

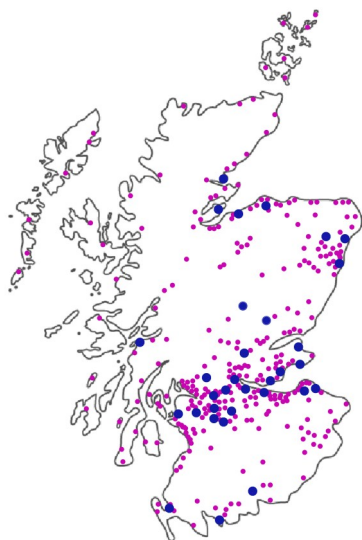
Golf practice facilities



Golf practice facility datasheets

sportsotland and Scottish Golf have developed the following guidance to support clubs in the development of appropriate golf practice facilities.

In 2012 Scottish Golf (Scottish Golf Union, Scottish Ladies Golfing Association, and ClubGolf) published the Golf Facilities Plan which proposed the creation of a nationwide hierarchy of golf facilities to best support the development of the game at club level. This includes the designation of up to 450 ClubGolf and Get into Golf Centres, and 50 Development Centres. This facility guidance aims to support the development of these centres.



What are ClubGolf and Get into Golf Centres?

ClubGolf and **Get into Golf Centres** do exactly what good golf clubs have always done; provide and maintain welcoming environments for new members of all ages and abilities. At these centres it will be possible to access the facilities and support to learn the basic skills of the game.



What are Development Centres?

Development Centres will generate a new focus on practice in Scottish Golf. They will be a designated network of venues throughout the country that will provide golfers with enhanced practice facilities to encourage an overall improvement in the standards of play. These Development Centres will be useful to golfers of all ages who want to improve their standard of play.

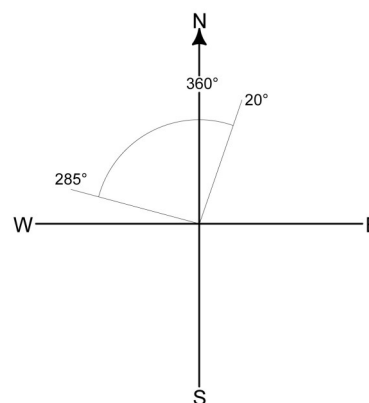


Technical design data

Orientation

Correction orientation of a practice area will alleviate problems of glare during early morning or evening sun and during the low angle of the sun in the winter.

Ideal orientation of the hitting direction is facing North between 285degrees and 20degrees.



Safe positioning

A risk assessment is required to give due consideration to the safe positioning of all practice facilities. Affiliated Golf Clubs may use the Scottish Golf advice service XACT <http://sgu.xactadvice.co.uk/>

Floodlighting

Floodlighting is not a requirement for **ClubGolf & Get into Golf Centres** or **Development Centres**.

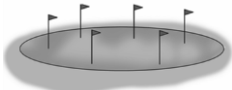
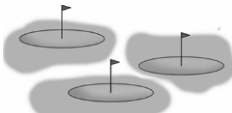
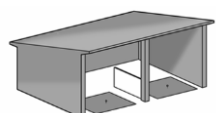
Where feasible you may wish to consider installation of lighting to allow provision for practice during the winter evenings. Options to do so may be dictated by the planning requirements of the site. These can include luminaries mounted on columns, ground mounted up lighters or luminaries mounted within the fascia of a driving bay.

Professional guidance

The information held within these technical datasheets is for guidance only, it is recommended that venues seeking to develop their practice facilities consult a golf course architect. Architects can be contacted through the European Institute of Golf Course Architects : <http://www.eigca.org/> and the Scottish Association of Golf Course Architects <http://www.scotagca.co.uk/>

Requirement comparison



	ClubGolf & Get into Golf Centres	Development Centres
Practice putting green 	Required ✓ Green area of 250sqm – 400sqm Minimum of 6 hole locations See sportscotland DATASHEET 801	Required ✓ Green area of 250sqm – 500sqm Minimum of 9 hole locations See sportscotland DATASHEET 802
Short game practice area 	Required ✓ 1 practice hole including: Target green between 250 – 400sqm in area Target green with a minimum of two hole locations 2 bunkers: 1 approach bunker at 30 yards(27m) 1 greenside bunker Provision for shots at: 15 yards (14m) 30 yards (28m) 50 yards (46m) Provision for greenside chip & flop shots Minimum width for short game area: 32 yards (29m) See sportscotland DATASHEET 801	Required ✓ Up to 3 practice holes, each including: Target green between minimum of 250 - 500sqm Target green with a minimum of two hole locations 2 bunkers: 1 approach bunker at 30 yards(27m) 1 greenside bunker Provision for shots at: 15 yards (14m) 30 yards (28m) 50 yards (46m) Provision for greenside chip & flop shots Minimum width for short game area: 32 yards (29m) Ideally provision for shots up to 100 yards (92m) within one or more of the holes See sportscotland DATASHEET 802
Long game practice area with covered bays 	Not required ✗ Ideally provision for long game practice is made available	Required ✓ Ideally there should be between 5 & 10 covered bays, in addition to 10 external teeing grounds directly in front. Target greens should be set at the following distances from the teeing ground: 60yards (55m) 80 yards (73m) 100 yards (92m) 130yards (119m) 160 yards (147m) 190 yards (174m) 240 yards (220m) Target green size: 100sqm See sportscotland DATASHEET 803

