

# EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP FOR GOLFERS WITH DISABILITY

## Conditions of Competition

### 1. GENERAL

Three championships are played simultaneously

- The European Men's Championship for Golfers with Disability (EMCGD);
- The European Women's Championship for Golfers with Disability (EWCGD);
- The European Wheelchair Championship (EWC).

#### 1.1 Form of Play

Each of the three Championship shall be decided by stroke play gross over three rounds of 18 holes each day, 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 Terms of Competition and Regulations, 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. The draw for the first round will be determined by handicap order (subject to buggies availability). The draw for the second and third rounds will be determined according to the previous round's results.

#### 1.2 Eligibility of Competitors

All competitors must be:

- holders of a "WR4GD Pass" delivered by a recognised EDGA classifier;
- playing off a WHS WHS Handicap Index (or other equivalent) of **18.4** or better for the EMCGD, **26.4** or better for the EWCGD and **26.4** or better for the EWC; The exact handicap certified at the date of entry will be used for all purposes;

**Penalty for Breach of Condition:** Disqualification.

#### 1.3 Number of Competitors

A maximum of 80 competitors shall be eligible to compete, with a maximum of 10 players for the EWCGD and 10 players for the EWC. If the number of entries in each championship exceeds the above, the starting field will be decided according to the provisions of 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.

#### 1.4 Caddies

There is no restriction regarding who may serve as caddie for this event.

#### 1.5 Decision of Ties

In the event of a tie for first place after three rounds in each of the three competitions, the winner shall be decided by a "sudden death" 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 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, if necessary.

### 2. ENTRIES

#### 2.1 Starting and Reserve Lists

If entries exceed 80, the starting field shall be decided as follows:

- entrants as detailed in Section 3 shall be exempted from the reserve list.
- the 24 highest ranked men, with qualifying handicaps, from the World Ranking for Golfers with Disability (WR4GD) shall be exempted from the reserve list.
- the 5 highest ranked women and the 5 highest ranked wheelchair players, with qualifying handicaps, from the World Ranking for Golfers with Disability (WR4GD) shall be exempted from the reserve list.
- the remainder of the starting field will be decided by handicap order.

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:

- the defending champion and the runner-up, whether they satisfy the handicap requirements or not;
- one officially nominated competitor with qualifying handicap from each EDGA member golf authority and one additional competitor with qualifying handicap from the host country. Such "Wild Card(s)" can be used for either the Men, Women or Wheelchair categories and is(are) not transferable.

### 4. PRIZES

#### 4.1 Title and Trophy

The player with the lowest stroke play score in each Championship shall be declared the European Golfer with Disability Champion for a period of two years. The Championship Trophy shall be kept by the European Golf Association. The Organising Committee will return the Trophy to the EGA Office who will be responsible for engraving and maintaining it.

#### 4.2 Awards

For each of the three Championships, the EGA will present the winner with a gold medal, the runner up, a silver medal and the third-placed competitor, a bronze medal.

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## 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 advisors 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.

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