



Conditions of Competition

1. GENERAL

1.1 Form of Play

The Championship shall be decided by stroke play over three rounds of 18 holes each day, in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited, the Local Rules approved by the Committee and the Conditions herein.

1.2 Eligibility of Competitors

All competitors must be:

- a) amateur golfers in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Limited;
- b) playing off a handicap of **9.0** or better;
- c) 50 years or over as of 0.00 hrs on Day 1 of the Championship.

Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification.

1.3 Number of Competitors

54 competitors shall be eligible to compete. If the number of entries exceeds 54, places in the starting field will be decided by handicap (see Sections 2.1 and 3.1).

Note: the Committee reserves the right to limit the number of competitors from any country in the final starting list and to allow national golf authorities to rank their registered players for both the reserve and starting lists.

1.4 Cut

When the number of competitors on Day 1 for both the International Senior Men's and Senior Ladies' Championships exceeds 120, the lowest 70 Senior Men's and lowest 30 Senior Ladies' scores, including ties, will qualify for the final 18 holes. If a competitor, who has posted a two round total that will qualify for the final round, withdraws before or after the final round draw is made, the competitor's results will still be used to calculate the leading 70 men's places and 30 ladies' places and ties that will determine the cut mark.

1.5 Caddies

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

Penalty for Breach of Condition: 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 competitor 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 competitor is disqualified.

1.6 Decision of Ties

In the event of a tie for first place after three rounds, the winner shall be decided by a hole by hole play-off over one or more holes selected by the Committee. The play-off shall start as soon as practicable after the final competitors have finished their round.

In case of a tie for the silver or bronze medal, the places will be decided on the basis of scores recorded for the final 18, 9, 6, 3 holes or last hole, in that order. If a tie still exists, an 18-hole count back will be used on the second round.



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2. ENTRIES

2.1 Reserve List

If entries exceed 54, the starting field shall be decided by handicap, unless otherwise determined according to the Note to Condition 1.3, while exempting those entrants as detailed in Section 3 from the reserve list. Unsuccessful entrants shall be informed without delay and given the opportunity to compete if withdrawals subsequently occur. Entrance fees will be refunded to entrants balloted out who do not subsequently compete.

3. EXEMPTIONS

3.1 Categories

The following will be exempt from the reserve list provided they satisfy the handicap requirements:

- (a) the defending champion, whether she satisfies the handicap requirements or not;
- (b) any entrant who has placed in the top eight plus ties in the Senior Ladies' British Open Amateur Championship previous edition;
- (c) any entrant who has qualified for the final eight places in the US Senior Women's Amateur Championship previous edition;
- (d) one officially nominated competitor with a qualifying handicap from each EGA member golf authority.

Note: The number of competitors permitted to be nominated under exemption category (d) is to be inclusive of and not in addition to the number of competitors exempt under another category.

4. PRIZES

4.1 Title

The winner of the Championship shall be the International European Senior Lady Champion Golfer for a period of one year. The Championship Trophy shall be held by her 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.

4.2 Placings

The winner shall receive a gold medal, the runner up, a silver medal and the third-placed competitor, a bronze medal.

4.3 Subsidiary Competition

A subsidiary competition shall be played within the Championship. The competitor in age group 60 and over as of 0.00 hrs on Day 1 returning the lowest gross score shall receive a memento.

*EGA Championship Committee
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Conditions of Competition applicable to all EGA Championships

1. GENERAL

1.1 Driving Clubs / Conforming Golf Balls / Time of Starting

The specimen conditions in the Rules of Golf are in effect regarding Conforming Driver Heads (page 141), Golf Balls (page 142) and Time of Starting (i.e., the five-minute condition - page 143).

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 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. 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

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 competitor 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 competitor 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;	
	<u>Stroke Play</u>	<u>Match Play</u>
Two bad times	One stroke penalty	Loss of Hole
Three bad times	Two stroke penalty	Final Warning
Four bad times	Disqualification	Disqualification

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 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.

In all 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.internationalgolffederation.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.



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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**

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 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 will be subject to the approval of the Committee, which reserves the right 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.

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