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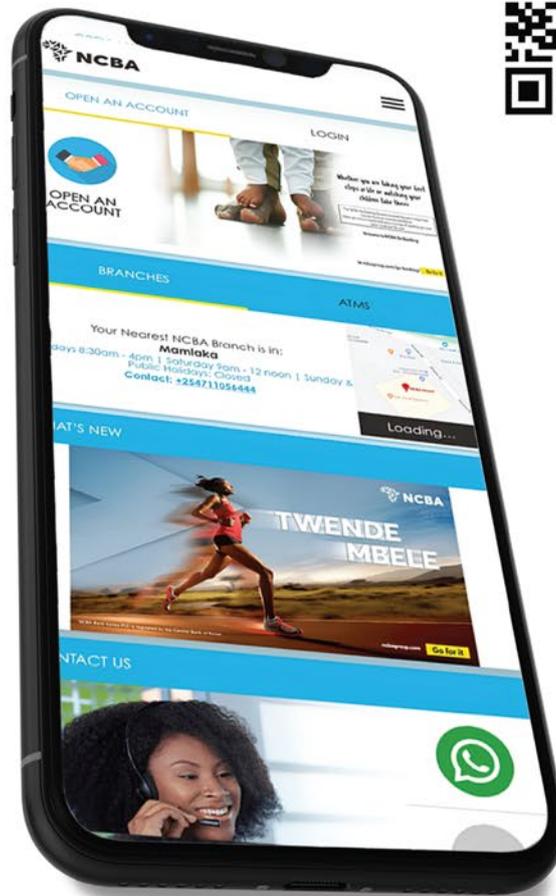


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Foreword from the

KGU Chairman

Distinguished guests, fellow golfers, friends of the game, and members of the Kenya Golf Union,

It is with immense pride and humility that I share this message in the first edition of the Kenya Golf Union Magazine since my election as Chairman. I am deeply honored to be entrusted with the responsibility of leading one of the country's oldest and most respected sporting institutions.

Founded in 1928, the Kenya Golf Union (KGU) stands as the oldest continuous sports body in Kenya—marking 97 years of heritage, excellence, and dedication to the game of golf. It is both a privilege and a profound responsibility to serve as Chairman, and I commit to doing so with clarity, integrity, and purpose.

Our Vision: To Unify, To Grow, and To Serve

As we look to the future, our mission is anchored on six key priorities that will guide the Union during my term:

1. Strengthening Collaboration Across the Golfing Fraternity

We will work closely with the Junior Golf Foundation (JGF) and the Kenya Ladies Golf Union (KLGU) to establish a united and robust development framework that nurtures talent across age groups and genders—from grassroots to elite levels. In doing so, we aim to create an inclusive, integrated ecosystem that advances the game nationwide.

Equally important is the formalization of our relationship with the Kenya Golf Federation. While the Federation plays an umbrella role, KGU must preserve its identity, autonomy, and historic mandate as the steward of men's amateur golf in Kenya. We commit to working independently yet harmoniously, with mutual respect for the roles of KLGU, JGF, and the Professional Golfers of Kenya (PGK).

2. Delivering Greater Value to Our Golf Clubs

Our clubs are the heartbeat of Kenyan golf. They are where players are made, communities are built, and the sport thrives. The Union must be a responsive and supportive partner—providing practical assistance, legal support, administrative guidance, and leadership in growing the game at the club level.

3. Improving Talent Identification and Development

We will broaden our national footprint, ensuring that talented golfers—regardless of background or geography—receive the support they need to rise through the ranks. Talent must be discovered, nurtured, and celebrated at every level.

4. Modernizing Operations and Infrastructure

The Union will continue to strengthen its internal capacity. Our move to new offices symbolizes this commitment to growth and modernization. Improved central services, digital systems, and a professional support team will allow us to serve our members and clubs more effectively.

5. Making Golf More Accessible and Inclusive

Golf in Kenya must reflect the diversity of our nation. We will continue outreach and sensitization programs aimed at welcoming youth, women, and underrepresented communities into the game, challenging outdated perceptions of exclusivity and ensuring golf is seen—and experienced—as a game for all.

6. Prioritizing the Interests of Our Subscribing Members

At the core of our mandate is our commitment to subscribing members. Every decision, every program, and every tournament must add value to their experience and affirm their role as the foundation of this Union.

Gratitude and Acknowledgement

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all those who have come before me in this role. To the former Chairmen of the Kenya Golf Union—thank you for your leadership and vision, which laid the groundwork for what we continue to build today. In particular, I thank my immediate predecessor, Mr. David Ndung'u, for his dedication and outstanding service to the game.

I also thank the 2024/25 Executive Committee for their support, commitment, and shared belief in our goals for the future.

To my home club, Thika Sports Club, I owe a special debt of gratitude. Your nomination of me to the KGU Executive in 2021 marked the beginning of this journey—from Executive Member to Chairman. Your belief in me and unwavering support have been instrumental every step of the way.

And finally, to all golfers across Kenya—your passion for this great game inspires everything we do. Thank you for your trust, participation, and continued engagement with the Union.

Together, let us write a new and exciting chapter for Kenyan golf—one defined by unity, growth, and lasting impact.



Chris Kinuthia

KGU Chairman 2025-26



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Resource Mobilisation and Publicity

Golf is more than a sport—it's a narrative of heritage, talent, and resilience. With the Kenya Golf Union Magazine, we've had the privilege of helping frame that narrative, not just through compelling stories, but through partnerships that sustain our platform and elevate its reach.

When I stepped into this role in June, my mission was clear: to turn the magazine into a dynamic medium that connects brands with golf, and golf with the broader Kenyan audience. What began as traditional sponsorship outreach has evolved into something more collaborative—strategic conversations with industry leaders, spirited engagements with lifestyle brands, and an unrelenting commitment to showcasing the best of our golfing community.

Each edition is a bridge—we connect seasoned professionals with rising stars, clubs with communities, and tournaments with national attention. I've seen firsthand how a well-placed feature on a junior golfer or a corporate sponsor can inspire new partnerships and fresh energy for the sport.

What drives this process is trust. Our sponsors want authenticity. Our readers want relevance. And our editorial team, with its keen eye for detail and passion for the game, ensures we deliver both.

With our flagship events gaining momentum and international collaborations on the horizon, the Kenya Golf Union Magazine stands ready to expand its footprint. We're inviting new partners to walk this journey with us—because every page turned is a story shared, a legacy preserved, and a new opportunity created.

To those who've supported us: thank you for believing in the power of print, sport, and storytelling. And to our future collaborators—our next chapter awaits.



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KENYA OPEN GOLF LIMITED MARKS A NEW CHAPTER

Patrick Obath Appointed New KOGL Chairman



A new era has dawned at Kenya Open Golf Limited (KOGL) following the appointment of Mr. Patrick Obath as Chairman. Mr. Obath was officially appointed by the KOGL Board on 28th July 2025 at Muthaiga Golf Club, following the company's Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Before taking on the role of Chairman, Mr. Obath served as Tournament Director of the Magical Kenya Open since 2011, where he played a key role in elevating the tournament's organizational standards and global reputation. His deep understanding of the tournament's operations and strategic vision made him a natural choice to succeed the outgoing leadership.

His appointment comes as long-serving Chairman Mr. Peter Kanyago and Finance Director Mr. Joe Wangai stepped down after more than a decade of service. Mr. Kanyago joined KOGL in 2004 while Mr. Wangai joined in 2011 the two have been key pillars of KOGL, The two did not offer themselves for re-election during the AGM, paving the way for a leadership transition.

Mr. Obath will now lead the KOGL Board, which includes Ronald Meru, Lucas Maranga, Zuhura Ogada, Faith Kanaga, Francis Okwara, Regina Gachora, Chris Kinuthia, and Brian Akun. Two board vacancies, arising from the exit of Mr. Kanyago and Mr. Wangai, will be filled in due course.

Steering a Vision: The Mandate of KOGL

Kenya Open Golf Limited is mandated to organize and manage Kenya's flagship golf tournament—the Magical Kenya Open, a prestigious event that is part of the DP World Tour. Beyond orchestrating a world-class tournament, KOGL is also tasked with elevating Kenya's position on the global golfing map, promoting sports tourism, fostering youth talent, and using golf as a tool for socio-economic development.

Under the new leadership, KOGL remains committed to its core mission: to deliver a professional, inclusive, and impactful golf experience that resonates both locally and internationally.

'Having elevated the role of golf in the economy and sporting environment, it is now time to support the development of local talent, strengthen partnerships, and inspire the next generation' Said Obath.

With Mr. Obath at the helm and a strong board in place, KOGL is well-positioned to build on its successes. The organization is expected to call an Extraordinary General Meeting in the coming months to fill the vacant director positions and align its governance framework with the Companies Act 2015.



HISTORIC LAUNCH

Historic Launch of 2025 Swing Series Lights Up Kenya's Amateur Golf Scene

Kenya's golfing landscape reached an exciting new milestone with the spectacular launch of the 2025 Swing Series, a premier three-leg championship that has redefined the amateur golf experience across the globe. Drawing widespread attention from golf enthusiasts, clubs, and sports media, the series marked a bold step forward in the development of golf. The series attracted players from Mauritius, Austria, Uganda, Rwanda, Zambia, Ethiopia, South Africa and the host Kenya.

Each leg of the Swing Series delivered a unique blend of fierce competition, high-caliber sportsmanship, and vibrant community engagement. Every tournament offered a platform for Kenya's most promising amateurs to shine—and shine they did.

More than just a collection of tournaments, the Swing Series is a visionary initiative—a structured pathway that was designed to elevate Kenya's amateur golfers onto the international stage. With official ranking points, elite-level organization, and opportunities for global exposure.

Leg 1 – Kabete Open (Vet Lab Sports Club)

Winner: Pranay Kapur delivered a stellar performance—completing the tournament with a three round total of 217—to secure the title, a winner's cheque of Sh 115,600, and widespread acclaim for navigating challenging course conditions with finesse



Leg 2 – NCBA Kenya Amateur Matchplay Championship (Sigona Golf Club)

Winner: Michael Karanga narrowly edged out Pranay Kapur in a sudden death playoff, clinching the title on the 37th hole. His victory also earned him KSh 130,000, 300 KAGC points, and a coveted spot in the 2026 Magical Kenya Open.



63rd	Michael Karanga Warigia	Point average	769.6249		
Statistics					
51st	18	41	35.6603	35.6603	48
Best Rank	Wins	Top 10 Finishes	Divisor	Applied Divisor	Counting Events

Leg 3 – NCBA Kenya Amateur Strokeplay Championship (Vet Lab Sports Club)

Winner: Jay Sandhu shot a resilient total of 290 to win the Kenya Amateur Stroke Play Championship, earning a spot in the 2026 Magical Kenya Open. This win also earned him 130,000 Kenya shillings and 300 KAGC points





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A MEMORABLE MILESTONE FOR KENYAN GOLF!

Kenya Golf Union Office Relocating to Windsor Golf and Country Club

As part of our ongoing efforts to modernize our operations and enhance service delivery, the Kenya Golf Union (KGU) is pleased to announce the relocation of its offices to Windsor Golf and Country Club.

This transition marks a new chapter in our mission to strengthen administrative capacity, improve accessibility, and serve our clubs and stakeholders with greater professionalism and efficiency.

We extend our deepest appreciation to Windsor Golf and Country Club for generously offering space and working closely with us to ensure that the new office is set up to meet the Union's growing needs. Your partnership is a testament to your commitment to the advancement of golf in Kenya, and we are sincerely grateful.

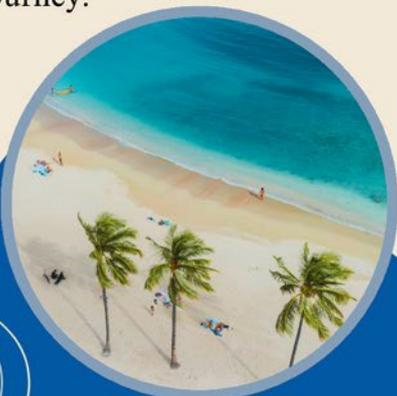
At the same time, we wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to Muthaiga Golf Club, which has graciously hosted the Kenya Golf Union offices for many years. Your unwavering support, hospitality, and dedication to the game have played a vital role in the Union's journey and growth. We thank you for walking with us through decades of service to the sport.

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Junior Golf Foundation Updates

1. JGF Tournaments Resumption

The second half of the tournament calendar resumed in August packed with back-to-back events. Key tournaments such as the Limuru Junior Open, the NCBA Kenya Junior Matchplay Championship, the Western Junior Open and the Mt. Kenya Junior Open will be held during this period. The U.S. Kids Golf Nairobi Fall Local Tour and the Mombasa Fall Local Tour will also be rolled out.

The Inaugural Africa Region IV Junior Championship will be held at the end of August in Tamarina Golf Club, Mauritius. Kenya will be represented by Kanana Muthomi, Navya Nagda, Maahir Patel and Parv Kavia.

2. Juniors Golf Progression

This year has seen our juniors levitate to new levels in their golf progression from winning local amateur tournaments as well representing Kenya on a Global stage. Juniors such as Hakeem Mutungi (9yrs) qualifying and participating in the US Kids Golf World Championship held at Pinehurst, Kanana Muthomi winning the 2025 Muthaiga Ladies Open and following it up with another win at the 2025 Royal Ladies Open proving that the juniors are the future of Kenyan Golf and that early integration into golf is key for their development in the sport.



3. Regional and Elite Squad Training

The Junior Golf Foundation training is ongoing countrywide together with the national elite squad training as key development initiatives. 12 Boys and 10 Girls are part of the national squad.

High level coaches and trainers have been tasked with ensuring the juniors are well trained physically and mentally.

JUNIOR GOLF FOUNDATION KENYA

EVENTS CALENDAR 2025 - 2026

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4. 2026 All Africa Junior Team Championship (AAJTC)

Kenya has been selected as the host of the 2026 AAJTC which is the premier junior golf team event in Africa. More than 20 countries are expected to attend.



Junior Golf Foundation

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PLAYER
FEATURE

Isaac
MAKOKHA



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REDEFINING THE GAME

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PLAYER
FEATURE

Isaac
MAKOKHA



When Isaac Makokha sank his final putt at the 2025 NCBA Railway Invitational, he didn't just win a trophy—he made history. Overcoming a hearing disability, Makokha outplayed a field of 72 to claim victory at 5-under-par, earning KSh 92,500 and moving up to 4th in the 2025 Order of Merit.

His journey is a powerful testament to the rising profile of adaptive golf in Kenya, a movement gaining momentum thanks to the support of organizations like NCBA and Railway Golf Club.

“Isaac’s win is a shining example of what can be achieved when talent is nurtured regardless of circumstance,” said Kenya Golf Union Chairman Chris Kinuthia.

Makokha’s performance is not only inspiring a new generation of disabled athletes—it’s helping reshape perceptions of what’s possible on the course. Quietly, confidently, he’s changing the game one swing at a time.



Kenya Golf Union Shines at Neurodiversity Inclusion Awards



The Kenya Golf Union is proud to announce that it has won the Sports Category at the prestigious Neurodiversity Inclusion Awards, held during the inaugural Dyslexia Rising Africa Conference under the powerful theme, “Rewriting the Neurodiversity Narrative – From Stigma to Strength.”

The awards, which brought together leaders, educators, advocates, and changemakers from across the continent, recognized institutions and individuals that are making significant strides in creating inclusive environments for neurodivergent communities.

Our nomination and shortlisting in the Inclusive Sports Institution/Initiative Award was in recognition of our exceptional commitment to ensuring that neurodivergent children can participate, compete, and thrive in golf and sport in

general. Through tailored programming, inclusive tournaments, and deliberate partnerships, we continue to champion a future where every child—regardless of ability or learning difference—has the opportunity to discover their potential on the fairway and beyond.

This win is not just a celebration of our commitment—it is a spotlight on the transformative power of sport. Golf, with its focus, discipline, and camaraderie, offers a unique platform for building confidence, resilience, teamwork, and lifelong opportunity for all.

A key driver of this success has been the outstanding work of the Golf for the Disabled (G4D) Committee, whose tireless efforts in creating opportunities for persons with disabilities have not only transformed lives but also reshaped perceptions.



G4D continues to break barriers by making golf accessible and welcoming for individuals of all abilities, ensuring that the sport truly lives up to its inclusive potential.

Winning this award underscores the Union's ongoing mission to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in all its forms, and we remain committed to expanding our programs to reach even more youth and communities across Kenya and the continent.

We thank the award organizers, our partners, and most importantly, the families and children who continue to inspire this work.



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SPOTLIGHT
PLAYER
FEATURE

Jimmy
SEMENYE

SPOTLIGHT PLAYER FEATURE

Jimmy SEMENYE

My name is Jimmy Semenye and I'm 22 years old. I was introduced to golf at the age of six by my father, who has been both my biggest supporter and my first coach. What started as a fun way to spend time with him quickly grew into a deep passion for the sport. Over the years, golf has become more than just a game for me it has shaped who I am and opened doors I never imagined. From early practice sessions to competing in major tournaments, my journey has been one of growth, discipline, and continuous learning.

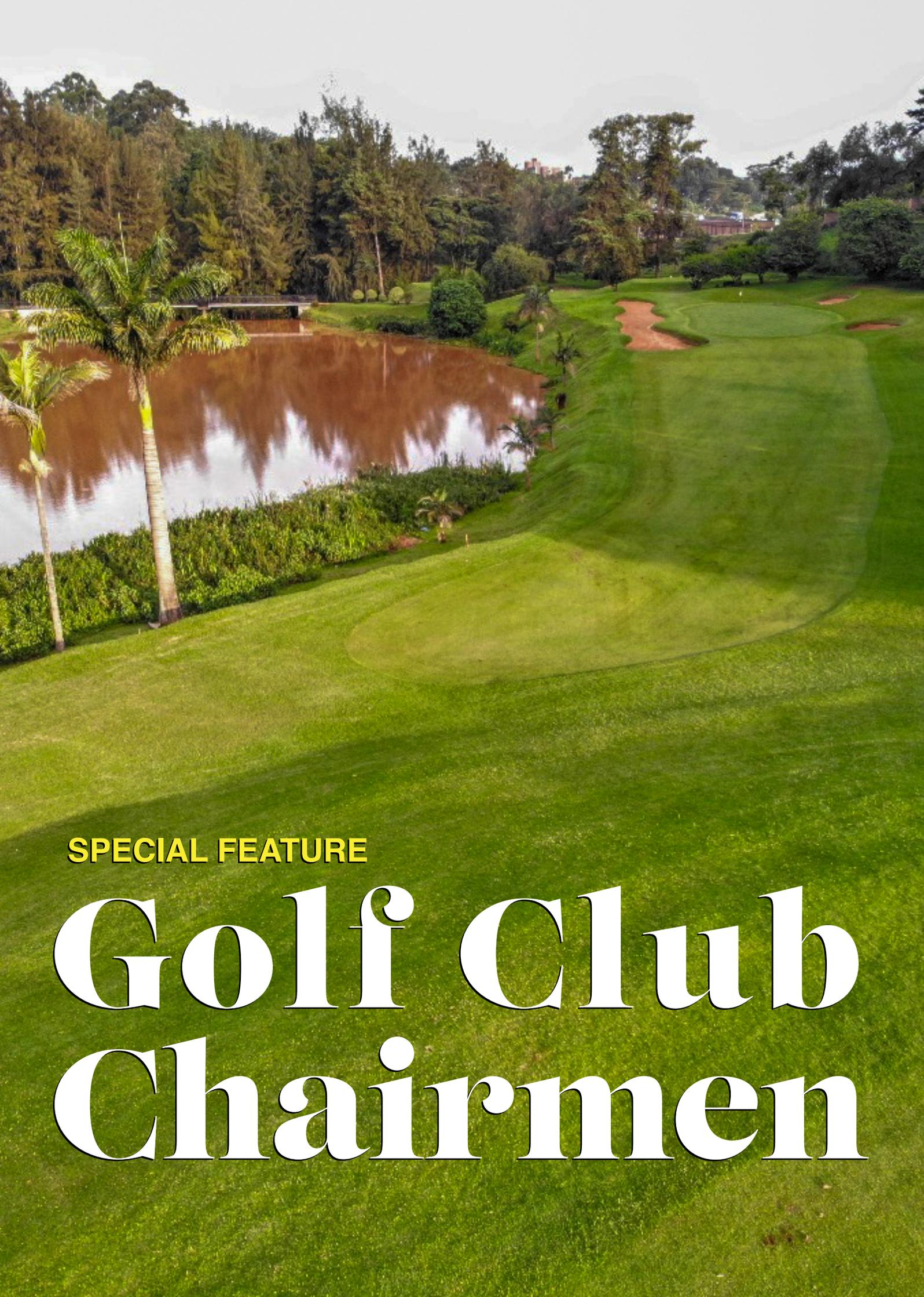
I've been fortunate to receive guidance from some exceptional coaches who have played a key role in shaping my journey. Pro Jacob Okello, Pro Ben Okello, Pro Fred Kamau, and John Lyflan have each been instrumental in helping me refine my swing, especially as I worked to adapt it to suit my dominant left hand. Thanks to the support of the Kenya Golf Union (KGU) and the Junior Golf Foundation (JGF), I had the incredible opportunity to represent Kenya in international tournaments in South Africa. In 2023, I secured two runner-up finishes—at the Jedeal Tshwane Disabled Open held at Waterkloof Golf Club and at the Cape Town Disabled Open at King David Mowbray Golf Club. In 2024, I returned to place 7th at the Cape Town Disabled Open and 10th at the Pearl Valley Championship. These results are milestones I'm truly proud of, as they reflect both the progress I've made and the commitment I continue to invest in my game.

These international experiences not only pushed me to improve technically but also helped me grow mentally and physically. Competing at that level made me realize how important fitness, mental strength and course management are to success in golf. As a result, I've worked hard to improve in these areas, and I feel more confident in my game than ever before. Being exposed to different playing conditions has made me a more versatile and focused player.

In addition to playing I've also taken on a leadership role as the Junior Convenor at Kenya Railway Golf Club. This position has given me a chance to give back to the golfing community and support younger players starting out just like I did years ago. I've come to value the responsibility that comes with leadership and I'm grateful for the opportunity to be a role model both on and off the course.

Looking ahead, my dream is to turn professional and represent Kenya on the global stage. I also want to be a voice for inclusion in the sport by encouraging more differently-abled individuals to take up golf. After seeing the talent and potential during my time in South Africa I believe that with the right support and opportunities many more elite golfers can rise from Kenya. My journey has only just begun and I'm excited for what lies ahead.





SPECIAL FEATURE

Golf Club Chairmen

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**Dennis Mwirigi – Chairman
Muthaiga Golf Club**

Muthaiga Golf Club: Driving the Future of Golf in Kenya with Vision and Action

Muthaiga Golf Club is more than a custodian of Kenya’s golfing heritage, it’s a driving force for the sport’s future. Guided by a strategy built on excellence, inclusivity, and sustainability, the club is making impactful strides locally and internationally.

As a proud host of the Magical Kenya Open for four consecutive years, Muthaiga has put Kenya firmly on the global golf map, attracting record participation and showcasing the country as a world-class sporting destination.

Inclusivity remains a priority, with events like the KLGU Chairman’s Prize empowering women golfers and programs such as the Simba League and US Kids Golf nurturing young talent. The club also invests in training, technology, and facility upgrades, including plans for a high-tech driving range to elevate member experiences.

Sustainability is central to its vision, with initiatives like desilting the main dam to secure year-round water supply and maintaining worldclass course standards. Expanded parking, hospitality outlets, and upcoming flagship events like the Patrons Cup, honoring the late President Mwai Kibaki, reflect Muthaiga’s commitment to community, legacy, and growth.

With strong governance, a motivated team, and a bold vision, Muthaiga Golf Club is setting the pace for golf in Africa and the best is yet to come.



Golf Club Chairmen



Njoro Country Club: A Legacy of Excellence and Growth

Founded in 1901, Njoro Country Club is Kenya's second-oldest members' club, evolving from a colonial era railway stopover into a vibrant hub for sports and leisure. Its rich history blends seamlessly with a modern vision, offering a nine-hole golf course, polo field, cricket grounds, tennis courts, bowling green, and more.

Under a dynamic leadership team, the club has undergone major upgrades, from a revamped clubhouse to a new ladies' changing block, junior wing, modern gym, and conference hall. Golf remains central, with membership growing steadily and

facilities enhanced by new mowers, full course irrigation, and a 75,000-liter water tower.

Strategically located near attractions like the Masai Mara and Lake Nakuru, Njoro is embracing golf tourism, adding accommodation options and working to revive its historic airstrip by year's end. Junior golf is also thriving, with 85 young players in training, supported by the Junior Golf Foundation.

Course improvements are ongoing, new sand bunkers, rebuilt greens, and plans to expand to an 18-hole layout by 2027 reflect the club's ambition and attention to detail. With its blend of heritage, innovation, and community spirit, Njoro Country Club is set to remain a beacon of sporting excellence in Kenya.



SPECIAL FEATURE

Golf Club Chairmen



**Andrew Maleche - Chairman
Kakamega Sports Club**

Kakamega Sports Club: Growing Golf and Community

Kakamega Sports Club is making bold strides in upgrading facilities, nurturing talent, and strengthening community ties. A major highlight is the expansion of the ladies' changing room to accommodate 100 golfers. A Ksh 3 million project set to launch by August 2025, reflecting the club's commitment to the growing number of women in the sport.

On the course, significant improvements include a new lawn mower, expanded tee boxes, fully spiked and top-dressed greens, and the reconstruction of Green #15 with premium grass all aimed at elevating the playing experience.

Junior golf is thriving, with over 40 juniors training every Sunday, including children from the surrounding community who are coached free of charge. The club is appealing for donations of junior clubs to meet rising demand.

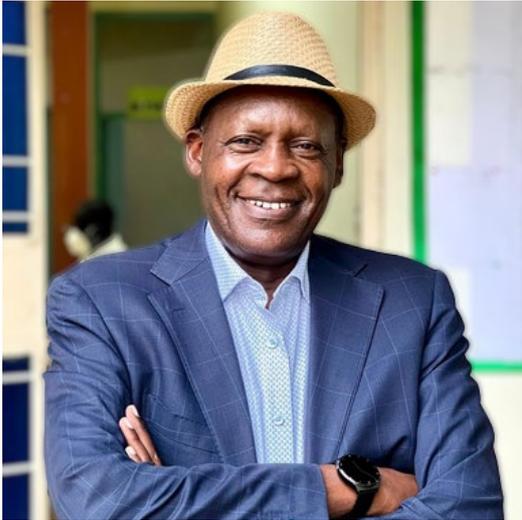
To grow the game, Kakamega has run a successful new members drive for lady golfers, achieving a 41% increase in participation. A training package of Ksh 2,000 per month for beginners, covering coaching and caddie fees, has made the sport more accessible. The 2025 calendar is packed, from the Western Junior Open to the Ladies Open and charity tournaments, ensuring a vibrant season.

Looking ahead, the club is in advanced plans to expand to an 18-hole course, having recovered grabbed land and secured a designer for the project.

With a clear vision for growth, Kakamega Sports Club is proving that golf can be both a competitive sport and a force for community development.



Golf Club Chairmen



**Alfonse Kioko - Chairman,
Machakos Golf Club**

Machakos Golf Club: A Century of Golf Playing, Thriving and Connecting

2025 marks a landmark year for Machakos Golf Club as we continue to build on and celebrate our 100-year heritage while embracing growth, inclusivity, and innovation in the game. From our centenary celebrations to significant facility upgrades, the year has been a true reflection of both our history and our future.

This year, we proudly marked our 100th anniversary with a series of memorable tournaments that drew golfers from across the country. The celebrations have not only honored the club's rich history but also reinforced our commitment to fostering a vibrant golfing community.

Facility Enhancements

To elevate the member and guest experience, Machakos Golf Club has rolled out several exciting upgrades.

- **New Clubhouse** – A stylish new clubhouse with an EABL counter is now open, while the old one has been transformed into an indoor games area with darts and pool.
- **New Gate** – A fresh entrance design improves both security and the arrival experience.
- **Sports Bar (Coming Soon)** – A brand-new bar is being set up to give members another space to relax.
- **Upgraded Pool & Changing Rooms** – Enhanced for more privacy and comfort.
- **New Reception** – A modern hub to welcome and assist members and visitors.
- **Cabro Paving & Parking Signage** – Better accessibility and smoother navigation around the club.
- **Kids' Play Area** – Brightened up with a colorful mural, with plans for a modern “Eneo la Watoto.”
- **Banda at Hole No. 6** – A convenient stop for golfers to rest and refresh mid-round.



SPOTLIGHT
PLAYER
FEATURE

Tsevi
SONI



SPOTLIGHT PLAYER FEATURE

THE GOLFING JOURNEY OF

Tsevi SONI

My name is Tsevi Soni. I'm 16 years old and have just completed my IGCSE O-Level exams, while also pursuing my passion for golf — a sport that has shaped my mindset, discipline, and character from a very young age.

I first picked up a golf club when I was 10yrs old, playing weekend rounds with my brother and a childhood friend. What began as a fun activity during Covid gradually became something I deeply connected with.

My competitive journey started in mid-2022 when I played my first U.S. Kids tournament, shooting a score of 119. Around the same time, I got my first official handicap — 28. From there, I committed to improving my game and gaining tournament experience.

Over the next two years, I continued participating in the U.S. Kids Local Tour, and by 2024, I had worked my way up to winning the 15–18-year-old category. A big shout out to the Junior Golf Foundation that has been instrumental in organising numerous Junior tournaments every year. In 2024, I began playing in the Kenya Amateur Golf Championship (KAGC) tournaments and earned several Top 10 finishes, including a T3 overall at the NCBA Limuru Open — a significant breakthrough moment for me.

That same year, I achieved one of the proudest milestones of my career so far: winning the Kenya Junior Matchplay Championship in August 2024. This victory earned me a spot on the World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR), where I climbed from #4500 to #604 by March 2025. I also won the NCBA Sigona Junior Open Strokeplay 2024 and went on to secure back-to-back victories at the NCBA Kenya Invitational 2024, part of the U.S. Kids Regional Tour.

2024 was a very successful year as I was the top ranked under 18 Kenyan junior in the Order of Merit. A huge testament to my efforts during the entire 2024 Junior season.

Today, my handicap stands at +0.1, a reflection of the consistent hard work I've put into developing every part of my game.



SPOTLIGHT FEATURE: THE GOLFING JOURNEY OF TSEVI SONI

In 2025, I had the honor of representing the Kenya National Main Team at the prestigious Victoria Cup, as well as representing the Kenya National Junior Team at the All Africa Junior Team Championship in Tunisia. I also proudly represented Kenya at the 2025 World Junior Championship held in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Golf has taught me many important lessons in the few years that I've played competitively:

- **Integrity is crucial** — even when no one is watching, your honesty defines your character.
- **Patience is everything** — there will be frustrating setbacks and exhilarating moments, and you have to embrace both.
- **Practice matters** — enjoy the process before focusing on the outcome.
- **Self-belief and motivation** keep you going when the results don't come immediately.
- **Discipline is the foundation of improvement** — it's what gets you out to the range even when you don't feel like it.

Looking ahead, I aspire to compete at the collegiate level in the U.S., gain more international exposure, and eventually turn professional — representing Kenya on the global stage.

To any young golfer reading this: believe in your journey, stay focused, and never stop enjoying the game. The hard days build you, and the great days remind you why it's worth it.



NCBA - Kenya Amateur Golf Championship



2025 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

01	NAIROBI DISTRICT FOURSOMES 10th - 12th JANUARY 2025 - MUTHAIGA GOLF CLUB	14	KIAMBU OPEN 9th - 11th MAY 2025 - KIAMBU GOLF CLUB	27	PATRON'S CUP 22nd - 24th AUGUST 2025 - MUTHAIGA GOLF CLUB
02	SIGONA BOWL TOURNAMENT 24th - 26th JANUARY 2025 - SIGONA GOLF CLUB	15	KGU CHAIRMAN'S PRIZE 16th - 17th MAY 2025 - LIMURU COUNTRY CLUB	28	RAILWAY INVITATIONAL 29th - 31st AUGUST 2025 - KENYA RAILWAYS GOLF CLUB
03	Mt. KENYA CHAMPIONSHIP 31st January - 2nd FEBRUARY 2025 - NYERI GOLF CLUB	16	RONALD MARSHALL & TOBY GIBSON CUP 23rd - 25th MAY 2025 - NJORO COUNTRY CLUB	29	MALINDI OPEN - VASCO DA GAMA CUP 5th - 7th SEPTEMBER 2025 - MALINDI GOLF CLUB
04	AFRICA AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP 5th - 8th FEBRUARY 2025 - LEOPARD CREEK COUNTRY CLUB, SOUTH AFRICA	17	CORONATION & BENDOR TROPHY 30th May - 1st JUNE 2025 - NAKURU GOLF CLUB	30	DIANI BEACH MASTERS 12th - 14th SEPTEMBER 2025 - DIAMOND LEISURE LODGE
05	GREAT RIFT VALLEY CHAMPIONSHIP 14th - 16th FEBRUARY 2025 - GREAT RIFT VALLEY GOLF RESORT	18	RUIRU OPEN 13th - 15th JUNE 2025 - RUIRU SPORTS CLUB	31	NANYUKI OPEN 26th - 28th SEPTEMBER 2025 - NANYUKI SPORTS CLUB
06	MAGICAL KENYA OPEN 20th - 23rd FEBRUARY 2025 - MUTHAIGA GOLF CLUB	19	GOLDFIELDS TROPHY 27th - 29th JUNE 2025 - KAKAMEGA SPORTS CLUB	32	TEA FIELDS TROPHY 3rd - 5th OCTOBER 2025 - KERICHO GOLF CLUB
07	WINDSOR CLASSIC 7th - 9th MARCH 2025 - WINDSOR GOLF HOTEL & COUNTRY CLUB	20	AFRICA REGION IV TOURNAMENT DATE & VENUE - TBA	33	NYANZA OPEN - HIPPO POT 10th - 12th OCTOBER 2025 - NYANZA GOLF CLUB
08	MUTHAIGA OPEN 14th - 16th MARCH 2025 - MUTHAIGA GOLF CLUB	21	LIMURU OPEN & BRACKENHURST TROPHY 4th - 6th JULY 2025 - LIMURU COUNTRY CLUB	34	NANDI BEARS OPEN SHIELD 17th - 19th OCTOBER 2025 - NANDI BEARS CLUB
09	VICTORIA CUP 20th - 22nd MARCH 2025 - TBA	22	COAST OPEN - BARRY CUP 11th - 13th JULY 2025 - MOMBASA GOLF CLUB	35	GOLF PARK OPEN 31st OCTOBER - 2nd NOVEMBER 2025 - GOLF PARK GOLF CLUB
10	KISII OPEN - SHABANA TROPHY 28th - 30th MARCH 2025 - KISII SPORTS CLUB	23	KABETE OPEN 18th - 20th JULY 2025 - VETLAB SPORTS CLUB	36	MANCHESTER SALVER 7th - 9th NOVEMBER 2025 - ELDORET CLUB
11	WINSTON CHURCHILL 4th - 6th APRIL 2025 - THIKA SPORTS CLUB	24	KENYA AMATEUR MATCHPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP 24th - 27th JULY 2025 - SIGONA GOLF CLUB	37	THE ALTITUDE CHALLENGE 21st - 23rd NOVEMBER 2025 - NYAHURURU COUNTRY CLUB
12	TANAHILL SHIELD - EASTER TOURNAMENT 18th - 20th APRIL 2025 - ROYAL NAIROBI GOLF CLUB	25	KENYA AMATEUR STROKEPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP 31st JULY - 3rd AUGUST 2025 - VETLAB SPORTS CLUB	38	UHURU SHIELD 5th - 7th DECEMBER 2025 - ROYAL NAIROBI GOLF CLUB
13	TRANS-NZOIA CHAMPIONSHIP 25th - 27th APRIL 2025 - KITALE GOLF CLUB	26	KAREN CHALLENGE 8th - 10th AUGUST 2025 - KAREN COUNTRY CLUB	39	NYALI OPEN 12th - 14th DECEMBER 2025 - NYALI GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

LEGEND / KEY

KGU SANCTIONED EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

KENYA SWING TOURNAMENTS

KNOW YOUR GOLF RULES



RELIEF FROM AN IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTION

RULE FOCUS: RELIEF FROM ABNORMAL COURSE RULE 16.1 CONDITIONS (INCLUDING IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS)

SCENARIO:

During a weekend competition, a player's ball lands near a sprinkler head just off the green. The sprinkler head is on their line of play and may affect their intended stroke. The ball is not on the green but is within two club-lengths of it. Can the player take relief?

ANSWER:

Yes, under Rule 16.1b, the player is entitled to free relief if the immovable obstruction (in this case, the sprinkler head) is:

- On the line of play and
- Within two club-lengths of the putting green, and
- The ball is within two club-lengths of the obstruction.

This Local Rule, often referred to as the "Sprinkler Head Relief Rule," is commonly adopted by clubs and tournaments to protect players from unfair obstructions near the green.

RELIEF PROCEDURE:

- Find the nearest point of complete relief (no interference with stance or swing) that is no closer to the hole.
- Drop the ball within one club-length of that point, no closer to the hole.

Remember: This relief is only available if the obstruction is on your intended line of play and both the ball and the obstruction are within two club-lengths of the green.

QUICK TIP:

Always check your local rules before the round. Clubs often adopt additional provisions that could help you navigate tricky situations fairly and within the rules.



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- Karen Country Club
- Royal Nairobi Golf Club
- Kenya Railway Golf Club
- Windsor Golf Hotel and Country Club
- Limuru Country Club
- Machakos Golf Club
- Thika Sports Club
- Kenya Airforce Golf Club
- Kenya Army Golf Club (formerly Thika Barracks)
- Ruiru Sports Club
- Thika Greens Golf Club
- Golf Park Golf Club
- Vet Lab Sports Club
- Sigona Golf Club
- Kiambu Golf Club
- Ndumberi Golf Club
- Migaa Golf Club

2. MT. KENYA REGION

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- Nyeri Golf Club
- Nanyuki Golf Club
- Makuyu Golf Club



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- Njoro Country Club



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How Golf in Kenya Supports the National Economy

Golf in Kenya has grown significantly over the past two decades—from a traditionally exclusive pastime to a dynamic, accessible sport with real economic influence. While its contributions may not always grab headlines, golf plays an increasingly vital role in supporting the Kenyan economy across multiple sectors.

1.

Tourism and Sports Travel

One of the most visible economic contributions of golf is through sports tourism. Kenya is increasingly being recognized as a golf tourism destination, thanks to its scenic courses, ideal weather, and the rising global interest in combining sport and safari.

Events like the Magical Kenya Open—part of the DP World Tour—draw international players, sponsors, media crews, and spectators. These visitors spend on hotels, transport, restaurants, souvenirs, and guided tours, directly boosting the local hospitality and tourism industry.

According to Kenya Tourism Board (KTB), major golf events generate millions of shillings in tourism revenue annually. The Magical Kenya Open alone injects over KShs 500 million into the economy each year through direct and indirect spending.

Employment and Skills Development

Golf contributes significantly to employment—both directly and indirectly. Every golf course employs caddies, greenkeepers, club staff, coaches, administrators, and hospitality personnel. Tournaments generate temporary jobs for event organizers, scorers, marshals, media teams, food vendors, and more.

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In rural areas, where many courses are located, these jobs offer essential income and skill-building opportunities for youth and communities. Golf clubs also support internship and training programs, contributing to workforce development in hospitality, turf management, and sports administration.

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Local Business and Supply Chains

Golf has a strong ripple effect on local business ecosystems. Clubs and tournaments procure goods and services from a wide range of suppliers: uniforms, catering, security, printing, signage, event equipment, photography, trophies, and golf merchandise.

In addition, local artisans and SMEs benefit from increased demand during golf events, particularly those who sell handicrafts, clothing, and Kenyan-themed souvenirs to local and foreign golf tourists.

Real Estate and Property Development

Golf courses often drive demand for real estate—with many residential developments in Kenya being built around or near golf courses. These “golf estates” (like Vipingo Ridge, Thika Greens, and Windsor) contribute to the real estate market by increasing land value, attracting investment, and creating construction and maintenance jobs.

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Buyers are drawn to these developments not just for the sport, but for the lifestyle: security, green spaces, leisure facilities, and prestige. This demand fuels economic activity in construction, interior design, landscaping, and property management.

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Youth Development and Social Impact

Golf is also increasingly seen as a vehicle for social mobility and youth empowerment. Programs run by the Junior Golf Foundation (JGF), Kenya Golf Union (KGU), and individual clubs provide training, mentorship, and scholarships to young golfers, particularly from underprivileged backgrounds.

Many juniors who start as caddies go on to become top amateur or professional players, coaches, or club administrators—creating career pathways that uplift individuals and, in turn, contribute to the broader economy through earned income and mentorship of others.

Brand Visibility and Corporate Investment

Corporate sponsorship in Kenyan golf is a major revenue generator. Companies like NCBA, Absa, Safaricom, KCB, and Johnnie Walker and other sponsor tournaments and club events, creating marketing value and brand alignment with a high-value demographic.

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These partnerships not only inject funding into the sport but also enhance corporate visibility, encourage product sampling, and stimulate brand loyalty—all of which play into broader business growth and economic performance.

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International Exposure and National Branding

Golf contributes to national branding. Hosting international events like the Magical Kenya Open and All Africa Junior Championships positions Kenya on the world map not just as a tourist destination, but as a viable hub for international sport and investment.

This visibility enhances investor confidence, opens the door to international collaborations, and promotes the image of a stable, diverse, and culturally rich nation.

Golf in Kenya is more than a game—it’s a growing economic engine that intersects with tourism, employment, entrepreneurship, real estate, youth empowerment, and international branding. As the sport continues to open up and expand across counties, its impact on the economy will only deepen—making it a strategic pillar for both sports development and national economic progress.

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