



EUROPEAN LADIES' AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Conditions of Competition

1. GENERAL

1.1 Eligibility of Teams

Teams are nominated by European Golf Association (EGA) member national golf authorities.

1.2 Eligibility of Players

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

- amateur golfers in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Limited;
- citizens of the country represented. Players with dual citizenship may only represent one country per year;
- playing with a handicap of **9.0** or better.

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. 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:

- For Day 1, by 17h00 on the day preceding the Championship, the order of play will be determined alphabetically by surname.
- 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. Then, 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, in that order, 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 of 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 he 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.

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; 4 vs. 5 and 3 vs. 6, second flight of eight teams: 10 vs. 15; 14 vs. 11; 12 vs. 13 and 9 vs. 16 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.

The results of the round robin will be determined based on points accumulated, with 1 point awarded for a win. In the event of a tie, the final positions will be decided by number of individual matches won and then, if necessary, by number of holes won (see 1.3 2(e) Exception).

If there are fewer than 20 teams, the structure of the draw will change according to a standardised EGA format.

Irrespective of the number of teams entered, only teams in contention for a medal will play a match format of two foursomes and five singles. All other 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:

- for Day 3 matches, no later than 30 minutes after the completion of the second round of stroke play.
- 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 randomly by the Committee.

b) Substitutes: Medal-Contention Matches

Foursomes - the Committee must be notified of a substitution no later than 20 minutes prior to the team's first foursomes tee time. The substitute will take the position of the player she substitutes.

Singles - the Committee must be notified of a substitution no later than 20 minutes prior to the team's first singles tee time. The substitute will take the last position in the team's order of play. The other team players maintain their respective order, with those positioned below the replaced player moving forward one position.

c) Substitutes: Non-Medal Contention Matches

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

Penalty for Breach of Condition 1.3 2(b) and 2(c): Disqualification of all players out of the pre-stated order of play.

d) 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: Condition 1.3 2(e).

e) 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.

Exceptions: If the matches are in a flight of three competing nations, players must play until there is a winner, including the playing of extra holes if necessary.

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 before the first official practice day, unless he 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.

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 captain who may give advice to members of that team.

If appointed, a team captain must be identified to the Committee prior to the start of the Championship and must be an amateur golfer in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Limited.

Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification of the team.

1.6 Driving Clubs / Conforming Golf Balls / Time of Starting

The specimen conditions in the Rules of Golf are in effect regarding Conforming Driver Heads and Golf Balls and Time of Starting.

1.7 Caddies / Transportation / Electric Golf Trolleys

a) No caddies are permitted except for fellow team members and team captains.

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

b) Electric golf trolleys are only permitted if there is sufficient number to be equally distributed among the teams.

Penalty for Breach of Condition: 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.

Match or stroke play - In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole.



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For 1.7 a): A player having a caddie in breach of this Condition must immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred ensure that he conforms to this Condition for the remainder of the stipulated round. Otherwise, the player is disqualified.

For 1.7 b) and c): Use of any unauthorised form of transportation or an electric golf trolley shall be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise, the player is disqualified

1.8 Pace of Play

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.

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:

First offence	Warning from a Rules Official
Second offence	One stroke penalty; Loss of hole
Third offence	Two stroke penalty; Loss of hole
For subsequent offence	Disqualification

1.9 Suspension of Play

A minimum of 18 holes stroke play must be completed by all members of each team in order to attain a Championship result.

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

The signal for the suspension of play due to a dangerous situation will be:

Discontinue Play Immediately: One prolonged note of siren.

Discontinue Play: Three consecutive notes of siren, repeated.

Resume Play: Two short notes of siren, repeated.

1.11 Anti-Doping

Players shall not make use of any drug to enhance their performance. In this respect, the attention of players is drawn to the prescribed list of prohibited drugs issued by the host country's national sports council. Any player infringing this Condition or refusing to take a test may be disqualified.

1.12 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.

1.13 Mobile Telephones / Electronic Equipment

The use of a mobile telephone, paging device or any other form of electronic equipment by a player, caddie or team captain while on the golf course during a stipulated round is distracting and inconsiderate. If any player, caddie or team captain is in possession of such a device, it should be turned off. Any use of such a device may result in the Committee taking disciplinary action against the offending person(s) in accordance with the concluding paragraph of Section 1: Etiquette in the Rules of Golf and, ultimately, in a penalty of disqualification of the player or team being imposed under Rule 33-7.

1.14 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.

1.15 Results 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.

1.16 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 team disqualified during the stroke play stage will automatically assume last

place in the match play draw. If more than one team has been disqualified, the team subject to the latest disqualification will be assigned to last place.

2. COMMITTEE

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 reduce or 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 with full entry fee payment before the closing date. Partially completed or late entries will not be accepted. A team's entry form will not be considered to have been officially received until the country's name has been posted on www.ega-golf.ch.

3.2 Payment

No team may compete in the Championship until the entrance and team fees have been paid.

3.3 Refunds Following Withdrawal

Entrance 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.

4. PRIZES

4.1 Title and Awards

The winning team of the Championship shall be the European Ladies' Amateur Team Champion for a period of one year. The Championship Trophy shall be held by the winners' national golf authority, which will be responsible for the cost of engraving, insuring and maintaining the Trophy and should return 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 members of the second and third placed teams.

The EGA will present the host club with a memento.

The host country will present all participants with a memento.

5. REGISTRATION

5.1 Registration Deadline

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.

6. DISCLAIMER

All nominated team 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
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