



GOLFSIXES LEAGUE TOURNAMENT REPORT

EVENT NAME: GOLFSIXES LEAGUE TOURNAMENT

VENUE: TORO GOLF CLUB, FORT PORTAL, UGANDA

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents a comprehensive account of the Golf Sixes League Tournament held on Sunday, 21st December, 2025 at Toro Golf Club, Fort Portal. The tournament brought together 89 Junior Golfers aged 16 years and below from four golf clubs in Western Uganda.

Organized by AFRIYEA Golf Academy, the event aimed to promote Junior Golf development, inclusivity, teamwork, and early competitive exposure using the globally recognized GolfSixes format.

The tournament achieved notable success, evidenced by strong participation, high levels of engagement, and positive sportsmanship among participants. Gender representation stood at 43% girls and 57% boys (Fig. 2), reflecting an encouraging progress toward gender inclusion in junior golf. The event served as a critical platform for talent identification, confidence building, and exposure to structured competition in a supportive environment. Participant distribution across age groups and clubs indicated broad regional engagement and confirms the effectiveness of the GolfSixes format in attracting both novice and developing Junior Golfers.

High engagement levels recorded across all participating clubs suggest that short-format, team-based competition significantly enhances motivation, confidence, and sustained interest



among junior players. The tournament provided a structured yet accessible competitive platform that supports early talent identification, peer learning, and foundational skill development within Uganda's junior golf ecosystem.

Competitive results showed strong inter-club performance, with Toro Golf Club emerging overall winner (Appendix A), closely followed by Kilembe Mines and Mbarara Sports Club, reflecting a well-balanced and highly competitive tournament field.

The recognition of outstanding

individuals (Appendix B), top-performing pairs (Appendix C), and a Spirit of the Tournament award underscored the effectiveness of the GolfSixes format in promoting both performance excellence and positive sporting values among junior golfers

Overall findings affirm the GolfSixes League as a scalable and inclusive model capable of strengthening grassroots golf development and expanding youth participation pathways nationally.



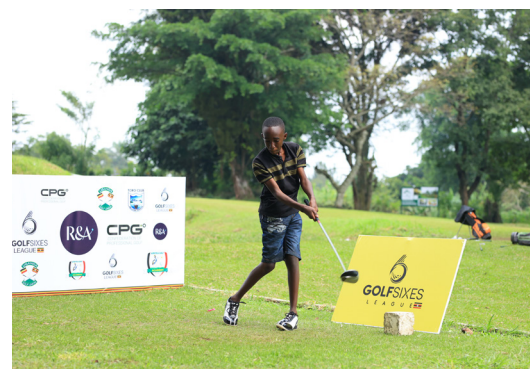
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INTRODUCTION

Being the first of its kind in Uganda, GolfSixes League is an innovative Junior Golf Initiative designed to introduce young players to competitive golf in a fun, fast-paced, team-based, and inclusive format.

Unlike traditional golf stroke-play formats which often discourage young players due to complexity, longer play time, and higher pressure, GolfSixes allows juniors to compete without handicap requirements, play only six holes, and participate as teams, making the game less intimidating and more accessible, especially for beginners.

Uganda, with an estimated population of about 46 million people (UBOS, 2024), has the second youngest population in the world with a median of 16 years (UNICEF, 2024), after Niger. This demographic reality presents a unique opportunity to harness youth potential through structured sports development programs. Ugandan youth have consistently demonstrated

strong sporting abilities; however, many talents remain underdeveloped due to limited access to early talent identification, mentorship, infrastructure, coaching pathways, and financial support.

Golf, in particular, has traditionally been perceived as a sport for elites, limiting youth participation and innovation of programs focused on youths. The introduction of the GolfSixes League in Uganda, a collaboration between Uganda Golf Union, the R&A, AFRIYEA Golf Academy and participating clubs, represents a landmark step in nurturing young talent at the grassroots level. By eliminating handicap requirements, reducing course time, discouraging score-related intimidation, and promoting team

play, the format creates an enabling environment where young players can build confidence, enjoy the game, and explore broader opportunities within the golf ecosystem, including careers in greenkeeping, course management, coaching, and golf administration.

The Toro Golf Club in Fort Portal hosted the tournament, welcoming juniors from Kilembe Mines Golf Club, Mbarara Sports Club, and Masindi Golf & Sports Club. The event focused not only on technical skill development but also the core values of golf, including discipline, teamwork, integrity, sportsmanship, confidence building, education awareness, and social integration.

METHODOLOGY

The tournament was organized and administered by AFRIYEA Golf Academy using the standardized GolfSixes format, specifically tailored for Junior Golfers. The format involved six-hole rounds, team-based competition, and simplified rules to ensure inclusivity and sustained engagement.

Participant registration was conducted in advance using Google-based registration tools, with eligibility restricted to juniors aged 16 years and below. No handicap experience was required, allowing both beginners and developing players to participate freely.

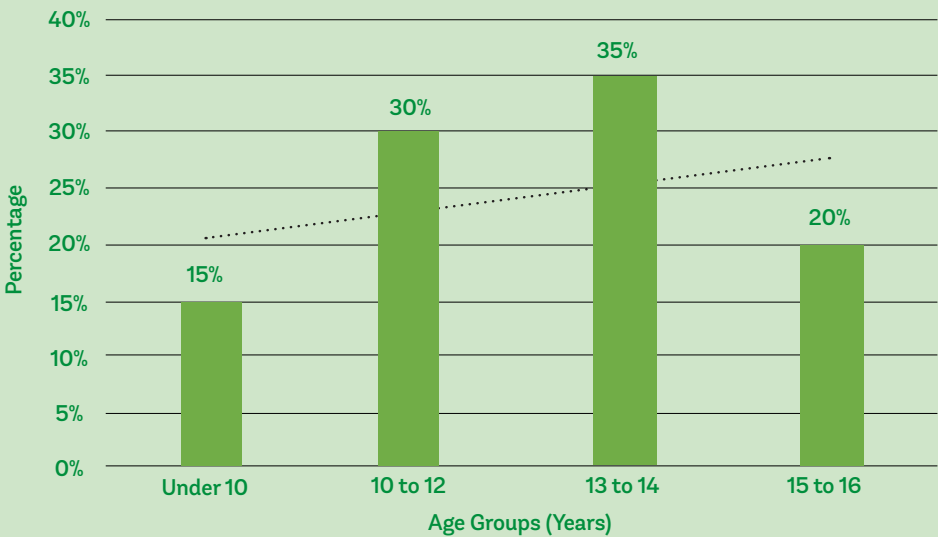
Players were grouped in accordance with GolfSixes tournament guidelines, and matches were conducted under adapted GolfSixes Golf rules that prioritize safety (such as use of the age-appropriate clubs), enjoyment, time saving, and learning. Data for this report was collected through: registration records, on-site event observations, & post-event debriefs and summaries from organizing coaches and officials



FINDINGS

Age category: The age distribution demonstrates broad engagement across all junior categories, with the highest participation among golfers aged 13-14 years (35%), followed by 10-12 years (30%), (Fig. 1). This indicates that early adolescents are particularly receptive to structured yet flexible competition formats. The presence of younger players (≤10 years) also highlights successful early exposure to the sport.

Figure 1: Age Distribution of the Junior Golfers



The GolfSixes League provides a scalable platform that can support long-term talent development pathways, from early introduction through to advanced junior competition stages.

Gender distribution: The tournament attracted a total of 89 participants among which, 43% (n=38) were girls and 57% (n=51) boys (Fig. 2) indicating a relatively balanced participation rate for a sport that has historically recorded low female involvement at junior levels. This level of female participation suggests that the GolfSixes format successfully reduces entry barriers that often discourage girls from

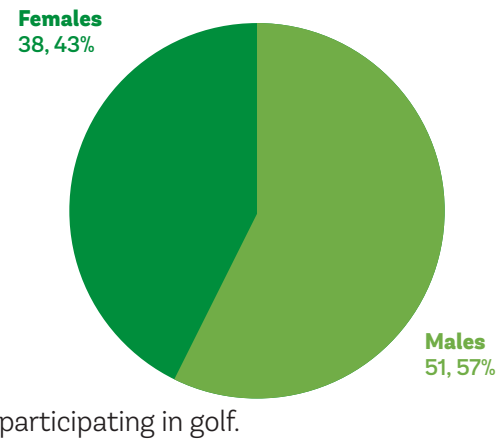


Figure 2: Gender Distribution of the Junior Golfers
With targeted mentorship and girls-focused

outreach, the program has strong potential to achieve gender parity and position itself as a model for inclusive Junior Golf development in Uganda.

Participating clubs: Participation was relatively well distributed across the four clubs, with the host club contributing the largest share. This balanced representation suggests growing inter-club collaboration and shared commitment to junior development across the Western Uganda region.

Table 1: Participant Distribution per Golf Club

Club	Number of participants
Toro Golf Club (Host Club)	53
Kilembe Mines Golf Club	12
Mbarara Sports Club	12
Masindi Golf & Sports Club	12
Total	89

Expanding the league to include additional clubs could further strengthen regional competition, talent exchange, and standardization of Junior Golf development practices.

Tournament performance and competitive outcomes: The competitive outcomes of the GolfSixes League Tournament reflected a high level of

skill development, teamwork, and sportsmanship among participating junior golfers. Performance was assessed using the Best-of-Two team scoring format, which emphasizes collaboration and consistency across rounds.

At the club level, Toro Golf Club emerged as the overall winning club, accumulating 46 points, followed closely by Kilembe Mines Golf Club with 43 points, while Mbarara Sports Club secured the position of First Runner-Up with 41 points (Appendix A). The close point margins among the top three clubs demonstrated a competitive and balanced field, indicating the positive impact of inter-club participation on junior performance standards.

In addition to team results, individual excellence was recognized through Outstanding Individual Awards (Appendix B), celebrating players who demonstrated exceptional skill, discipline, and commitment during the tournament. These recognitions served to motivate participants and reinforce merit-based progression within junior golf development.

The tournament also acknowledged the importance of attitude and character through the Spirit of the Tournament Award, emphasizing values such as sportsmanship, teamwork, respect, and positive conduct on and off the course. And, it was presented to Declan Akugizibwe.

KEY EVENT OUTCOMES:

- i) High turnout, exceeding anticipated participation levels
- ii) Balanced representation across participating clubs with robust level of sportsmanship and peer encouragement
- iii) Strong enthusiasm, teamwork, and positive conduct among players fostering successful scheduling and time management
- iv) Evident confidence growth among first-time competitive players and minimal participant fatigue due to short course format

Participant engagement score:

Engagement scores averaged above 4.0 out of 5.0 across most clubs, indicating high enthusiasm, teamwork, and active involvement among junior golfers during the tournament. Clubs with fewer prior competitive exposures demonstrated noticeable enthusiasm and learning responsiveness.

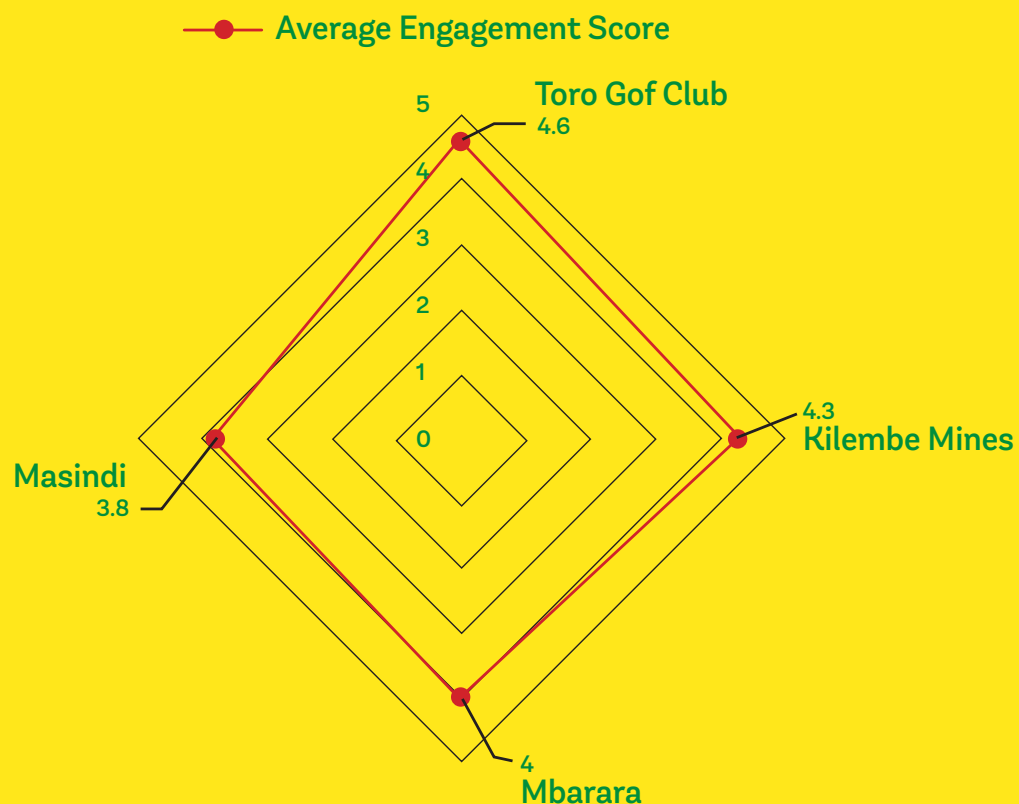


Figure 3: Average Engagement scores Radar for Participating Clubs

Short-format, team-based tournaments like GolfSixes are effective tools for maintaining junior motivation and should be institutionalized as a regular feature within Junior Golf calendars.

Club-specific observations:

- a) Toro Golf Club showed strong representation and organizational support.
- b) Kilembe Mines demonstrated competitive strength.
- c) Mbarara and Masindi juniors showed rapid improvement over the 6-hole sessions, an indicator of developing skill acquisition.



DISCUSSION

The participation of 89 junior golfers reflects a growing interest in Junior Golf within Western Uganda and demonstrates the effectiveness of the GolfSixes format in attracting young players. The inclusion of multiple clubs enhanced competitiveness, fostered inter-club relationships, and promoted peer learning and social interaction.

The 43% participation rate of girls is particularly significant, indicated progress toward gender inclusivity in a sport historically dominated by males. This outcome suggests that barrier-free formats and supportive environments can positively influence female participation in golf.

Age-group participation patterns reveal strong engagement among early and mid-adolescent players, accenting a critical window for skill acquisition and long-term retention within Junior Golf development pathways.

Relatively even representation across participating clubs reflected growing inter-club unity and exposure to different coaching techniques, enhancing peer learning in the region. High participant engagement scores across clubs indicated that the GolfSixes format effectively sustains enthusiasm, teamwork, and positive behavioral outcomes, particularly among first-time competitors.

Observed confidence gains and rapid learning progression among players with limited prior competitive exposure emphasized the developmental value of repeated short-format competitions. And, collectively, the demographic and engagement data provide strong empirical support for institutionalizing GolfSixes-style tournaments as a core component of Junior Golf programming.

The distribution of team and individual awards demonstrates the effectiveness of the GolfSixes format in promoting both

collective performance and individual excellence. The narrow point differences among leading clubs indicate balanced competition, while the recognition of sportsmanship reinforces the holistic development objectives of junior golf beyond technical skill.

Toro Golf Club provided a well-maintained and conducive playing environment, which contributed significantly to the smooth execution of the tournament. The short-format nature of GolfSixes successfully minimized fatigue, reduced waiting time, and maintained excitement and focus among participants.

Team-based play proved especially effective in building confidence, encouraging collaboration, and supporting shy or beginner players who might otherwise feel intimidated in individual stroke-play formats.

CONCLUSION

The GolfSixes League Tournament held on 21st December, 2025 at Toro Golf Club was a resounding success and achieved its core objectives of promoting junior participation, inclusivity, and early competitive exposure. The event provided a practical platform for talent identification, skill development, confidence building, and social integration among young golfers. The positive engagement witnessed among players, coaches, and parents indicated the value of innovative formats in youth sports development.

The tournament strengthened relationships among participating clubs,

showcased emerging talent, and reaffirmed the importance of innovative junior golf formats in supporting the long-term growth of the sport in Uganda. AFRIYEA Golf Academy's leadership in organizing the event accentuates its commitment to nurturing the next generation of golfers and professionals within the golf ecosystem.

These findings demonstrate that innovative, junior-centered competition formats not only increase participation but also contribute meaningfully to holistic youth development within sport.



RECOMMENDATIONS

Increase female participation through developing a targeted outreach, mentorships, and girls-centric development clinics to boost female involvement beyond the current 43%.

Expand club participation by inviting neighboring clubs and district golf associations to participate in future GolfSixes event for broader exposure, increasing competition levels and geographic representation.

Strengthen parental & coach engagement

by expanding awareness and involvement for parents and coaches to reinforce holistic support to golfers and systematic skill tracking especially the behavioral patterns among others.

Improve data & performance tracking by developing structured monitoring tools to track player progress and inform long-term development pathways. This can be through introduction of player portfolios to capture performance trends over time, enabling tailored development plans.

Investing financial and technical support to expand the GolfSixes League across all golf clubs in Uganda, positioning it as a nationally coordinated junior golf development pathway leading to elite amateur and professional golf.

Regular League scheduling by institutionalizing the GolfSixes League Tournaments/Event as a recurring quarterly or semi-annual league fixtures to foster consistency in skill development.

APPENDICES

Appendix A: Tournament results and individual awards

Position	Club	Points
Overall, Winner	Toro Golf Club	46
Runner-Up	Kilembe Mines Golf Club	43
1st Runner-Up	Mbarara Sports Club	41

Appendix B: Outstanding individual performances

Name:	Club:
Aaron Feroze	Toro Golf Club
Amy Alderton	Toro Golf Club
Richard Kirungi	Toro Golf Club
Rachael Kabughu	Kilembe Mines Golf Club

Appendix C: Top 10 performing pairs

The following pairs recorded the strongest combined performances under the GolfSixes format:

Names/ Pair
Richard Kirungi & Justus Byaruhanga
Audrey Feroze & Amy Alderton
Shawn Kisembo & Thaddeus Byaruhanga
Leticia Jean Marunga & Rafinah Guma
Edward Kule & Reagan Kambale
Rachael Kabughu & Ranet Musoke
Nathan Musoni & Jeb Jethro Ayebale
Declan Akugizibwe & Estephania Murungi
Youngman & Musikan Sharif
Fahad Muhammad & Labason Aineomugisha

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