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Conditions of Competition

The following Conditions of Competition have been approved by the Executive and Championship Committees of the European Golf Association and shall apply, with any additions or amendments as published at the golf course, to all European Team Championships under Rule 33-1. The full version of the Conditions will be posted at the venue and is available at www.ega-golf.ch. All references refer to the current edition of the Rules of Golf as published by R&A Rules Limited.

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

1. Form of Play

The championship will be decided by match play over three days preceded by two days of stroke play, during which, the lowest five scores from each team's six players* will count each day towards an aggregate score that will determine the match play draw seeding.

*The European Girls' Team Championship shall use the lowest three scores from each team's four players.

2. Substitutes

Team substitute requests may be submitted up to 20 minutes before the first tee time on Day 1. Thereafter, the team must remain the same.

Requests for intra-team substitutes for the medal-contention or Seniors' matches may be submitted:

Foursomes - up to 20 minutes prior to the team's first foursomes tee time. The substitute must take the position of the player he or she substitutes.

Singles - up to 20 minutes prior to the team's first singles tee time. The substitute must take the last position in the team's order of play with the other team members retaining their respective positions.

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

3. Halved Match

In the event of a halved match in any round, players shall continue to play until a player wins a hole, when the match will be considered won.

Exception: Concession of Matches - see below.

4. 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 comprising a round robin format, players must play until there is a winner, including the playing of extra holes if necessary.

5. Driving Clubs / Conforming Golf Balls / Time of Starting

The specimen conditions in the Rules of Golf are in effect as regards Driving Clubs and Golf Balls (page 141) and Time of Starting (page 143).

6. Caddies

- All Team Championships except Senior Team Championships: no caddies are permitted except for fellow team members.
- Senior Team Championships: a player is prohibited from having a professional golfer serve as his caddie during any stipulated round.

7. Electric Golf Trolleys

- European Boys' and Girls' Team Championships: electric trolleys are not permitted.
- European Amateur and Ladies' Amateur Team Championships: electric trolleys are only permitted if there are enough to be fairly distributed among the teams.
- European Senior Team Championships: electric trolleys are permitted.

8. Transportation

- Players shall walk at all times during a stipulated round unless permitted to ride by the Committee.

Penalty for Breach of Conditions 6 - 8: Match Play - At the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, the state of the match must be 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. In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole.

A player having a caddie in breach of Condition 6 (a) or (b) must immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred ensure that he conforms with this condition for the remainder of the stipulated round. Otherwise, the player is disqualified.

Use of any unauthorised form of electric trolley or transportation shall be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise, the player shall be disqualified.

9. 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 before the first official practice day, unless he or she is a member of the golf club at which the championship is being played. Only registered team players will be permitted to practice during the official practice rounds and in official practice areas.

Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification.

10. Pace of Play (Note 2 to Rule 6-7)

In the absence of mitigating circumstances, a group is liable to be timed if it is in excess of the time allowed and, in the case of second or subsequent groups, out of position.

From the commencement of timing, if any player exceeds 50 seconds on a first to play approach shot (including a Par 3 tee shot), chip or putt, or 40 seconds if it is a tee shot or second or third to play shot, he is deemed to have a "bad time".

The time allowed to play each hole and stipulated round will be determined by the Committee and published on the official notice board. Out of position is defined as being more than the starting interval behind the group in front in the absence of mitigating circumstances.

A player whose group is timed will have a bad time carried forward in the round even if the group subsequently arrives back in position or within time.

Penalty for Breach of Condition:

One bad time	Verbal warning from official;
Two bad times	One stroke penalty; Loss of hole;
Three bad times	Two stroke penalty; Final warning;
For subsequent offence	Disqualification.

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



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of the Championship.

Note: A Team Captain may be named in addition to a Team Advisor, but then, only the Team Advisor may offer advice. Please refer to Condition 6 herein for caddying permissions.

12. 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 144).

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.

13. Use of Electronic Devices

See Decision 14-3/16.

14. Anti-doping

All competitors are subject to the provisions of the International Golf Federation's Anti-Doping Policy (www.internationalgolfederation.org). Any competitors 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.

15. 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.

16. Return of Scorecards

Following each of the stroke play rounds on Days 1 and 2, players must return their scorecards to an area designated by the Committee as the Scoring or Recording Area in accordance with Rule 6-6b. The scorecard is considered returned when the player has left the Scoring or Recording Area.

17. 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.



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18. Result of the Competition – Competition Closed

When the final results are placed on the official notice board, 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.

19. Competition / Conditions Altered

The Committee reserves the right to cancel any round, suspend the competition, modify the form of play and amend the Conditions of Competition.

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LOCAL RULES

1. Out of Bounds (Rule 27-1)

A ball is out of bounds when it lies beyond any wall, hedge, fence, white stakes or white line defining the boundary of the course.

Note:

- A ball in or beyond any ditch defining the boundary of the course is out of bounds.
- Where any continuing or adjoining white line exists, the line itself defines the boundary. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies on or over the line.

2. Water Hazards (including Lateral Water Hazards) (Rule 26)

When both stakes and lines are present, the stakes identify the hazard and the lines define the margin.

3. Ground Under Repair (Rule 25-1)

- All areas bounded by white lines and/or blue stakes. When both blue stakes and white lines are present, the stakes identify the area as ground under repair and the lines define the margin.
- Any seam of new turf through the green interfering with the ball's lie or the area of



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intended swing. All seams forming part of the condition are to be treated as the same turf seam when using Rule 20-2c (re-dropping).

- French drains (stone-filled drainage ditches).
- Any erosional damage in bunkers caused by running water (wash-outs).

4. Immovable Obstructions (Rule 24-2)

White lined areas adjoining any areas defined as immovable obstructions are to be considered part of the obstruction.

5. Protection of Young Trees

Young trees are identified by stakes, collars or tubes. If such a tree interferes with a player's stance or the area of his intended swing, the ball must be lifted without penalty and dropped in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Rule 24-2b.

6. Stones in Bunkers (Rule 24-1)

Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions.

7. Turf Plugs on Putting Green (Rule 16-1c)

On any putting green, turf plugs of any size have the same status as old hole plugs and may be repaired.

8. Permanent Elevated Cables

If a ball strikes an elevated power line or cable, the stroke must be cancelled and replayed without penalty (see Rule 20-5). If the ball is not immediately recoverable, another ball may be substituted.

Exception: a ball striking an elevated junction section of cable rising from the ground is not replayed.

Penalty for Breach of a Local Rule:

Match Play - Loss of Hole; Stroke Play - Two Strokes

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