

The Croquet England Player Pathway

The Player Pathway is a framework intended to support and encourage players of all levels to participate competitively and develop their skills. The pathway has five levels from those playing in their first event through to International players. The pathways for AC and GC are identical. A separate pathway exists for Junior players, although any Junior players meriting inclusion at Level 5 will be included.

Level One

Nearly all players will initially learn to play within their club and after some beginner coaching and social play may begin to play in internal club tournaments and local Federation Leagues and events. Level one of Player Pathway aims to facilitate the progression of these players into the coaching and tournament structures of Croquet England. Providing information and support to players entering their first Croquet England event through to their progression to level two. The focus is on providing support at a club level to help and encourage players to become confident entering and participating in Croquet England events. GC, AC and Short Croquet will all be promoted.

Level Two

Most players will be playing at this level, as active B, C and D level players. Support will be given to enable them to enjoy playing competitively and encouraging them to develop their skills and improve.

Level Three

This is a relatively niche level consisting of separate Development Squads for both AC and GC. Level two players having progressed to the standard or a Level 4 player are invited to take part in these two year development programmes. The programmes will help them make the transition to Open competition and beyond.

Level Four

This is the level supporting those playing in Open events. It will provide on-going support for those players at this level that want it.

Level Five

This is the level of International players and potential International players, including women and juniors. Players will be invited to take part in individually focussed mentoring/coaching. Various group activities to develop, support and encourage players to become stronger players and team members will be organised. Such activities might include World/European Championship preparation, International Team preparation, Invitation Events (singles and doubles) and other specific coaching events.