

# EUROPEAN SENIOR MEN'S TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

## TERMS OF COMPETITION AND LOCAL RULES

### 1. GENERAL

#### 1.1 Eligibility of Teams

Teams are nominated by European Golf Association (EGA) Member National Golf Authorities based on invitations to:

- a) the teams placed 1<sup>st</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> from the 2025 championship;

**Note:** The results of the previous European Senior Men's Team Championships will constitute a reserve-list order to be used when an invited team is unable to participate.

#### 1.2 Eligibility of Players

All players nominated to teams by their national golf authority must be of the male gender and:

- a) amateur golfers in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Limited;
- b) citizens of the country represented (cf. EGA Generic Terms of Competition and Regulations for EGA Nationality Policy);
- c) playing with a WHS Handicap Index (or other equivalent) of 9.0 or better;
- d) 50 years or over on Day 1 of the Championship.

**Penalty for Breach of Eligibility Term:** disqualification of player.

#### 1.3 Format

A maximum of 16 teams shall be eligible to participate and each shall comprise six players.

The Championship comprises two stages played in accordance with the 2023 Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited, the EGA Generic Terms of Competition and Local Rules, the EGA Hard Card and the Local Rules as approved by the Championship Committee at the championship.

##### 1.3.1 Stage 1 - Stroke Play

There shall be two rounds of 18 holes stroke play on Days 1 and 2 to decide the seeded draw for the match play, which commences on Day 3.

###### a) Order of Play

Team captains will determine the order of play within their teams for Days 1 and 2 using the official order of play form. If the order of play form is not submitted to the Committee:

- I. for Day 1, by 17h00 on the day preceding the Championship, the order of play will be determined alphabetically by surname;
- II. for Day 2, by 17h00 on Day 1, the order of play will be the same as for Day 1.

Once the official deadline to submit the order of play form has expired, changes in the order of play are not permitted.

###### b) Scoring

The lowest five scores from each team's six

players will count each day. The aggregate of the five lowest stroke play scores from play on Days 1 and 2 will constitute each team's score.

###### c) Decision of Ties

A tie for any place in the match play order shall be decided using the lowest total of the two non-counting scores, one from each day. If a tie still exists, the sum of the two lowest scores, one from each day, shall be used. For further ties, the sum of the two second lowest scores, the third lowest scores, and, finally, the fourth lowest scores one from each day, shall be used. Any further tie will be decided based on the final 18, 9, 6, 3 holes or last hole of the best score from each of the tied teams.

A team that has returned one or more non valid scores (no show, withdrawal, disqualification) will be ranked last in the tie decision. The team's remaining scores shall be used to determine the match play seeding when more than one team fail to return six valid scores per day.

###### d) Failure to Return Valid Scores

A team that fails to return five valid scores per day for any reason (no show, withdrawal, disqualification) will assume last place in the match play draw. The team's remaining scores shall be used to determine the match play seeding when more than one team fail to return the required number of valid scores.

##### 1.3.2 Stage 2 - Match Play

All teams will play a one foursome and four singles match format.

The stroke play will determine a seeded order for the match play. Teams will be divided into a first flight of eight teams: 1 vs 8; 2 vs 7; 3 vs 6 and 4 vs 5, and a second flight of eight teams: 9 vs 16; 10 vs 15; 11 vs 14; and 12 vs 13.

If there are fewer than 16 teams, the seeded draw will change according to a standardised EGA format.

A win in either a foursomes or singles match shall return one point, a tied match, half a point (see 1.3.2 (c)) and a loss, zero points to the team's score.

###### a) Order of Play

Team Captains must provide the Committee with their team foursomes and singles orders of play using the official order of play form:

- I. for Day 3 matches, no later than 30 minutes after the completion of the second round of stroke play;

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- II. for Day 4 and 5 matches, no later than 30 minutes after the completion of their team's flight the previous Day.

Failure to submit the official order of play form on time will result in the order of play being determined alphabetically by surname.

Once the official deadline to submit the order of play form has expired, changes in the order of play are not permitted.

**Exception: substitutes :** Term 1.4 (b).

**Penalty for Breach of Term 1.3.2 (a):** disqualification of all players out of the pre-stated order of play.

### b) Extended Matches

In the event of a match being all square after 18 holes in any round, the match shall be extended one hole at a time until there is a winner.

**Exception:** Term 1.3.2 (c).

### c) Halved Matches

When a final team match result is already decided, an individual match may be tied if all players in that individual match agree.

**Note:** after 18 holes or any extra hole(s), if the players in an individual match remain all square and the final result of the team match has been decided, the individual match in question will be tied.

### d) Absentee Players

In the event that one (several) registered team member(s) cannot participate in a match play round and is not substituted as permitted in 1.4 (b), matches shall be forfeited at a position within the order of play according to the following principles.

- I. Foursome matches must not be forfeited and must always be played.
- II. If the "withdrawal" occurs before the official deadline to submit the order of play form has expired, the Team Captain will return the order of play form with the absentee player placed in the position of their choice in the singles and that match will be forfeited.
- III. If the "withdrawal" occurs after the official deadline to submit the order of play form has expired,
  - i. if the absentee player is listed to play in the singles: his match shall be forfeited,
  - ii. if the absentee player is listed to play in the foursome, he will be replaced by one of the players listed to play in the singles. The replacement will be determined by lot and his single match shall be forfeited.

If fewer than four players are available to represent a team, that team must forfeit its match.

In the event that opposing teams would each have one or more absentee players, then these players would be deemed to have been paired together and to have tied their match. Should this require the repairing of matches, the player(s) in the match(es) impacted higher in the order of play will descend to play the player(s) in the other impacted match(es). In the event of a tied team match, the team ranked higher in the stroke play qualification standings shall be declared the winner.

## 1.4 Substitutions

### a) Prior to the Start of the Championship

If a substitute player is required, the Committee must be notified, at the latest, 30 minutes before the first tee time on Day 1. After this deadline, the team must remain with the same players for the entire championship (exception see 1.4 (b)). A substitute player is permitted for any reason, but may not participate in the practice rounds until he has been officially substituted for a team member with permission from the Committee.

**Exception:** a non-playing captain who is eligible to become a playing captain (Term 1.4 (b)) may play the practice round.

A breach of this Term may result in the substitute player not being permitted to compete.

### b) After the Start of the Championship

If a substitute player is required, only for reasons of illness, injury or exceptional grounds acceptable to the Committee, the Team Captain, as long as he conforms with the eligibility Term (1.2), will be permitted to become a Playing Captain and he will take the position of the player he substitutes. The Committee must be notified of the substitution no later than 30 minutes prior to the team's first tee time. Once such a substitution has been done, the team will remain with the same players until the end of the championship and the substituted player will not be permitted to compete any more. No other substitutions are permitted.

## 1.5 Practice

A team player, team captain or advice giver will not be allowed to practice on the championship course for a period of fifteen days prior to the official practice day, unless they are a member of the golf club at which the championship is being played.

Only registered team players will be permitted to practice during the official practice round and in official practice areas.

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See Section 1.4 (a) for information on practice for substitutes.

### 1.6 Team Captain and Advice (Rule 24)

#### a) Team Captain (Rule 24.3)

Each team must nominate a Team Captain who must be an amateur golfer in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Limited.

**Penalty for Breach of Local Rule:** disqualification of Team.

**Procedure if a team has not nominated a Team Captain:** the player whose surname comes first alphabetically will automatically be appointed the team captain.

#### b) Advice (Rule 24.4)

**Two advice givers** may be named by each team from whom players in the team may ask and receive advice. The first must be the Team Captain (see 1.6 (a)) and the second may or may not be a professional golfer. The advice givers must be identified to the Committee via the "Registration Form" prior to the start of the Championship and must remain unchanged for the duration of the championship, unless agreed by the Championship Committee under exceptional circumstances.

**Penalty for Breach of Local Rule:** The advice giver in breach of the Local Rule will lose their advice giver status for the remainder of the championship and be subject to sanction from the EGA Disciplinary Committee.

The advice givers must not walk on the putting green at any time.

When the ball of a team player lies on the putting green, the advice givers are prohibited from giving advice for strokes to be made from the putting green.

**Penalty for Breach of Local Rule:** general penalty.

The advice givers must not ride on any form of motorised transportation during play except as authorised or later approved by the Committee.

**Penalty for Breach of Local Rule:** first breach: warning; subsequent breach: loss of advice giver status.

### 1.7 Electric Trolleys

Electric golf trolleys provided by the Organising Committee are only permitted if there is a sufficient number to be equally distributed among the teams.

### 1.8 Disqualification

A penalty of disqualification for a breach of the Rules or the Terms of Competition applies only to the round in which the breach occurred unless otherwise determined by the Committee.

### 1.9 Division 2

The bottom-ranked teams shall be relegated to the following year's European Senior Men's Team Championship, Division 2. The exact number of relegated teams will be confirmed after the closing of entries.

## 2. PRIZES

### 2.1 Exemption

The top-ranked teams (exact number to be confirmed after the closing of entries) shall automatically be eligible for the following year's European Senior Men's Team Championship.

### 2.2 Title and Awards

The winning team of the Championship shall be the European Senior Men's Team Champion for a period of one year. 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 EGA will present medals to the members of the winning team and to the members of the second and third placed teams.

The EGA will present the host club with a memento.

The host country will present all participants with a memento.

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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](mailto: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](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 their 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).

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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.

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