



Basic information about possibilities to start the Swiss PGA apprenticeship

The Swiss PGA apprenticeship takes 3 years and is designed as a collaborative and comprehensive training program with involvement of Swiss PGA, Swiss Golf, J+S (Jugend und Sport), Swissbiomechanics, the Swiss Greenkeepers Association and the Swiss Club Managers Association. The program is furthermore supported by Migros Golfparks and TrackMan.

Requirements to start the Swiss PGA apprenticeship

To start the apprenticeship the following requirements must be fulfilled:

- Minimum Age: 18
- Maximum Handicap of 4.4 for Men and 6.4 for Women
- Proof of playing ability (latest results out of Swiss Golf Championships or international events)
- English language level: First Certificate
- Swiss Nationality or Residence Permit B or C
- Confirmed contract with a Golf Club
- Confirmed contract with a Head-Professional (at least A-graded)
- Completed apprenticeship in another profession or High School Diploma
- Successful finished J+S Basic-Course (5-day course in spring or autumn)

Contents of the Swiss PGA apprenticeship

- J+S Basic Course (5 days): has to be done in advance – valid for 2 years
 - J+S modules (total 14 days): Allround, FE1, FE2, Exam
 - Swiss PGA (total 40 days): spring & autumn days (golf didactics), kinematics, scientific writing, thesis, club fitting, interpersonal skills, new technologies, industry module, winter training skills, additional further education days (at least 9), tournaments (at least 9)
 - Swiss Golf (total 4 days): training young kids, Rules course (+exam)
 - Swiss Greenkeepers Association (2 days): theoretical & practical greenkeeping, course design, playability of a golf course (+exam)
 - Swissbiomechanics (2 days): basic biomechanical knowledge
- ➔ Total of around 80 days in three years or around 800 working hours (excl. thesis and homework)

Costs

- Course Fees CHF 10'000.- (for three years). Every additional year – CHF 1'500.-
- Membership Fee CHF 330.- for the 1st year, CHF 440,- for the 2nd and 3rd year