

# EUROPEAN SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

## Terms of Competition and Local Rules

### 1. GENERAL

#### 1.1 Form of Play

The Ladies' and Men's Championships shall be decided by stroke play over three rounds of 18 holes each day, in accordance with the 2019 Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited, the EGA Generic Terms of Competition and Regulations, EGA Hard Card, the Local Rules approved by the Committee at the championship and the Terms 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 WHS Handicap Index (or other equivalent) of **9.0** (Ladies) or **6.0** (Men) or better; The handicap index certified at the date of entry will be used for all purposes;
- c) 50 years (Ladies and Men) or over as of 0.00 hrs on Day 1 of the Championship.

**Penalty for Breach of Eligibility Term:** Disqualification.

#### 1.3 Number of Competitors

54 Ladies and 90 Men shall be eligible to compete for the Ladies' and the Men's Title respectively. If the number of entries exceeds 54 Ladies and/or 90 Men, places in the starting fields 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 lists and to allow national golf authorities to rank their registered players for both the reserves and starting lists.

#### 1.4 Cut

The lowest 36 Senior Men's and lowest 24 Senior Ladies' scores over the first 36 holes, 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 36 men's places and 24 ladies' places and ties that will determine the cut mark.

#### 1.5 Decision of Ties

In the event of a tie for first place in the Ladies' or Men's Championship 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, or the subsidiary competition (see 4.3), the places will be decided by matching scorecards based on the best score 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.

### 2. ENTRIES

#### 2.1 Reserve List

If entries exceed 54 Ladies and/or 90 Men, the starting fields 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 their respective competitions' reserve list provided they satisfy the handicap requirements:

- a) the defending champion, whether she/he satisfies the handicap requirements or not;
- b) any entrant who has placed in the top eight plus ties in the Seniors Ladies' British Amateur Championship or the Seniors' Open Amateur Championship last edition;
- c) any entrant who has qualified for the final eight places in the US Senior Women's Amateur Championship or the US Senior Amateur Championship last edition;
- d) one officially nominated Lady and two officially nominated Men with a qualifying handicap from each EGA member golf authority as well as three additional Ladies and four additional Men from the host 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 Ladies' Championship shall be the European Senior Lady Champion Golfer and the winner of the Men's Championship European Senior Men's Champion Golfer, both for a period of one year. The Championship Trophies shall be kept by the European Golf Association. The Organising Committee will return the Trophies to the EGA Office who will be responsible for engraving and maintaining them.

#### 4.2 Placings

The winners shall receive a gold medal, the runners up, a silver medal and the third-placed competitors, a bronze medal.

#### 4.3 Subsidiary Competition

Subsidiary competitions shall be played within the Championships. The female and the male competitors in age group 60 and over as of 0.00 hrs on Day 1 returning the lowest gross score shall receive a memento (decision of ties, see 1.5).

## GENERIC TERMS 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, the specific Terms of Competition and the Generic Terms of Competition and Regulations herein.

##### 1.2 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.

##### 1.3 Behaviour

Players, captains and advice givers, 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 advice givers towards everyone involved in the Championship. Any player, captain or advice giver breaching the EGA Conduct Guidelines may be subject to disciplinary action by the Championship Committee.

##### 1.4 Starting Groups

Wherever possible, the preferred starting 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 Terms of Competition.

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 round, stop 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](http://www.ega-golf.ch). 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](http://www.ega-golf.ch).

##### 3.2 Late Withdrawals

Players who withdraw later 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 no later than seven days before the start of the championship, except for those entrants who may be assigned to the reserve list and who do not subsequently compete, or withdrawals notified by the player's national golf authority 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. TRANSPORTATION

In all Championships and Matches conducted by the EGA, players, team captains and advice givers must walk throughout the round (including practice days). No form of motorised transportation will be allowed except as provided in item 13 of the EGA Hard Card.

#### 6. PRACTICE ROUNDS

Only players appearing on the starting list, and the first two players on the reserve list, may play the practice rounds.

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

- a) if a player misses the putting green with his shot to the putting 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.**

#### 7. 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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