



EUROPEAN SENIOR LADIES' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Conditions of Competition

1. GENERAL

1.1 Eligibility of Teams

Teams are nominated by European Golf Association (EGA) Member National Golf Authorities.

If the number of entries should exceed the maximum (20), the Committee shall decide which teams will be invited to participate based on past participation, past results or both until a Challenge Trophy is officially introduced.

1.2 Eligibility of Players

All players nominated to teams by their national golf authority must be:

- a) female amateur golfers in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Limited;
- b) citizens of the country represented. Players with dual citizenship may only represent one country per year;
- c) playing with a handicap of **12.0** or better.
- d) 50 years or over as of 0.00 hrs on Day 1 of the Championship.

Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification of player

1.3 Format

A maximum of 20 teams shall be eligible to participate and each shall comprise six players.

The Championship will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited and the Local Rules as approved by the Championship Committee in two stages.

1.3.1 Stage 1 - Stroke Play

There shall be two rounds of 18 holes stroke play on Days 1 and 2 to decide the draw for the match play, which commences on Day 3.

a) Order of Play

Team captains will determine the order of play within their teams for Days 1 and 2 using an official order of play form. If the order of play form is not submitted to the Committee:

- i. For Day 1, by 17h00 on the day preceding the Championship, the order of play will be determined alphabetically by surname.
- ii. For Day 2, by 17h00 on Day 1, the order of play will be the same as for Day 1.

b) Scoring

The lowest five scores from each team's six players will count each day. The aggregate of the five lowest stroke play scores from play on Days 1 and 2 will constitute each team's score for determining the match play stage seeded draw.

c) Decision of Ties

A tie for any place in the match play order shall be decided using the lowest total of the two non-counting scores. If a tie still exists, the sum of the two lowest scores, one from each day, shall be used. For further ties, the sum of the two second lowest scores, the third lowest scores, the fourth lowest scores and, finally, the sum of the two fifth lowest scores, one from each day, shall be used. Any further tie will be decided based on the final stipulated 18, 9, 6, 3 holes or last hole of the best score from each of the tied teams.

d) Substitutes

If a substitute is required, the Committee must be notified, at the latest, 20 minutes before the first tee time on Day 1. After this deadline, the team must remain with the same players for the entire championship. A substitute is permitted for any reason, but may not participate in the practice rounds until she has been officially substituted for a team member with permission from the Committee. A breach of this Condition may result in the substitute not being permitted to compete.

e) Absentee Player

In the event that a registered team member cannot participate in a stipulated stroke play round, the team's five scores will count. In the case of a decision of ties, the team with the absentee player shall finish last. If more than one player is absent, the team shall automatically assume last place in the match play draw.



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The remaining players shall be permitted to play their stroke play rounds, which the committee may use to determine match play seeding when more than one team has two or more absentee players.

1.3.2 Stage 2 - Match Play

The stroke play will determine a seeded order for the match play. A maximum of 20 teams will be divided into a first flight of eight teams: 1 vs. 8; 2 vs. 7; 3 vs. 6 and 4 vs. 5, second flight of eight teams: 9 vs. 16; 10 vs. 15; 11 vs. 14; and 12 vs. 13 and a third flight of four teams who will play a round-robin with the team qualifying 17th playing the teams qualifying 20th, 19th and 18th on Days 3, 4 and 5 respectively.

A win in either a foursomes or singles match shall return one point, a halved match, half a point (see 1.3.2 (d)) and a loss, zero points to the team's score. The results of the round robin will be determined based on points accumulated, with one point awarded for a win and zero for a loss. In the event of a tie, the final positions will be decided by the number of individual matches won and, if necessary, by the number of holes won (see 1.3.2 (d) Exception).

If there are fewer than 20 teams, the structure of the draw will change according to a standardised EGA format. All teams will play a one foursome and four singles match format.

a) Order of Play

On the eve of each match, team captains must provide the Committee with the order of play, using the official order of play form, for the foursomes and singles matches:

- i. for Day 3 matches, no later than 30 minutes after the completion of the second round of stroke play.
- ii. for Day 4 and 5 matches, no later than 30 minutes after the completion of their team's flight the previous Day.

Failure to submit the official order of play form on time will result in the order of play being determined alphabetically by surname.

b) Substitutes

Although no substitutes will be available, changes in the order of play are not permitted.

Penalty for Breach of Condition 1.3.2 (b): Disqualification of all players out of the pre-stated order of play.

c) Halved Match

In the event of a match being all square after 18 holes in any round, players shall continue to play until one wins a hole, when the match will be considered won.

Exception: Condition 1.3.2 (d).

d) Concession of Matches

When a final team match result is already decided, an individual match may be halved if all participants in that match agree.

Note: After 18 holes or any extra hole(s), if the players in an individual match remain all square and the final result of the team match has been decided, the match in question will be halved.

Exception: If the matches are in a flight of three competing nations or in the third flight, players must play until there is a winner, extending the stipulated round if necessary.

e) Absentee Players

In the event that a registered team member cannot participate in a stipulated match play round, that player's match shall be forfeited at a position within the order of play determined by the captain. If the captain has not submitted an order of play, the final singles match will be forfeited. Up to two singles games may be forfeited owing to player absence by any one team. Foursomes matches must not be forfeited in favour of singles matches. If fewer than four players are available to represent a team, that team must forfeit its match.

1.4 Practice

A player who is competing in the championship will not be allowed to practice on the championship course for a period of thirty days prior to the first official practice day, unless she is a member of the golf club at which the championship is being played.



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Only registered team players will be permitted to practice during the official practice rounds and in official practice areas.

See Section 1.3.1 (d) for information on practice for substitutes.

1.5 Advice (Note to Rule 8-1)

Each team may appoint a "Team Advisor" who may give advice to members of that team from either:

- a) a Team Captain, who must be an amateur golfer in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Limited; or
- b) another person who may or may not be a professional golfer.

If appointed, a Team Advisor must be identified to the Committee prior to the start of the Championship and the position must not be interchanged.

Note: A Team Captain may be named in addition to a Team Advisor. Only the Team Advisor may offer advice. Please refer to 1.6 for caddying permissions.

1.6 Caddies

A player is prohibited from having a professional golfer serve as her caddie during any stipulated round.

Penalty for Breach of Condition: Match Play - At the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, the state of the match is adjusted by deducting one hole for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum deduction per round - two holes.

Stroke Play - Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round - four strokes (two strokes at each of the first two holes at which any breach occurred).

Match Play or Stroke Play – If a breach is discovered between the play of two holes, it is deemed to have been discovered during play of the next hole and the penalty must be applied accordingly.

A player having a caddie in breach of this Condition must immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred ensure that she conforms with this Condition for the remainder of the stipulated round. Otherwise, the player is disqualified.

1.7 Disqualification

A penalty of disqualification for a breach of the Rules or the Conditions of Competition applies only to the round in which the breach occurred unless otherwise determined by the Committee.

A disqualified team will assume last place in the Championship.

2. **PRIZES**

2.1 Title and Awards

The winning team of the Championship shall be the European Senior Ladies' Team Champion for a period of one year. The Championship Trophy shall be held by the winners' National Golf Authority, who will be responsible for the cost of engraving, insuring and maintaining the Trophy and returning it, before the next Championship, to an address named by the EGA Secretary.

The EGA will present medals to the members of the winning team and to the members of the second and third placed teams. Professional golfers nominated as Team Advisors may receive a medal in the absence of a non-playing amateur Team Captain.

The EGA will present the host club with a memento.

The host country will present all participants with a memento.

*EGA Championship Committee
February 2012*



EUROPEAN GOLF ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

Conditions of Competition applicable to all EGA Championships

1. GENERAL

1.1 Conforming Driver Heads / Conforming Golf Balls

The specimen conditions in the Rules of Golf are in effect regarding Conforming Driver Heads (page 137) and Conforming Golf Balls (page 138).

1.2 Transportation

Players must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorised by the Committee.

Penalty for Breach of Condition:

Match Play - At the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, the state of the match is adjusted by deducting one hole for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum deduction per round - two holes.

Stroke Play - Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round - four strokes (two strokes at each of the first two holes at which any breach occurred).

Match Play or Stroke Play – If a breach between the play of two holes, it is deemed to have been discovered during the play of the next hole and the penalty must be applied accordingly.

Use of any unauthorised form of transportation must be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise, the player is disqualified.

1.3 Pace of Play

The pace of play conditions will be posted at the championship venue.

1.4 Suspension of Play due to a Dangerous Situation (Note to Rule 6-8b)

The specimen condition in the Rules of Golf is in effect (page 140).

Note: A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signalled by a **prolonged note of a horn**. All other suspensions will be signalled by **three consecutive short notes** of a horn repeated. In either case, resumption of play will be signalled by **two short notes** of a horn repeated.

In EGA Team Championships, a minimum of 18 holes stroke play must be completed by all players in order to attain a Championship result.

1.5 Return of Scorecards

Competitors must return their scorecards, in accordance with Rule 6-6b, to an area designated by the Committee as the “Scoring or Recording Area”. The scorecard is considered returned when the competitor has left the Scoring or Recording Area.

1.6 Results of the Competition / Competition Closed

When the final results are placed on the official notice board and/or results sheet, the results of the Championship shall be deemed to have been officially announced. Any dispute or doubtful point on the Rules must be referred to the Committee before the conclusion of play on the final day and not later than 15 minutes after play concludes on the preceding days.

1.7 Anti-Doping

All players are subject to the provisions of the International Golf Federation’s Anti-Doping Policy (www.internationalgolfederation.org). Any players who are taking medication and in doubt as to their clinical status should seek advice from the EGA Office not later than 30 days before the start of the championship.

1.8 Gender Policy

Any player not complying with EGA Gender Policy guidelines or refusing measures for gender determination as recommended by the host country’s national sports council will be disqualified.

2. COMMITTEE



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2.1 Composition of Authority

The EGA Championship Committee members present are responsible for the sporting aspects of the Championship and reserve the right to amend the Championship Conditions.

The Committee may appoint a Referee whose decision on the Rules of Golf will be final.

2.2 Competition Cancelled or Altered

The Committee reserves the right to cancel any stipulated round, suspend or postpone play, cancel the competition or come to an equitable decision to achieve a result.

3. **ENTRIES**

3.1 Entry Form

Entries will only be accepted on the official entry form and must be received at the EGA office or, if specified, the host nation, with full entry fee payment before the closing date. Partially completed or late entries will not be accepted. An entrant's or team's entry will not have been officially received until his or its name has been posted at www.ega-golf.ch.

3.2 Late Withdrawals

Players who withdraw less than three days prior to the start of the Championship, other than for sickness or other special circumstances, may have their future entries rejected.

3.3 Refunds Following Withdrawal

- a) Individual Championships: Entry fees will only be refunded in the case of withdrawal being advised before the closing time for entries, except for those entrants who may be assigned to the reserve list and who do not subsequently compete or those withdrawing for medical reasons.
- b) Team Championships: Entry fees will only be refunded following withdrawal if notice is received no later than 21 days before Day 1 of the Championship, unless there is a valid reason that is acceptable to the EGA.

3.4 Authorisation of Entries

All entries are subject to the approval of the Championship Committee, which reserves the right to disqualify any competitor making a false statement on his entry form and to accept or refuse or, having accepted, subsequently reject any entry without giving reason for its decision.

4. **REGISTRATION**

4.1 Registration Deadline

- a) Individual Championships: Competitors are requested to register at the club house immediately on arrival, but not later than 12h00 on the day preceding the championship. A competitor's failure to meet this deadline or to pre-notify the Committee of their pending arrival time may result in the competitor losing his starting field place to a reserve.
- b) Team Championships: Team players' names should be submitted to the hosting national golf authority no later than 10 days prior to the first official practice round. Participating teams must register as soon as possible following their arrival at the championship venue. Team captains may register players' names on behalf of their team.

5. **DISCLAIMER**

All players agree that there are certain risks inherent in the game of golf and accept personal and sole liability for all such risks.

*EGA Championship Committee
February 2012*