

EUROPEAN MID-AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS

TERMS OF COMPETITION AND LOCAL RULES

1. GENERAL

1.1 Form of Play

The Ladies' and Men's Championships will be decided by stroke play over three 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 for the ladies' championship and of the male gender for the men's championship and who:

- a) have Amateur Status in accordance with the current Rules of Amateur Status as published by R&A Rules Limited and the USGA;
- b) hold a WHS Handicap Index (or other equivalent) of **6.0** (Ladies) or **3.0** (Men) or better; The handicap certified at the date of entry will be used for all purposes;
- c) are aged 25 or over (Ladies and Men) 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. Additional competitors will be accepted in one championship in the event of vacancies in the other championship, up to a maximum of 144 competitors.

1.4 Cut

The lowest 33 Ladies' and lowest 54 Men's 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 competitions (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 according to the EGA Ballot Method, while exempting those entrants as detailed in Section 3 from the reserve list.

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.

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) the reigning US Mid-Amateur and US Women's Mid-Amateur Champions.
- c) any competitor finishing in the top 6 (Ladies) or top 10 (Men), both including ties, of the respective previous year's edition.
- d) one officially nominated Lady and one officially nominated Man 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 category (c).

4. PRIZES

4.1 Title

The winner of the Ladies' Championship shall be the European Mid-Amateur Lady Champion Golfer and the winner of the Men's Competition shall be the European Mid-Amateur Men's Champion Golfer, both for a period of one year and will be presented the 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.

The winner of the Men's Championship and the winner of the Ladies' Championship shall be awarded automatic exemptions for the corresponding current year:

- ▶ European Amateur or European Ladies' Amateur Championship.
- ▶ US Mid-Amateur or US Women's Mid-Amateur Championship.

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

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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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