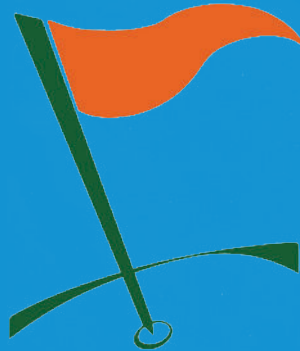


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PITCH AND PUTT
IRELAND

Pitch and Putt
Follow the walkway to discover
cool facts about pitch and putt
and how you can get involved!

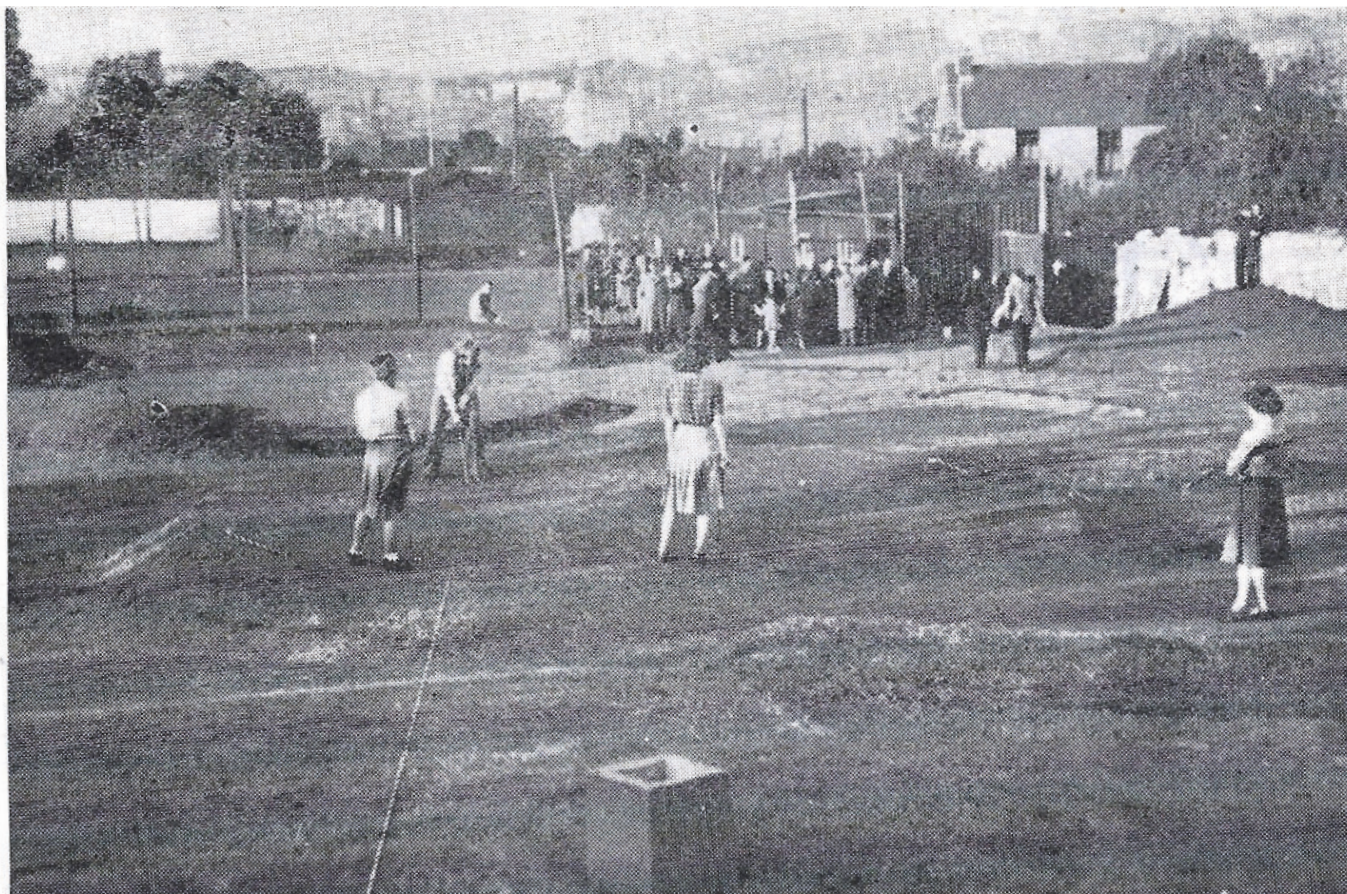


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Is Pitch and Putt a New Sport?

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Ladies' Competition at Altona—No. 2 Green

The first pitch and putt course in Ireland
was created in 1937, in the seaside town
of Fountainstown, Co. Cork.

About Pitch and Putt

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Pitch and putt courses can be nine or eighteen holes



The distance to hole is short (20–70 m)



The aim is use as few shots as possible to complete the course



Courses can consist of water hazards and sand traps (bunkers)

Everyone Can Play

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Pitch and putt is a great way to spend time outdoors with family and friends. It can be played competitively or just for **FUN**.

Children



Families



Friends

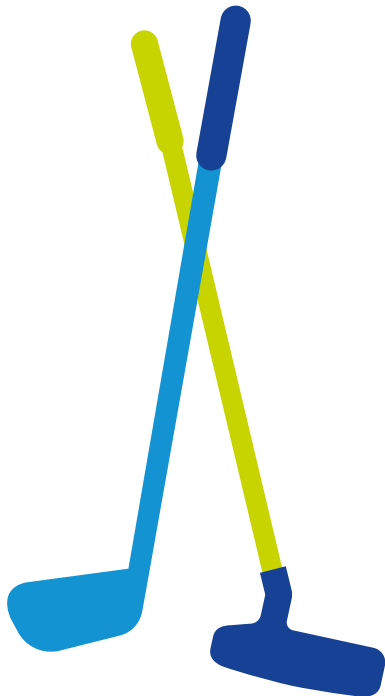




Pitch and putt is an inclusive sport. Clubs welcome players of all ages and all abilities.

What Equipment Do I Need?

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**A ball
2 clubs
A tee
A smile**



What Type of Clubs Do I Need?

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One club is for longer shots from the tee or fairway: this is often a **wedge** or a **nine iron**.



The other is a **putter**, for rolling the ball into the hole on the green.

Most pitch and putt clubs will allow you to rent clubs and balls at their premises.

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The Pitch and Putt Course 7

Tee Box:

The starting area for each hole.

Fairway: The closely mown area of grass stretching between the tee box and the green.

Green:

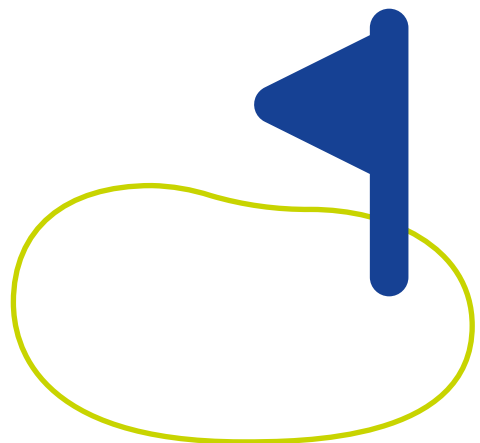
The closely mown area surrounding the hole.

Rough:

Longer, thicker grass bordering the fairway.

Bunker/Sand Trap:

A hazard filled with sand.



Pitch, Chip, Putt!

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In pitch and putt you use three main skills:

Pitch: A shot through the air towards the green

Chip: A shorter, lower shot near the green

Putt: Rolling the ball into the hole

Accuracy is more important than power!



Hole in One
Completing a hole
in one stroke



Par
The number of strokes
expected to complete a hole
(usually 3 in pitch and putt)



Birdie
One stroke under par



Eagle
Two strokes under par

Play with Respect 10

Good sportsmanship is just as important as a good score! It's about:



Being honest



Taking turns

Respecting other players

Looking after the course





Can I Compete?

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Yes. There are lots of levels of competitions:

Club competitions

County competitions

All Ireland competitions

Special Olympics Ireland

European and World competitions





Team Ireland is considered one of the strongest teams in the world. Irish athletes have won many different European and World titles.



Shane Lowry played pitch and putt before he started playing golf.

Pitch and putt helped him develop his short game skills.

He later became The Open Champion and one of the best golfers in the world!

Every champion starts somewhere!

Where Can I Play? 14



There are 99 pitch and putt clubs all around Ireland. Some hotels and holiday parks also have pitch and putt courses.

Is there a course near you?