



Scottish Golf / Alfred Dunhill Links Foundation

Scottish Golf Vision

Scottish Golf is the national governing body for the amateur game of golf in Scotland, with circa 560 affiliated golf clubs, representing a total playing membership of over 210,000 golf club members.

Scottish Golf's mission is to make golf Scotland's Game for Everyone – where background or circumstance is never a barrier to participation. Our work spans all aspects of the game, including staging amateur national championships for golfers of all ages and abilities, supporting club operations, developing national squads, nurturing talent and growing the game through junior programmes and with inclusion at the forefront, and managing the World Handicap System so that golfers can compete on a fair and equitable basis.

The following are the key goals that define the strategy:

- Strong, sustainable clubs prepared for the future_
- Growing the game, nurturing talent
- Showcasing the game as a welcoming, accessible sport
- Enterprising, responsible use of resources

Alfred Dunhill Links Foundation

Our relationship with the Alfred Dunhill Links Foundation has helped us to achieve our goals, by providing key funding into our Performance programmes, and supporting the next generation of aspiring golfers achieve their aspirations.

One of the aims of the Scottish Golf Performance programme is to provide players throughout the pathway with the opportunity to compete at a higher level. By offering them training and competition opportunities outside Scotland, they can develop a better understanding of the level required to compete on the world stage. Thanks to the generous support from the ADLF, in 2026 Scottish Golf was able to provide additional training and competition opportunities which would not have been possible without this support.

Team Event summary

There were mixed results from the teams at the European Team Championships in July. The Men's team missed out on promotion back to Division 1 by coming 5th in

Division 2. The boys dropped down from Division 1 following a final day loss to Wales (3-2) having previously beaten Austria (3-2) and lost narrowly to Denmark (3-2).

The Women's team finished 18th after qualifying in flight C of the Matchplay.

The Girls' team finished 12th after qualifying in flight B of the Matchplay, beating Wales and losing to Belgium and Denmark.

The support from the Alfred Dunhill Links Foundation enables us to support our golfers in other ways: by working closely with a group of volunteer chaperones who travel with the players domestically and internationally. Chaperone costs can be a significant part of any event, and we thank the ADLF for their support in this important area.

Stats to note in 2026:

- 5 male players and 2 support staff funded to compete in 3 events in South Africa
- 14 countries visited in 2025/26 throughout the Performance programme
- 15 events supported throughout the 2025/26 season – some of these were dual events e.g. Men's & Women's Home Internationals
- 48 training sessions delivered across the 8 squads to 83 players

Notable successes in 2026

- George Cannon was 3rd at Lytham Trophy
- Aidan Lawson was 3rd at Carris Trophy
- Carly McDonald won the R&A Girls' Under 16 Championship

GB&I and International Representation

- Scottish players featured in a number of the GB&I teams which competed over the summer period.
- Connor Graham and Niall Sheils Donegan were selected to represent GB&I for the Walker Cup at Lahinch and were part of making history when winning the 51st Walker Cup in dramatic fashion. The GB&I team was captained again by Dean Robertson and won 13.5-12.5.
- Connor Graham, Niall Sheils Donegan and George Cannon were selected for Team International at the Palmer Cup. The Internationals defeated Team USA 30.5-29.5.

- Aidan Lawson was selected for the Jacques Leglise Trophy with the GB&I Boys team losing 14.5-10.5 to the Continent of Europe. Aidan had a strong tournament and was GB&I's top point scorer.
- Carly McDonald and Stella Walters were selected for the Junior Vagliano Trophy. The GB&I girls team lost to the European side 9.5-8.5.