



The **European Ladies' International Team Eclectic (ELITE)** is the European Golf Association (EGA) method of ranking affiliated countries on the basis of the performance of each country's elite women amateur golfers in Counting Events in a calendar year through the LEARanking System.

LEAR is the EGA method of ranking the elite European amateur women on the basis of their performance in Counting Events in a calendar year.

PART 1. DEFINITIONS

1. **Amateur Golfer** has the meaning assigned by R&A Rules Limited in the Rules of Amateur Status; that is a golfer who plays the game as a non-remunerative and non profit-making sport and who does not receive remuneration for teaching golf or for other activities because of golf skill or reputation, and shall take account of any amendments to that definition that may be made from time to time.
2. The **Committee** is the EGA Committee established to administer the ELITE System.
3. A **Contributing Team Player (CTP)** is a player who has, in any given week, contributed points to her country's ELITE points total, by being LEARanked in the top three players from her country in any Counting Event.
4. A **Counting Event** is a match play, stroke play or a combination event selected by the Committee to count for the ELITE.
5. The **Counting Events List** is the official list of all ELITE events as determined by the Committee.
6. The **LEAR Divisor** is calculated by adding the LEARanked Player's number of stroke play Counting Rounds to the number of match play Counting Rounds. Note: The minimum value of the divisor is 24.
7. The **ELITE Country Divisor (ECD)** is calculated each week by summing the divisors of all Contributing Team Players of that country (a minimum of three).
8. **ELITE Country Points (ECP)** are calculated each week by summing the total number of LEARanking points of all Contributing Team Players of that country (a minimum of three).
9. The **ELITE Country Total (ECT)** is calculated each week by the formula $ECP/ECD \times 100$.
10. **ELITE Division 1** will comprise EGA affiliated countries that have a minimum of three Contributing Team Players.
11. **ELITE Division 2** will comprise EGA affiliated countries that have at least one LEARanked Player but not a minimum of three Contributing Team Players. A country will automatically be promoted to Division 1 if the number of its Contributing Team Players increases to three.
12. A **LEARanked Player** is:
 - (a) In 2009, any European player who is ranked in the unofficial WWARanking system before Round 1 of ELITE Counting Event 1.
NOTE: Irrespective of previous ranking points, all players covered by this condition will start with 8 points and a divisor of 1.
 - (b) During 2009, any European player who fulfils at least one Condition in Appendix 1.
13. The **LEAR Ranking Points Total** is calculated by totalling a player's Match Play Ranking Points, Stroke Play Ranking Points and Bonus Ranking Points, see LEAR definitions.
14. **Rules:** The rules for the calculation of ELITE, as may be amended at the Committee's discretion.



PART 2. THE ELITE SYSTEM

2.1 Introduction

ELITE has been developed by EGA as a method of ranking affiliated countries on the basis of the performance of their elite women amateur golfers in Counting Events in each calendar year through the LEARanking System. ELITE is calculated in accordance with LEAR Rules.

2.2 Counting Events

- 2.2.1 The List of Counting Events shall be at the discretion of the Committee and may be added to or reduced.
- 2.2.2 EGA shall have no responsibility or liability for any listing of Counting Events failing to include the name of a sponsor of a particular Counting Event.

2.3 Ranked Players

- 2.3.1 See Definition..
- 2.3.2 If a Ranked Player turns professional or loses her amateur status, she will lose Ranked Player status.
- 2.3.3 If a player has lost her status as a Ranked Player, her new LEAR will start when she has fulfilled at least one of the Conditions in Appendix 1.
- 2.3.4 A player who becomes ranked by stroke play performance will have the scores in the event in which she becomes ranked regarded as Counting Scores.
- 2.3.5 A player who becomes ranked through match play performance in a combined event will have the stroke play scores in the event in which she becomes ranked regarded as Counting Scores.

2.4 Ranked Countries

- 2.4.1 On publication of LEAR in any given week, the relative ELITE positions of countries will be determined by the ELITE Country Total of each country. These positions and the names of the Contributing Team Players of each country will be published on the EGA website each week.
- 2.4.2 On publication of LEAR after the final event of the calendar year, the final ELITE positions of countries will be determined by the final ELITE Country Total of each country. These final positions and the names of the Contributing Team Players of each country will be published on the EGA website.
- 2.4.3 These final positions will determine the winning country of the EGA Ladies International Team Eclectic and runners-up for that year.
- 2.4.4 EGA will recognise the winning countries of Divisions 1 and 2 with a trophy/memento (to be decided following a trial year).
- 2.4.5 Recognition of Contributing Team Players will be the responsibility of the country.

PART 3. PROCEDURE FOR MAKING DECISIONS UNDER THE LEAR SYSTEM

3.1 General

- 3.1.1 All decisions and calculations made under ELITE or LEAR shall be made by the Committee.
- 3.1.2 All decisions shall be made in accordance with the Rules.



APPENDIX 1. RANKED PLAYERS

To become a LEARanked Player, a player must have fulfilled one of the following:

Stroke Play

1. Make the cut in the European Ladies Amateur, the Ladies British Open Amateur or the NCAA Division 1 Championship.
2. Finish in the top 16 & ties in a Category A Event.
3. Finish in the top 8 & ties in a Category B Event.
4. Finish in the top 4 & ties in a Category C Event.

Match Play

5. Reach the last 16 of a Category A Event.
6. Reach the last 8 of a Category B Event.
7. Reach the last 4 of a Category C Event.

Combination of Stroke Play & Match Play

8. Qualify for the match play stage or finish on the qualifying score in the stroke play stage of the US Women's Amateur.
9. Finish in the top 16 & ties in the stroke play stage of a Category A Event.
10. Reach the last 16 of the match play stage of a Category A Event.
11. Finish in the top 8 & ties in the stroke play stage of a Category B Event.
12. Reach the last 8 of the match play stage of a Category B Event.
13. Finish in the top 4 & ties in the stroke play stage of a Category C Event.
14. Reach the semi-final of the match play stage of a Category C Event.

APPENDIX 2. COUNTING EVENTS

1. A Counting Event is an event selected and approved by the Committee to count for ELITE.
Note: The cancellation of a round or rounds for reasons of weather, safety etc. will not render the event "non-counting".
2. The Committee shall consider the nomination for inclusion of an event as a Counting Events at any time but the final selection of Counting Events shall be at the sole discretion of the Committee.
3. Where the Committee decides not to approve an event as a Counting Event, the Committee shall give written reasons as to its decision to the body nominating the event.

APPENDIX 3. LEAR EVENT RANKING TABLE

The strength of the starting field is based on the number of LEARanked competitors in the field and their positions in the LEAR Top 350 on commencement of the event. These competitors will contribute rating points, see the Rating Points below, and the total of these points will determine the category of the event on the LEAR Rating Table.

LEARanked 1 to 5 180 points	LEARanked 6 to 15 90 points	LEARanked 16 to 30 60 points	LEARanked 31 to 50 45 points	LEARanked 51 to 100 30 points	LEARanked 101 to 200 15 points	LEARanked 201 to 350 5 points
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APPENDIX 4. ELITE COUNTING EVENTS LIST

Date	Tournament	Venue	Cat
January			
29 Jan-1 Feb	Portuguese International Ladies Amateur Championship	Quinta do Peru	
February			
25 Feb-1 Mar	Spanish International Ladies Amateur Championship	Las Palmas	
March			
25-28	European Ladies Nations Cup	Sotogrande	
April			
24-26	Scottish Ladies Open Stroke Play Championship	Troon	
29-30	Cyprus Ladies Amateur Open	Secret Valley	
May			
1-3	Welsh Ladies Open Amateur Stroke Play Championship	Royal Porthcawl	
14-17	German International Ladies Amateur Championship	Düsseldorfer	
19-22	NCAA Division 1 Championship	Owings Mill, Maryland	
28-30	Slovenian Ladies Amateur Championship	Bled	
June			
9-13	Ladies British Open Amateur Championship	Royal St Davids	
20-21	Irish Women's Open Stroke Play Championship	Douglas	
July			
8-10	Slovak Ladies Amateur Championship	Black Stork	
7-11	European Ladies Team Championship	Bled	
9-11	Luxembourg Ladies Amateur Championship	Belenhaff	
15-19	Russian Ladies Open Amateur Open Championship	Pestolovo	
17-19	Danish International Ladies Amateur Championship	Silkeborg	
24-26	Estonian Open Ladies Amateur Championship	Estonian	
30 Jul-2 Aug	Austrian Ladies Amateur Championship	Schloss Schönborn	
31 Jul-2 Aug	Polish Ladies Open Amateur Championship	Binowo Park	
August			
4-6	English Ladies Open Stroke Play	Enmore Park	
5-8	Czech International Ladies Amateur Championship	Karlovy Vary	
3-9	US Women's Amateur	St Louis, Missouri	
7-9	Swiss Ladies Amateur Championship	Domaine Impérial	
7-9	Latvian Ladies Amateur Open Championship	Ozo	
13-15	Finnish Ladies Amateur Championship	Tali, Helsinki	
19-21	Ladies British Open Amateur Stroke Play Championship	Royal Aberdeen	
26-29	European Ladies Amateur Championship	Falsterbo	
27-29	Hungarian Open Ladies Amateur Championship	Birdland	
September			
9-12	Hellenic Ladies Amateur Championship	Corfu	
16-20	Italian International Ladies Amateur Championship	Le Fonti	
October			
1-4	Turkish Open Amateur Championship (Ladies)	Gloria (Antalya-Belek)	
2-4	French International Ladies Amateur Stroke Play	Fontainebleau	
6-8	Israel Ladies Amateur Open Championship	Caesarea	