



EUROPEAN MEN'S CHALLENGE TROPHY

Conditions of Competition

1. GENERAL

1.1 Eligibility of Teams

The Championship is open to European Golf Association (EGA) member golf authorities whose team has not qualified for the following year's European Men's Amateur Team Championship, i.e., the team did not:

- place 1st to 17th in the previous year's European Men's Amateur Team Championship;
 - place in the first three teams of the previous year's European Men's Challenge Trophy;
- or the member golf authority was not:
- selected by the EGA to host the following year's European Amateur Team Championship.

Note: If eligibility category (c) refers to a team ineligible under category (a) and all teams eligible under (a) have accepted to play, eligibility category (b) will include the first two teams of the previous European Men's Challenge Trophy only.

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 **16.0** or better;

Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification of player.

1.3 Format

Teams shall comprise six players.

The Trophy shall be decided over 54 holes stroke play with 18 holes on each of three consecutive days played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited and the Local Rules approved by the Committee.

a) Draw / Order of Play

Team captains will determine the order of play within their teams for all three Days using an official order of play form. If the order of play form is not submitted:

- for Day 1, by 16h00 on the day preceding the Championship, the order of play will be determined alphabetically by surname.
- for Day 2, by 16h00 on Day 1, the order of play will be the same as for Day 1.
- for Day 3, by 16h00 on Day 2, the order of play will be the same as for Day 2.

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, 2 and 3 will constitute each team's final score. The winning team shall be the one with the lowest final score.

c) Decision of Ties

A tie for any place shall be decided using the lowest total of the three non-counting scores. If a tie still exists, the sum of the three lowest scores, one from each day, shall be used. Then, for further ties, the sum of the three second lowest scores, the third lowest scores, the fourth lowest scores and, finally, the sum of the three 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.

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 not be permitted to compete.

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 (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 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.

If appointed, a Team Advisor must be identified to the Committee prior to the start 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 1.7 (a) for caddying permissions.

1.6 Driving Clubs / Conforming Golf Balls / Time of Starting (Note to Rule 6-3a)

The specimen conditions in the Rules of Golf are in effect regarding Conforming Driver Heads and Golf Balls (page 141) and Time of Starting (page 143).

1.7 Caddies / Transportation / Electric Golf Trolleys

- No caddies are permitted except for fellow team members.
- Players must not ride on any form of transport during a stipulated round unless authorised by the Committee.
- 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.

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.



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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 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;
Three bad times	Two stroke penalty;
Four bad times	Disqualification.

1.9 Suspension of Play

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

1.10 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.

1.11 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.

1.12 Use of Electronic Devices

See Decision 14-3/16

1.13 Return of Scorecards

Following each stipulated round, 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.

1.14 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.

1.15 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. 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 Men's Challenge Trophy Champion. 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 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.

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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