



ENGLAND V SPAIN

International Match

RULES & REGULATIONS

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1. Control and Management

The control of this meeting vests in the Championship Committee of the host National Golf Union. The Meetings shall be held in each Country in turn in the following rotation:

England	2015, 2019, 2023, 2027
Spain	2017, 2021, 2025, 2029

(a) The matches shall be played on such dates as shall be fixed by the National Golf Unions.

(b) The Management of the Meeting, except as hereinafter provided, shall be undertaken by an Organising Committee from the Host Union. In addition, in the case of dispute or appeal, a Championship Committee, made up of one member from each Country and Chaired by the Host Union representative, shall preside.

(c) The decision of the Championship Committee on any point shall be final. Three members shall form a quorum, and while the matches are in progress at least one member shall remain in the vicinity of the clubhouse and be available for immediate consultation. The Chair shall have the casting vote.

2. Play

(a) Matches shall be played on two consecutive days.

(b) Each game shall consist of 18 holes.

(c) Three foursomes (men) and two foursomes (women) shall be played in the morning and ten singles (6 men, 4 women) in the afternoon.

(d) Each team shall consist of ten players.

(e) The eligibility of players to play for their Country shall be their eligibility to play in the closed Amateur Championship of their Country.

(f) One point shall be scored for a win in each game in foursomes and singles, and a half point shall be scored by each side for a halved game.

(g) Matches shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited, and the local rules of the Club on whose course the Meeting is held. The local rules shall be subject to the approval of the Championship Committee.

(h) The attention of players and Officials shall be drawn to Rule 34 of the Rules of Golf (Disputes and Decisions).

(i) In accordance with the Note to Rule 8 of the Rules of Golf each team may appoint one person (in addition to the persons from whom advice may be asked under the Rule) who may give advice to Members of that team, but such person shall not go on to the putting green to give advice.

Such person may be a Professional Golfer.

Such person shall be identified to the Committee before giving advice.

(j) Players must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorised by a Referee or a member of the Championship Committee.

Penalty for Breach of Condition:

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 the breach occurred; maximum deduction per round – two holes.

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.

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

Note: The use of electric trolleys is permitted.

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

3. Teams

(a) The order of play in the foursomes for the first day's play must be received by the organising committee no later than 30 minutes after the team captains meeting. On the second day no later than 45 minutes before the teams are due to start in the morning. The order of play for the singles shall be handed in not less than 30 minutes before they are due to start in the afternoon, or as soon as possible after the conclusion of the last foursome.

(b) In the case of sudden illness or injury resulting in a player being unable to start or complete a match, as deemed acceptable by the organising committee, a ½ point shall be awarded to each team.

4. The Trophy

The Trophy, shall be held by the winning Country for the ensuing years. The winning country shall be the country with the highest number of Match Points. In the event of a tie the trophy shall be retained by the holders.

5. Interference by Weather, etc.

In the event of weather, etc., curtailing play on any day or days of the meeting the Championship Committee, whose decision shall be final, shall decide upon the most equitable method, where practical, of bringing the meeting to a conclusion. This may include the cancellation of points already gained, or any other expedient deemed advisable to reach a conclusion under the prevailing circumstances.

8. Abandonment Regulations

In the event of the total abandonment of the meeting without a conclusion being reached, the present holders will retain the trophy. A 'no result' will be recorded.

9. Drug Testing

The meeting shall be conducted according to the Anti Doping Policy of the Host Union.