

EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP FOR GOLFERS WITH DISABILITY

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:

- a) amateur golfers in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Limited;
- b) citizens of the country represented. Players with dual citizenship may only represent one country per year;
- c) holders of an "EDGA Pass" delivered by a recognised EDGA classifier;
- d) playing with a handicap of **18.4** or better for the European Team Championship for Golfers with Disability;
- e) playing with a handicap of **36.0** or better for the European Nations' Cup for Golfers with Disability.

Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification of player.

1.3 Format

Two events are played simultaneously:

- the European Team Championship for Golfers with Disability which is played in stroke play gross,
- the European Nations' Cup for Golfers with Disability, which is played in Stableford net.

Both events are played in accordance with the Rules of Golf, the Modification of the Rules of Golf for Golfers with Disabilities as approved by R&A Rules Limited, the European Golf Association (EGA) Generic Conditions, EGA Hard Card, the Local Rules as approved by the Championship Committee at the event and the regulations as stated in the "Organising an EDGA Approved Tournament" manual.

A maximum of 14 teams shall be eligible to participate in each event and each team shall comprise four players.

If more than 14 teams enter either of the championships, the 14 teams with the lowest handicap sum, will be selected to play the event.

If fewer than 14 teams enter either of the events, the Championship Committee may accept more than 14 teams to compete in the other event, to an overall maximum of 112 players.

a) Form of Play

Both events shall be decided over 54 holes with 18 holes on each of three consecutive days played in the following forms of play:

- I. Foursomes on the first day (two scores per team),
- II. Greensomes on the second day (two scores per team),

III. Singles on the third day (four scores per team).

b) Draw / Order of Play

Team Captains will determine the pairings and 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 to the Committee:

- I. For Day 1, by 17h00 on the day preceding the Championship, the order of play will be determined alphabetically by surname,
- II. For Day 2, by 17h00 on Day 1, the order of play will be the same as for Day 1,
- III. For Day 3, by 17h00 on Day 2, the order of play will be determined alphabetically by surname.

c) Scoring

The aggregate of the two foursomes, the two greensomes and the three lowest of the four singles will constitute each team's score.

d) Decision of Ties

A tie for any place shall be decided using the lowest non-counting single score. If a tie still exists, the lowest single score shall be used. For further ties, the second lowest single score, and, finally, the third lowest single score, shall be used. Any further tie will be decided based on the final stipulated 9, 6, 3 holes or last hole of the best single score from each of the tied teams.

e) Substitutes

If a substitute player is required, the Committee must be notified, at the latest, 30 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 player is permitted for any reason, but may not participate in the practice rounds until he or she has been officially substituted for a team member with permission from the Committee. A breach of this Condition may result in the substitute player not being permitted to compete.

1.4 Disqualification

A penalty of disqualification for a breach of the Rules or the Conditions of Competition in the singles 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 event.

1.5 Practice

A Team Player, Team Captain or Team Advisor will not be allowed to practice on the championship course for a period of fifteen days prior to the first official practice day, unless he or she is a member of the golf club at which the championship is being played.

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Only registered team players will be permitted to practice during the official practice rounds and in official practice areas.

See Section 1.3.1(e) for information on practice for substitutes.

1.6 Advice (Note to Rule 8)

Each team may appoint a "Team Advisor" who may give advice to members of that team from either:

- a) 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
- b) another person who may or may not be a professional golfer.

Penalty for Breach of a): Disqualification of Team.

Exception: The appointed person may not walk on a putting green.

A Team Advisor must be identified to the Committee prior to the start of the Championship and the position must not be interchanged.

Note: A Team Captain may be named in addition to a Team Advisor. Only the Team Advisor may offer advice. Please refer to 1.6 for caddying permissions. Any other person accompanying the team is considered as a spectator and should behave accordingly.

Penalty for Breach of Condition: Match Play - Loss of hole; Stroke Play - Two strokes.

1.7 Caddies

A player is prohibited from having a professional golfer serve as his or 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 (two strokes at each of the first two holes at which any breach occurred).

If a breach is discovered between the play of two holes, it is deemed to have been discovered during play of the next hole and the penalty must be applied accordingly.

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

2. PRIZES

2.1 Title and Awards

- a) The team with the lowest stroke play score will be declared European Golfers with Disability Team Champion for a period of two years. The Championship Trophy, presented by the EDGA, shall be held by the winners' National Golf Authority, who will be responsible for the cost of engraving, insuring and maintaining the Trophy and returning it, before the next Championship, to an address named by the EDGA Secretary. The EGA will present medals to the members of the winning team and to the members of the second and third placed teams.
- b) The team with the highest stableford score will be declared European Nations' Cup for Golfers with Disability Winner for a period of two years. The Championship Trophy, presented by the EDGA, shall be held by the winners' National Golf Authority, who will be responsible for the cost of engraving, insuring and maintaining the Trophy and returning it, before the next Championship, to an address named by the EDGA Secretary. The EGA will present mementos to the members of the winning team and to the 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.

*EGA Championship Committee
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GENERIC CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION AND REGULATIONS

Applicable to all EGA Championships

1. GENERAL

1.1 Rules of Golf

All championships shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited, the EGA Hard Card and the specific Conditions of Competition.

1.2 Behaviour

Players, captains and team advisors, should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times. Behaviour of the very highest order is expected by all players, captains or team advisors towards everyone involved in the Championship. Any player, captain or team advisor, breaching the EGA Code of Conduct may be subject to disciplinary action by the Championship Committee.

1.3 Starting Groups

Wherever possible, the preferred format for the qualification rounds for European Team Championships involving sixteen teams and fewer, is two-ball flights.

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 Referees whose decision on the Rules of Golf will be final.

2.2 Competition Cancelled or Altered

The Committee reserves the right to cancel any stipulated round, suspend or postpone play, cancel the competition or come to an equitable decision to achieve a result.

In EGA Team Championships, a minimum of 18 holes stroke play must be completed by all players in order to attain a Championship result.

3. ENTRIES AND WITHDRAWALS

3.1 Entries

Entries will only be accepted on the EGA official online entry system: www.ega-golf.ch (with the exception of the European Young Masters). 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 on 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 (medical certificate required).

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 are subject to the approval of the Championship Committee, which reserves the right to disqualify any competitor making a false statement at his entry and to accept or refuse or, having accepted, subsequently reject any entry without giving reason for its decision.

4. REGISTRATION

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/her starting field place.

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. PRACTICE ROUNDS

5.1 **One ball** only may be played during practice rounds, with the following exceptions:

- a) If a player misses the green with his shot to the green, he may play one additional shot.
- b) Where the Rules of Golf apply (e.g. provisional ball).
- c) A player may practice putting, chipping or bunker play, provided play is not delayed.

Players should discontinue such practice immediately when the following group is waiting to play.

5.2 Transportation

Players must not ride on any form of transportation during any part of an official practice round unless authorised by the Committee.

Failure to respect these Practice Rounds regulations will result in the discontinuance of the practice round.

6. DISCLAIMER

All players agree that there are certain risks inherent in the game of golf and accept personal and sole responsibility for all such risks.

EGA Championship Committee
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