



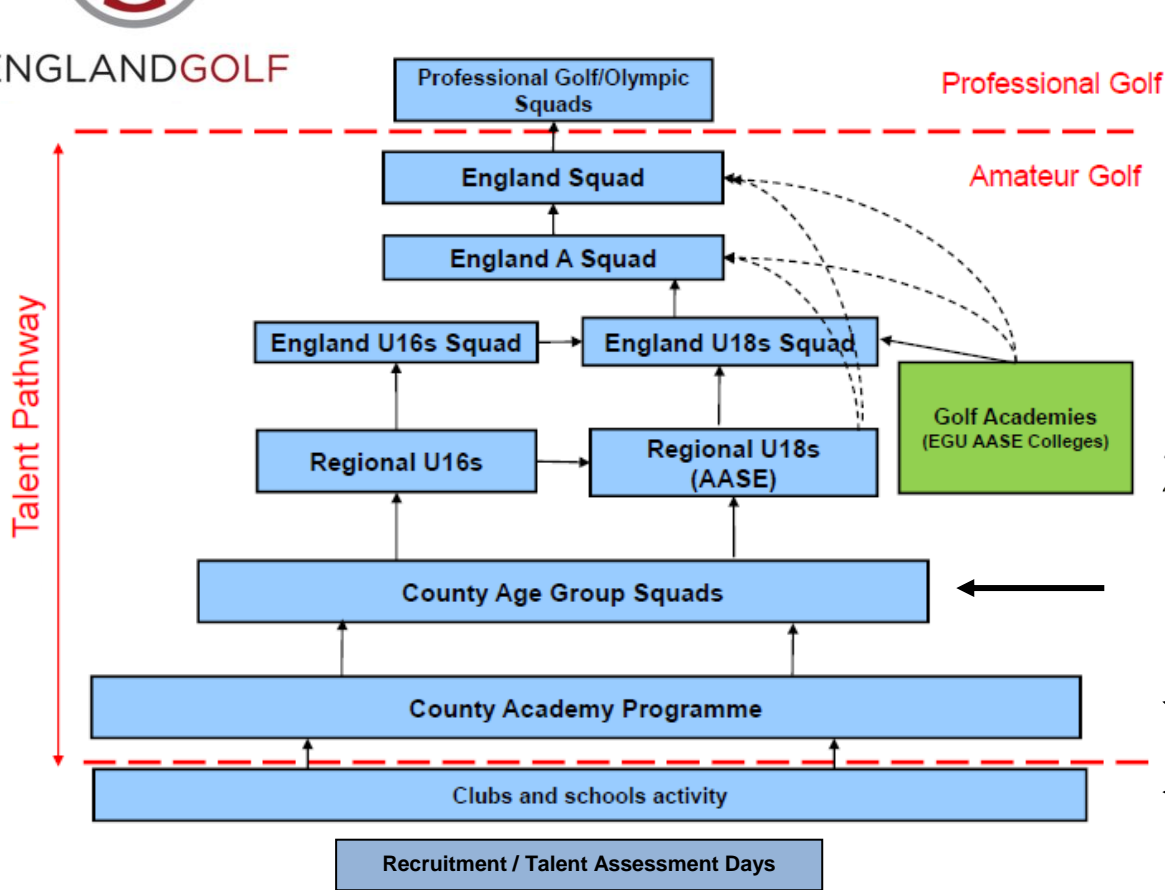
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BB&O GOLF Talent Pathway



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Talent Pathway



The diagram on the left shows the current pathway for golfers from the grassroots level all the way up to the representing England and playing professionally.

I have placed the BB&O logos where we fit into the process from a national point of view.

At the grassroots level the box is very wide which indicates that there are many people participating in golf but as the levels gets higher the number of people becomes smaller and smaller.



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Who are the different bodies and organisations?

- The BB&O Union - Men's & Boy's Elite Golf in the BB&O
- The Buckinghamshire Ladies County Golf Association (BCLGA) - Ladies & Girls Golf in Buckinghamshire
- The Berkshire County Ladies Golf Association (BCLGA) – Ladies & Girls Golf in Berkshire
- The Oxfordshire Ladies County Golf Association (OLCGA) – Ladies & Girls Golf in Oxfordshire
- The BB&O County Golf Partnership - Developing golf at the grassroots and beginner level for both juniors and adults (boys and girls, men and women), with the aim of getting more people into golf.

What do the different bodies do?

BB&O County Golf Partnership:

- Main goal is to bring new people into golf (Juniors & Adults)
- Junior Academy Programme – Gives and enhances the golfing skills of juniors in the BB&O, allows juniors who might not be members of clubs to gain competition experience. .
- The competitions that we run are non-qualifying but allow juniors to experience competition and put what they learn during the programme into practice.
- Ages from 8 to 16 and the abilities vary, there is no minimum standard on the junior academy programme.
- The junior academy programme also allows us to identify potential talent that can move up into the next level of the golfing pathway – **COUNTY AGE GROUP SQUADS** for both the boys and girls squads.

BB&O Union

- The union are responsible for organising competitions for the men and boys in the county.
- The BB&O Union's first stepping stone for junior boys is the Nike Futures Tour. This is a series of competitions for boys who have a valid handicap culminating in the U12s and U14s order of merit.
- From this group of players and from the recommendations made by the County Academy coaches the best boys or those demonstrating the most potential are invited to join the County squads. The squads are organised in age groups of U10, U12, U14, U16, U18.



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- The very best boys in predominantly the U14 age groups and upwards are invited to join the Elite Squad.
- From the Elite squad selection is made to;
 - a) Age group National and Regional Qualifying team competitions and
 - b) County First Team and
 - c) England Regional and England National programmes
- The focus at county for the younger age groups is on developing technical and playing skills and at the older age group the focus is on performance skills. Coaching therefore includes the five areas of Technical, Tactical, Mental or Performance, Physical and Lifestyle

Ladies Associations:

- The ladies association are in charge of ladies and girls competitions and coaching the 3 counties.
- All 3 Associations run different forms of beginner or pre handicap programme for new girls who wish to get into golf. This is a mix of coaching and competitions.
- There is also coaching for Intermediates and advanced girls; some of these girls are on the junior academy programme.
- The girls' also junior county match week.
- Individual competitions also take place including a county championship along with various others.



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Professional Golf/Olympic Squads

Professional Golf

England Squad

Amateur Golf

England A Squad

England U16s Squad

England U18s Squad

Regional U16s

Regional U18s (AASE)

Golf Academies (EGU AASE Colleges)

BB&O under 12 Training
BB&O under 14 Training
BB&O under 16 Training
Junior Elite

Coaching (Beginners, Intermediates, Advanced + Squad)
Matches
Junior County Match Week
Competitions

County Age Group Squads

Futures Tour
Competitions for Boys
under 14 and under 12
Junior Order of Merit

County Academy Programme

Coaching for juniors between the ages of 9 to 18
Various level of ability
Junior Academy Competitions

BB&O GP Recruitment / Talent Assessment Days

Girls Pre Handicap & Beginner Competitions & Coaching Taster Sessions



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