

ENGLISH CHAMPION CLUB

For many years, England Golf have run an English Champion Club competition for male golfers. Each county submits a club team of three players who have qualified through their respective county's qualifying competition. The final is played over 36 holes of stroke play with all three scores counting towards the winning score. The club with the lowest (gross) score is declared the English Champion Club of the Year and goes on to represent England in the European Final, assisted by a grant from England Golf.

Following feedback from the women's county associations, the same event will be run for women in 2023. The inaugural running of the tournament shall take place next year (2023) as follows:

English Women's Champion Club Tournament

Date: 2-3 September 2023

Venue: St Ives (Hunts) Golf Club

<https://www.stivesgolfclub.co.uk/>

The key points of the competition are-

- there is no player handicap limit. Whilst there is no limit the event is a scratch competition and players should be of the appropriate ability level.
- there is no entry fee to enter the Final.
- a qualifying competition can be in any format determined by the County Association.
- where a County Association does not run a qualifying competition, a County may nominate a Club to represent them in the Final.
- the date of the Final is set to allow the winning team to make preparations ahead of the European Final in October.
- England Golf will pay a grant towards the cost associated with the winning team representing England in the European Ladies Club Trophy, 5-7 October. Venue TBC.

For 2023, it has been agreed that the club invited to send a team from Dorset will be determined at the County Championship in April. The lowest combined gross scores from 3 ladies will be the nominated club. This club may select 3 different ladies to play in the final if necessary. Dorset County will support the trip to the final with a grant to help with travel and accommodation costs.