

## Practical support in your employees' personal and professional lives, making BIGGA membership a tangible benefit for staff

### BIGGA Greenkeepers Benevolent Fund

The official charity of BIGGA provides financial aid to members who are facing hardship, illness or disability

### Greenkeeper Legal Advice Line

Legal advice and insurance provided at no extra cost to BIGGA members

### Human Resources Advice Line

Expert advice on HR matters to ensure the correct procedures and policies are in place to support employees

### Lifestyle Counselling Support Line

Someone to talk to if your employees find themselves in difficulty, provided at no extra cost to members

### Mental Health

BIGGA is training a network of Mental Health First Aiders across the UK and has made available resources to support the mental wellbeing of our members

### Personal Accident Insurance

Insurance provided at no extra that can reimburse members for loss of income or other compensation if injured.

Further membership benefits are detailed on the BIGGA website.

## How much does it cost?

Membership of BIGGA is affordable, with different levels on offer to greenkeepers at various stages of their career.

Membership of BIGGA is tax-deductible and the cost savings can often far outweigh the initial investment on subscriptions.

### The following are annual subscription costs (March 2024)

Full member (course manager or head greenkeeper) .....	£210
Full member (qualified greenkeeper) .....	£125
Greenkeeper in training (21 and over) .....	£95
Greenkeeper in training (20 and under) .....	£35
International member .....	£145
Affiliate .....	£145
Student member .....	£30
Retired .....	£40
Apprentice .....	Free



For more information, please contact the membership team on (+44) 0 1347 833 800.



# BIGGA

British and International  
Golf Greenkeepers Association



We're **BIG** on...

**COMMUNITY**

**BENEFITS  
OF BIGGA  
MEMBERSHIP  
FOR  
EMPLOYERS**

Maintaining a golf course to the highest standards requires dedication, expertise and access to resources. For greenkeeping teams striving for excellence, membership of the **British & International Golf Greenkeepers Association (BIGGA)** offers a range of benefits that not only enhance their skills but also elevate the overall quality of course maintenance.

## 1. Enhanced course quality

BIGGA provides greenkeepers with access to cutting edge resources, including the latest turf management techniques, sustainable practices and technological advancements. By staying informed and implementing best practices learned through BIGGA, greenkeepers can optimise course conditions, enhancing the overall golfing experience.

## 2. Professional recognition

BIGGA membership demonstrates a greenkeeper's commitment to professionalism and excellence in course maintenance. Clubs with BIGGA members gain recognition for employing dedicated and skilled greenkeeping staff, enhancing their reputation within the golfing community. This can attract new members, tournament organisers and sponsors who value high quality course conditions.



## 3. Access to talent and innovation

BIGGA membership fosters a culture of collaboration and knowledge sharing among greenkeepers. Clubs gain a pool of talented staff who are encouraged to learn and implement innovative solutions to enhance course conditions. By encouraging participation in BIGGA events, clubs create opportunities for networking and professional development, fostering an environment where creativity and expertise thrive.



## 4. Cost savings

Through access to BIGGA's resources and network, greenkeepers can implement cost-effective maintenance practices that maximise operational efficiency and minimise expenses. Additionally, BIGGA membership provides discounts on education programmes, further contributing to cost savings for golf clubs.



## 5. Prestige and certification

Membership of BIGGA affords greenkeepers opportunities for professional certification and industry recognition. Clubs employing certified greenkeepers gain prestige within the golfing community, demonstrating their commitment to excellence in course management. Certification validates the skills and expertise of greenkeeping staff, installing confidence in club members, guests and tournament organisers.



## 6. Industry advocacy

BIGGA serves as a powerful advocate for greenkeeping professionals and the golf industry. Stakeholders affiliated with BIGGA benefit from advocacy efforts that promote the long-term viability of the sport, including initiatives related to environmental stewardship, water conservation and products used in the amenity sector.

