

EUROPEAN LADIES' AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

TERMS OF COMPETITION AND LOCAL RULES

1. GENERAL

1.1 Form of Play

The Championship will be decided by stroke play over four rounds played in accordance with the 2023 Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited, the EGA Generic Terms of Competition and Regulations, the EGA Hard Card, the Local Rules approved by the Committee at the championship and the Terms herein. One round of 18 holes will be played each day.

1.2 Eligibility of Competitors

The Championship shall be open to players of the female gender who have Amateur Status in accordance with the current Rules of Amateur Status as published by R&A Rules Limited and the USGA and:

- a) either have been WWAGR Ranked 1-1600 from the first WWAGR Week of the Championship's year to the date of entry (see <https://www.wagr.com/>). The player's WAGR position at the closing date for entries will be used for all purposes.
- b) or hold a WHS Handicap Index (or other equivalent) of **6.0** or better. The handicap certified at the date of entry will be used for all purposes.

Penalty for Breach of Eligibility Term: Disqualification.

1.3 Number of Competitors

The starting field will comprise 144 competitors. Any entrant in at least one of the following categories will be allocated a place in the starting field:

- a) the defending European Ladies' Amateur Champion;
- b) the winners of the 2026 European Women's Amateur Order of Merit (EWAOM) Front-Nine events;
- c) the top 15 ranked players (and ties) in the EWAOM Front-Nine Swing;
- d) the top 5 U18 ranked players (and ties) in the EWAOM) Front-Nine Swing;
- e) Members of the 2025 Patsy Hankins Trophy Teams, 2025 Vagliano Trophy Teams;
- f) one entrant nominated by each EGA member national golf authority and four entrants nominated by the host country;
- g) the winner of the current year's South American Women's Amateur Championship;
- h) the winner of the current year's European Mid-Amateur Ladies' Championship (whether she satisfies the handicap requirements or not);
- i) The highest ranked entrants with a R&A WWAGR position 1-1600 at the closing date for entries.

Having applied Condition **1.3 (a) - (i)**, the remainder of the starting field, if incomplete, will comprise entrants in order of handicap.

Note: the Committee reserves the right to limit the number of competitors from any country in the final starting list.

1.4 Cuts

There will be two cuts:

- **After 36 holes:** The 96 lowest scores, including ties, shall qualify for the next round of 18 holes.
- **After 54 Holes:** The 60 lowest scores, including ties, shall qualify for the final 18 holes.

If a competitor, who has posted a score that will qualify for the following round(s), withdraws before or after the draw is made, the competitor's results will still be used to calculate the leading 96 / 60 places and ties that will determine the cut mark.

1.5 Decision of Ties

In the event of a tie for first place after four rounds, the winner shall be decided by a play-off by stroke play over three holes to be selected by the Committee. The play-off shall start as soon as practicable after the last competitors have finished their final round. The competitor with the lowest aggregate score over the three extra holes shall be declared the winner. In the event of a further tie, the winner shall be decided hole-by-hole over one or more holes selected by the Committee.

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 36, 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 third round and then second round, if necessary.

2. ENTRIES

2.1 Reserve List

If entries exceed 144, entrants will be allocated to a reserve list ordered according to Condition **1.3**. 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. PRIZES

3.1 Title

The winner of the Championship shall be the European Ladies' Amateur Champion Golfer for a period of one year and will be presented the Championship Trophy. 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.

The winner shall receive an invitation to AIG Women's Open of the current year, courtesy of The R&A.

3.2 Placings

The winner shall receive a gold medal, the runner up a silver medal and the third-placed competitor a bronze medal.

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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 Nationality Policy

A player will be considered a national of a country if the player is a citizen of the country, as defined by the laws of such country.

A player may only represent one country per year in EGA individual championships, team championships and international matches.

1.3 Gender Policy

Competitors in EGA ladies' and girls' championships must be of the female gender and have been female at birth or have had the female sex assigned.

Competitors in EGA men's and boys' championships must be of the male gender and have been male at birth or have had the male sex assigned.

For the avoidance of doubt, The EGA reserves the right to carry out a confidential case-by-case evaluation of whether the competitor's participation is likely to lead to unfair competition at any time either prior to or after the Championship if in its reasonable opinion such an evaluation is or becomes necessary. The Committee reserves the right to disqualify any competitor who does not meet the requirements for entry to the Championship.

1.4 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 a WRG4D Pass are eligible to use the specific modifications in Rule 25.

1.5 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.

1.6 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.

1.7 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.

1.8 Player Live Scoring / Electronic Scorecards

When the Championship Committee mandates that players enter their scores into the live scoring system after each hole using their mobile device or use electronic scorecards, compliance is mandatory.

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 their 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).

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- 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 their 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 12 of the EGA Hard Card. The EGA will only consider requests for use of motorised transportation from players holding a WRG4D Pass and where the need for transportation results from the player's disability.

6. PRACTICE ROUNDS

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

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

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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