



2023 EUROPEAN SENIOR MEN'S AND LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIPS

DOUGLAS GOLF CLUB | 15-17 JUNE 2023

TOURNAMENT PROGRAMME





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MESSAGE FROM THE EGA PRESIDENT

On behalf of the European Golf Association, I wish to express our most grateful thanks to Golf Ireland and Douglas Golf Club for hosting the 2023 European Senior Men's and Ladies' Championships.

I know that all golfers will enjoy the privilege of competing in this event.

As always, friendships will be enhanced by the friendly rivalry which this event provides, and I wish all competitors a most happy and enjoyable championship.

Jan Hubrecht
President
European Golf Association



MESSAGE FROM THE GOLF IRELAND PRESIDENT

On behalf of Golf Ireland, it gives me great pleasure to welcome everyone to Douglas Golf Club for the 2023 European Senior Men's and Ladies' Championships.

I would like to welcome European Golf Association President Jan Hubrecht and his team of officials and thank them for allowing Ireland and Douglas Golf Club to host this particular event. I am certain that all competitors will be welcomed and made to feel very much at home for the duration of their stay in Ireland.

The tournament promises to be a great festival of golf which I have no doubt it will be played in a true sporting spirit.

My thanks to the Officers, committees and members of Douglas Golf Club for allowing us the use of their magnificent course and facilities for the week.

I would like to convey my best wishes to all competitors, officials and volunteers and sincerely hope that it proves to be a memorable event for all concerned.

Jim Long
2023 Golf Ireland President



MESSAGE FROM DOUGLAS GOLF CLUB

It is a great honour to welcome you to Douglas Golf Club for the European Senior Men's and Ladies' Championships.



Our club, founded in 1909, has always been proudly renowned for its vibrancy and hospitality - something which we hope you will experience in abundance during your short visit with us.

Douglas Golf Club recognises the huge honour in being asked to host this prestigious event for the first time in Ireland and for that we would like to thank the European Golf Association and Golf Ireland for their continued support and good will.

In preparation for your arrival, we recognise all the hard work that will be carried out by our staff and volunteers over the coming months to make this tournament as memorable and enjoyable an experience as possible for everyone. We look forward to meeting you throughout the Championship,



Michael Lucey
Captain Men's Club



Eleanor O'Connor
Captain Women's Club



Ann Marie Horgan
President



EVENT SCHEDULE

DAY 1 Tuesday 13th June	09:00 – 16:00	Arrival of Participants Official Practice Day & Player Registration
DAY 2 Wednesday 14th June	09:00 – 16:00 19:00	Arrival of Participants Official Practice Day & Player Registration Opening Ceremony
DAY 3 Thursday 15th June (Competition Day 1)	From 07:00	1st Round
DAY 4 Friday 16th June (Competition Day 2)	From 07:00 (approx. 20:00)	2nd Round Cut after 36 holes Player's Dinner
DAY 5 Saturday 17th June (Competition Day 3)	From 07:00 (approx. 30 mins following play)	3rd (Final) Round Closing Ceremony

Please note: Further details about times and confirmation of functions will be provided at the event.



DOUGLAS GOLF CLUB

Douglas Golf Club was founded in 1909, with the original course being designed by golfing legend and six-time British Open winner, Harry Vardon. The course was then extended and altered by celebrated course architect of Augusta National, Alister MacKenzie, in 1924.



The course is kept in immaculate condition all year round and is widely renowned for having some of the best kept greens in Ireland. Set on a plateau overlooking Cork City and Inner Harbour, Douglas Golf Club offers spectacular views from both the golf course and the clubhouse. The surrounding 115 acres of century old woodland provide the course with a secluded and relaxing atmosphere that is rare for its central location.

A warm welcome awaits you at Douglas Golf Club, a club famous for its challenging and enjoyable golf course with stunning views.

To view a course overview for Douglas Golf course please visit douglasgolf.ie/the-course/course-overview/





CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

ENTRIES

Entry is available via the European Golf Association website:

<https://www.ega-golf.ch/page/entry-forms-0>

**Closing day for entries is Monday 8th
May at 17:00 CET**

REGISTRATION

Registration is open from 09:00-16:00 on Tuesday 13th and 09:00-12.00 on Wednesday 14th June. All competitors must register on arrival at the Golf Ireland Tournament Vehicle at Douglas Golf Club. Failure to register by the registration deadline at 12:00pm Wed 14th may result in the competitors losing their place in the starting field.

INFORMATION NOTICE BOARD

There will be a Notice Board located in the Club House which will be updated daily for both Women's and Men's Championships.

LOCAL RULES / PIN POSITIONS

Players will receive by email, the Pin Positions and any additional Local Rules (if any) the evening before the 1st Round.

OPENING & CLOSING CEREMONIES

Opening ceremony – Wednesday 14th June

Closing ceremony – Approximately 30 mins after play on Saturday 17th June

PRACTICE

The official practice days are Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th June from 09:00 – 16:00.

Details of how to book your practice round will be circulated to all players after the close of entries.

PRACTICE FACILITIES

The practice range will open one hour prior to first tee time each day and practice balls will be available free of charge.

There is a very strict policy whereby NO Drivers or Fairway Woods are permitted.

PLAYERS' DINNER

Friday 16th June at approximately 20:00, after conclusion of Round 2.

TROLLEYS

Pull-trolleys will be available on request 20 x Electric Trolleys available for hire – contact Dave in the Pro Shop 353 (0)21 436 7208

Players are responsible for charging their own electric trolleys.

YARDAGE BOOK

Yardage book will be provided at Registration.

FRUIT AND WATER

Complimentary fruit will be available on the course on tournament days. There will be a number of water taps available around the course to refill water bottles.

PROFESSIONAL SHOP

The Pro shop at Douglas Golf Club will be open throughout the tournament from 06:00.

BAG STORAGE

Golf bags may be stored in the club storage room – please enquire in the Pro Shop.

LOCKERS

Lockers will be made available however, Golf Clubs are not to be left in locker rooms overnight.

ON-COURSE TOILETS

Toilets are located on the 3rd, 6th and 15th Holes

WEBSITE AND SCORING

There will be regular scoring updates each day throughout the tournaments and a link to scoring will be available on the EGA website.

TRANSPORTATION

There will be no official transportation between airports, hotels and the golf club.

Airports distances to the Golf Club:

- Cork Airport – 9kms – approximately 15 minutes
- Shannon Airport – 138 kms – approximately 2hrs

- Dublin Airport – 263 – approximately 2hrs 40mins

TAXI

To travel to and from hotel to golf club - local taxis can be requested from the Golf Club restaurant and hotel receptions.

RESTAURANT

Continental breakfast will be available in the clubhouse for the early starters from 06:30.

Full lunch and dinner menu available all day from 11:00am to 20:00 each day.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation options in the area include:

Maryborough Hotel

- 5 nights from Tuesday 13th - Saturday 17th inclusive.
- Rate is €220 B&B midweek, €245 BB weekend.
- Guests can call +353 21 4918307 or email reservations@maryborough.ie to make their individual bookings. The hotel will take all contact details & credit cards to guarantee and confirm.

Rochestown Park Hotel

- 5 nights from Tuesday 13th - Saturday 17th inclusive.
- Rate is €240 B&B per Twin/Double or €215 per Room Only Twin/Double
- Single rate of €225 B&B and €199 Room Only.
- Guests can call +353 21 489 0800 or email info@rochestownpark.com to make their individual bookings.



PREVIOUS CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

YEAR	VENUE	WINNER	WINNER
2022	Pärnu Bay Golf Links, Estonia	Sue Wooster (Aus)	James Crampton (Eng)
2021	Golf De Morfontaine, France	Christine Petit Martin (Fra)	Martin Birkholz (Ger)
2020	Golf Club d'hossegor, France	María De Orueta (Esp)	Jacobo Cestino (Esp)
2019	Golf Patriziale Ascona, Switzerland	Macarena Campomanes (Esp)	Mattias Pernheden (Swe)
2018	Royal Bled, Slovenia	Macarena Campomanes (Esp)	Martin Birkholz (Ger)
2017	GC Schloss Schönborn, Austria	Susanne Lichtenberg (Ger)	Markus Frank (Sui)
2016	Pula Golf, Spain	Macarena Campomanes (Esp)	Adrian Morrow (Irl)
2015	Pannonia G&Cc, Hungary	María De Orueta (Esp)	Clive Jones (Eng)
2014	R.c.g. Puerta de Hierro, Spain	Jane Rees (Wal)	Clive Jones (Eng)
2013	Estonian G&CC, Estonia	Helene Maxe (Swe)	Lorenzo Sartori (Ita)
2012	Golf & Landclub Achensee, Austria	Rocio Ruiz De Velasco (Esp)	Adrian Morrow (Irl)
2011	Golf & Landclub Achensee, Austria	Cecilia Mourgue D'algue (Fra)	Tomas Persson (Swe)
2010	Golf & Landclub Achensee, Austria	Virginie Burrus (Fra)	Mats Andersson (Swe) After Play-Off
2009	Porto Carras, Greece	Virginie Burrus (Fra)	Frederico Lang (Ita)
2008	Oceanico (Pinhal), Portugal	Virginie Burrus (Fra)	Adrian Morrow (Irl)
2007	Vilamoura (Old Course), Portugal	Virginie Burrus (Fra)	Norman Swenson (Usa)
2006	Ribagalfe, Portugal (2 rounds only)	Gunilla Ekman (Swe)	Miguel Preysler De La Riva (Esp)
2005	Chantilly, France	Cécilia Mourgue D'algue (Fra)	Roy Smethurst (Eng)



European Seniors
Championship
winners 2022

YEAR	VENUE	WINNER	WINNER
2004	La Baule, France	Maj-Britt Heden (Swe)	David J. Smith (Sco) (Win after play-off 5 holes)
2003	Chantaco, France	Claudine Cros Chatrier (Fra) Win After Play-Off 1 Hole	David J. Smith (Sco) (Win after play-off 1 hole)
2002	La Manga, Spain	Cecilia Mourgue D'algue (Fra)	Andrew Morrison (Eng)
2001	Torremirona GC, Spain	Cecilia Mourgue D'algue (Fra)	Graham Steel (Eng)
2000	La Manga, Spain	Cecilia Mourgue D'algue (Fra)	Hans-Hubert Giesen (Ger)
1999	Ascona Golf Club, Switzerland	Rita Ruland (Ger)	Hans-Jürgen Ecklebe (Ger)
1998	Ascona Golf Club, Switzerland	Rita Ruland (Ger) Win After Play-Off	David G. Lane (Eng)
1997	Ascona Golf Club, Switzerland (2 rounds only)	Cecilia Mourgue D'algue (Fra)	Carlo Tadini (Ita)
1996	Royal Hague Golf Club, Netherlands	Rita Ruland (Ger)	D. Frame (Eng)



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 2023 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 certified at the date of entry will be used for all purposes;
- c) 50 years (Ladies and Men) or over 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 54 Senior Men's and lowest 33 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 54 men's places and 33 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, and will be presented the respective Championship Trophy.

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 on Day 1 returning the lowest gross score shall receive a memento (decision of ties, see 1.5).

EGA Championship Committee
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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 2023 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 Modifications for Players with Disabilities (Rule 25)

Any player who believes they are eligible to use the Modifications for Players with Disabilities (Rule 25) must contact info@ega-golf.ch at entry. Only players holding an EDGA Access Pass or WRG4D Pass are eligible to use the specific modifications in Rule 25.

1.4 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.

1.5 Dress Code

A reasonable standard of golf dress / attire, in accordance with the host club regulations, is expected at all times, both on the course and in the Clubhouse.

1.6 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. 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 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 10 of the EGA Hard Card. The EGA will only consider requests for use of motorised transportation from players holding an EDGA Access Pass or WRG4D Pass and where the need for transportation results from the player's disability.

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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