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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** All Members, Provincial Associations, Regional Clubs, Registered Participants, and Stakeholders

**From:** The Executive Committee, FootGolf South Africa (FGSA)

**Date:** 05 January 2026

**Subject: Implementation of Revised Membership Fee Structure and Standardisation of the Membership Cycle (Effective 1 January 2026)**

### Purpose of this Memorandum

The purpose of this memorandum is to formally communicate the revision of FootGolf South Africa's membership fee structure and the standardisation of the membership cycle. Effective **1 January 2026**, FGSA will transition from historically fluid registration dates to a fixed **January–December** annual cycle.

This decision has been taken in good faith following extensive financial modelling and governance review. It ensures alignment with international and continental resolutions of the Federation for International FootGolf (FIFG) and the African FootGolf Association (AFGA), safeguarding FGSA's integrity, sustainability, and international standing.

### Alignment with International and Continental Frameworks

As a recognised national federation, FGSA must operate within the global sport ecosystem. FIFG and AFGA have resolved that membership, licencing, and competition administration must operate on a calendar-year basis to ensure consistency in World Tour participation and governance reporting.

Accordingly, from 2026 onward:

- All FGSA membership fees and licences will apply strictly from **1 January to 31 December** of the applicable year.
- Mid-year or ad hoc membership cycles will be discontinued.

- While payment flexibility (such as monthly instalments for Students) remains available, all such plans will **conclude on 31 December**, regardless of the commencement date.
- Registration fees are for the fixed calendar year and are not prorated for late-year registrations unless explicitly stated by the Executive Committee.

### Rationale and Revised Fee Structure

FGSA's annual membership fees have remained unchanged **since 2017**. Over the past eight years, the costs of compliance, international licensing, and event delivery have increased materially. The revised fees enable FGSA to pay FIG World Tour licences for eligible athletes, support the Flagship Bearer Programme for regional growth, and meet NPC audit and legal obligations.

The Executive Committee has approved the following fee structure for the 2026 cycle:

<b>Membership Category</b>	<b>2026 Annual Fee</b>	<b>Payment Terms</b>
<b>Senior</b>	<b>R 600.00</b>	Full annual payment via portal
<b>Junior</b>	<b>R 300.00</b>	Full annual payment via portal
<b>Recreational Licence</b>	<b>R 300.00</b>	Full annual payment (non-ranking)
<b>Student Senior</b>	<b>R 600.00</b>	R 50.00 Deposit + R 50.00 x 11 Months
<b>Affiliate Member</b>	<b>R 5,000.00</b>	Institutional/Club affiliation fee

### Scope and Limitations of Membership Fees

Membership with FGSA constitutes a licence to compete and be ranked; it does not constitute a club membership at any specific golf facility. FGSA membership fees **do not include** golf course membership or green fees.

Negotiations with affiliate golf courses regarding structured practice days and preferential access are ongoing. Members will be formally advised once these commercial and developmental agreements are concluded.

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## Competition Obligations in a World Cup Year

While 2026 is a FIGF World Cup year, national competitions remain the cornerstone of our sport's integrity. Participation in the South African National Championship continues to require a **minimum of 40% participation in sanctioned events** on the national competition calendar during the applicable year. World Cup preparation does not suspend domestic responsibilities; the strength of our international standing depends on the continuity of our national structure.

## Governance, Integrity, and Automation

FGSA is transitioning to a fully automated digital environment to ensure transparency and efficiency. This modernisation includes:

- Standardised membership and results administration.
- **POPIA-compliant** data protection to ensure member information is handled lawfully.
- Financial accountability and audit readiness as a registered NPC.

We acknowledge that fee adjustments are sensitive in a challenging economic climate. This decision reflects a collective responsibility to ensure that FootGolf in South Africa remains internationally competitive and organisationally credible. We encourage all stakeholders to engage constructively, recognising that these fees underpin the systems that allow for participation and representation on the global stage.

The revised fees and standardised cycle represent a necessary step toward securing the future of the sport. FGSA remains committed to transparency and inclusivity and will continue to communicate openly as implementation progresses.

**Issued by authority of the Executive Committee, FootGolf South Africa (NPC)**

Signature:   
**Norman Mphake: FGSA President**