

## FREE GOLF COACHING GRANT AID 2008 FOR BEGINNERS/NON MEMBERS

### What is it?

A grant of **£200.00** is offered to affiliated golf clubs by the EGU/ELGA to assist in attracting more golfers through taster sessions.

In the 2006 Golf Club Membership Questionnaire, it was identified that 87% of golf clubs have membership vacancies and the majority of golf clubs requested help from the EGU/ELGA in filling them. By offering taster sessions to beginners/non members, golf clubs are creating opportunities for people to get into golf and onto golf club membership.

The Free Golf Coaching Grant Aid initiative is supported by County Golf Partnerships.

The grant aid is available from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008.

*An extra grant of **£50.00** will be awarded to those golf clubs that complete both the Free Golf Coaching and Junior Club Coaching initiative.*

*In 2008, all golf clubs awarded GolfMark/ClubMark will be entitled to an additional £100.00 to put towards their Free Golf Coaching taster sessions.*

### Procedure:

#### To apply:

- Read through the enclosed criteria.
- Decide on the date/s when your golf club will be able to hold taster sessions and whether these will be targeted sessions, for example ladies or family sessions.
- Complete the enclosed application form and return in the pre-paid envelope or alternatively please complete the online application form at [www.englishgolfunion.org/fgc](http://www.englishgolfunion.org/fgc)
- The EGU/ELGA Golf Development Team will register your golf club's application and send out confirmation of the application.
- Approximately 5 weeks prior to your first coaching session the EGU/ELGA will send out a pack containing posters, leaflets and registration booklets.

#### To claim the £200.00 grant aid:

- The grant can be claimed upon completion of all the coaching sessions.
- Details of the sessions and the participants need to be recorded on the registration booklet/s and returned to the EGU/ELGA Golf Development Team.

### For further information:

Details of this grant aid can be found at [www.englishgolfunion.org/fgc](http://www.englishgolfunion.org/fgc). Any queries can be directed to the EGU/ELGA Golf Development Team at [development@englishgolfunion.org](mailto:development@englishgolfunion.org) or 01526 354500.

The following EGU/ELGA initiatives may also be of interest to your golf club:

- GolfMark Award – [www.golfmark.org](http://www.golfmark.org)
- National Skills Challenge – [www.getintogolf.org/skills](http://www.getintogolf.org/skills)
- Junior Club Coaching Grant Aid – [www.englishgolfunion.org/jccg](http://www.englishgolfunion.org/jccg)

## Free Golf Coaching Criteria & Conditions

- Golf Clubs must be affiliated to the EGU/ELGA.
- Coaching must be open to both males and females of all ages – sessions should ideally consist of 75% adults and 25% juniors.
- A PGA Qualified Professional or Assistant Professional should deliver the coaching, with support from a PGA Level 1 or 2 coach if required.
- The EGU/ELGA recommend, through advice received from the PGA, that any PGA qualified Professional or trainee undertaking any junior coaching has attended a Sportscoach UK 'Safeguarding and Protecting Children' (SPC) workshop (attendance at a 'Good Practice and Child Protection' workshop is also acceptable) and has obtained a satisfactory Enhanced Level CRB disclosure.

PGA Professionals and trainees should contact the PGA for details of how to obtain a CRB disclosure. Visit [www.childreningolf.org](http://www.childreningolf.org) to view details and to book onto a golf specific 'SPC' workshop. **Please note: as of January 2009, all Professionals undertaking junior coaching as part of the EGU/ELGA grant aid initiatives, must obtain a CRB Enhanced Disclosure and have attended a SPC workshop.**

- Good practice guidance contained within the Children in Golf Child Protection Resource Pack should also be followed when offering sessions to children. Visit [www.childreningolf.org](http://www.childreningolf.org) to order a copy of the Resource Pack or to view sections. Please contact Kirstie Jennings, England Golf Compliance Officer on 01604 889334 if you require any further advice.
- No more than 8 participants per coaching slot (1 to 1½ hours).
- The golf club must provide **a minimum amount of 8 hours** group coaching between January and December (see application form for coaching options).
- Lessons should consist of a basic introduction to golf.
- Appropriate equipment and balls should be available to the participants free of charge.
- The golf club should assist the EGU/ELGA in advertising the days in local publications. The EGU/ELGA will advertise via the website [www.getintogolf.org](http://www.getintogolf.org) and by sending press releases locally and nationally. Please note: it is at the discretion of the individual publications as to whether they choose to print the press releases. To coincide with the above, the golf club should also advertise by displaying the posters provided at the golf club and in local facilities.
- The coaching registration booklets should be used to record details of all participants who attend for ongoing measurement. **However, if participants do not wish to disclose their details, numbers and breakdowns should still be recorded (male/female etc).**
- The grant aid will be issued when the EGU/ELGA receives the completed registration booklet/s and can be used to pay/subsidise the Professional or put towards advertising costs.
- It is recommended that the golf club match the grant aid – it is then at the discretion of the golf club as to how they allocate this funding.
- It is advisable that a member of staff is nominated to co-ordinate the initiative on behalf of the golf club and also to make all relevant golf club personnel aware of the taster sessions. Should there be a change of staff involved in the initiative, please be sure to inform them of all the details and also advise the EGU/ELGA Golf Development Team.