



BMGA BASIC EQUIPMENT GUIDE

**FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE PUTTERS
AND BALLS WE USE ON TOUR**



MINIGOLF PUTTERS

If you are planning on using a golf ball for your first venture into minigolf, there is no need to buy any special equipment. You can use any standard golf putter, or even borrow one from the course.

Minigolf putters are slightly different from standard golf putters, as they have a piece of rubber attached to the putter face. Having this rubber face makes it easier for players to control the pace of their putts and improve the precision of their play.

Players can either buy a standard minigolf putter that will be supplied with an appropriate rubber face. If you can afford to do so, this is a sensible route to go down as these putters are made with minigolf in mind.

If you particularly like the putter you already have or don't want to spend too much in the first instance; you can buy a rubber face and attach it to your existing standard golf putter.

Minigolf putters and separate rubber faces can be purchased from any of the suppliers we have detailed at the end of this document.



MINIGOLF BALLS



When you first start playing minigolf, you might assume that everyone is using the same ball (i.e. a golf ball). This is not the case, one of the interesting and fun parts of our game is that on each hole you can choose to use a different ball.

Minigolf balls differ in size, weight, hardness, bounce and covering.

To start your minigolf ball journey, we recommend keeping things simple. You don't need lots of balls to compete and in fact, it is perfectly possible to achieve great scores with just a golf ball.

Getting Started

It can be confusing knowing where to start when it comes to buying your first balls. This guide aims to provide some of the key information you need when it comes to purchasing minigolf balls for your collection.

The reason we use different balls on different holes is to give ourselves the best chance to score low. It is often the case, that with careful ball selection players can find ways to score aces (holes in one) on most holes on a minigolf course.

Weight

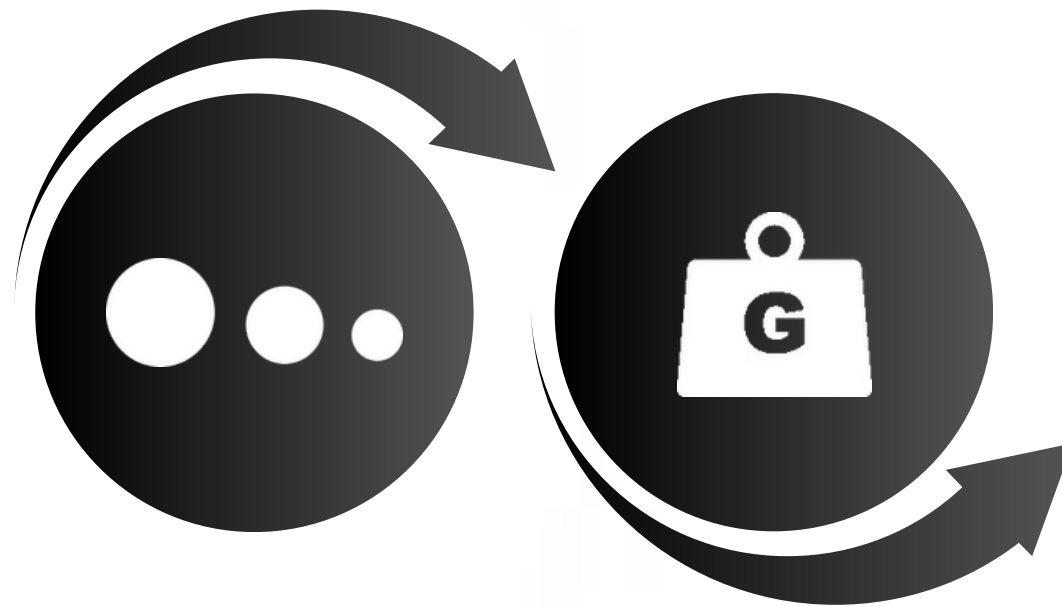
The weight of balls are measured in grams. A heavier ball is likely to run slower, whilst a lighter ball tends to roll faster on the greens.

The weight of the ball can also affect how much a ball might react to the undulations on a putting green.

Hardness

The hardness of a ball can have an impact on a number of things; how well a ball rolls, how it reacts off a border wall (if you are playing a rebound shot) and also how it comes off your putter face.

For a shot that requires a consistent bounce off a border wall, hardness can be a key factor in deciding which ball to use.



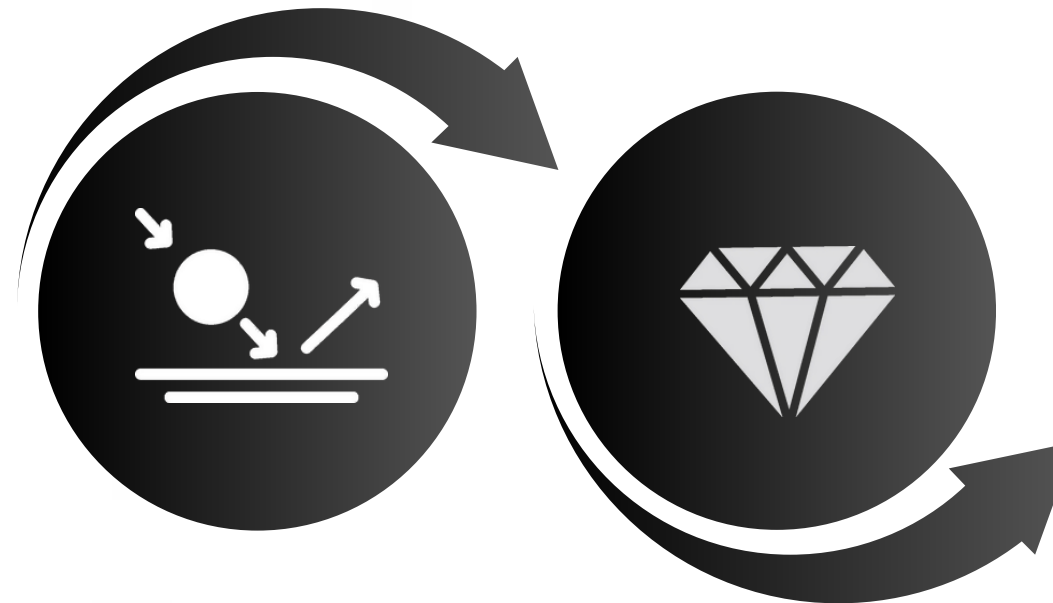
Size

Minigolf balls come in different size. Ranging from 37mm-43mm diameter.

Most minigolf balls are produced in Europe and when purchasing you can spot the size of the ball by looking at the size code.

K = Small; M = Medium; G = Large

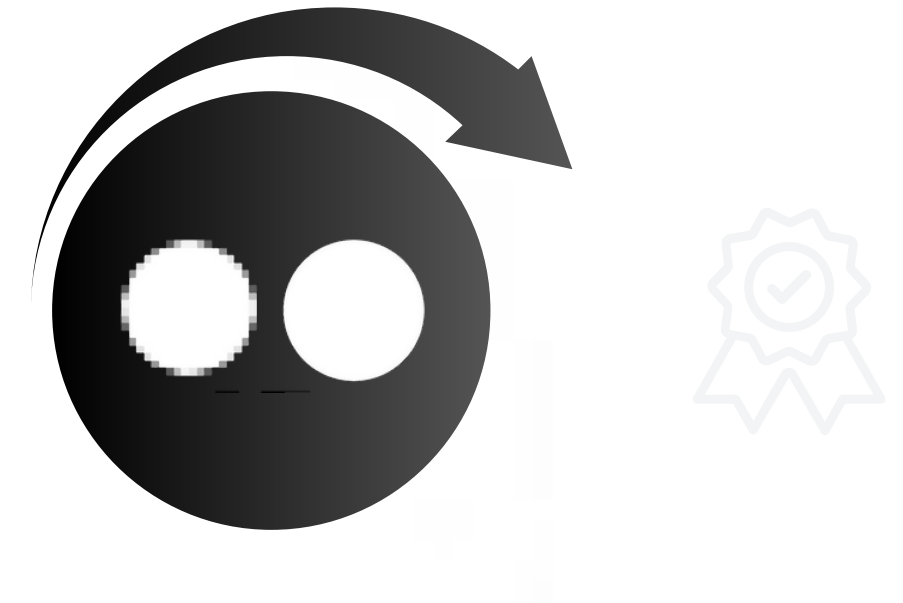
For guidance, the majority of balls are 'small' which of course makes the hole bigger!



Bounce

In minigolf, we tend to use borders to create shots that give us the best chance of an ace. The amount of bounce a ball has can be an essential part of making the right ball choice for a hole.

Ranging from 0 bounce (dead ball) to nearly 100cm of bounce, there are lots of options to choose from and having a variety of types of bounce ball in your bag is essential to be able to achieve the best results.



Surface

The lacquer on a ball can change the way it rolls and also the way it interacts with a border wall.

Balls can either be lacquered or unlacquered and smooth or rough in any combination.

It is most common for balls to be standard lacquered (L) and in the UK, we advise only buying unlacquered/rough balls once you have been playing a little while.

OUR RECOMMENDATION

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GOLF BALL

All balls used on tour have to be WMF approved. These can be purchased from the BMGA for just £3 and are available for purchase at all tournaments.

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KLICHER

Klicker is a hard ball like a 'snooker ball'. It will always be consistent as it is not affected by temperature. A great alternative to Golf Ball and a standard in many bags

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DEAD BALL

A ball that has 0cm-1cm bounce, ideally it would have a hardness of between 40-60.

Useful for shots that you want to hit a border and not come back too far.

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MEDIUM BOUNCE

A ball anywhere between 10cm-25cm bounce, with an average weight and hardness.

Useful for certain shots as you learn how to use borders for rebounds.

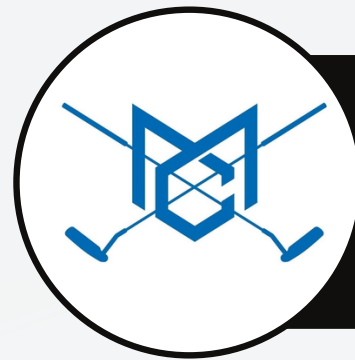
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HIGH BOUNCE

A ball with 50cm+ bounce, hardness is not so important. You will find on a lot of holes, that there is the potential need for a ball that pings off a border wall as much as possible back towards the hole.



WHERE CAN YOU BUY MINIGOLF BALLS & EQUIPMENT?



Marc Chapman Minigolf

The UK's only supplier of Minigolf balls and equipment. Has a wide range of balls and will always give good advice to new players on what to buy.



UK Minigolfers Shop

A Facebook group for the Minigolf community, auctions are held for both second-hand balls and new balls. A good place to ask questions!



Nifo Minigolf

Maker of balls and putters, based in Sweden. Particularly their putters are a common choice amongst top players.



3D Minigolf

One of the main ball brands, a huge selection of balls. Their numbered series are particularly useful as you can identify the properties by the ball number.



Pingvin Minigolf

A great supplier of minigolf equipment, from putters to balls, to ball bags. A wide range of options and can be trusted to always deliver.



Reisinger Minigolf

Known for high quality balls, their selection is small but for UK courses Reisinger balls are often a good choice. Another quality supplier.

There are lots of suppliers out there, just click the supplier name to visit their site.

If you ever have any questions about buying equipment, do not hesitate to reach out to us either via our website or on Facebook.

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