the number of junior players in all markets.

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National federation staff, board and committee members

National federations are multi-faceted and complex and require input from multiple groups in order to function, including the staff members themselves, and individuals at board and committee member level. There are currently over 3,200 people working at these levels in the Affiliate markets monitored outside of Europe, and each is vital in creating and enabling the infrastructure for golf to function in their respective countries.

Of the national federations that provided information on these areas, there are more than 850 staff members (71% are full time), just under 950 board members and just under 1,400 committee members.

In order to create a golfing structure that enables and promotes women's golf, it is important to ensure that women are included in the decision making process.

As such, recruiting women at staff, board and committee level is extremely important – although representation varies at these different levels.

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Representation by women is highest at the national federation staffing level. They represent 41% of the full time workforce and 36% of the part time workforce. Twenty five countries currently have 50% or higher female representation at full time employment level – and 15 countries have 50% or higher female staffing levels for part time contracts.

Women are much less represented at committee level, where they make up 23% of committee members. Currently, there are only six countries that have 50% or more representation rates, and there are eight countries which have no women committee members at all.

Board level currently has the lowest representation of female members. Women make up 15% of board members, a very similar representation rate to the registered adult female golfer landscape. Just four countries have a 50% or higher proportion of women at board level, and there are 26 countries with no women board members at all.

15%

of federation board membership is made up of women



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Golf's Bright Future

This is the first report from The R&A on the state of golf amongst its Affiliates and international markets across the regions of Africa, Asia, Canada, the Caribbean, Central America, the Middle East, Oceania and South America. The collation of numbers for total registered golfers, golf facilities and golf courses, and including national federation contact information is an important landmark in understanding the state of golf from the Affiliates' perspective and illustrating clearly that golf is a truly global sport.

Whilst total registered golfers at just over 3.1 million – or even total golfers at just under 31.1 million – represents only a small proportion of the total aggregated national populations at 0.06% and 0.5% respectively, it does indicate that the sport is embraced and recognised, and there is significant opportunity for growth for adult men and women players and junior boy and girl golfers.



Photo courtesy of Golf New Zealand

The infrastructure in many of the markets is not yet fully developed but at the same time in some Asian countries, there are many golfers involved mainly through driving ranges, golf simulators, and other formats and gamification elements for the sport.

In all of these regions, the sport is being showcased by international professional and amateur events with many of the leading regional amateur events being organised and run by The R&A as part of its commitment to help grow the sport. These generate greater interest for local populations to get involved and themselves become active in some format of the game.

The R&A has recognised that many participants – termed 'Golf Actives' – get involved in the sport through alternative and off-course routes such as driving ranges, simulators, pitch & putt, Adventure Golf, and gamification. Golf Actives includes all these forms of engagement with the sport as well as active involvement through full length golf course experiences. This broader involvement

significantly increases the number of individuals participating in golf and the size of the golfing landscape beyond the 31M total golfers identified in this report.

Golf employs many thousands of individuals in the industry whether working at golf venues, with the manufacturers who produce the equipment for playing or enabling the sport, or who work in the national federations, agencies and organisations who promote the development of the sport at all levels.

The potential exists to grow the sport further and increase per capita participation towards the rates seen in Canada, South Korea, New Zealand or Japan.

There are challenges and opportunities to grow women and girls' participation and while overall adult female participation of registered golfers is currently only 16% of total adult registered players, there are excellent initiatives and development opportunities as illustrated in the case studies in markets as diverse as Argentina, Costa Rica, Paraguay and New Zealand. With the strength of Asian players on the Women's World Golf Rankings, the case for growing participation and involvement by women and girls in the sport across this region is strong.

There are clear physical and mental health benefits from playing the sport and enabling golfers of different generations to exercise, play and compete together. This will allow the national federations to embrace the sport further and ensure golf continues to grow as a 'sport for life'.



Photo courtesy of Golf RSA



Federation Statistics.

Total Market Summary

The R&A works closely with its Affiliates all around the world to develop and sustain the sport. Details on the national federations can be found below. This includes contact details of key individuals, key statistics relating to participation, diversity, and golf courses.

This is the first report benchmarking the situation amongst The R&A Affiliates outside of Europe.

Countries are reported within their regional area – Africa, Asia, Canada, the Caribbean, Central America, the Middle East, Oceania and South America. Within each region, reporting is alphabetical. The countries monitored are those affiliated to The R&A. As such, there are some countries not included

where the national federation is not part of The R&A affiliate network, or where there is no national federation for golf in existence.

As this is the first time that this information has been gathered, there are some markets where the information is not collected under the normal course of operations. Where information is not available, it has been stated as 'Not Available' ('n/a') unless agreement on an

estimate has been made and accepted by the national federation, The R&A and after evaluation by Sports Marketing Surveys.

It is anticipated that as the collection of this information becomes more regular that the gaps in the information collated will reduce, and the picture and understanding will be more comprehensive.

Comparisons between GAW and Affiliates course numbers.

In some cases, the number of golf courses affiliated to each federation is different to the total inventory of golf courses as detailed in The R&A's Golf Around the World publication. This R&A initiative, working with the US-based National Golf Foundation, has for many years been monitoring the number of golf courses around the world that have over six holes per venue. In order to ensure consistency of reporting across the markets in The R&A's jurisdiction, the Golf Around the World golf course numbers have been used in the calculation of the registered golfers per course across the monitored markets – which replicates the methodology in the report published in 2020 for Europe. In the federation statistics section, details have been provided by the national federations on the number of 18-hole, 9-hole and other golf courses affiliated to the federation. These numbers may not correlate completely with the total number of golf courses in each country as identified by Golf Around the World.

Africa.

Region Summary

Region total population:*

954,584,216

Total number of golf courses:

1,013



Total Golfers			
Region	Player numbers	R&A Affiliates Ranking	% Golfers in Region
Asia	23,301,000	1	75.00%
Canada	5,700,000	2	18.35%
Oceania	1,372,000	3	4.42%
Africa	439,000	4	1.41%
South America	204,000	5	0.66%
Middle East	26,000	6	0.08%
Caribbean	18,000	7	0.06%
Central America	9,000	8	0.03%

Registered golfers (total)			
Region	Player numbers	R&A Affiliates Ranking	% Golfers in Region
Asia	1,898,838	1	60.65%
Oceania	610,068	2	19.48%
Canada	285,162	3	9.11%
Africa	186,559	4	5.96%
South America	126,819	5	4.05%
Middle East	11,079	6	0.35%
Caribbean	9,804	7	0.31%
Central America	2,706	8	0.09%

Registered adult male golfers			
Region	Player numbers	R&A Affiliates Ranking	% Golfers in Region
Asia	1,449,840	1	60.49%
Oceania	474,644	2	19.80%
Canada	205,969	3	8.59%
Africa	146,626	4	6.12%
South America	101,333	5	4.23%
Middle East	8,979	6	0.37%
Caribbean	7,584	7	0.32%
Central America	1,990	8	0.08%

Registered adult female golfers			
Region	Player numbers	R&A Affiliates Ranking	% Golfers in Region
Asia	231,371	1	50.26%
Oceania	115,749	2	25.15%
Canada	65,043	3	14.13%
Africa	25,297	4	5.50%
South America	19,657	5	4.27%
Middle East	1,285	6	0.28%
Caribbean	1,576	7	0.34%
Central America	344	8	0.07%

Registered junior golfers (girls & boys total)			
Region	Player numbers	R&A Affiliates Ranking	% Golfers in Region
Asia	203,293	1	79.15%
Oceania	18,566	2	7.23%
Canada	14,150	3	5.51%
Africa	12,883	4	5.02%
South America	5,979	5	2.33%
Middle East	945	6	0.37%
Caribbean	644	7	0.25%
Central America	372	8	0.14%

*Aggregated population of monitored
R&A Affiliate countries in region

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43,053,054

Total population

600 / 0.001%

Registered golfers / % of population

17 Region ranking

60 R&A affiliates ranking

600

Registered golfers per course

♂ - / -%

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

♀ - / -%

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

- Region ranking

- R&A affiliates ranking

👦 - / -%

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

- Region ranking

- R&A affiliates ranking

1

Total golf courses

- / -

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

-

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

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2,303,697

Total population

610 / 0.03%

Registered golfers / % of population

16 Region ranking

59 R&A affiliates ranking

76

Registered golfers per course

♂ - / -%

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

♀ - / -%

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

- Region ranking

- R&A affiliates ranking

👦 **10 / 2%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

23 Region ranking

77 R&A affiliates ranking

8

Total golf courses

0 / 0

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

20

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

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25,876,380

Total population

- / -%

Registered golfers / % of population

- Region ranking
- R&A affiliates ranking

-

Registered golfers per course

♂ - / -%

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

♀ - / -%

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

- Region ranking
- R&A affiliates ranking

👦 - / -%

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

- Region ranking
- R&A affiliates ranking

4

Total golf courses

- / -

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

-

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

Congo (Democratic Republic of)

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86,790,567

Total population

553 / 0.001%

Registered golfers / % of population

18 Region ranking
61 R&A affiliates ranking

277

Registered golfers per course

♂ - / -%

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

♀ - / -%

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

- Region ranking
- R&A affiliates ranking

👦 - / -%

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

- Region ranking
- R&A affiliates ranking

2

Total golf courses

- / -

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

-

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

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100,388,073

Total population

2,500 / 0.002%

Registered golfers / % of population

8 Region ranking

32 R&A affiliates ranking

64

Registered golfers per course

👤 **1,625 / 81%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **375 / 19%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

10 Region ranking

29 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **500 / 20%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

6 Region ranking

17 R&A affiliates ranking

39

Total golf courses

- / 25

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

42

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

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1,148,130

Total population

677 / 0.06%

Registered golfers / % of population

15 Region ranking

57 R&A affiliates ranking

85

Registered golfers per course

👤 **585 / 89%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **75 / 11%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

20 Region ranking

59 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **17 / 3%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

22 Region ranking

72 R&A affiliates ranking

8

Total golf courses

6 / 4

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

14

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

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2,172,579

Total population

371 / 0.02%

Registered golfers / % of population

21 Region ranking

69 R&A affiliates ranking

74

Registered golfers per course

👤 **258 / 74%**

Adult male registered golfers

/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **90 / 26%**

Adult female registered golfers

/ % of adult registered golfers

4 Region ranking

10 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **23 / 6%**

Junior registered golfers

/ % of total registered golfers

17 Region ranking

49 R&A affiliates ranking

5

Total golf courses

- / 3

Total affiliated golf courses

9-hole / 18-hole

12

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

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2,347,706

Total population

162 / 0.01%

Registered golfers / % of population

24 Region ranking

80 R&A affiliates ranking

81

Registered golfers per course

👤 **73 / 73%**

Adult male registered golfers

/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **27 / 27%**

Adult female registered golfers

/ % of adult registered golfers

3 Region ranking

7 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **62 / 38%**

Junior registered golfers

/ % of total registered golfers

2 Region ranking

7 R&A affiliates ranking

2

Total golf courses

- / 1

Total affiliated golf courses

9-hole / 18-hole

23

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

Ghana

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30,417,856

Total population

3,000 / 0.01%

Registered golfers / % of population

7 Region ranking

33 R&A affiliates ranking

188

Registered golfers per course

👤 **2,000 / 80%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **500 / 20%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

8 Region ranking

22 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **500 / 17%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

7 Region ranking

23 R&A affiliates ranking

16

Total golf courses

- / 15

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

4

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

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25,716,544

Total population

500 / 0.002%

Registered golfers / % of population

17 Region ranking

61 R&A affiliates ranking

167

Registered golfers per course

👤 **350 / 95%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **20 / 5%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

19 Region ranking

64 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **130 / 26%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

4 Region ranking

13 R&A affiliates ranking

3

Total golf courses

1 / 3

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

16

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

Kenya

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52,573,973

Total population

8,714 / 0.02%

Registered golfers / % of population

3 Region ranking

23 R&A affiliates ranking

194

Registered golfers per course

👤 **6,537 / 84%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **1,200 / 16%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

12 Region ranking

40 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **977 / 11%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

12 Region ranking

33 R&A affiliates ranking

45

Total golf courses

17 / 23

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

34

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

Liberia

LIBERIA GOLF ASSOCIATION

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4,937,374

Total population

- / -%

Registered golfers / % of population

- Region ranking

- R&A affiliates ranking

-

Registered golfers per course

👤 **- / -%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **- / -%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

- Region ranking

- R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **- / -%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

- Region ranking

- R&A affiliates ranking

2

Total golf courses

- / -

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

-

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

Libya

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6,777,452
Total population

336 / 0.005%
Registered golfers / % of population
22 Region ranking
70 R&A affiliates ranking

84
Registered golfers per course

👤 **136 / 100%**
Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **0 / 0%**
Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers
22 Region ranking
81 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **200 / 60%**
Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers
1 Region ranking
2 R&A affiliates ranking

4
Total golf courses

2 / 0
Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

12
National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

Madagascar

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26,969,307
Total population

250 / 0.001%
Registered golfers / % of population
23 Region ranking
75 R&A affiliates ranking

50
Registered golfers per course

👤 **180 / 78%**
Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **50 / 22%**
Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers
7 Region ranking
18 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **20 / 8%**
Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers
15 Region ranking
40 R&A affiliates ranking

5
Total golf courses

3 / 2
Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

100
National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

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18,628,747

Total population

727 / 0.004%

Registered golfers / % of population

14 Region ranking

55 R&A affiliates ranking

61

Registered golfers per course

👤 **460 / 75%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **150 / 25%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

5 Region ranking

13 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **117 / 16%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

8 Region ranking

24 R&A affiliates ranking

12

Total golf courses

1 / 12

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

55

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

Mauritius

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1,265,711

Total population

1,241 / 0.1%

Registered golfers / % of population

11 Region ranking

42 R&A affiliates ranking

83

Registered golfers per course

👤 **967 / 81%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **228 / 19%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

9 Region ranking

26 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **46 / 4%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

20 Region ranking

66 R&A affiliates ranking

15

Total golf courses

2 / 11

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

-

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

Morocco



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36,471,769

Total population

6,688 / 0.02%

Registered golfers / % of population

4 Region ranking

27 R&A affiliates ranking

110

Registered golfers per course

3,727 / 66%

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

1,914 / 34%

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

2 Region ranking

3 R&A affiliates ranking

1,047 / 16%

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

10 Region ranking

27 R&A affiliates ranking

61

Total golf courses

15 / 31

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

16

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

Namibia



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2,494,530

Total population

1,650 / 0.07%

Registered golfers / % of population

9 Region ranking

38 R&A affiliates ranking

118

Registered golfers per course

1,347 / 87%

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

195 / 13%

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

16 Region ranking

52 R&A affiliates ranking

108 / 7%

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

16 Region ranking

48 R&A affiliates ranking

14

Total golf courses

1 / 13

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

11

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

Nigeria

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200,963,599

Total population

11,000 / 0.005%

Registered golfers / % of population

2 Region ranking

22 R&A affiliates ranking

200

Registered golfers per course

 **5,500 / 65%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

 **3,000 / 35%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

1 Region ranking

2 R&A affiliates ranking

 **2,500 / 3%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

5 Region ranking

15 R&A affiliates ranking

55

Total golf courses

37 / 62

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

48




National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers



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16,296,364

Total population

415 / 0.003%

Registered golfers / % of population

20 Region ranking

66 R&A affiliates ranking

138

Registered golfers per course

 **350 / 88%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

 **50 / 13%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

17 Region ranking

53 R&A affiliates ranking

 **15 / 4%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

21 Region ranking

68 R&A affiliates ranking

3

Total golf courses

2 / 2

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

0

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

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97,625

Total population

156 / 0.16%

Registered golfers / % of population

25 Region ranking

82 R&A affiliates ranking

78

Registered golfers per course

130 / 87%

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

20 / 13%

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

15 Region ranking

50 R&A affiliates ranking

6 / 4%

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

18 Region ranking

64 R&A affiliates ranking

2

Total golf courses

1 / 1

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

10

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

Sierra Leone

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CEO/Secretary:

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7,813,215

Total population

- / -%

Registered golfers / % of population

- Region ranking

- R&A affiliates ranking

-

Registered golfers per course

- / -%

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

- / -%

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

- Region ranking

- R&A affiliates ranking

- / -%

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

- Region ranking

- R&A affiliates ranking

2

Total golf courses

- / -

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

-

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers



REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



South Africa: Developing a Path for Success.

Given the number of South African players who can regularly be found on professional and amateur tournament leaderboards across the world, the focus on the development of golfers in South Africa from an early age is significant.

Success may not always be reaching national or professional playing level, it can also mean developing a player from an underprivileged grassroots background and providing opportunities through golf where the child is educated and equipped with a broad range of life skills while their ambitions and dreams are nurtured.

Taking on board valuable lessons learned over the last 20 years – what works and what has not for player development – the South African Golf Development Board (SAGDB) has produced a 'path of success'.

"From the outset, when the SAGDB was formed in 1999 by

businessman Johann Rupert it was with the purpose of developing golf amongst children in under privileged communities," notes Grant Hepburn, SAGDB Managing Director (and CEO of Golf RSA, the umbrella body for golf in South Africa). Golf RSA has been involved in supporting this initiative since day one.

"The emphasis was placed on producing good players that could represent provincial and national teams. In addition to developing golf skills, there was an integrated focus on developing life skills and social skills through the intrinsic values of golf" explained Grant.

So far, over 30,000 young golfers have been through the SAGDB programme.

“The emphasis was placed on producing good players that could represent provincial and national teams. In addition to developing golf skills, there was an integrated focus on developing life skills and social skills through the intrinsic values of golf.”



Grant Hepburn,
SAGDB
Managing
Director and
Golf RSA CEO

1. A sustainable funding model

The SAGDB is fortunate to have a benefactor such as Johann Rupert and his companies to support ongoing funding. Once the SAGDB was established, it gained the support of the national federation, which made the decision to levy affiliated golfers with a ‘Development Fee’ as part of their affiliation membership subscriptions.

This fee is collected by the provincial golf unions and earmarked for development initiatives. There are 14 provincial golf unions in South Africa and each works with the SAGDB, creating a national footprint with over 2,500 under-privileged golfers benefitting from the programme each year.

2. Access to facilities

The SAGDB policy is to support development projects in communities that are close to driving ranges and/or golf courses. Most of the SAGDB beginners start off by hitting golf balls in a school field, park, or area of open ground near to their township. This is a starting point, but it is vital to children’s development that they progress onto a driving range and then actual golf courses. Access to proper golf facilities is vital where basics rules and etiquette can more easily be taught.

3. Identifying and developing coaches to deliver the basic fundamentals

The SAGDB seeks out members of the community that play golf who are then trained to give basic Level One coaching. This is a cost-effective way to get children started in playing golf – as well as giving new skills to the trainers or coaches.

Given South Africa has 11 official languages, it also helps to have local community members delivering the right information. Once golfers’ skills are developed, they are given access to PGA professional coaching. Each region chooses a SAGDB regional squad of 12 players for one-on-one lessons. As players progress, they are entered into junior, regional and Golf RSA national events.

“For golfers that reach top level amateur golf, the SAGDB assists in helping them to find bursaries to attend university or college or golf-related programmes such as greenkeeping courses,” adds Hepburn, who was formerly a National Coach.

Many of the nation’s leading players also support and acknowledge the work done by the SAGDB.

4. Managers that can manage

Sometimes, the SAGDB managers are coaches that have shown management potential and have progressed into the role – but very often the managers do not have a coaching background. Not only must the managers be able to plan and arrange transport and logistics, they also need to be able to liaise with golf clubs and the parents of the children on many aspects. Transport is a huge challenge as very often the SAGDB needs to use mini-bus taxis and very often these taxis are unreliable. As a result, the managers seek out trustworthy taxi providers and form relationships.

5. Reliable and audited administrative structures

The administrative structures of the SAGDB have formed the backbone of its success, particularly due to the transparency of the financial reporting. The golf unions and sponsors can take comfort in the fact that the SAGDB provides audited financials to the sponsors and golf unions.

“Without a clear pathway even the most talented golfers or children will fall by the wayside and not reach their true potential,” concludes Hepburn.

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58,558,270

Total population

133,717 / 0.23%

Registered golfers / % of population

1 Region ranking

8 R&A affiliates ranking

280

Registered golfers per course

👤 **112,928 / 88%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **15,728 / 12%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

19 Region ranking

55 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **5,061 / 4%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

19 Region ranking

65 R&A affiliates ranking

477

Total golf courses

233 / 228

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

48

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

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58,005,463

Total population

751 / 0.001%

Registered golfers / % of population

13 Region ranking

53 RoW ranking

63

Registered golfers per course

👤 **568 / 88%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **81 / 12%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

18 Region ranking

54 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **102 / 14%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

11 Region ranking

30 R&A affiliates ranking

12

Total golf courses

12 / 4

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

69

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

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11,694,719

Total population

953 / 0.01%

Registered golfers / % of population

12 Region ranking

48 R&A affiliates ranking

60

Registered golfers per course

👤 **481 / 77%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **142 / 23%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

6 Region ranking

17 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **330 / 35%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

3 Region ranking

9 R&A affiliates ranking

16

Total golf courses

5 / 11

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

35

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

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44,269,594

Total population

1,250 / 0.003%

Registered golfers / % of population

10 Region ranking

41 R&A affiliates ranking

66

Registered golfers per course

👤 **900 / 86%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **150 / 14%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

13 Region ranking

46 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **200 / 16%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

9 Region ranking

26 R&A affiliates ranking

19

Total golf courses

12 / 5

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

46

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

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17,861,030

Total population

5,600 / 0.03%

Registered golfers / % of population

5 Region ranking

29 R&A affiliates ranking

215

Registered golfers per course

👤 **4,300 / 84%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **800 / 16%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

11 Region ranking

39 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **500 / 9%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

14 Region ranking

38 R&A affiliates ranking

26

Total golf courses

- / -

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

40

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

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14,645,468

Total population

3,910 / 0.03%

Registered golfers / % of population

6 Region ranking

31 R&A affiliates ranking

103

Registered golfers per course

👤 **3,064 / 86%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **494 / 14%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

14 Region ranking

47 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **352 / 9%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

13 Region ranking

37 R&A affiliates ranking

38

Total golf courses

- / 31

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

20

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

Asia.

Region Summary

Region total population:*

4,157,025,104

Total number of golf courses:

6,111

Total Golfers

Region	Player numbers	R&A Affiliates Ranking	% Golfers in Region
Asia	23,301,000	1	75.00%
Canada	5,700,000	2	18.35%
Oceania	1,372,000	3	4.42%
Africa	439,000	4	1.41%
South America	204,000	5	0.66%
Middle East	26,000	6	0.08%
Caribbean	18,000	7	0.06%
Central America	9,000	8	0.03%

Registered golfers (total)

Region	Player numbers	R&A Affiliates Ranking	% Golfers in Region
Asia	1,898,838	1	60.65%
Oceania	610,068	2	19.48%
Canada	285,162	3	9.11%
Africa	186,559	4	5.96%
South America	126,819	5	4.05%
Middle East	11,079	6	0.35%
Caribbean	9,804	7	0.31%
Central America	2,706	8	0.09%

Registered adult male golfers

Region	Player numbers	R&A Affiliates Ranking	% Golfers in Region
Asia	1,449,840	1	60.49%
Oceania	474,644	2	19.80%
Canada	205,969	3	8.59%
Africa	146,626	4	6.12%
South America	101,333	5	4.23%
Middle East	8,979	6	0.37%
Caribbean	7,584	7	0.32%
Central America	1,990	8	0.08%

Registered adult female golfers

Region	Player numbers	R&A Affiliates Ranking	% Golfers in Region
Asia	231,371	1	50.26%
Oceania	115,749	2	25.15%
Canada	65,043	3	14.13%
Africa	25,297	4	5.50%
South America	19,657	5	4.27%
Middle East	1,285	6	0.28%
Caribbean	1,576	7	0.34%
Central America	344	8	0.07%

Registered junior golfers (girls & boys total)

Region	Player numbers	R&A Affiliates Ranking	% Golfers in Region
Asia	203,293	1	79.15%
Oceania	18,566	2	7.23%
Canada	14,150	3	5.51%
Africa	12,883	4	5.02%
South America	5,979	5	2.33%
Middle East	945	6	0.37%
Caribbean	644	7	0.25%
Central America	372	8	0.14%

*Aggregated population of monitored R&A Affiliate countries in region

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38,041,754

Total population

300 / 0.001%

Registered golfers / % of population

20 Region ranking

72 R&A affiliates ranking

300

Registered golfers per course

150 / 88%

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

20 / 12%

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

13 Region ranking

57 R&A affiliates ranking

130 / 43%

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

3 Region ranking

5 R&A affiliates ranking

1

Total golf courses

3 / -

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

20

National squad / elite player
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2,951,776

Total population

110 / 0%

Registered golfers / % of population

25 Region ranking

86 R&A affiliates ranking

110

Registered golfers per course

45 / 75%

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

15 / 25%

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

5 Region ranking

12 R&A affiliates ranking

50 / 45%

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

1 Region ranking

3 R&A affiliates ranking

1

Total golf courses

1 / 0

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

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9,942,334

Total population

171 / 0.002%

Registered golfers / % of population

22 Region ranking

79 R&A affiliates ranking

57

Registered golfers per course

136 / 89%

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

17 / 11%

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

15 Region ranking

61 R&A affiliates ranking

18 / 11%

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

11 Region ranking

35 R&A affiliates ranking

3

Total golf courses

- / 2

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

0

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163,046,161

Total population

8,666 / 0.01%

Registered golfers / % of population

14 Region ranking

24 R&A affiliates ranking

433

Registered golfers per course

8,059 / 97%

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

265 / 3%

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

21 Region ranking

77 R&A affiliates ranking

342 / 4%

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

17 Region ranking

61 R&A affiliates ranking

20

Total golf courses

20 / 4

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

54

National squad / elite player
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763,092

Total population

- / -%

Registered golfers / % of population

- Region ranking

- R&A affiliates ranking

-

Registered golfers per course

♂ - / -%

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

♀ - / -%

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

- Region ranking

- R&A affiliates ranking

👦 - / -%

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

- Region ranking

- R&A affiliates ranking

4

Total golf courses

- / -

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

-

National squad / elite player
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16,486,542

Total population

500 / 0.003%

Registered golfers / % of population

18 Region ranking

63 R&A affiliates ranking

-

Registered golfers per course

♂ - / -%

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

♀ - / -%

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

- Region ranking

- R&A affiliates ranking

👦 - / -%

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

- Region ranking

- R&A affiliates ranking

12

Total golf courses

- / -

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

-




National squad / elite player
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1,397,715,000

Total population

520,000* / 0.04%

Registered golfers / % of population

2 Region ranking

2 R&A affiliates ranking

843

Registered golfers per course

 **280,000* / 80%**

Adult male registered golfers
 / % of adult registered golfers

 **70,000* / 20%**

Adult female registered golfers
 / % of adult registered golfers

6 Region ranking

21 R&A affiliates ranking

 **170,000* / 33%**

Junior registered golfers
 / % of total registered golfers

5 Region ranking

10 R&A affiliates ranking

617

Total golf courses

- / -

Total affiliated golf courses
 9-hole / 18-hole

36

National squad / elite player
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23,816,775

Total population

61,500* / 0.26%

Registered golfers / % of population

6 Region ranking

10 R&A affiliates ranking

699

Registered golfers per course

 **32,000* / 56%**

Adult male registered golfers
 / % of adult registered golfers

 **25,200* / 44%**

Adult female registered golfers
 / % of adult registered golfers

1 Region ranking

1 R&A affiliates ranking

 **4,300* / 7%**

Junior registered golfers
 / % of total registered golfers

13 Region ranking

45 R&A affiliates ranking

88

Total golf courses

61 / -

Total affiliated golf courses
 9-hole / 18-hole

34

National squad / elite player
 & development squad golfers

* Estimated figures provided by the CGA



HONG KONG / SINGAPORE



Hong Kong and Singapore: The Value of Golf

Demonstrating the value and impact that golf can make to a nation's economy as well as the social and health benefits which the sport provides are significant factors in encouraging political and national support for golf in today's society.

Sustainability and environmental issues are now key considerations for governments around the world and so demonstrating how the sport delivers in these areas can be of real significance for a national federation.

For the national federations in Hong Kong and Singapore, reports commissioned in 2018 have provided the bodies with evidence that outlines the economic and social benefits which golf provides.

Supported by The R&A, the Hong Kong Golf Association (HKGA) and the Singapore Golf Association (SGA) engaged with Golf Business Advisory Services, a specialist independent golf industry advisory firm based in Melbourne, Australia, to produce such a report for the first time for each country.

The in-depth Golf Industry Reports highlight a number of key findings, all of great use for both countries as they seek to develop the sport for all ages, genders, race and backgrounds.

Occupying islands and territory of approximately 1,100 square kilometres and now home to 7.4 million people, Hong Kong is the second most densely populated region in the world behind Singapore. With only six golf clubs and 10 golf courses, Hong Kong ranks the highest in terms of population count per course (1.47 million people per golf facility).

However, the benefits golf brings to Hong Kong are notable:

- Around 15,000 golfers are registered with the HKGA with women representing 24% of total affiliations.
- The financial revenues generated by golf facilities in Hong Kong is significant with total revenues across all facilities approximating \$HK600 million per annum.
- Based on an estimated participant base of approximately 100,000 golfers, the indicative health contribution being made by golf in Hong Kong is approximately \$HK10.3 million on an annual basis.
- On average, approximately \$HK30 million a year is raised for charity partners through golf club-based events in Hong Kong.
- Direct employment is being provided for 1,150 people, an average of approximately 230 individuals per facility.

Of the 11 South East Asian countries, Singapore, with 16 club facilities, ranks the fifth lowest in terms of population per facility, with an average of approximately 350,000 people per golf facility.

Given the general sports participation trends evident in Singapore, and the direct and broader benefits that are available from golf, there is a genuine role for golf to play as the government seeks to reverse declining sporting participation trends.

The key report findings for Singapore included:

- There are approximately 80,000 golfers in Singapore of whom 46,000 are members of Singapore's 12 private clubs.
- With the Singapore Government incurring annual expenditure of \$10 billion Singapore dollars around health services, the health benefits delivered through golf are being seen as potential ways of helping the government manage future health investment and expenditure, and potentially helping reduce the per capita spend.
- The financial revenues generated by golf clubs in Singapore is significant with total revenues across all facilities of around 238 million Singapore dollars per annum - an average of \$18.3 million per facility.
- On average, approximately \$63 million Singapore dollars is raised for charity each year through golf club-based events in Singapore.
- Labour costs account for approximately 47% of all club operating expenses, representing an annual market cost approximating \$100 million, delivering employment for 2,550 people.



Following the conclusion of both reports, both national federations discussed potential actions to develop the sport further in each market – such as a focus on junior golf – and a commitment to implement various initiatives and development programmes.

Dominic Wall, Director – Asia Pacific at The R&A said, “The Golf Industry reports commissioned by Hong Kong and Singapore could provide a model for many other countries that do not currently have such a report to highlight the size and value which golf provides to their territory, both economically and socially.”

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“Hong Kong is the second most densely populated region in the world behind Singapore. With only six golf clubs and 10 golf courses, Hong Kong ranks the highest in terms of population count per course (1.47 million people per golf facility).”

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3,731,000

Total population

155 / 0.004%

Registered golfers / % of population

23 Region ranking

83 R&A affiliates ranking

52

Registered golfers per course

👤 **110 / 81%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **25 / 19%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

8 Region ranking

30 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **20 / 13%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

10 Region ranking

31 R&A affiliates ranking

3

Total golf courses

2 / 3

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

5

National squad / elite player
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7,507,400

Total population

13,359 / 0.18%

Registered golfers / % of population

13 Region ranking

21 R&A affiliates ranking

954

Registered golfers per course

👤 **9,431 / 74%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **3,362 / 26%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

3 Region ranking

9 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **566 / 4%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

16 Region ranking

59 R&A affiliates ranking

14

Total golf courses

2 / 13

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

171

National squad / elite player
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1,366,417,750

Total population

100,000 / 0.01%

Registered golfers / % of population

5 Region ranking

9 R&A affiliates ranking

336

Registered golfers per course

97,000 / 99%

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

1,000 / 1%

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

23 Region ranking

80 R&A affiliates ranking

2,000 / 2%

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

20 Region ranking

76 R&A affiliates ranking

298

Total golf courses

6 / 242

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

26

National squad / elite player
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270,625,568

Total population

14,084 / 0.005%

Registered golfers / % of population

12 Region ranking

19 R&A affiliates ranking

83

Registered golfers per course

- / -%

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

- / -%

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

- Region ranking

- R&A affiliates ranking

295 / 2%

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

18 Region ranking

74 R&A affiliates ranking

170

Total golf courses

34 / 98

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

50

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

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126,264,931

Total population

629,224 / 0.5%

Registered golfers / % of population

1 Region ranking

1 R&A affiliates ranking

200

Registered golfers per course

👤 **561,000 / 90%**

Adult male registered golfers

/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **60,000 / 10%**

Adult female registered golfers

/ % of adult registered golfers

16 Region ranking

63 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **8,224 / 1%**

Junior registered golfers

/ % of total registered golfers

21 Region ranking

78 R&A affiliates ranking

3,140

Total golf courses

- / -

Total affiliated golf courses

9-hole / 18-hole

12

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

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18,276,499

Total population

1,020 / 0.006%

Registered golfers / % of population

17 Region ranking

47 R&A affiliates ranking

113

Registered golfers per course

👤 **600 / 75%**

Adult male registered golfers

/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **200 / 25%**

Adult female registered golfers

/ % of adult registered golfers

4 Region ranking

11 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **220 / 22%**

Junior registered golfers

/ % of total registered golfers

7 Region ranking

16 R&A affiliates ranking

9

Total golf courses

2 / 8

Total affiliated golf courses

9-hole / 18-hole

0

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

Kyrgyzstan

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6,456,900
 Total population

45 / 0.001%
 Registered golfers / % of population
26 Region ranking
88 R&A affiliates ranking

45
 Registered golfers per course

 - / -%
 Adult male registered golfers
 / % of adult registered golfers

 - / -%
 Adult female registered golfers
 / % of adult registered golfers
 - Region ranking
 - R&A affiliates ranking

 - / -%
 Junior registered golfers
 / % of total registered golfers
 - Region ranking
 - R&A affiliates ranking

1
 Total golf courses


- / -
 Total affiliated golf courses
 9-hole / 18-hole



-
 National squad / elite player
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7,169,455
 Total population

- / -%
 Registered golfers / % of population
0 Region ranking
0 R&A affiliates ranking

-
 Registered golfers per course

 - / -%
 Adult male registered golfers
 / % of adult registered golfers

 - / -%
 Adult female registered golfers
 / % of adult registered golfers
 - Region ranking
 - R&A affiliates ranking

 - / -%
 Junior registered golfers
 / % of total registered golfers
 - Region ranking
 - R&A affiliates ranking

14
 Total golf courses

- / -
 Total affiliated golf courses
 9-hole / 18-hole

-
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31,949,777

Total population

183,050 / 0.57%

Registered golfers / % of population

4 Region ranking

7 R&A affiliates ranking

753

Registered golfers per course

👤 **157,764 / 87%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **24,038 / 13%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

12 Region ranking

51 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **1,248 / 1%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

23 Region ranking

80 R&A affiliates ranking

243

Total golf courses

9 / 122

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

40

National squad / elite player
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Mongolia

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3,225,167

Total population

123 / 0.004%

Registered golfers / % of population

24 Region ranking

85 R&A affiliates ranking

31

Registered golfers per course

👤 **102 / 83%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **21 / 17%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

10 Region ranking

35 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **0 / 0%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

24 Region ranking

83 R&A affiliates ranking

4

Total golf courses

- / 4

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

6

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

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54,045,420

Total population

228 / 0%

Registered golfers / % of population

21 Region ranking

76 R&A affiliates ranking

2

Registered golfers per course

160 / 95%

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

8 / 5%

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

19 Region ranking

74 R&A affiliates ranking

60 / 26%

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

6 Region ranking

12 R&A affiliates ranking

117

Total golf courses

191 / -

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

24

National squad / elite player
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28,608,710

Total population

1,050 / 0.004%

Registered golfers / % of population

16 Region ranking

46 R&A affiliates ranking

210

Registered golfers per course

800 / 94%

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

50 / 6%

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

18 Region ranking

72 R&A affiliates ranking

200 / 19%

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

8 Region ranking

20 R&A affiliates ranking

5

Total golf courses

6 / 1

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

14

National squad / elite player
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Pakistan

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216,565,318

Total population

18,000 / 0.01%

Registered golfers / % of population

11 Region ranking

18 R&A affiliates ranking

353

Registered golfers per course

👤 **17,000 / 99%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **200 / 1%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

22 Region ranking

79 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **800 / 4%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

15 Region ranking

58 R&A affiliates ranking

51

Total golf courses

31 / 25

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

52

National squad / elite player
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Philippines

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108,116,615

Total population

25,000 / 0.02%

Registered golfers / % of population

9 Region ranking

14 R&A affiliates ranking

191

Registered golfers per course

👤 **23,500 / 96%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **1,000 / 4%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

20 Region ranking

76 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **500 / 2%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

19 Region ranking

75 R&A affiliates ranking

131

Total golf courses

5 / 97

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

30

National squad / elite player
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51,709,098

Total population

214,000 / 0.41%

Registered golfers / % of population

3 Region ranking

6 R&A affiliates ranking

264

Registered golfers per course

👤 **180,000 / 85%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **32,000 / 15%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

11 Region ranking

42 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **2,000 / 1%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

22 Region ranking

79 R&A affiliates ranking

810

Total golf courses

237 / 410

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

45

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

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5,703,569

Total population

40,000 / 0.7%

Registered golfers / % of population

7 Region ranking

12 R&A affiliates ranking

1,429

Registered golfers per course

👤 **31,200 / 82%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **6,800 / 18%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

9 Region ranking

33 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **2,000 / 5%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

14 Region ranking

54 R&A affiliates ranking

28

Total golf courses

2 / 12

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

48

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21,803,000

Total population

400 / 0.002%

Registered golfers / % of population

19 Region ranking

67 R&A affiliates ranking

50

Registered golfers per course

👤 **200 / 89%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **25 / 11%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

14 Region ranking

60 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **175 / 44%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

4 Region ranking

2 R&A affiliates ranking

8

Total golf courses

5 / 5

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

11

National squad / elite player
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69,625,582

Total population

22,016 / 0.03%

Registered golfers / % of population

10 Region ranking

16 R&A affiliates ranking

69

Registered golfers per course

👤 **14,529 / 81%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **3,406 / 19%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

7 Region ranking

27 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **4,081 / 19%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

9 Region ranking

21 R&A affiliates ranking

317

Total golf courses

25 / 258

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

120

National squad / elite player
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Turkey*



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82,319,724

Total population

6,739 / 0.01%

Registered golfers / % of population

15 Region ranking

26 R&A affiliates ranking

204

Registered golfers per course

2,788 / 70%

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

1,190 / 30%

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

2 Region ranking

4 R&A affiliates ranking

2,761 / 41%

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

4 Region ranking

6 R&A affiliates ranking

33

Total golf courses

9 / 20

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

56

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

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Vietnam



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96,462,106

Total population

39,326 / 0.04%

Registered golfers / % of population

8 Region ranking

13 R&A affiliates ranking

457

Registered golfers per course

33,426 / 93%

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

2,537 / 7%

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

17 Region ranking

69 R&A affiliates ranking

3,363 / 9%

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

12 Region ranking

39 R&A affiliates ranking

86

Total golf courses

8 / 65

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

20

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

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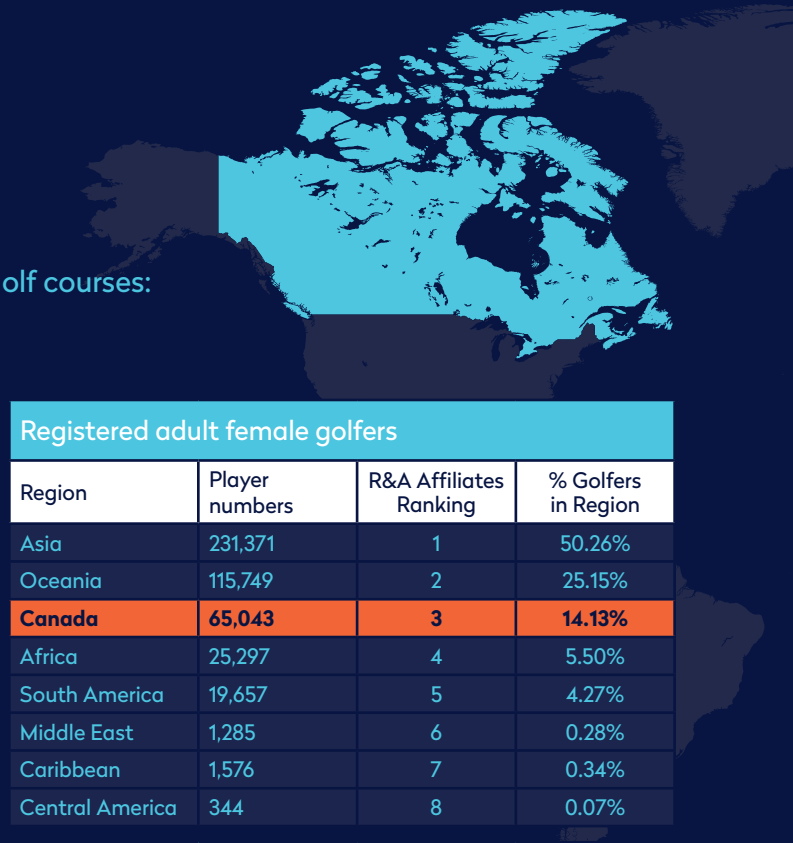
Country Summary

Country total population:*

37,589,262

Total number of golf courses:

2,564



Total Golfers			
Region	Player numbers	R&A Affiliates Ranking	% Golfers in Region
Asia	23,301,000	1	75.00%
Canada	5,700,000	2	18.35%
Oceania	1,372,000	3	4.42%
Africa	439,000	4	1.41%
South America	204,000	5	0.66%
Middle East	26,000	6	0.08%
Caribbean	18,000	7	0.06%
Central America	9,000	8	0.03%

Registered golfers (total)			
Region	Player numbers	R&A Affiliates Ranking	% Golfers in Region
Asia	1,898,838	1	60.65%
Oceania	610,068	2	19.48%
Canada	285,162	3	9.11%
Africa	186,559	4	5.96%
South America	126,819	5	4.05%
Middle East	11,079	6	0.35%
Caribbean	9,804	7	0.31%
Central America	2,706	8	0.09%

Registered adult male golfers			
Region	Player numbers	R&A Affiliates Ranking	% Golfers in Region
Asia	1,449,840	1	60.49%
Oceania	474,644	2	19.80%
Canada	205,969	3	8.59%
Africa	146,626	4	6.12%
South America	101,333	5	4.23%
Middle East	8,979	6	0.37%
Caribbean	7,584	7	0.32%
Central America	1,990	8	0.08%

Registered adult female golfers			
Region	Player numbers	R&A Affiliates Ranking	% Golfers in Region
Asia	231,371	1	50.26%
Oceania	115,749	2	25.15%
Canada	65,043	3	14.13%
Africa	25,297	4	5.50%
South America	19,657	5	4.27%
Middle East	1,285	6	0.28%
Caribbean	1,576	7	0.34%
Central America	344	8	0.07%

Registered junior golfers (girls & boys total)			
Region	Player numbers	R&A Affiliates Ranking	% Golfers in Region
Asia	203,293	1	79.15%
Oceania	18,566	2	7.23%
Canada	14,150	3	5.51%
Africa	12,883	4	5.02%
South America	5,979	5	2.33%
Middle East	945	6	0.37%
Caribbean	644	7	0.25%
Central America	372	8	0.14%

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R&A Affiliate countries in region

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37,589,262
Total population

285,162 / 0.76%
Registered golfers / % of population
1 Region ranking
4 R&A affiliates ranking

111
Registered golfers per course

 **205,969 / 76%**
Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

 **65,043 / 24%**
Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers
1 Region ranking
15 R&A affiliates ranking

 **14,150 / 5%**
Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers
1 Region ranking
56 R&A affiliates ranking

2,564
Total golf courses

883 / 1,444
Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

18
National squad / elite player
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Caribbean.

Region Summary

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27,298,024

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87

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389,482
Total population

1,159 / 0.3%
Registered golfers / % of population
4 Region ranking
44 R&A affiliates ranking

89
Registered golfers per course

👤 **812 / 83%**
Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **166 / 17%**
Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers
4 Region ranking
36 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **181 / 16%**
Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers
2 Region ranking
28 R&A affiliates ranking

13
Total golf courses

15 / 8
Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

48
National squad / elite player
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287,025
Total population

706 / 0.25%
Registered golfers / % of population
5 Region ranking
56 R&A affiliates ranking

101
Registered golfers per course

👤 **534 / 76%**
Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **172 / 24%**
Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers
2 Region ranking
14 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **0 / 0%**
Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers
8 Region ranking
82 R&A affiliates ranking

7
Total golf courses

9 / 10
Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

23
National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

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63,918

Total population

2,500 / 3.9%

Registered golfers / % of population

2 Region ranking

35 R&A affiliates ranking

417

Registered golfers per course

👤 **1,750 / 70%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **739 / 30%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

1 Region ranking

5 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **11 / 0%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

7 Region ranking

81 R&A affiliates ranking

6

Total golf courses

1 / 7

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

13

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

Cayman Islands



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64,948

Total population

176 / 0.27%

Registered golfers / % of population

7 Region ranking

78 R&A affiliates ranking

88

Registered golfers per course

👤 **154 / 91%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **16 / 9%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

6 Region ranking

64 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **6 / 3%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

6 Region ranking

70 R&A affiliates ranking

2

Total golf courses

1 / 1

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

16

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

Dominican Republic

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10,738,958
Total population

3,000 / 0.03%
Registered golfers / % of population
1 Region ranking
30 R&A affiliates ranking

86
Registered golfers per course

👤 **2,650 / 93%**
Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **200 / 7%**
Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers
8 Region ranking
70 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **150 / 5%**
Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers
5 Region ranking
55 R&A affiliates ranking

35
Total golf courses

1 / 33
Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

60
National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

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11,263,077
Total population

- / -%
Registered golfers / % of population
- Region ranking
- R&A affiliates ranking

-
Registered golfers per course

👤 **- / -%**
Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **- / -%**
Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers
- Region ranking
- R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **- / -%**
Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers
- Region ranking
- R&A affiliates ranking

1
Total golf courses

- / -
Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

-
National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

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2,948,279

Total population

660 / 0.02%

Registered golfers / % of population

6 Region ranking

58 R&A affiliates ranking

60

Registered golfers per course

 **550 / 92%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

 **50 / 8%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

7 Region ranking

66 R&A affiliates ranking

 **60 / 9%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

4 Region ranking

36 R&A affiliates ranking

11

Total golf courses

2 / 8

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

36



National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

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40,733

Total population

83 / 0.2%

Registered golfers / % of population

8 Region ranking

87 R&A affiliates ranking

83

Registered golfers per course

 **59 / 88%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

 **8 / 12%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

5 Region ranking

56 R&A affiliates ranking

 **16 / 19%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

1 Region ranking

19 R&A affiliates ranking

1

Total golf courses

- / 1

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

12

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

Trinidad & Tobago

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1,394,973
Total population

1,520 / 0.11%
Registered golfers / % of population
3 Region ranking
39 R&A affiliates ranking

190
Registered golfers per course

👤 **1,075 / 83%**
Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **225 / 17%**
Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers
3 Region ranking
34 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **220 / 14%**
Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers
3 Region ranking
29 R&A affiliates ranking

8
Total golf courses

3 / 5
Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

52
National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

Virgin Islands

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106,631
Total population

- / -%
Registered golfers / % of population
- Region ranking
- R&A affiliates ranking

-
Registered golfers per course

👤 **- / -%**
Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **- / -%**
Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers
- Region ranking
- R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **- / -%**
Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers
- Region ranking
- R&A affiliates ranking

3
Total golf courses

- / 2
Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

4
National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

Central America.

Region Summary

Region total population:*

44,396,759

Total number of golf courses:

35

Total Golfers

Region	Player numbers	R&A Affiliates Ranking	% Golfers in Region
Asia	23,301,000	1	75.00%
Canada	5,700,000	2	18.35%
Oceania	1,372,000	3	4.42%
Africa	439,000	4	1.41%
South America	204,000	5	0.66%
Middle East	26,000	6	0.08%
Caribbean	18,000	7	0.06%
Central America	9,000	8	0.03%

Registered golfers (total)

Region	Player numbers	R&A Affiliates Ranking	% Golfers in Region
Asia	1,898,838	1	60.65%
Oceania	610,068	2	19.48%
Canada	285,162	3	9.11%
Africa	186,559	4	5.96%
South America	126,819	5	4.05%
Middle East	11,079	6	0.35%
Caribbean	9,804	7	0.31%
Central America	2,706	8	0.09%

Registered adult male golfers

Region	Player numbers	R&A Affiliates Ranking	% Golfers in Region
Asia	1,449,840	1	60.49%
Oceania	474,644	2	19.80%
Canada	205,969	3	8.59%
Africa	146,626	4	6.12%
South America	101,333	5	4.23%
Middle East	8,979	6	0.37%
Caribbean	7,584	7	0.32%
Central America	1,990	8	0.08%

Registered adult female golfers

Region	Player numbers	R&A Affiliates Ranking	% Golfers in Region
Asia	231,371	1	50.26%
Oceania	115,749	2	25.15%
Canada	65,043	3	14.13%
Africa	25,297	4	5.50%
South America	19,657	5	4.27%
Middle East	1,285	6	0.28%
Caribbean	1,576	7	0.34%
Central America	344	8	0.07%

Registered junior golfers (girls & boys total)

Region	Player numbers	R&A Affiliates Ranking	% Golfers in Region
Asia	203,293	1	79.15%
Oceania	18,566	2	7.23%
Canada	14,150	3	5.51%
Africa	12,883	4	5.02%
South America	5,979	5	2.33%
Middle East	945	6	0.37%
Caribbean	644	7	0.25%
Central America	372	8	0.14%

*Aggregated population of monitored
R&A Affiliate countries in region

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390,353

Total population

27 / 0.01%

Registered golfers / % of population

11 Region ranking

89 R&A affiliates ranking

14

Registered golfers per course

👤 **27 / 100%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **0 / 0%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

11 Region ranking

82 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **0 / 0%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

11 Region ranking

84 R&A affiliates ranking

2

Total golf courses

2 / 0

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

2

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

Costa Rica



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5,047,561

Total population

750 / 0.01%

Registered golfers / % of population

2 Region ranking

54 R&A affiliates ranking

54

Registered golfers per course

👤 **500 / 83%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **100 / 17%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

2 Region ranking

37 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **150 / 20%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

2 Region ranking

18 R&A affiliates ranking

14

Total golf courses

9 / 6

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

45

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers



COSTA RICA



Costa Rica: The Rise of Golf

It was no ordinary day for Paul Chaplet. On 17 January 2016, the teenager from Costa Rica won the second Latin America Amateur Championship and added his name to the region's most prestigious trophy in amateur golf. "I'm in shock, I can't believe it," he said, at Casa de Campo's Teeth of the Dog course in the Dominican Republic.

A few months later he went on to make history by becoming the first Costa Rican to compete in The Masters Tournament at Augusta National. There, his countryman Alvaro Ortiz was in attendance too, beaming with pride.

"Watching the Costa Rica flag on the main leaderboard to the right of the 1st hole was very emotional," Ortiz said. "Watching Paul walk down the fairway with Mark O'Meara in the first two rounds; watching the kid I saw grow up play the Masters – it was like a dream."

Ortiz is Costa Rica's leading player in the World Amateur Golf Ranking® (WAGR), and with the stories of Chaplet at The Masters, and now his own performances, as well as other emerging players, it is illustrative of how a small golfing

nation like Costa Rica – with a population of just five million – can be successful on the global stage.

The work these players, and the Costa Rican Golf Federation, are doing can certainly help create more magical moments. Aided by funding from The R&A in 2020, Costa Rica is a shining example to many national federations of how multiple endeavours across a range of areas in their development plan can deliver exceptional results.

Costa Rica is a rugged, rain-forested Central American country with coastlines on the Caribbean and Pacific and the federation has been working hard to encourage more people to become golfers, improve player performance as well as host championships.

Working with the Costa Rica PGA, they are focused on the development of junior golfers, golfers with disabilities and, notably, women and girls' golf.

"Our key learning from 2019 was that volunteers are very important," said Maurizio Musmanni, President of the federation. "Our staff headcount is very small and we need people to keep growing and aiming for success. In 2019, we started to recruit interested people to help us and the response has been very positive. Today we have a women's committee, tournaments committee, juniors committee and rules committee."

Indeed, in 2019, the federation began sending staff members to train and specialise in The R&A's Tournament Administration and Referees Schools (TARS) through attending the Level 2 and Level 3 seminar programmes.

That year the federation organised 35 tournaments, including eight WAGR counting events. It saw an increase from 663 to 806 rounds played in official national tournaments. It has well-established competitions for players of any level and gender (over 650 members), helping the Costa Rican men's team to win the Copa Los Volcanes in 2019, with the women's team runners-up.

Having committed to The R&A Women in Golf Charter, the 'Pink Birdies' project was born. It has helped create a group of motivated golfers playing in both recreational and competitive activities, through schools and golf clubs, as well as creating a golf community for women and girls with a presence on social media.

"In 2019, one of our main focuses was women's golf," confirmed Musmanni. "We created a



committee focused only on ladies' golf and its development. Perhaps to our surprise, 'Pink Birdies' has been a total success! We are positive that if we continue working hard, women's golf in Costa Rica has a bright future."

The federation has initiated a number of other projects including 'Grow the Game' for junior players focused on schools and public parks, aided by the education of professionals. It has also included 'Project 36', with simple rules and holes to create fun golf opportunities for beginners.

Furthermore, the 'Give Back to Golf' programme has been a success. All golf professionals who have attended the nation's teaching and coaching summit have committed

to organising a minimum of three grow golf events per year in their local communities that are free of charge – with a total of over 125 having been delivered in 2019 – to enhance golf development.

Meantime, Challenge Golf Costa Rica offers the opportunity to practice and enjoy the sport for people with some type of disability, and this successful initiative has 41 members. It works in tandem with Disabled Golf Costa Rica – affiliated to EDGA since 2016 – with trailblazer Leiner Ramirez entering the World Ranking for Golfers with Disability for the first time in the country's history. For Costa Rica, it is onwards and upwards.

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6,453,553

Total population

300 / 0.005%

Registered golfers / % of population

3 Region ranking

73 R&A affiliates ranking

100

Registered golfers per course

150 / 77%

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

45 / 23%

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

1 Region ranking

16 R&A affiliates ranking

105 / 35%

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

1 Region ranking

8 R&A affiliates ranking

3

Total golf courses

1 / 2

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

18

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

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16,604,026

Total population

1,495 / 0.01%

Registered golfers / % of population

1 Region ranking

40 R&A affiliates ranking

249

Registered golfers per course

1,219 / 87%

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

188 / 13%

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

3 Region ranking

49 R&A affiliates ranking

88 / 6%

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

4 Region ranking

50 R&A affiliates ranking

6

Total golf courses

1 / 6

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

34

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

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9,746,117

Total population

- / -%

Registered golfers / % of population

- Region ranking
- R&A affiliates ranking

-

Registered golfers per course

👤 **- / -%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **- / -%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

- Region ranking
- R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **- / -%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

- Region ranking
- R&A affiliates ranking

8

Total golf courses

- / -

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

-

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

Nicaragua

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6,545,502

Total population

161 / 0.002%

Registered golfers / % of population

4 Region ranking
81 R&A affiliates ranking

40

Registered golfers per course

👤 **121 / 92%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **11 / 8%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

4 Region ranking
67 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **29 / 18%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

3 Region ranking
22 R&A affiliates ranking

4

Total golf courses

2 / 3

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

57

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

Middle-East.

Region Summary

Region total population:*

162,242,395

Total number of golf courses:

69

Total Golfers			
Region	Player numbers	R&A Affiliates Ranking	% Golfers in Region
Asia	23,301,000	1	75.00%
Canada	5,700,000	2	18.35%
Oceania	1,372,000	3	4.42%
Africa	439,000	4	1.41%
South America	204,000	5	0.66%
Middle East	26,000	6	0.08%
Caribbean	18,000	7	0.06%
Central America	9,000	8	0.03%

Registered golfers (total)			
Region	Player numbers	R&A Affiliates Ranking	% Golfers in Region
Asia	1,898,838	1	60.65%
Oceania	610,068	2	19.48%
Canada	285,162	3	9.11%
Africa	186,559	4	5.96%
South America	126,819	5	4.05%
Middle East	11,079	6	0.35%
Caribbean	9,804	7	0.31%
Central America	2,706	8	0.09%

Registered adult male golfers			
Region	Player numbers	R&A Affiliates Ranking	% Golfers in Region
Asia	1,449,840	1	60.49%
Oceania	474,644	2	19.80%
Canada	205,969	3	8.59%
Africa	146,626	4	6.12%
South America	101,333	5	4.23%
Middle East	8,979	6	0.37%
Caribbean	7,584	7	0.32%
Central America	1,990	8	0.08%

Registered adult female golfers			
Region	Player numbers	R&A Affiliates Ranking	% Golfers in Region
Asia	231,371	1	50.26%
Oceania	115,749	2	25.15%
Canada	65,043	3	14.13%
Africa	25,297	4	5.50%
South America	19,657	5	4.27%
Middle East	1,285	6	0.28%
Caribbean	1,576	7	0.34%
Central America	344	8	0.07%

Registered junior golfers (girls & boys total)			
Region	Player numbers	R&A Affiliates Ranking	% Golfers in Region
Asia	203,293	1	79.15%
Oceania	18,566	2	7.23%
Canada	14,150	3	5.51%
Africa	12,883	4	5.02%
South America	5,979	5	2.33%
Middle East	945	6	0.37%
Caribbean	644	7	0.25%
Central America	372	8	0.14%

*Aggregated population of monitored R&A Affiliate countries in region

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1,641,172

Total population

330 / 0.02%

Registered golfers / % of population

7 Region ranking

71 R&A affiliates ranking

55

Registered golfers per course

200 / 80%

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

50 / 20%

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

2 Region ranking

23 R&A affiliates ranking

80 / 24%

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

2 Region ranking

14 R&A affiliates ranking

6

Total golf courses

- / 3

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

50

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

Iran

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82,913,906

Total population

- / -%

Registered golfers / % of population

- Region ranking

- RoW ranking

-

Registered golfers per course

- / -%

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

- / -%

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

- Region ranking

- R&A affiliates ranking

- / -%

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

- Region ranking

- R&A affiliates ranking

1

Total golf courses

- / -

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

-

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

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8,883,800

Total population

544 / 0.01%

Registered golfers / % of population

4 Region ranking

62 R&A affiliates ranking

544

Registered golfers per course

👤 **466 / 88%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **62 / 12%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

5 Region ranking

58 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **16 / 3%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

8 Region ranking

71 R&A affiliates ranking

1

Total golf courses

1 / 1

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

-

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

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Jordan

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10,101,694

Total population

150 / 0.001%

Registered golfers / % of population

8 Region ranking

81 R&A affiliates ranking

50

Registered golfers per course

👤 **55 / 92%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **5 / 8%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

6 Region ranking

84 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **90 / 60%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

1 Region ranking

1 R&A affiliates ranking

3

Total golf courses

1 / 1

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole



9

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

Lebanon

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6,855,713
Total population

379 / 0.01%
Registered golfers / % of population
 6 Region ranking
 68 R&A affiliates ranking

379
Registered golfers per course

 **350 / 97%**
Adult male registered golfers
 / % of adult registered golfers

 **10 / 3%**
Adult female registered golfers
 / % of adult registered golfers
 8 Region ranking
 78 R&A affiliates ranking

 **19 / 5%**
Junior registered golfers
 / % of total registered golfers
 7 Region ranking
 53 R&A affiliates ranking

1
Total golf courses




- / 1
Total affiliated golf courses
 9-hole / 18-hole

31
National squad / elite player
 & development squad golfers




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4,974,986
Total population

800 / 0.02%
Registered golfers / % of population
 3 Region ranking
 52 R&A affiliates ranking

114
Registered golfers per course

 **640 / 86%**
Adult male registered golfers
 / % of adult registered golfers

 **100 / 14%**
Adult female registered golfers
 / % of adult registered golfers
 4 Region ranking
 48 R&A affiliates ranking

 **60 / 8%**
Junior registered golfers
 / % of total registered golfers
 5 Region ranking
 42 R&A affiliates ranking

7
Total golf courses

3 / 3
Total affiliated golf courses
 9-hole / 18-hole

23
National squad / elite player
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2,832,067

Total population

500 / 0.02%

Registered golfers / % of population

5 Region ranking

65 R&A affiliates ranking

83

Registered golfers per course

300 / 71%

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

120 / 29%

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

1 Region ranking

6 R&A affiliates ranking

80 / 16%

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

3 Region ranking

25 R&A affiliates ranking

6

Total golf courses

3 / 4

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

31

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

Saudi Arabia



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34,268,528

Total population

2,680 / 0.008%

Registered golfers / % of population

2 Region ranking

34 R&A affiliates ranking

206

Registered golfers per course

2,400 / 96%

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

110 / 4%

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

7 Region ranking

75 R&A affiliates ranking

300 / 11%

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

4 Region ranking

34 R&A affiliates ranking

13

Total golf courses

4 / 2

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

40

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

United Arab Emirates

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9,770,529
Total population

5,696 / 0.06%
Registered golfers / % of population
 1 Region ranking
 28 R&A affiliates ranking

184
Registered golfers per course

 **4,568 / 85%**
Adult male registered golfers
 / % of adult registered golfers

 **828 / 15%**
Adult female registered golfers
 / % of adult registered golfers
 3 Region ranking
 41 R&A affiliates ranking

 **300 / 5%**
Junior registered golfers
 / % of total registered golfers
 6 Region ranking
 52 R&A affiliates ranking

31
Total golf courses

21 / 21
Total affiliated golf courses
 9-hole / 18-hole

53
National squad / elite player
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Oceania.

Region Summary

Region total population:*

40,461,918

Total number of golf courses:

2,037

Total Golfers

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AUSTRALIA



Australia: A Vision for Change

Back in February 2018, Golf Australia launched a strategy to address a fundamental imbalance in the sport and draw more women and girls to golf – Vision 2025.

Its primary aim is to tackle a reduction in female members to just 20% of all club membership, the lowest figure on record.

The four-pillar strategy aims to significantly increase participation rates for women and girls by 2025, along with improving the culture and welcome at golf clubs around the country so the sport is visibly seen to be inclusive of everyone. “If we love golf, it’s actually our responsibility to help golf to be a sport for all,” said Golf Australia’s new Chief Executive, James Sutherland.

What are the main pillars of Vision 2025?

1. Culture and leadership

More women on boards and in senior positions across the industry; empowering clubs and courses to make them more welcoming; encouraging equal access and equal rights

2. Grassroots

Introductions to golf that are friendlier and more social; more emphasis on fun and family; better transition to courses and clubs; hubs and networks for women and girls

3. High performance and coaching

More role models to inspire the next generation; more female coaches to nurture and develop talent; more chances for the elite to compete and hone their skills; ensuring high performance pathways meet the specific needs of women and girls

4. Marketing and positioning

Changing the way the sport is perceived; more women and girls proud to say 'I play golf'; promoting the fun, healthy, social game as a complimentary sport and a sport for life

"Through Vision 2025, Golf Australia intends to introduce and retain more women and girls in golf through innovative and inspiring age and gender appropriate programmes," said Chyloe Kurdas, Female Engagement Senior Manager for Golf Australia, a role supported by funding from The R&A since 2018.

As part of the strategy, Golf Australia is encouraging its 1,500 clubs to provide equal access for all genders and from all ethnic backgrounds – which many already offer – and for clubs to take on more female board members and senior executives. "It's a massive task, that's why we've made it

2025," said Jill Spargo, Vision 2025 Steering Group Chair, who believes a 30% female membership rate is a realistic target.

"It's not something that's going to happen quickly. A lot of clubs are doing good things out there, so we need to be identifying those clubs that are doing good things and sharing best practices with other clubs."

LPGA Tour pro Hannah Green came to the sport in the footsteps of her golfing father but admits she might have been lost to golf had it not been for her friends, firstly at Hartfield Golf Club in Perth and then Mount Lawley Golf Club. "It's just nice to play golf with another female," she said. "I joined Mount Lawley and there were maybe seven other girls and I don't think I'd be still playing golf if it wasn't for them. You just feel more comfortable."

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Chyloe Kurdas,
Female Engagement
Senior Manager for
Golf Australia



Vision 2025 achievements:

- The establishment of a Vision 2025 Global Action Plan that is comprised of shared objectives across Golf Australia, Golf New South Wales, Golf Western Australia, PGA of Australasia, Australian Ladies Professional Golf and Golf Management Australia. The Global Action Plan encompasses 16 key focuses, with priority given to addressing low numbers of women on club boards; building the capacity of clubs and facilities to deliver needs driven participation opportunities for girls and women; increasing women's involvement in participation delivery and in high performance coaching ranks; and, showcasing examples of club excellence in leading gender equality change in golf.
- Participation is also showing signs of progress. The female golf AusPlay data (survey of participation run by Sport Australia – includes adult member and non-member participation) shows a growth in female players from 188,500 in 2018 to 209,800 in 2019-20.
- The COVID-19 pandemic, while challenging for society on a global scale, also contributed to an overall growth in golf participation in Australia in 2020 – including among females.



In their report, “New member demand – the impact of COVID-19”, Golf Australia highlighted that more than 42,000 people joined golf clubs in the 10 months to the end of October 2020. That represented a surge in new membership demand of 126% nationally – despite the lengthy COVID-19 shutdown in metropolitan Melbourne.

Golf Australia's General Manager of Golf Development David Gallichio is optimistic about the findings, compiled by Golf Business Advisory Services. “The numbers themselves are important right now,” he said. “But what is paramount for the game's future is for us to ensure the retention of the new members and players by extrapolating the data and taking those lessons to our clubs and facilities.”

Male membership growth represented 88% of the total surge and it was women aged 50+ who were responsible for more than 56% of the female growth.

The report also revealed that year-to-date October data (excluding Victoria due to a COVID-19 outbreak that closed courses for three months) showed rounds 8% up on 2019 – and 22% in the months May to October. For this latter period, male and female rounds demand was up by 22% and 20%, respectively.

Kurdas added, “There is an air of change regarding women and girls' golf in Australia and we now have to continue the momentum.”

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25,364,307

Total population

383,794 / 1.5%

Registered golfers / % of population

1 Region ranking

3 R&A affiliates ranking

242

Registered golfers per course

👤 **296,225 / 80%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **74,442 / 20%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

3 Region ranking

20 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **13,127 / 3%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

4 Region ranking

69 R&A affiliates ranking

1,584

Total golf courses

423 / 912

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

86

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

Cook Islands

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17,570

Total population

280 / 1.6%

Registered golfers / % of population

5 Region ranking

74 R&A affiliates ranking

140

Registered golfers per course

👤 **190 / 73%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **70 / 27%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

1 Region ranking

8 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **20 / 7%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

3 Region ranking

44 R&A affiliates ranking

2

Total golf courses

2 / 0

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

10

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

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889,953

Total population

1,190 / 0.13%

Registered golfers / % of population

3 Region ranking

43 R&A affiliates ranking

85

Registered golfers per course

1,000 / 91%

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

100 / 9%

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

5 Region ranking

65 R&A affiliates ranking

90 / 8%

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

2 Region ranking

41 R&A affiliates ranking

14

Total golf courses

- / -

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

30

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

New Zealand



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4,917,000

Total population

223,486 / 4.5%

Registered golfers / % of population

2 Region ranking

5 R&A affiliates ranking

537

Registered golfers per course

177,083 / 81%

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

41,099 / 19%

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

4 Region ranking

28 R&A affiliates ranking

5,304 / 2%

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

5 Region ranking

73 R&A affiliates ranking

416

Total golf courses

116 / 268

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

20

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers



NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand: Flexi Golf Model Supports Growth

“I play for fun with friends and family, often at different courses. Since I've joined Flexiclub, I've started to hand in my scorecards and I am really close to achieving getting my handicap and I enjoy keeping track of my progress. I haven't joined a club due to work and family commitments, but one day it may be an option.”

Woman golfer, 42.

flexiclub



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Dean Murphy,
CEO of Golf
New Zealand

Golf was first played in New Zealand at the Dunedin Golf Club in 1871 so 2021 will see the country celebrate 150 years of golf. Golf is also the most played sport in New Zealand with around half a million Kiwis playing each year. The industry employs over 2,000 people, has more than 6,000 volunteers, and contributes more than a billion New Zealand dollars (NZ\$) annually to the national economy.

Importantly, developments around the sport include Golf New Zealand positively engaging with independent golfers. The process of involving non-club members in the sport is a significant challenge for most national federations around the world. Golf New Zealand is perhaps leading the way in this field in supporting the growth of the sport beyond traditional club membership.

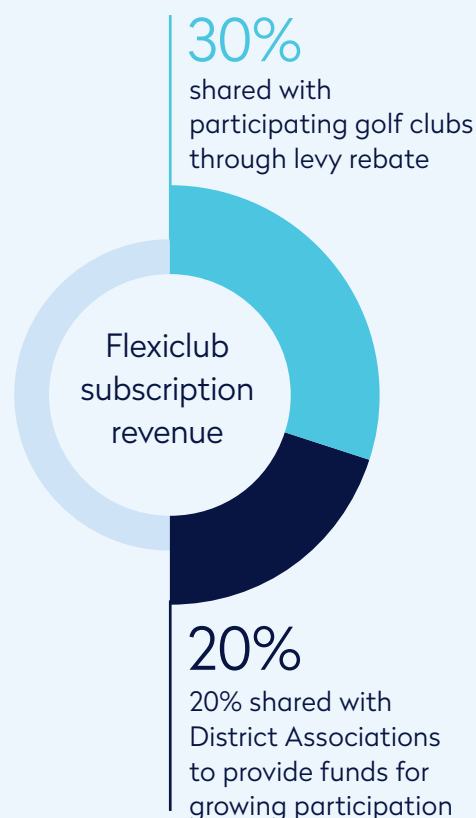
LOVE Golf Flexiclub has been designed by Golf New Zealand to meet the needs of modern, casual golfers by providing greater flexibility, increased affordability and therefore real credibility to encourage people to start, progress and stay in the sport.

Officially launched in October 2018, LOVE Golf Flexiclub, is an 'online virtual club' designed to provide casual golfers with the flexibility to pay for play at a variety of courses and a credible way to obtain an official Golf New Zealand handicap.

Flexiclub offers golfers multiple pricing options to cater for every budget including free registration on the national database, which

has grown to 128,000 casual and independent golfers. Golfers then have a choice of an annual subscription for \$120 or a monthly payment of \$15. These subscription packages include other features and services: an official Golf New Zealand handicap; access to an app to keep track of scores; to find courses to play; to book tee times; and to communicate with other independent golfing friends.

Since the launch, an impressive 2,846 golfers have joined the Golf Flexiclub scheme which allows Golf New Zealand to better understand who these players are, their golfing preferences and enables the federation to communicate with a growing base of casual



What has Golf New Zealand learned about Flexiclub members?



43

average age
(61 for regular club members)

24%

were registered as
casual golfers

18%

have been a member of
another club in the past

1 in 5

move towards
club membership

65%

have never been a
member of a club /
never held a handicap

34,647

rounds have been played
across the country in the
Flexiclub scheme

players. Initially, Golf New Zealand restricted Flexiclub member numbers to 2,000 in the first two years in order to test and trial the product but now expect numbers to grow in the coming years.

In 2019, golf club membership in New Zealand increased nationally by 2.5% through a range of marketing and club support programmes, reversing a long running trend of small annual declines.

Membership of clubs continued to increase nationally throughout 2020 with a rise of 7% being achieved and taking affiliated numbers to 111,000 people. Flexiclub is playing a part in this growth with 515 golfers having already gone on to join another club.

Dean Murphy, Chief Executive at Golf New Zealand, said: "These learnings show that Flexiclub is working to inspire new golfers to engage in the game in a way they never have before, attracting lapsed golfers back and providing an option for those who are considering leaving the sport due to work or family commitments to continue playing the game."

Many stakeholders across the golf sector have contributed their feedback to shape the development of Flexiclub. "The ability to connect and communicate with a growing base of casual golfers is important for golf as we seek to better understand their wants, needs and involvement in the game," added a club's General

Manager. "It allows us to create and promote new experiences and offerings to grow participation and membership within our golf clubs."

A shared revenue model is benefiting all stakeholders – including the clubs, District Associations and Golf New Zealand itself. Flexiclub members contribute to the administration costs of the game which going forward presents an opportunity to reduce the affiliated levy for golf club members.

In total, 30% of the Flexiclub subscription revenue is shared with participating golf clubs through a levy rebate, and a further 20% shared with District Associations to provide funds for growing participation.

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8,776,109
Total population

1,109 / 0.01%
Registered golfers / % of population
4 Region ranking
45 R&A affiliates ranking

74
Registered golfers per course

 - / -%
Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

 - / -%
Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers
- Region ranking
- R&A affiliates ranking

 - / -%
Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers
- Region ranking
- R&A affiliates ranking

15
Total golf courses

- / -
Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

-
National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

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197,097

Total population

- / -%

Registered golfers / % of population

- Region ranking
- R&A affiliates ranking

-

Registered golfers per course

♂ - / -%

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

♀ - / -%

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- Region ranking
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👤 - / -%

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

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1

Total golf courses

- / -

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9-hole / 18-hole

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Vanuatu



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299,882

Total population

209 / 0.07%

Registered golfers / % of population

6 Region ranking
77 R&A affiliates ranking

42

Registered golfers per course

♂ 146 / 79%

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

♀ 38 / 21%

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

2 Region ranking
19 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 25 / 12%

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

1 Region ranking
32 R&A affiliates ranking

5

Total golf courses

- / -

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

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South America.

Region Summary

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430,496,983

Total number of golf courses:

717

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ARGENTINA



Argentina: Ladies' 9 Hole Tour

A focus on growing interest in golf for women and girls and advocating shorter formats of the sport are key areas for The R&A to broaden its appeal. Argentina is excelling in delivering in both.

While the participation initiatives in Australia and New Zealand to increase the number of people playing nine-hole golf have received many plaudits, including working in tandem with The R&A's annual 9 Hole Challenge, the efforts in Argentina are equally worthy.

Organised by the Argentina Golf Association, a new 9 Hole Women's National Programme and Tour, promoted as 'Ladies' 9', started in March 2019 with 10 competitions taking place around the country. The results have been impressive, delivering the following:

- raising awareness of the benefits of nine-hole golf
- an increase in the number of women playing
- an increase in more family golf
- an increase in nine-hole competition rounds

- an increase in club involvement in principal cities and regions
- a focus on more socialising and networking among women of different age groups

Each of the 10 competitions in 2019 attracted, on average, 70 women golfers. With gross and net categories and age group prize categories, a Grand Final was then held at San Isidro Golf Club. In total, around 500 formal nine-hole rounds were entered for handicap purposes (with the new World Handicap System making rounds easier to monitor).

Mike Leeson, Executive Director of the Argentina Golf Association, said, "Our funding from The R&A was instrumental to getting the project started. Many players said it was the first tournament they had competed in. Organised with



shotgun starts in the morning and afternoon, this enabled the women at both tee times to share lunch together, and it emphasised that the social aspect of the event is as important as taking part in playing golf."

Photos of the competitions and winners were also shared through the association's social media platforms to increase awareness of the initiative. Having signed up to The R&A Women in Golf Charter, the Argentina Golf Association were pleased with their progress in year one.

"In a way, it exceeded our expectations," continued Leeson. "Nine-hole golf is appealing to women, especially newcomers to the sport. Many wanted to play in the afternoon again and we will look to give that option and have a separate competition. We also had numerous clubs asking to be part of the tour in 2020."

While COVID-19 brought challenges in 2020, the ultimate outcome for golf in Argentina is to be successful in attracting more women, beginners and non-golfers from different backgrounds to the sport. This will be delivered by encouraging more clubs to organise nine-hole competitions and invite local players.

"The whole idea is getting more women to play and incorporate the nine-hole competition concept, targeting more women to have a handicap," adds Leeson, who is looking to double the number of nine-hole competitions by 2021.

"We are confident that from 2021 the Tour will be established and we will have some sponsors that will make it sustainable. We will give support and create incentives to increase participation – such as establishing and providing access to Pro-Am's around the concept. This is very much in line with our objectives for women's golf, the Women in Golf Charter and nine-hole golf."

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Argentina Golf Association

"Our funding from The R&A was instrumental to getting the project started. Many players said it was the first tournament they had competed in. Organised with shotgun starts in the morning and afternoon, this enabled the women at both tee times to share lunch together, and it emphasised that the social aspect of the event is as important as taking part in playing golf."



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44,938,712

Total population

53,050 / 0.12%

Registered golfers / % of population

1 Region ranking

11 R&A affiliates ranking

152

Registered golfers per course

👤 43,350 / 85%

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 7,650 / 15%

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

6 Region ranking

43 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 2,050 / 4%

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

9 Region ranking

63 R&A affiliates ranking

348

Total golf courses

60 / 290

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

72

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

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11,513,100

Total population

885 / 0.01%

Registered golfers / % of population

9 Region ranking

50 R&A affiliates ranking

80

Registered golfers per course

👤 600 / 93%

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 45 / 7%

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

10 Region ranking

71 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 240 / 27%

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

1 Region ranking

11 R&A affiliates ranking

11

Total golf courses

1 / 9

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

0

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

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211,049,527

Total population

8,000 / 0.004%

Registered golfers / % of population

5 Region ranking

25 R&A affiliates ranking

63

Registered golfers per course

👤 **6,570 / 86%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **1,100 / 14%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

8 Region ranking

45 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **330 / 4%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

7 Region ranking

60 R&A affiliates ranking

126

Total golf courses

112 / 3

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

29

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

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18,952,038

Total population

24,270 / 0.13%

Registered golfers / % of population

2 Region ranking

15 R&A affiliates ranking

303

Registered golfers per course

👤 **18,947 / 82%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **4,154 / 18%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

4 Region ranking

32 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **1,169 / 5%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

6 Region ranking

57 R&A affiliates ranking

80

Total golf courses

25 / 31

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

80

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

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50,339,443
Total population

13,822 / 0.03%
Registered golfers / % of population
4 Region ranking
20 R&A affiliates ranking

206
Registered golfers per course

👤 **10,822 / 84%**
Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **2,090 / 16%**
Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers
5 Region ranking
38 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **910 / 7%**
Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers
4 Region ranking
47 R&A affiliates ranking

67
Total golf courses

10 / 56
Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

80
National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

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157,538
Total population

- / -%
Registered golfers / % of population
- Region ranking
- R&A affiliates ranking

-
Registered golfers per course

👤 **- / -%**
Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **- / -%**
Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers
- Region ranking
- R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **- / -%**
Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers
- Region ranking
- R&A affiliates ranking

3
Total golf courses

- / -
Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

-
National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

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17,373,662

Total population

950 / 0.01%

Registered golfers / % of population

8 Region ranking

49 R&A affiliates ranking

95

Registered golfers per course

👤 **715 / 81%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **170 / 19%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

2 Region ranking

25 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **65 / 7%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

3 Region ranking

46 R&A affiliates ranking

10

Total golf courses

3 / 6

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

12

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

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3,519

Total population

- / -%

Registered golfers / % of population

- Region ranking

- R&A affiliates ranking

-

Registered golfers per course

👤 **- / -%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **- / -%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

- Region ranking

- R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **- / -%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

- Region ranking

- R&A affiliates ranking

1

Total golf courses

1 / -

Total affiliated golf courses
12-hole / 18-hole

-


National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers



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4,246,439
 Total population

- / -%
 Registered golfers / % of population
11 Region ranking
 - R&A affiliates ranking

-
 Registered golfers per course

 **- / -%**
 Adult male registered golfers
 / % of adult registered golfers

 **- / -%**
 Adult female registered golfers
 / % of adult registered golfers
 - Region ranking
 - R&A affiliates ranking

 **150 / -%**
 Junior registered golfers
 / % of total registered golfers
 - Region ranking
 - R&A affiliates ranking

13
 Total golf courses

3 / 10
 Total affiliated golf courses
 9-hole / 18-hole

36
 National squad / elite player
 & development squad golfers

Paraguay




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7,044,636
 Total population

812 / 0.01%
 Registered golfers / % of population
10 Region ranking
51 R&A affiliates ranking

102
 Registered golfers per course

 **679 / 90%**
 Adult male registered golfers
 / % of adult registered golfers

 **74 / 10%**
 Adult female registered golfers
 / % of adult registered golfers
9 Region ranking
62 R&A affiliates ranking

 **59 / 7%**
 Junior registered golfers
 / % of total registered golfers
2 Region ranking
43 R&A affiliates ranking

8
 Total golf courses

- / 6
 Total affiliated golf courses
 9-hole / 18-hole

60
 National squad / elite player
 & development squad golfers



Paraguay: Amazing Women and Girls' Success

While home to only six courses, there have been many memorable moments in Paraguay's remarkable golfing history.

Back in 1993, their men's professional team travelled over to Scotland for the Alfred Dunhill Cup in St Andrews and a round one victory stunned a home side featuring Colin Montgomerie and Sam Torrance. A year later, Celeste Troche won the South American Junior Championship for the first time, a signpost for future success, before she became the first Paraguayan player to make it to the LPGA.

Then, in 2007, Troche and Julieta Granada stole the show to lead from start-to-finish and win the Women's World Cup of Golf at Sun City in South Africa, pushing the American Solheim Cup pairing of Juli Inkster and Pat Hurst into second place.

Carlos Franco, part of that winning team over the Old Course in '93, is arguably Paraguay's most famous golfer, with the 18-hole Golf & Country Club in Arroyos Esteros bearing his name. Fabrizio Zanotti and the female duo of Troche and Granada also act as role models for young players.

Indeed, it is the country's great success with women and girls' golf that presently stands out.



In 2008, the Paraguayan Golf Association began working with a selected group of leaders to implement a high-performance programme for aspiring young golfers. A process in which a key outcome is to support golf within the 'family' environment, including working together to provide financial, social and emotional assistance.

"We consider points such as the culture itself, role models, coaching and the creation of

teams as very important," says Arnaldo Acosta, President of the Paraguayan Golf Association, which was founded in 1979.

As part of their efforts, the Paraguayan Golf Association have focused on staging a national circuit for juniors, developing players and increasing participation for the most talented in prestigious international tournaments. For a small country with little more than 1,000 registered players – one of only two landlocked countries



in South America – the results have been impressive, notably on the high-performance side.

Milagros Chaves, Paloma Vaccaro, Sofia Garcia, Fernanda Escauriza, Anahi Servin, Giovanna Fernandez and Katia Meyer are among those who have all shone.

Four players currently sit inside the top 500 in the World Amateur Golf Ranking®, including Garcia within the top 50. Garcia achieved history back in 2016 when she defended the South American Amateur title at Lima Golf Club in Peru aged only 16.

Culturally, Paraguayan women are very strong, focused and determined. This strength is rooted in history. At the end of the Great War with Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay in 1870, where the male population was greatly reduced, it was Paraguayan women who were in charge of leading the country and taking it forward.

Fast forward to 2019 and players from Paraguay participated in more than 10 international events. Player participation constantly increased during the year with over 100 players competing in junior tournaments and over 60 in scratch and professional tournaments.

International results were excellent, with gold and silver medals achieved in tournaments such as the South American Amateur, the Pan American Games and repeated success in the Copa Los Andes (also known as the South American Team Championship).

“I was fortunate to lead this group of great players for the last 11 years to all the South American pre-junior, Junior, Copa Los Andes and World Championships,” notes Acosta, also captain of the women’s teams between 2008 to 2019.

“Despite golf being an individual sport and having extraordinary players, we as an Association believe that beyond their great individual capacity, creating a team spirit and friendship has greatly enhanced their performance.”

Regular communication with players in different parts of the world, talks and engagement with professionals still involved in the high-performance programme, such as Granada and Zanotti, has also aided Paraguay’s success.

In 2020, the process continued to develop, with initiatives introduced seeking to also improve the preparation and training of juniors

“We are committed to continuing to develop women’s golf in Paraguay – not only players but volunteers, and more women working in the industry.”



Arnaldo Acosta,
President of the
Paraguayan Golf
Association

in aspects of physical and mental training. The global COVID-19 pandemic struck but their focus remains unchanged, highlighted with their commitment to The R&A Women in Golf Charter.

“We are committed to continuing to develop women’s golf in Paraguay – not only players but volunteers, and more women working in the industry,” added Acosta.

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32,510,453

Total population

3,920 / 0.01%

Registered golfers / % of population

6 Region ranking

30 R&A affiliates ranking

280

Registered golfers per course

👤 **3,037 / 80%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **738 / 20%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

1 Region ranking

24 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **145 / 4%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

10 Region ranking

67 R&A affiliates ranking

14

Total golf courses

5 / 10

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

36

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

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3,461,734

Total population

1,922 / 0.06%

Registered golfers / % of population

7 Region ranking

37 R&A affiliates ranking

175

Registered golfers per course

👤 **1,546 / 85%**

Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

👤 **266 / 15%**

Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

7 Region ranking

44 R&A affiliates ranking

👤 **110 / 6%**

Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers

5 Region ranking

51 R&A affiliates ranking

11

Total golf courses

4 / 8

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

72

National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers

Venezuela

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28,515,829
Total population

19,161 / 0.07%
Registered golfers / % of population
3 Region ranking
17 R&A affiliates ranking

871
Registered golfers per course

15,040 / 82%
Adult male registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers

3,370 / 18%
Adult female registered golfers
/ % of adult registered golfers
3 Region ranking
31 R&A affiliates ranking

751 / 4%
Junior registered golfers
/ % of total registered golfers
8 Region ranking
62 R&A affiliates ranking

22
Total golf courses

7 / 11
Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole

40
National squad / elite player
& development squad golfers



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

































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












































The following tables rank and detail the national federation supplied statistics to show comparability globally across The R&A's Affiliates outside of Europe.

Registered golfers – ranked from highest to lowest player numbers







































































































Market	Player Nos.	Market	Player Nos.
Japan	629,224	Sultanate of Oman	800
China	520,000	Tanzania	751
Australia	383,794	Costa Rica	750
Canada	285,162	Malawi	727
New Zealand	223,486	Barbados	706
Republic of Korea	214,000	Eswatini	677
Malaysia	183,050	Jamaica	660
South Africa	133,717	Botswana	610
India	100,000	Algeria	600
Chinese Taipei (R.O.C.)	61,500	Israel	544
Argentina	53,050	Ivory Coast	500
Singapore	40,000	Qatar	500
Vietnam	39,326	Congo (Democratic Republic of)	553
Philippines	25,000	Cambodia	500
Chile	24,270	Senegal	415
Thailand	22,016	Sri Lanka	400
Venezuela	19,161	Lebanon	379
Pakistan	18,000	Gabon	371
Indonesia	14,084	Libya	336
Colombia	13,822	Bahrain (Kingdom of)	330
Hong Kong	13,359	Afghanistan	300
Nigeria	11,000	El Salvador	300
Kenya	8,714	Cook Islands	280
Bangladesh	8,666	Madagascar	250
Brazil	8,000	Myanmar	228
Turkey	6,739	Vanuatu	209
Morocco	6,688	Cayman Islands	176
United Arab Emirates	5,696	Azerbaijan	171
Zambia	5,600	Gambia (The)	162
Peru	3,920	Nicaragua	161
Zimbabwe	3,910	Seychelles	156
Dominican Republic	3,000	Georgia	155
Ghana	3,000	Jordan	150
Saudi Arabia	2,680	Mongolia	123
Bermuda	2,500	Armenia	110
Egypt	2,500	Saint Maarten	83
Uruguay	1,922	Kyrgyzstan	45
Namibia	1,650	Belize	27
Trinidad & Tobago	1,520	Bhutan	-
Guatemala	1,495	Cameroon	-
Uganda	1,250	Curacao	-
Mauritius	1,241	Falkland Islands	-
Fiji	1,190	Haiti	-
Bahamas (The)	1,159	Honduras	-
Papua New Guinea	1,109	Iran	-
Nepal	1,050	Laos	-
Kazakhstan	1,020	Liberia	-
Tunisia	953	Panamá	-
Ecuador	950	Samoa	-
Bolivia	885	Sierra Leone	-
Paraguay	812	Virgin Islands	-

Registered golfers per course







































































































Market	Player Nos.
 Singapore	1,429
 Hong Kong	954
 Venezuela	871
 China	843
 Malaysia	753
 Chinese Taipei (R.O.C.)	699
 Israel	544
 New Zealand	537
 Vietnam	457
 Bangladesh	433
 Bermuda	417
 Lebanon	379
 Pakistan	353
 India	336
 Chile	303
 Afghanistan	300
 South Africa	280
 Peru	280
 Republic of Korea	264
 Guatemala	249
 Australia	242
 Zambia	215
 Nepal	210
 Colombia	206
 Saudi Arabia	206
 Turkey	204
 Japan	200
 Nigeria	200
 Kenya	194
 Philippines	191
 Trinidad & Tobago	190
 Ghana	188
 United Arab Emirates	184
 Uruguay	175
 Ivory Coast	167
 Argentina	152
 Cook Islands	140
 Senegal	138
 Namibia	118
 Sultanate of Oman	114
 Kazakhstan	113
 Canada	111
 Armenia	110
 Morocco	110
 Zimbabwe	103
 Paraguay	102
 Barbados	101
 El Salvador	100
 Ecuador	95
 Bahamas (The)	89
 Cayman Islands	88

Market	Player Nos.
 Dominican Republic	86
 Fiji	85
 Eswatini	85
 Libya	84
 Qatar	83
 Saint Maarten	83
 Indonesia	83
 Mauritius	83
 Gambia (The)	81
 Bolivia	80
 Seychelles	78
 Botswana	76
 Gabon	74
 Papua New Guinea	74
 Thailand	69
 Uganda	66
 Egypt	64
 Brazil	63
 Tanzania	63
 Malawi	61
 Jamaica	60
 Tunisia	60
 Azerbaijan	57
 Bahrain (Kingdom of)	55
 Costa Rica	54
 Georgia	52
 Jordan	50
 Madagascar	50
 Sri Lanka	50
 Vanuatu	42
 Nicaragua	40
 Mongolia	31
 Belize	14
 Myanmar	2
 Algeria	-
 Bhutan	-
 Cambodia	-
 Cameroon	-
 Curacao	-
 Congo (Democratic Republic of)	-
 Falkland Islands	-
 Haiti	-
 Honduras	-
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 Liberia	-
 Panamá	-
 Samoa	-
 Sierra Leone	-
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






































































Adult male registered golfers – showing player numbers and % of adult golfers

Market	%	Player Nos.	Market	%	Player Nos.
 Belize	100%	27	 Venezuela	82%	15,040
 Libya	100%	136	 Ecuador	81%	715
 India	99%	97,000	 Egypt	81%	1,625
 Pakistan	99%	17,000	 Georgia	81%	110
 Bangladesh	97%	8,059	 Mauritius	81%	967
 Lebanon	97%	350	 New Zealand	81%	177,083
 Philippines	96%	23,500	 Thailand	81%	14,529
 Saudi Arabia	96%	2,400	 Australia	80%	296,225
 Ivory Coast	95%	350	 Bahrain (Kingdom of)	80%	200
 Myanmar	95%	160	 China	80%	280,000
 Nepal	94%	800	 Ghana	80%	2,000
 Bolivia	93%	600	 Peru	80%	3,037
 Dominican Republic	93%	2,650	 Vanuatu	79%	146
 Vietnam	93%	33,426	 Madagascar	78%	180
 Jamaica	92%	550	 El Salvador	77%	150
 Jordan	92%	55	 Tunisia	77%	481
 Nicaragua	92%	121	 Canada	76%	205,969
 Cayman Islands	91%	154	 Barbados	76%	534
 Fiji	91%	1,000	 Armenia	75%	45
 Japan	90%	561,000	 Kazakhstan	75%	600
 Paraguay	90%	679	 Malawi	75%	460
 Azerbaijan	89%	136	 Gabon	74%	258
 Eswatini	89%	585	 Hong Kong	74%	9,431
 Sri Lanka	89%	200	 Cook Islands	73%	190
 Afghanistan	88%	150	 Gambia (The)	73%	73
 Israel	88%	466	 Qatar	71%	300
 Saint Maarten	88%	59	 Bermuda	70%	1,750
 Senegal	88%	350	 Turkey	70%	2,788
 South Africa	88%	112,928	 Morocco	66%	3727
 Tanzania	88%	568	 Nigeria	65%	5,500
 Guatemala	87%	1,219	 Chinese Taipei (R.O.C.)	56%	32000
 Malaysia	87%	157,764	 Algeria	-	-
 Namibia	87%	1,347	 Bhutan	-	-
 Seychelles	87%	130	 Botswana	-	-
 Brazil	86%	6,570	 Cambodia	-	-
 Sultanate of Oman	86%	640	 Cameroon	-	-
 Uganda	86%	900	 Curacao	-	-
 Zimbabwe	86%	3,064	 Congo (Democratic Republic of)	-	-
 Argentina	85%	43,350	 Falkland Islands	-	-
 Republic of Korea	85%	180,000	 Haiti	-	-
 United Arab Emirates	85%	4,568	 Honduras	-	-
 Uruguay	85%	1,546	 Indonesia	-	-
 Colombia	84%	10,822	 Iran	-	-
 Kenya	84%	6,537	 Kyrgyzstan	-	-
 Zambia	84%	4,300	 Laos	-	-
 Bahamas (The)	83%	812	 Liberia	-	-
 Costa Rica	83%	500	 Panamá	-	-
 Mongolia	83%	102	 Papua New Guinea	-	-
 Trinidad & Tobago	83%	1,075	 Samoa	-	-
 Chile	82%	18,947	 Sierra Leone	-	-
 Singapore	82%	31,200	 Virgin Islands	-	-

Adult female registered golfers – showing player numbers and % of adult golfers

Market	%	Player Nos.	Market	%	Player Nos.
 Chinese Taipei (R.O.C.)	44%	25,200	 Senegal	13%	50
 Nigeria	35%	3,000	 Seychelles	13%	20
 Morocco	34%	1,914	 Afghanistan	12%	20
 Bermuda	30%	739	 Israel	12%	62
 Turkey	30%	1,190	 Saint Maarten	12%	8
 Qatar	29%	120	 South Africa	12%	15,728
 Cook Islands	27%	70	 Tanzania	12%	81
 Gambia (The)	27%	27	 Azerbaijan	11%	17
 Hong Kong	26%	3,362	 Eswatini	11%	75
 Gabon	26%	90	 Sri Lanka	11%	25
 Armenia	25%	15	 Japan	10%	60,000
 Kazakhstan	25%	200	 Paraguay	10%	74
 Malawi	25%	150	 Cayman Islands	9%	16
 Barbados	24%	172	 Fiji	9%	100
 Canada	24%	65,043	 Jamaica	8%	50
 El Salvador	23%	45	 Jordan	8%	5
 Tunisia	23%	142	 Nicaragua	8%	11
 Madagascar	22%	50	 Bolivia	7%	45
 Vanuatu	21%	38	 Dominican Republic	7%	200
 Australia	20%	74,442	 Vietnam	7%	2,537
 Bahrain (Kingdom of)	20%	50	 Nepal	6%	50
 China	20%	70,000	 Ivory Coast	5%	20
 Ghana	20%	500	 Myanmar	5%	20
 Peru	20%	738	 Philippines	4%	1,000
 Ecuador	19%	170	 Saudi Arabia	4%	110
 Egypt	19%	375	 Bangladesh	3%	265
 Georgia	19%	25	 Lebanon	3%	10
 Mauritius	19%	228	 India	1%	1,000
 New Zealand	19%	41,099	 Pakistan	1%	200
 Thailand	19%	3,406	 Belize	0%	0
 Chile	18%	4,154	 Libya	0%	0
 Singapore	18%	6,800	 Algeria	-	-
 Venezuela	18%	3,370	 Bhutan	-	-
 Bahamas (The)	17%	166	 Botswana	-	-
 Costa Rica	17%	100	 Cambodia	-	-
 Mongolia	17%	21	 Cameroon	-	-
 Trinidad & Tobago	17%	225	 Curacao	-	-
 Colombia	16%	2,090	 Congo (Democratic Republic of)	-	-
 Kenya	16%	1,200	 Falkland Islands	-	-
 Zambia	16%	800	 Haiti	-	-
 Argentina	15%	7,650	 Honduras	-	-
 Republic of Korea	15%	32,000	 Indonesia	-	-
 United Arab Emirates	15%	828	 Iran	-	-
 Uruguay	15%	266	 Kyrgyzstan	-	-
 Brazil	14%	1,100	 Laos	-	-
 Sultanate of Oman	14%	100	 Liberia	-	-
 Uganda	14%	150	 Panamá	-	-
 Zimbabwe	14%	494	 Papua New Guinea	-	-
 Guatemala	13%	188	 Samoa	-	-
 Malaysia	13%	24,038	 Sierra Leone	-	-
 Namibia	13%	195	 Virgin Islands	-	-

Junior registered golfers – showing player numbers and % of junior golfers

Market	%	Player Nos.	Market	%	Player Nos.
 Jordan	60%	90	 Canada	5%	14,150
 Libya	60%	200	 Chile	5%	1,169
 Armenia	45%	50	 Dominican Republic	5%	150
 Sri Lanka	44%	175	 Lebanon	5%	19
 Afghanistan	43%	130	 United Arab Emirates	5%	300
 Turkey	41%	2,761	 Singapore	5%	2,000
 Gambia (The)	38%	62	 Argentina	4%	2,050
 El Salvador	35%	105	 Bangladesh	4%	342
 Tunisia	35%	330	 Brazil	4%	330
 China	33%	170,000	 Hong Kong	4%	566
 Bolivia	27%	240	 Mauritius	4%	46
 Ivory Coast	26%	130	 Pakistan	4%	800
 Myanmar	26%	60	 Peru	4%	145
 Bahrain (Kingdom of)	24%	80	 Senegal	4%	15
 Nigeria	23%	2,500	 Seychelles	4%	6
 Kazakhstan	22%	220	 South Africa	4%	5,061
 Costa Rica	20%	150	 Venezuela	4%	751
 Egypt	20%	500	 Australia	3%	13,127
 Nepal	19%	200	 Cayman Islands	3%	6
 Saint Maarten	19%	16	 Eswatini	3%	17
 Thailand	19%	4,081	 Israel	3%	16
 Nicaragua	18%	29	 Botswana	2%	10
 Ghana	17%	500	 India	2%	2,000
 Bahamas (The)	16%	181	 Indonesia	2%	295
 Malawi	16%	117	 New Zealand	2%	5,304
 Morocco	16%	1,047	 Philippines	2%	500
 Qatar	16%	80	 Japan	1%	8,224
 Uganda	16%	200	 Republic of Korea	1%	2,000
 Tanzania	14%	102	 Malaysia	1%	1,248
 Trinidad & Tobago	14%	220	 Bermuda	0%	11
 Georgia	13%	20	 Barbados	0%	0
 Vanuatu	12%	25	 Belize	0%	0
 Azerbaijan	11%	18	 Mongolia	0%	0
 Kenya	11%	977	 Algeria	-	-
 Saudi Arabia	11%	300	 Bhutan	-	-
 Jamaica	9%	60	 Cambodia	-	-
 Vietnam	9%	3,363	 Cameroon	-	-
 Zambia	9%	500	 Curacao	-	-
 Zimbabwe	9%	352	 Congo (Democratic Republic of)	-	-
 Fiji	8%	90	 Falkland Islands	-	-
 Madagascar	8%	20	 Haiti	-	-
 Sultanate of Oman	8%	60	 Honduras	-	-
 Chinese Taipei (R.O.C.)	7%	4,300	 Iran	-	-
 Colombia	7%	910	 Kyrgyzstan	-	-
 Cook Islands	7%	20	 Laos	-	-
 Ecuador	7%	65	 Liberia	-	-
 Namibia	7%	108	 Papua New Guinea	-	-
 Paraguay	7%	59	 Panamá	-	-
 Gabon	6%	23	 Samoa	-	-
 Guatemala	6%	88	 Sierra Leone	-	-
 Uruguay	6%	110	 Virgin Islands	-	-

Glossary.

The information included in the individual country statistics has been provided by the national federations, the National Golf Foundation, with additional support from the IGF (International Golf Federation) and Sports Marketing Surveys market knowledge. The source of the national population figures is the World Bank Data (2019).

The definitions of the key performance indicators follow.

MARKET COVERAGE

All countries included in this report are Affiliates of The R&A, and the allocation by region is based on the ISO list of countries published by the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO), which defines the names of countries, dependent territories, and special areas of geographical interest.

This report covers the Affiliates to The R&A from around the world outside of Europe. This does include some countries who are members of the European Golf Association (EGA) whose data was included in the 2019 report on Europe Participation. Where countries have been reported in both publications, this is to ensure market consistency with Golf Around the World (published by The R&A using data collected on its behalf by the National Golf Foundation) to ensure comparability with the number of golf courses in the different regions. Data reported for those markets in the European Golf Participation Report 2019 has been reproduced as previously reported.

Countries which may be geographically located in the regions covered in this report but not affiliates of The R&A have not been listed and included.

TOTAL POPULATION

The national population figures (World Bank 2019). The regional populations quoted within the report are the aggregated country populations of the countries affiliated to The R&A in that region. This enables analysis

of the number of golfers within the monitored markets of a region against the populations of those markets. It is not the World Bank aggregated total populations of all countries as defined by the ISO.

REGISTERED GOLFERS

Total golfers, adult and junior, who are affiliated to the national federation. This reflects those golfers who are either a member of a golf club, or who have joined or registered separately with the national federation for the purposes of obtaining a handicap or an official playing accreditation. Where registered golfers are shown in *italics* – this is due to data not being provided by the federation, and an estimate has been made.

% OF POPULATION

Registered golfers as a percentage of the population illustrate the penetration of golf within each country.

TOTAL GOLFERS

This is the accepted measure of golfer numbers in each market and is representative of total full course players. Total Golfers includes those defined as Registered Golfers (affiliated to the national federation or a golf club member) and those Independent or Nomad golfers who Pay-and-Play for their rounds as green-fee players. Where driving range or golf simulator usage may be the only golf product and experience available to a player, these players may be included in the Total Golfer number. Inclusion may be based on geographical, infrastructure or cultural factors – and are included on agreement with national federation and industry experts. The numbers for Total Golfers are measured through undertaking a nationally representative participation study, or are estimated by applying algorithms influenced by comparative market and cultural aspects, golfer-per-course relationships and are relative to registered golfer numbers or other nationally available participation metrics.

GOLF ACTIVES

Golf Actives is a measure of the total individuals – adults and children – who have had some form of active involvement in golf in the last 12 months. Golf Actives includes those who have played or tried golf including Adventure Golf, pitch-&-putt, par-3 golf, driving range, gamification experiences (such as TopGolf), golf simulator play, as well as full length golf course players on 6-hole, 9-hole or 18-hole layouts. The numbers are generated through a nationally representative household survey.

The Golf Active individual has been exposed to the sport in one of many different formats, and maybe the most likely target to develop to regular full-course play (a measure of Total Golfers) and to becoming a golf club member or affiliated to the national federation (a Registered Golfer).

REGION RANKING

Analysis of how each region compares against others for monitored Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and ranking them on these metrics.

R&A AFFILIATES RANKING

Comparison of each country against all other R&A Affiliates (excluding Europe) globally for monitored Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and ranking them on these metrics.

REGISTERED GOLFERS PER COURSE (Golf Around the World Courses)

Total registered golfers per course calculated from The R&A's report on courses – 'Golf Around the World' which explores golf's global reach through the supply of golf courses, existing and under development – showing total courses per country. Provides a comparative measure of demand and usage from affiliated golfers per golf course for the federation in each country.

Glossary.

NATIONAL SQUAD / ELITE PLAYER & DEVELOPMENT SQUAD GOLFERS

Number of absolute players in the national squads, on the elite development squad programmes including national teams from adult, senior to junior players run by the national federation.

ADULT MALE REGISTERED GOLFERS / ADULT FEMALE REGISTERED GOLFERS

Absolute number of adult male and female golfers registered or affiliated to the national federation.

% OF ADULT REGISTERED GOLFERS

Male / female split of the absolute number of adult male and female golfers to indicate the penetration of golf amongst the male-&-female adult genders. Indicative of success in achieving equality in participation and creation of a family sport in the market.

JUNIOR REGISTERED GOLFERS / % of TOTAL REGISTERED GOLFERS

Absolute number of junior golfers registered or affiliated to the national federation, and calculated as a percentage of total registered golfers. Indicative of success in broadening the appeal of the sport to a younger generation, and towards achieving equality in participation and creation of a family sport in the market.

TOTAL GOLF COURSES (Golf Around the World)

Total golf courses per country as monitored and measured through The R&A 'Golf Around the World' programme which explores golf's global reach through the supply of golf courses, existing and under development carried out in association with the National Golf Foundation. The country totals will include those courses not affiliated to the national federations. Used as the golf course variable in the calculation of total registered golfers per course.

TOTAL 9-HOLE GOLF COURSES

Number of 9-hole golf courses affiliated to the national federation. A good measure of facilities from starter venues to established standalone 9-hole golf courses.

TOTAL 18-HOLE GOLF COURSES

Number of 18-hole golf courses affiliated to the national federation.

NOTE

For clarification, the total sum of 9-hole, 18-hole and Other Golf Courses affiliated to the national federation may not equal the absolute number of golf courses from the Golf Around the World monitor.

Reference to full length golf courses include 6-hole, 9-hole, 18-hole or other combination of hole layouts of standard length holes. Pitch & putt, and Par-3 golf courses are defined and monitored in addition to full length courses.

Reflection on Data Collection Process.

The data collection process is a challenging one. The R&A, working with Sports Marketing Surveys, has attempted to gather key data from more than 100 different national federations. As this information is being gathered for the first time it is not always possible to benchmark the submitted information against other sources or to interrogate every piece of data that is submitted.

Sports Marketing Surveys would like to thank Mark Lawrie (R&A Director, Latin America & Caribbean) and Dominic Wall (R&A Director, Asia Pacific) for their significant support in contacting and liaising with the national federations to source the information.

Sports Marketing Surveys have attempted to liaise individually with federations in order to evaluate and confirm the accuracy of the information that is being collated. This has not been possible in all instances.

It is anticipated that the accuracy will increase in future data collection and reporting, and replication of the process will facilitate this.

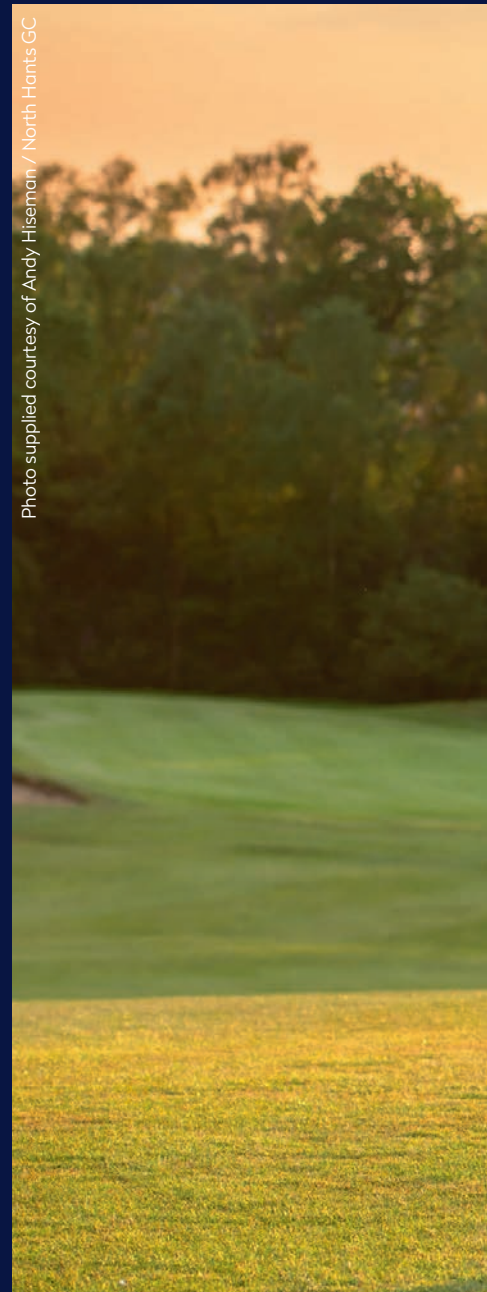
Improvements will also result through ongoing benchmarking. This programme will become an ongoing monitor which will allow federations to establish a recording process that allows them to collect data relating to their golfers. This is not only useful for the purposes of reporting but will help the federations with understanding their own golfing landscape.



“This report brings data together from many international affiliate markets for the first time. This is an important milestone and the report provides valuable insights regarding participation among golfers in countries and regions in which we work to grow and develop the sport. There are 39 million golfers under our jurisdiction of which 31 million are covered by the countries in this report. We will continue to invest in research so that we can identify trends and use these insights to inform our activities in golf and support our international affiliates with the aim of ensuring that the sport continues to thrive 50 years’ from now.”

Martin Slumbers
Chief Executive, The R&A.

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