



WORLD CROQUET FEDERATION

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“World Croquet Federation – Supporting and growing croquet worldwide”

The Management Committee is pleased to share the latest organisational updates, membership news, championship announcements, and sport developments with Member Countries.

Governance and Organisation

The WCF became a company limited by guarantee based in England in January 2026. The Incorporation Committee chaired by Debbie Lines and supported by Samir Patel and Peter Payne are to be congratulated for their work in ensuring this task became a reality. The WCF adds the word Limited to its name, and you may see the organisation now referred to WCFL in official correspondence when necessary.

Brian Havill has been approved as Independent Examiner for the 2025 Accounts.

The 2025 Accounts and the 2026 Budget will be sent to Members in March.

The WCF Business Plan is currently being updated and will be sent to Members in April.

On January 1st, 2026, the WCF welcomed Pedro Echeguren and Stephen Mulliner to the Management Committee, replacing Peter Payne and Debbie Lines. Our heartfelt thanks go to Peter and Debbie for their dedication while on the Management Committee.

WCF Hall of Fame

Debbie Lines and Damon Bidenceope



2025 saw two well deserved additions to the WCF Hall of Fame with Damon Bidenceope announced in September (posthumously) and the recently retired Secretary-General Debbie Lines, in November.

Debbie is seen here as the current WCF Women's AC Champion.

Please see the link to the WCF Hall of Fame where you can read about their extensive careers as players and volunteers for croquet. [WCF Hall of Fame Members - World Croquet Federation](#)

Membership

Toward the end of 2025, the WCF received a number of requests for new countries to become Recognised Croquet Organisation (RCO). It is with pleasure that we welcome Mauritius and the Netherlands as the latest members of the WCF. We warmly invite existing Members to reach out to new members and support their events.

Major Events – 2026

It is an important year for our sport as we celebrate the centenary of The MacRobertson Shield Test Series being held in England from 24 July to 9 August 2026. It is a significant milestone in any sport to have an event with a 100th anniversary but especially so for croquet. Please watch for updates on the WCF and Croquet England websites and Facebook pages for more information about the event and the Centenary dinner being hosted at the Roehampton Club after the first test.

Additionally, an exceptional event commencing 2 days prior to the MacRobertson Shield namely the AC World Teams Tiers 2 and 3 competitions are being hosted in Nottingham from the 22nd of July to the 29th of July. At a time when the general feeling may be that Association Croquet is struggling; we have 12 eager AC teams competing in what promises to be a very exciting event.

Those Teams are: Canada, Latvia, Germany, Scotland, South Africa, Ireland, Wales, Switzerland, Iran, Sweden, Czech Republic and Spain.



Spanish representative Team



Macpherson Robertson



Competitors at the 2025 Egyptian Open

The Golf Croquet World Championship will be held in Egypt from 21–29 November 2026, with qualifiers being held from the 14th to the 19th of November.

More details and invitations for the WCF GCWC 2026 will be sent to Members at the end of March.

European Regional Committee

The 2026 Schedule for ERC events is now available on their dedicated website www.croqueteurope.com

2026 sees an expansion of the European GC Club League with heats in Czechia, Germany, Ireland, England, Latvia, Spain, Greece and Scotland. This league event aims to provide opportunities for international competitive play in a team environment.

The ERC are focused on growing and nurturing both Golf Croquet and Association Croquet across Europe and these leagues are a fundamental part of ensuring the development, accessibility and vibrancy of play available to European players.

Sport Development

A proposal in relation to Advantage Target Scores in Golf Croquet handicap play has progressed following international trials. The WCF GC Rules Committee have provided positive feedback to the WCF MC and Members will be invited to provide feedback in late March.

The Management Committee are looking at an implementation schedule after Member feedback has been received. Members will be kept up to date with any changes in relation to the Regulations in GC Handicap play.

The AC Laws Committee have also provided an update which came into effect on the 1st of March 2026. Please see the news section of the WCF website for more information.

Please don't hesitate to contact the Secretary-General with any questions

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