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2026 KAGC CALENDAR

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

JANUARY

Nairobi District Foursomes	9 th -11 th Jan	Muthaiga Golf Club
Sigona Bowl	15 th -17 th Jan	Sigona Golf Club
Mt. Kenya Championship	30 th Jan- 1 st Feb	Nyeri Golf Club

FEBRUARY

Africa Amateur Championship	4 th -7 th Feb	Royal Johannesburg Golf Club, SA
Great Rift Valley Championship	13 th -15 th Feb	Great Rift Valley Lodge
Magical Kenya Open	19 th -22 nd Feb	TBC

MARCH

Victoria Cup	3 rd -7 th March	Uganda
Windsor Classic	13 th -15 th March	Windsor Golf & Country Club
Muthaiga Open	20 th -22 nd March	Muthaiga Golf Club
Ulinzi Open	27 th -29 th March	Kenya Airforce Golf Club
Tannahill Shield	30 th March -4 th Apr	Royal Nairobi Golf Club

APRIL

Winston Churchill	10 th -12 th April	Thika Sports Club
Machakos Open	17 th -19 th April	Machakos Golf Club
Trans-Nzoia Championship	24 th -26 th April	Kitale Club

MAY

Kiambu Open	8 th -10 th May	Kiambu Golf Club
KGU Chairman's Prize	15 th -16 th May	Thika Sports Club
Ronald Marshall & Toby Gibson Cup	22 nd -24 th May	Njoro Country Club
Coronation & Bendor Trophy	29 th -31 st May	Nakuru Golf Club

JUNE

Ruiru Open	12 th -14 th June	Ruiru Sports Club
Goldfields Trophy	19 th -21 st June	Kakamega Sports Club
Kabete Open	26 th -28 th June	Vet Lab Sports Club
Africa Region IV Tournament	TBA	Mauritius

JULY

Coast Open 'Barry Cup'	3 rd -5 th July	Mombasa Golf Club
Limuru Open & Brakenhurst Trophy	17 th -19 th July	Limuru Country Club
Kenya Amateur Stroke Play Championship	23 rd July- 26 th July	Royal Nairobi Golf Club
Kenya Amateur Match Play Championship	30 th July- 2 nd Aug	Limuru Country Club

AUGUST

Karen Challenge	7 th -9 th Aug	Karen Country Club
Patron's Cup	21 st -23 rd Aug	Muthaiga Golf Club

SEPTEMBER

Railway Invitational	4 th -6 th Sep	Kenya Railway Golf Club
Malindi Open 'Vasco Da Gama Cup'	11 th -13 th Sep	Malindi Golf & Country Club
Diani Beach Masters	18 th -20 th Sep	Diamonds Leisure Golf Club
Nanyuki Open	25 th -27 th Sep	Nanyuki Sports Club

OCTOBER

Tea Fields Trophy	2 nd -4 th Oct	Kericho Golf Club
Kisii Open 'Shabana Trophy'	9 th -11 th Oct	Kisii Golf Club
Nyanza Open 'Hippo Pot'	16 th -18 th Oct	Nyanza Golf Club
Nandi Bears Open Shield	23 rd -25 th Oct	Nandi Bears Club
Golf Park Open	30 th Oct- 1 st Nov	Golf Park Golf Club
All Africa Golf Team Championship	TBA	Tunisia

NOVEMBER

Manchester Salver	6 th -8 th Nov	Eldoret Club
The Altitude Challenge	20 th -22 nd Nov	Nyahururu Sports Club

DECEMBER

Uhuru Shield	4 th -6 th Dec	Royal Nairobi Golf Club
Nyali Open	18 th -20 th Dec	Nyali Golf & Country Club

KEY

 KGU Santioned Events	 Kenya Swing Tournaments
 International Events	 KAGC Events

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT



As we conclude the second quarter of 2026, I am encouraged by the strong start to the year and the continued progress of golf across the country. Our tournament calendar has commenced with energy and purpose, highlighted by a series of well-contested events under the Kenya Amateur Golf Championship (KAGC). Competitions such as the Sigona Bowl, the Great Rift Valley Championship, the Windsor Classic, and the NCBA Muthaiga Open have once again demonstrated the depth, discipline, and competitive spirit within our amateur ranks. The consistency in participation and the rising standard of play are clear indicators of a healthy and growing game.

On the regional stage, Team Kenya delivered a commendable performance at the Victoria Cup, reaffirming our standing as a leading golfing nation in East Africa. The team's discipline, preparation, and resilience were evident throughout the competition, reflecting the strength of our development structures and the commitment of our players.

Equally important is the continued exposure of our junior golfers through continental competition such as the All Africa Junior Team Championship (AAJTC). These platforms are critical in shaping the future of the game, providing young players with the experience, confidence, and perspective required to compete at the highest levels.

The expansion and structure of the 2026 KAGC series further underscore our commitment to creating more competitive opportunities for players across the country. A robust and inclusive calendar not only strengthens the national ranking system but also ensures that talent is

identified, nurtured, and developed in a consistent and meaningful way.

As we look ahead to the next quarter, our focus remains clear: to sustain the quality and integrity of our competitions, to support player development at all levels, and to continue building a strong and unified golfing ecosystem. These priorities will guide our efforts as we work to elevate the game and position Kenya for continued success both regionally and beyond.

I extend my appreciation to our players, clubs, sponsors, and partners for their ongoing support and commitment. The progress we are witnessing is a reflection of our shared vision and collective effort.

Brian Akun
KGU CHAIRMAN





VICE-CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

It is with great pride and appreciation that we look back at the progress made across our 2025 tournament calendar and the continued development of golf in Kenya so far.

The 2025 tournament calendar has been highlighted by a series of highly competitive and well-organized KAGC tournaments that have not only showcased the depth of talent within our ranks but also reinforced the strength of our golfing ecosystem. From club-level competitions to national invitationals, such as the Ulinzi Inaugural, Winston Churchill, Sigona Bowl, the Great Rift Valley Championship, the Windsor Classic, and the NCBA Muthaiga Open; the steady growth in participation, standards, stakeholders' involvement is remarkable.

The most encouraging aspects of this season has been the emergence of junior golfers who showcase confidence on the course, continuously challenging seasoned golfers and making headlines representing the country with distinction and setting benchmarks for excellence. Heavily reflecting on the future of golf years to come!

The recently closed AAJTC 2026 Championship ended on a very high note with Kenyan Team- Juniors aggressively putting Kenya on the continental map, proving to be worthy competitors and securing a ticket to Tokyo – Japan. This is a clear indicator to the inevitable reality that Kenyan Golf is growing day in day out and shaping up to feature in the highest levels of international golf competitions.

We are equally grateful for the unwavering support from our sponsors and partners, whose contributions have been instrumental in the successful delivery of our events. Their commitment not only enhances the quality of our tournaments but also plays a critical role in sustaining the growth and accessibility of golf in Kenya.

Off the course, we have continued to strengthen our structures, with all our efforts geared towards improving tournament organization, ensuring that we provide a professional, inclusive, and competitive environment for all players.

We remain focused on building momentum, expanding opportunities for players, and delivering even more impactful events. We are confident that with continued collaboration and dedication, we will achieve our shared vision of elevating Kenyan golf to greater heights.

On behalf of the Union, I extend my sincere appreciation to all players, sponsors, clubs, and fans for their continued support and commitment to the game.

Jonathan Marucha

KGU VICE-CHAIRMAN

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Deepening Intergration for Improved Livelihoods of EAC Citizens

Kenya Pipeline Company PLC: Driving regional integration through strategic energy infrastructure

As East Africa deepens economic integration under the East African Community (EAC) and the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), reliable energy infrastructure has emerged as one of the most critical enablers of regional trade. At the centre of this transformation is the Kenya Pipeline Company PLC (KPC), whose expanding petroleum logistics network is helping connect markets, lower transport costs and strengthen energy security across the region.

For decades, KPC has played a strategic role in moving petroleum products from the port of Mombasa inland to major demand centres in Nairobi, Eldoret, and onward to neighbouring countries, including Uganda, Rwanda, South Sudan, and eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo. Its network of more than 1,300km of pipelines and storage infrastructure forms the backbone of fuel distribution for much of the region.

One of the most significant investments in recent years has been the development of Line 5, a 450km modern pipeline connecting Mombasa to Nairobi, designed to improve fuel flow efficiency and reduce the cost of transporting petroleum products across the country and into neighbouring markets. By strengthening the reliability of fuel supply chains, the pipeline supports industrial growth and cross-border commerce within the EAC.

Energy logistics is increasingly recognised as a cornerstone of regional integration. Efficient fuel transport systems reduce congestion on roads, lower freight costs, and enable landlocked economies to access imported energy more reliably. Through its pipeline network and storage depots, KPC provides a shared infrastructure platform that benefits the entire East African region.

The company is also expanding capacity to meet growing regional demand. Plans include the development of a 30,000-metric-tonne LPG (liquid petroleum gas) storage and handling facility, which will enhance supply availability for households, businesses and industry across the region. These investments are designed to support cleaner energy transitions while strengthening supply security.

Beyond infrastructure, KPC has actively pursued partnerships that improve efficiency and regulatory compliance across borders. Collaboration with institutions such as the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) has strengthened customs coordination and trade monitoring, helping streamline petroleum transit procedures and reduce potential disputes within the EAC trading system.

KPC's regional approach aligns closely with the objectives of the AfCFTA, which aims to create a single African market by removing barriers to trade and encouraging the development of regional value chains. Infrastructure that allows goods and energy to move efficiently across borders is essential for translating this continental framework into practical economic integration.

As demand for energy grows alongside East Africa's expanding population and



From left to right: KPC MD Joe Sang, CS Treasury John Mbadi, PS Treasury Dr Chris Kiptoo, NSE Chairman Kiprono Kittony and CEO of Privatisation Authority Dr Janerose Omondi, during the unveiling of the KPC IPO Prospectus in January 2026.



Bottom loading of petroleum products.

industrial base, investments in shared infrastructure such as pipelines, storage depots and logistics systems will continue to play a critical role. By providing the backbone for petroleum distribution across multiple countries, KPC is helping to power regional commerce while reinforcing the foundations of Africa's integrated market.

Investor confidence strengthens regional ownership of strategic infrastructure

The recently concluded Initial Public Offering of KPC marked a significant milestone in East Africa's capital markets and regional economic integration.

The offer attracted strong interest from investors across the region, achieving an overall subscription rate of 105.7 percent, with applications for over 12.4 billion shares against the 11.8 billion offered.

Importantly, the transaction broadened ownership of one of East Africa's most strategic energy infrastructure assets.

Investors from across the East African Community, including institutions from Uganda and Rwanda, participated in the offer, strengthening regional participation in the company's long-term growth.

The IPO, which offered 65 percent of KPC shares to the public at Ksh9 per share, represents one of the largest capital market transactions in East Africa in

recent years. Beyond raising capital, the transaction created an opportunity for broader cross-border ownership of infrastructure that underpins energy supply and trade across the region.

By allowing regional investors to participate directly in the company's future, the IPO reinforces a shared stake in infrastructure that supports economic integration under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

For many investors, the strong response reflects confidence not only in KPC's fundamentals, but also in the long-term role of regional infrastructure in driving Africa's economic transformation.

HIGHLIGHT

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KAGC HIGHLIGHTS



Hitayezu Jean D'Amour:

1. The NCBA Coast "Barry" Cup
2. The NCBA Kakamega Goldfields



Ebill Omollo - The NCBA Coronation & Bendor Trophy



Amos Odongo - The NCBA Masaku Inaugural



John Kamaisi - The NCBA Kabete Open



Inset:

- Jay Sandhu**
1. The NCBA Limuru Open
 2. The NCBA Muthaiga Open

KAGC HIGHLIGHTS



Eugene Wafula - The NCBA Ruiru Open



Geoffrey Karioki - The NCBA TransNzoia Open Championship



Inset:
Elvis Muigua- Ronald Marshall & Tony Gibson Tournament



Elly Limo - The NCBA Winston Churchill



Kamoza Longwe - The NCBA Ulinzi Inaugural

KLGU HIGHLIGHTS



This year started with the Chairman's Prize - a 2 day event that was held in Karen Country Club to celebrate the Immediate Past Chairman - Rosemary Mkok. Part of this celebration was the KLGU AGM, held on 30th January that put the current council in office.

Following shortly to that was the African Amateur Women Invitation where three young ladies from the HPP programme were invited to represent Kenya in South Africa. Belinda Wanjiru, Kanana Muthomi and Bianca Ngechu represented Kenya.

Three Golfer of the Year events have so far been played this last three months. Sigona, Vetlab and Kitale have all had their GOTY events and the results of that can be found here for the top 10 ladies in both Division A and B.

All roads lead to Royal Nairobi the weekend of 10th - 12th where KLGU will host the Amateur Open meeting. This is a WAGR ranked event played over 54 holes with a subsidiary 36 hole event running alongside it.

KLGU HIGHLIGHTS

EACAAT 2025 AT GREAT RIFT VALLEY LODGE



Champions 2025- Tanzania



Champions 2026- Kenya



OPENS- GOTY



KLGU HIGHLIGHTS

KENYA LADIES OPEN AMATEUR STROKEPLAY 2026



Kellie Gachaga



Overall Winner,
Kanana Muthomi



Winners from Limuru CC



Mercy Nyanchama, Kanana Muthomi
and Neema Olomi of Tanzania

KENYA LADIES OPEN MEETING 2026



KLGU Chairperson, Mukami Wangai
during the Open



Winner, Kanana Muthomi



Tanzania team during the Open



Madina Hussein of Tanzania
during the open



ADMIN'S SYMPOSIUM •



• AGM HIGHLIGHTS





AFRICA REGION IV

ROUND 1 RESULTS LEADERBOARD

POS	NAME	PAR
T4	MWATHI GICHERU	+2
T4	KAMOZA LONGWE	+2
T12	RAPHAEL LEMINGANI	+5
19	JUNAID AYAZ MANJI	+8

ROUND 2 RESULTS LEADERBOARD

POS	NAME	PAR
3	KAMOZA LONGWE	+1
6	RAPHAEL LEMINGANI	+6
7	MWATHI GICHERU	+6
11	JUNAID AYAZ MANJI	+11

ROUND 3 RESULTS LEADERBOARD

POS	NAME	PAR
T5	RAPHAEL LEMINGANI	+8
8	KAMOZA LONGWE	+12
10	MWATHI GICHERU	+15
T15	JUNAID AYAZ MANJI	+20

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CAPTAINS' BIO



GEORGE MAKORI

Captain, Royal Nairobi Golf Club (2025-2026)

Head of Digital and Innovations- Jubilee Holdings

CAPTAIN GEORGE Makori is at the helm of the Royal Nairobi Golf Club for the 2025-2026 term, bringing vision, energy, and a passion for the game of golf. Professionally, he serves as Head of Digital and Innovation at Jubilee Holdings, where he drives initiatives in digital transformation, fintech solutions, and innovation in investment management.

At the Club, Captain Makori is focused on strengthening its legacy while pushing forward key development priorities. He champions junior golf development, nurturing the next generation of talent, and has been a strong advocate for ongoing course renovations and facility upgrades to ensure the Club maintains its high standards. Having served on the Board for two years and as Vice Captain during 2024-2025, his rise to Captaincy demonstrates the members' recognition of his leadership, commitment, and deep knowledge of golf."

Captain Makori is also raising the profile of the Tannahill Shield, one of the region's most prestigious interclub amateur tournaments-enhancing its visibility, partnerships, and overall tournament experience. Beyond Royal Nairobi Golf Club, he actively engages with other golf clubs and golfing bodies, promoting collaboration and fostering a vibrant regional golfing community.

Under his leadership, the Club is not just playing golf-it's shaping the future of the sport in Kenya.



MICHAEL MWIRIGI

Captain, Nanyuki Sports Club

MICHAEL Mwirigi is a real estate developer and contractor by profession and currently serves as the youngest Captain in the history of Nanyuki Sports Club at just 35 years old.

Having played golf for over 25 years, what began as a childhood pastime has grown into a lifelong passion, one that has finally produced a respectable single-digit handicap (on most days!).

Michael is particularly passionate about growing the game of golf among juniors and hopes to see more home-grown talent from clubs like Nanyuki rise to compete on the national stage.



HARUN NDEGWA

Captain, Kitale Club for 2026

HARUN NDEGWA serves as the Captain of Kitale Club for 2026. He is the Director and CEO of Hasacom Group of Companies and a specialist in Organizational Development, with extensive experience working with international

development organizations. Harun's passion for golf stems from both its health benefits and the valuable networks it creates for business and community engagement.

Through the game, he has built meaningful relationships while maintaining an active lifestyle.

Leading the Kitale Club Golf Section presents an opportunity for him to give back to the community that has supported him over the years. As Captain, he is committed to strengthening the section and ensuring that he leaves it better than he found it.

At Hasacom, Harun leads a team dedicated to timely and quality delivery, values that also guide his leadership approach within the club.



DAN LUBANGA

Captain, Limuru Country Club

DAN LUBANGA is a telecommunications engineer by trade, and the new Captain of Limuru Country Club, Dan Lubanga, is accustomed to building connections. Whether linking networks across the region or linking members through their shared love of the game, Dan brings a precise, analytical, yet deeply personable approach to his leadership role.

Having honed his resilience and attention to detail in high-stakes environments, Dan now applies that same focus to the fairways and greens of Limuru. His tenure as Captain is marked by a commitment to preserving the club's storied traditions while fostering a welcoming spirit for the next generation of golfers.

A passionate golfer who understands the nuances of the course, Dan is dedicated to enhancing the member experience and upholding the competitive standards expected at Limuru. The KGU welcomes Captain Dan Lubanga to his term and looks forward to his contributions to the Kenyan golfing fraternity



MR. MUZAHIM TAIB

Captain, Nyali Golf & Country Club

Muzahim Taib serving as the Golf Captain of Nyali Golf & Country Club for the year 2026 after being elected unopposed during the Members AGM, bringing passion, leadership, and a deep commitment to the game.

As Captain, of Nyali Golf & Country Club I want to fully focus on organizing competitions, supporting members, and fostering an inclusive and enjoyable golfing environment for players of all levels.

I have assembled a dynamic team for the Golf Committee and the Golf Competitions Sub-Committee. Our goal is simple — to keep every section of our club actively involved and enjoying their golf — from our Seniors, to the Youth, to our vibrant Ladies section.

We have introduced the Midweek Express tournament and the Nyali Sunday special which have already proved be fun, competitive, and memorable events every week as the large numbers of entries experienced



TEAM KENYA GAINS VALUABLE GLOBAL EXPERIENCE AT THE 2026 TOYOTA JUNIOR GOLF WORLD CUP

By Junior Golf Foundation Kenya

Kenya's emerging golfing talent proudly took to the international stage at the 2026 Toyota Junior Golf World Cup, held from 23rd to 26th June at the prestigious Ishino Course, Chukyo Golf Club in Toyota City, Japan. Competing against eleven of the world's strongest golfing nations, Team Kenya embraced the opportunity to measure itself against elite junior golfers while continuing the country's steady rise in international golf.

The Kenyan team earned its place at the World Cup following an outstanding performance at the All Africa Junior Team Championship (AAJTC) held earlier this year at Windsor Golf Hotel and Country

Club. Their runner-up finish secured one of Africa's coveted qualification slots, earning Kenya the honour of representing the continent alongside South Africa at one of junior golf's most prestigious events.

The three-member squad featured Mwathi Gicheru, Junaid Manji, and Tsevi Soni, who travelled to Japan determined to showcase Kenya's growing strength in junior golf while gaining invaluable international experience.

Facing established golfing nations such as Japan, the United States, Canada, Thailand, Australia, France and South Africa, Team Kenya encountered a demanding test over four rounds on the

challenging par-71 Ishino Course. Despite the stiff competition, the young golfers displayed resilience, composure and determination throughout the championship.

Kenya opened the tournament with a team score of 153 (+11) before responding positively in the second round with a much-improved 144 (+2)—an encouraging nine-shot improvement that reflected the team's ability to adapt to unfamiliar playing conditions and one of the world's premier championship layouts.

The third round produced a team total of 149 (+7), while Kenya concluded the championship with another determined effort, posting 148 (+6) in the final round. Across the four days, the squad finished with an aggregate score of 594 (+26) to place 12th overall in a world-class field.

Among the Kenyan players, **Junaid Manji** emerged as the team's leading performer, finishing with rounds of 77, 72, 74 and 72 for a tournament total of 295 (+11). **Mwathi Gicheru** followed with rounds of 77, 72, 77 and 76, while **Tsevi Soni** recorded rounds of 76, 78, 75 and 79 as each player contributed to the team effort.

Although the final standings did not fully reflect the team's potential, the championship represented far more than a battle for positions. Competing at the Toyota Junior Golf World Cup exposed the players to world-class course conditions, elite international competition, different playing styles and the professional standards expected at the highest levels of junior golf.

The experience also reinforced the progress Kenya has made in developing competitive junior golfers capable of qualifying for global championships. Participation at events of this calibre provides an essential platform for growth, equipping young athletes with the confidence, knowledge and experience required to compete successfully on the international stage in the years ahead.

The Junior Golf Foundation Kenya extends its sincere appreciation to the Government of Kenya, through the Ministry of Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports, for its continued investment in junior golf and youth talent development. Gratitude is also extended to the Kenya Golf Union, Kenya Ladies Golf Union, coaches, parents and

partners whose unwavering support continues to create opportunities for young Kenyan golfers to pursue excellence.

Special appreciation goes to the organisers and sponsors of the Toyota Junior Golf World Cup—Toyota Motor Corporation, Japan Airlines, Toyota Mobility Service, and Chukyo Golf Club—for delivering a world-class championship that continues to inspire the next generation of golfers from across the globe.

While Team Kenya returns home without a podium finish, they do so with something equally valuable: experience gained against the world's best, friendships forged across continents, and renewed motivation to continue raising the standard of Kenyan junior golf. Their journey in Japan marks another important chapter in Kenya's growing presence on the global golfing stage, offering optimism for an even brighter future.





KENYA SETS THE STAGE FOR AFRICA'S RISING GOLF STARS

On a crisp Nairobi morning at the elegant Windsor Golf Hotel & Country Club, Kenya took an important step toward hosting one of Africa's most significant junior golf tournaments. Government officials, golf administrators, corporate partners, and young athletes gathered for the official launch of the All-Africa Junior Team Championship 2026, a competition that continues to shape the future of the sport across the continent.

The launch ceremony was presided over by Elijah Mwangi, Principal Secretary for the State Department for Sports, who confirmed that the Government of Kenya will serve as the Lead Sponsor of the championship through the Ministry of Youth Affairs Creative Economy and Sports. His announcement underscored the country's growing commitment to nurturing young talent while positioning sport as a key pillar of national development.

"Kenya is proud to be the anchor sponsor of the All-Africa Junior Team Championship," Mwangi said during the ceremony. "Our investment reflects our belief in the potential of our youth. By hosting this continental event, we are not only promoting golf but also showcasing Kenya as a premier sports tourism destination."

The championship, scheduled to take place from March 24 to 26, will see more than 100 elite junior golfers from 15 African nations descend on Nairobi to compete in what promises to be one of the most exciting editions of the tournament yet. Participating countries include Kenya, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Ghana, Mauritius, Morocco, Namibia, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

But beyond the official speeches and announcements, the most inspiring moment of the day came when Team Kenya the young athletes who will carry the nation's hopes was unveiled.

The seven-member squad features four boys and three girls drawn from some of Kenya's leading golf clubs. The boys' team includes Junaid Manji, Tsevi Soni, Yuvraj Rajput, and Mwathi Gicheru, while the girls' lineup features Belinda Wanjiru, Kanana Muthomi, and Bianca Ngecu.

For the boys in particular, momentum is firmly on their side. All four were recently part of Kenya's victorious squad at the Victoria Cup, a triumph that has boosted confidence ahead of the continental showdown. Their success reflects the strength of Kenya's junior golf development pipeline and signals that the host nation will be a formidable contender when the championship

tees off.

“For Vincent Mukiri, President of the Junior Golf Foundation, the event represents much more than just competition.

“The journey to host the AAJTC has been made possible through the collective efforts of the Ministry of Sports, The R&A, and our corporate partners,” he said. “This championship provides a vital platform for identifying and nurturing Africa’s emerging golf talent while preparing them for the global stage.”

Indeed, the All-Africa Junior Team Championship has become a critical steppingstone for Africa’s young golfers. Over the years, many players who have competed in the tournament have progressed to international competitions such as the Toyota World Junior Golf Championship, with several going on to successful collegiate and professional careers.

Corporate support has also played a key role in bringing the 2026 championship to life. Leading organizations including NCBA Bank Kenya, Kenya Airways, Brookside Dairy, AAR Insurance Kenya, Kenya Pipeline Company, Avenue Healthcare, and Nation Media Group have partnered to support the tournament, highlighting the growing recognition of

junior golf as an important avenue for youth development.

As the countdown to the championship begins, the fairways of Windsor are preparing to welcome Africa’s most promising young golfers. For Kenya, hosting the tournament represents more than a sporting milestone—it is a chance to inspire a new generation, strengthen continental ties, and showcase the country’s passion for the game.

And when the first tee shot is struck later this month, the eyes of African junior golf will be firmly fixed on Nairobi.



G4D – GOLF FOR DISABLED:

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES, ONE SWING AT A TIME: THE JOSEPH KIBE GIKERA STORY

From the fairways of Thika Sports Club to the international stage at the G4D Open in Wales, my journey with golf has been about much more than just a scorecard. It began in early 2022, during a period of intense personal transition. Having been a member of Thika Sports Club since 2017 without ever picking up a club, I held the common misconception that golf was a game for the “retired and wealthy.” More significantly, as a right-hand amputee, I simply couldn’t envision how I would ever “crack it.”

The turning point came during a walk with a seasoned golfer, Tony Wainaina. His encouragement, paired with the patient mentorship of Club Pro Mr. Komu, changed my perspective entirely. After experimenting with right-handed clubs, the breakthrough happened when we switched to left-handed play. After eight months of rigorous training, the “rest” became history.

Beyond the Green: Character & Resilience

For me, golf was the therapy I didn’t know I needed. It provided a productive outlet during a “separation season,” teaching me that a perfectly struck drive feels a lot like kicking your problems right off the tee box.

“Golf is a mirror of character; it stretches your patience, demands absolute honesty, and tests your temperament while building an

incredible network of support.”

The Road to Wales: An Invitation to Partner

In May 2026, I have the distinct honour of representing Kenya at the G4D (Golf for the Disabled) Open in Wales. This is not just a personal milestone, but a chance to fly the Kenyan flag on a global stage and inspire others living with disabilities to take up the sport.

To make this mission a reality, I am seeking sponsorship and partnerships to cover the costs of travel, registration, and equipment. By supporting this journey, you are not just backing a golfer—you are championing the spirit of resilience and the inclusion of para-athletes in Kenya’s sporting narrative.

I am determined to break 100 consistently in Wales and bring back lessons that will grow the G4D community back home. For anyone facing their own “impossible” swing, my story is proof that with the right brothers by your side and a bit of late-night practice, no obstacle is too great to overcome.

Milestones & Achievements

Since receiving my initial handicap of 54 in early 2023, the game has become a central pillar of my life.

Rapid Progression: Within one year, I dropped my handicap to 40. My current target is to reach a Handicap of 25 by the end of 2026.

Tournament Success: A major milestone was being named Overall Winner at Karen Country Club with 42 points.

The Ultimate Shot: Last year, I achieved a Hole-in-One—the ultimate proof that disability is not inability.

The “Four Brothers”: In 2023, I joined forces with three brothers—Kahara, Walter, and Njomo. Together, we have navigated the “journey of life” through golf, playing nearly every course in Kenya and touring regional gems in Zanzibar, Jinja, and Serena (Uganda).



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