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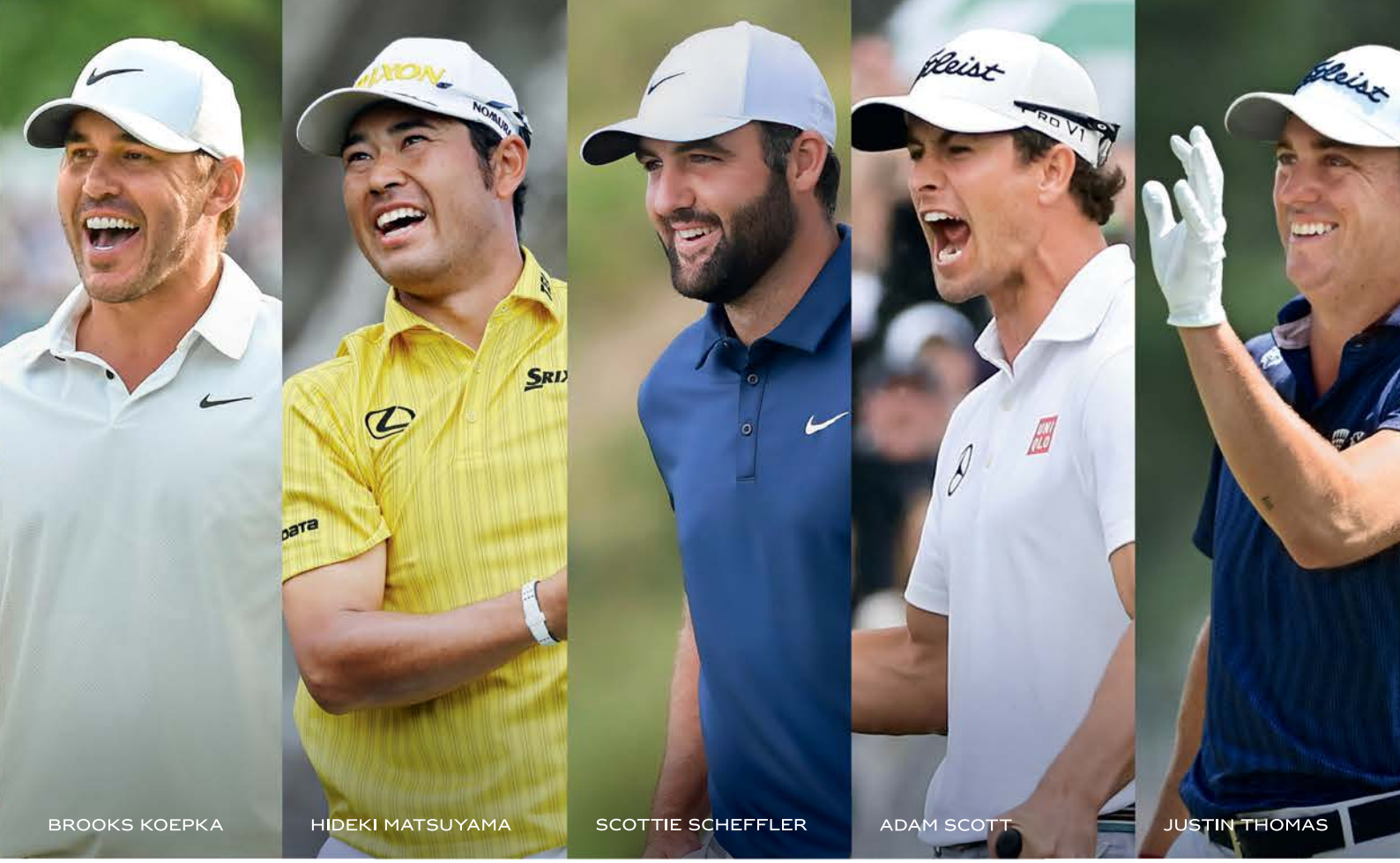
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of the EGA
now comprising
49 member federations

4.9M+
PLAYERS
registered

1'850+
PARTICIPANTS
in EGA Events

20
EUROPEAN TITLES
awarded

19
EVENTS
coordinated
in **16** countries

27
CHAMPIONSHIPS
& **2** International Matches
contested

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FOLLOWERS
across all social channels

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on Instagram & Facebook

3.5M
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(PRESIDENT ELECTION YEAR)

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1967	Gerald Micklem	(ENG)
1969	Willem Snouck-Hurgronje	(NED)
1971	Heinz O. Krings	(GER)
1973	Viscount Pereira Machado	(POR)
1975	Arild Wahlstrom	(NOR)
1977	Juan Antonio Andreu	(ESP)
1979	Claude-Roger Cartier	(FRA)
1981	Alexander Sinclair	(SCO)
1983	Richard Rahusen	(NED)
1985	Jens Wester-Andersen	(DEN)
1987	Juan M.S. De Vicuna	(ESP)
1989	Neil Hotchkin	(ENG)
1991	Jan Brügelmann	(GER)
1993	Roberto Livraghi	(ITA)
1995	Ulf Laurin	(SWE)
1997	Patrick Foley	(IRL)
1999	Dieter Usner	(AUT)
2001	Manuel Agrellos	(POR)
2003	Björn Nordberg	(SWE)
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2007	Marion Thannhäuser	(GER)
2009	Gonzaga Escauriaza	(ESP)
2011	Antti Peltoniemi	(FIN)
2013	Colin Wood	(SCO)
2015	Jean-Marc Mommer	(SUI)
2017	Pierre Bechmann	(FRA)
2019	Haukur Örn Birgisson	(ISL)
2021	Jan Hubrecht	(ENG)
2023	Caroline Huyskes	(NED)

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(MEMBER APPOINTMENT YEAR)

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2007	Lally Segard	(FRA)
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2017	Alexis Godillot	(FRA)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

> *"We know how much it matters to stay connected with our members and listen to their views."*



It is hard to believe that a year has already passed since I became President of the EGA. It has been a busy and rewarding year, and a real pleasure to work alongside such a wonderful Executive Committee. Together, we truly feel like a family.

2026 got off to an excellent start with the opening of our new office at the Maison du Sport International. We remain in Lausanne, the Olympic Capital, in premises that offer a much more comfortable working environment and better reflect who we are. Thanks to public subsidies and the hard work of Benoit and Sabine, we have secured these improvements at a very competitive cost.

Our championships have gone well, despite the intense heat across Europe. Once again, we have shown our strength in what lies at the very heart of the EGA's work. We have held 13 team events, bringing together 43 countries and more than 1'000 players. Special congratulations go to Spain for their victories in the Boys', Girls' and Ladies' championships, and to France for their successes in the European Young Masters, the Senior Men's and Ladies' championships, and the Men's Mid-Amateur championship. In our individual championships, congratulations to Tim Wiedemeyer and Charlotte Naughton. On a personal note, both as a Spaniard and as President of the EGA, I am particularly proud to see Paulita Martin and Andrea Revuelta occupying the top two places in the Women's World Amateur Golf Ranking.

This year, our teams enjoyed success in both of our international matches, the Jacques Léglise Trophy and the Junior Vagliano Trophy held in Ireland. Congratulations to everyone involved in these two victories. We are also working closely with the APGC on preparations for the Bonallack and Patsy Hankins Trophies. Due to the geopolitical situation, the decision was made to move the events to Buenavista Golf in Tenerife, Spain, with the EGA acting as host.

We have launched the first edition of the European Amateur Order of Merit, and with the inaugural season now complete, the results provide encouraging signs for the future. We hope to build on this promising start, drawing on the valuable lessons learned to further develop the ranking in the years ahead.

Another important milestone has been the launch of our Strategic Plan for 2027-2031, led by Caroline. Following several rounds of consultation, our members have given the plan their strong support. Bringing it to life will be key to our future, and it will be one of the main topics of discussion when we meet in Cyprus in November.

We know how much it matters to stay connected with our members and listen to their views. The meeting of General Managers in Stockholm, attended by three EGA Presidents, the meeting of Emerging Golf Nations in Vienna, and our Summer Dialogue have all been valuable opportunities to share ideas, learn from one another and strengthen our relationships. Sustainability is central to our Strategic Plan. We are working hard and making good progress, helping to establish the EGA as a leader and a trusted point of reference across Europe. The recent sessions organised at Bernardus in conjunction with the Solheim Cup were an excellent example of this work. I would like to offer my warm thanks to Gunnar and his team for their outstanding contribution.

Our relationship with The R&A remains close and constructive, with important progress in several areas. Golf development is a good example, although an increasingly busy tournament calendar can sometimes make our work more challenging. The R&A has refreshed its team, led by Martin Hattrell, with Mark Darbon joining as CEO, and has launched a new Strategic Plan. We look forward to supporting its ambitions and continuing our work together in the years ahead.

Virtual golf and simulator golf are growing rapidly across our industry. This brings opportunities as well as questions around licensing, technology, commercial interests and handicapping. At the EGA, we need to help integrate these new ways of playing into the wider golfing community, embracing this evolution while preparing confidently for the future.

I would like to express our sincere gratitude to Rolex for its continued and invaluable support.

I am also very happy with our staff team. We have a fantastic group of people led by Michael, and we have welcomed Rony Epelbaum on assignment from GEO, and Flora Peuch to strengthen our work in sustainability and competitions. I am grateful to them all for their dedication, enthusiasm and commitment.

As I look ahead, I feel confident about what we can achieve together. We face important challenges and considerable geopolitical uncertainty, but we have a strong team and sound finances, even if our resources are limited. Above all, we have the ability, determination and enthusiasm to keep making progress.

Thank you all very much for your support and for everything you do for European golf.

JOAQUÍN CASTILLO
PRESIDENT



GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

> *"Our commitment to serving our members remains at the heart of everything we do."*



Golf is a game of conditions. Wind, rain and temperatures affect the playability of a course and influence how the next shot needs to be played. The best players adapt to the circumstances and make the most of the opportunity in front of them. And when everything comes together, these players take advantage of the opportunity and get on a hot streak.

Two players who found their form this summer were Tim Wiedemeyer and Charlotte Naughton, the winners of the men's and ladies' European Amateur Championships respectively. Their victories were outstanding achievements and earned them direct exemptions into The Open and the AIG Women's Open Championships. And there were many more success stories this summer: Óliver Elí Björnsson from Iceland won The R&A Boys' Amateur Championship and became only the second Icelandic boy to be selected for the Jacques Léglise Trophy. Kristella Sikk from Estonia won the European Young Masters with great confidence. The Czech Republic added another medal at the European Boys' Team Championship. And Spain won three team championships in a single week. Hats off to all our championship winners this season for their excellent performances and memorable results despite some challenging conditions.

A HOT SUMMER

Extreme temperatures were one of the defining characteristics of this season. The team championship week was particularly affected with heat protocols, hydration stations, cooling schedules and a range of other measures becoming common practice. Fortunately, there were no major incidents at EGA championships, and I commend all players who battled their way through the heat. That said, it seems that we need to get used to warmer playing conditions these days and take greater care to protect the welfare of players, officials and administrators more diligently.

Making decisions in challenging conditions is not always easy, and we strive to find the right balance between sporting and other considerations. I particularly want to thank the hosting federations, golf club managers, administrators and Championship Committee Members who managed some exceptional circumstances sensibly and with great commitment this year.

A JOINT CHALLENGE

The heat waves this summer illustrate that weather conditions have become a more immediate challenge for golf. Higher temperatures, changing rainfall patterns and prolonged periods of drought have a significant impact on golf courses, their playing surfaces as well as the resources required to maintain them. Against this backdrop, it is no surprise that the use of water has become a hot topic: the expectations placed on land managers are changing, and the EU's Water Framework Directive is being revised and developed into an emerging European Water Resilience Strategy. There is a need for golf to address these challenges and to engage actively with policymakers in Brussels.

Indeed, national federations have an opportunity to position themselves as constructive stakeholders and make meaningful contributions to the environmental objectives in their countries, e.g. by demonstrating responsible water stewardship. This was also an important message from the EGA Sustainable Golf Forum, as well as from recent interactions with EU institutions and their relevant desk officers. Hopefully, the EGA's leadership role will encourage European golf to work alongside local authorities, partners and golf clubs and demonstrate the sport's ambitions in important policy areas such as Nature Restoration, Water Stewardship and Integrated Turfgrass Management.

A NEW HOME

In January, the EGA relocated its office to the Maison du Sport International (MSI) in Lausanne. The move places the organisation alongside many other sports bodies and strengthens the EGA's position within the international sports community. For example, the EGA has agreed to collaborate with the European Olympic Committees (EOC) regarding golf's inclusion in the 2027 European Youth Olympic Festival. Together with our friends from the Italian Golf Federation, the EGA will be responsible for the oversight of the event. Most importantly, the EGA's new home improves the working environment for staff members and creates a warm and modern atmosphere for greater collaboration.

A NEW RANKING

The inaugural season of the European Amateur Order of Merit (EAOM) has been very encouraging. England's Eliot Baker and Charlotte Naughton are worthy first champions and have demonstrated the necessary consistency and quality of performance that the EAOM recognises.

As a reminder, the EAOM was designed to make competing in Europe more valuable. By bringing together Europe's leading amateur events in one ranking and by facilitating playing opportunities on the professional tours, the EAOM supports players based in Europe in taking the next steps in their development. Already in its first year the EAOM season provided some excellent examples:

- Mads Heller from Denmark emerged as one of the leading players in the rankings and took the title race down to the final event. A high position in the EAOM standings after the Back-Nine gave Mads access to a HotelPlanner Tour event where he made the cut and gained some valuable experience.
- Germany's Lena Geier earned a start in a LET Access Series event where she finished runner-up, losing only in a play-off. For a young amateur player of 17 years, this represents an outstanding performance.
- Lauri Rosendahl from Finland qualified for the European Amateur Championship through his EAOM event victory at the Lytham Trophy.
- The European Tour agreed to align the Junior Ryder Cup rankings, as proposed and designed by the EGA, with the EAOM concept.

I am pleased with the EAOM's pilot season as it confirmed the overall purpose of the rankings. Of course, the concept needs time to be fully established, and further steps will be considered to strengthen the ranking's integrity. I would also like to thank all member federations for their support as the EAOM project would not be possible without their active involvement.

KEEPING THE MOMENTUM

The new EGA Strategy intends to represent an evolution of what the organisation has been doing successfully for many years. It illustrates the EGA's direction, creates further momentum and ensures that the EGA responds to the needs of an increasingly complex environment. Responses received from EGA members to the survey questionnaire guided the development of the 2027-2031 Strategic Plan.

It will come as no surprise that the EGA's efforts in environmental sustainability have become an increasingly important priority. The legislative framework facing European golf continues to evolve and the proposed integration of the extraordinary sustainability budget into the EGA's main budget underlines the importance we attach to this work. At the same time, the EGA plans to further strengthen the EAOM concept and continue its important work on handicapping, including for simulator golfers. The EGA also aims to actively use its platform to develop meaningful initiatives with and for national federations while respecting the limitation of existing resources.

As part of this strategy, the EGA intends to further strengthen its collaboration with The R&A. Both organisations share many areas of common interest and have complementary strengths that can benefit European golf. We strive to bring our joint initiatives under a collaboration framework that aims to provide greater clarity on roles, responsibilities and areas where we work closely together. A structured approach will provide an opportunity to ensure greater consistency and minimise duplication of efforts and ultimately benefit national federations as well as the development of European golf.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

None of the above would be possible without the people who dedicate their time and energy to the EGA throughout the year. I would, first and foremost, like to congratulate all EGA staff who have delivered a demanding calendar of events and projects with professionalism, dedication and a positive spirit. Their commitment is at the heart of the EGA's ability to serve its members.

I would also like to thank Rolex and our other partners for their continued support. Their involvement gives the EGA confidence to pursue its ambitions and invest in the future of European amateur golf. My thanks also go to the EGA Presidents, the Executive Committee and all committee members for their constructive input. Let's not forget that the voluntary commitment of so many individuals remains one of the EGA's greatest strengths.

Finally, I would like to thank our member federations for their trust. The EGA exists to serve its members and the dialogue with Presidents, General Secretaries, CEOs and experts across Europe is invaluable. Whether discussing championships, handicapping, sustainability, data or the many other issues affecting our sport, this open exchange is what enables the EGA to move forward.

It has been a hot year in European golf. There have been moments of pressure and moments requiring difficult decisions. But, most importantly, there has been plenty of positive energy and a strong sense of momentum.

I wish all delegates a pleasant Annual General Meeting in Cyprus and thank you for your continued support.

MICHAEL THANNHÄUSER
GENERAL SECRETARY

EGA TIMELINE 2026



NOVEMBER

- 2025 AGM (Soestduinen, Netherlands)
- New European Amateur Order of Merit (EAOM) announced
- EGA Strategy Review started with an EGA Member Survey

JANUARY

- Budget process for host venue selection
- Annual leadership meeting with The R&A
- Start of the statistics data collection process
- EGA office move to Maison du Sport International (Lausanne)
- Golfbox meeting to validate new developments for the 2026 season
- EGA becomes the first European sports federation to sign EU Green Sport Manifesto

MARCH

- Championship entries opened, with 29 different trophies to compete for at 19 events
- Golf & Health series featured in EGA newsletter
- Video & content production plan finalised for 2026 EGA Events
- HCRC discussion regarding the scaling-up method of 9-hole scores

MAY

- Players earn exemptions for the European Amateur and Ladies' Amateur Championships through EAOM performance
- Championship equipment & packages logistics
- EGA Committee Meetings
- Start of the selection process for the Jacques Léglise Trophy & Junior Vagliano Trophy (IRL)
- HCRC shares feedback regarding simulator golfers with The R&A

JULY

- Over 500 players representing 29 countries participate in the European Team Championships week
- 12 EGA championship titles awarded at 8 venues in July
- European Team Championship for Golfers with Disability held in collaboration with EDGA
- 6 million+ content views recorded on Instagram and Facebook in July

SEPTEMBER

- Closing of 2025/2026 Financial Year & budgeting process
- Inaugural EAOM champions crowned
- Introduction of the European Senior Team Championships Division 2 for Men and Ladies in Slovakia
- Sustainable Golf Forum: 80 delegates from 30 countries during the week of the PING Junior Solheim Cup (NED)
- 2026 Annual Report prepared
- EGA delegation in Brussels

DECEMBER

- 2025 EGA advent calendar published on social media
- Communication & collaboration with 2026 hosts for the preparation of the upcoming season
- European Benchmark Study kick-off meetings with The R&A and focus group

FEBRUARY

- Recruitment of additional EGA staff member & onboarding
- February committee meetings (Lausanne)
- General Secretaries' meeting in Sweden
- Finalisation of 2026 championships' Terms of Competition
- Hand engraving of 28 EGA trophies and preparation of 409 medals

APRIL

- Championship season preparations
- Emerging Markets Development Conference hosted by The R&A in Vienna
- EGA and Ladies European Tour announce collaboration on EAOM professional playing opportunities
- Collaboration framework dialogue started between The R&A and the EGA
- EGA Strategy Review: individual members' meetings

JUNE

- Start of the championship season
- EGA Summer Dialogue meeting welcomes 66 representatives from 36 countries
- European Golf Participation Report with 2025 estimates published and circulated
- Announcement of golf's inclusion in the 2027 European Youth Olympic Festival (EYOF)
- @ega_golf reaches 25k followers on Instagram

AUGUST

- Preparation of the 2027 Junior Ryder Cup Qualifying Ranking in collaboration with the European Tour Group
- Continent of Europe teams win Jacques Léglise and Junior Vagliano Trophies
- European Benchmark Study invitation sent for members' participation
- 2026 European Men's and Women's Amateur Golf Rankings medals awarded
- EGA Committee Meetings held in Ireland

OCTOBER

- Virtual Sport Directors meeting
- End of the championship season
- Goodies, apparel & Branding reviewed in preparation for the 2027 season
- 2026 AGM preparations (Paphos, Cyprus)



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THE EMOTION OF EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS



EUROPEAN AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP
ESTONIA



EUROPEAN BOYS' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP
SPAIN



EUROPEAN LADIES' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP
FINLAND



EUROPEAN AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP
IRELAND

CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT



It is a privilege after my recent appointment as Chair of the EGA Championship Committee to submit my first annual report. 2026 was an incredible year with a long hot summer across Europe. "Hot" was a common word at most of our championships but this did not only refer to the temperature – it also indicated the superb golf played!

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. MID-AMATEUR MEN'S & LADIES'

The Mid-Amateur men's and ladies' championships started our competitive season off in Quinta do Peru in Portugal. Excitement was in the air with the ultimate winner, Pierre Tillement (France), in the joint lead after two rounds, but a bogey on the 18th put him into a play-off. It took two extra holes against Keijo Jaakola (Finland), before Pierre could claim the title.

It was much less stressful on the ladies' side. The runner-up in 2024, Pauline Stein (France), led from the start and forged further ahead in the final round with a bogey-free 69, finishing 6 shots ahead of the runner-up and 2023 champion, Alena Oppenheimer (Germany). Keijo Jaakola and Rachel de Heuvel (Germany) took the +40 mementos.

2. SENIOR MEN'S & LADIES'

Cyprus hosted an EGA individual Championship which saw 144 senior men and ladies compete on the rolling fairways of Elea Golf Club. A playoff was required again, on this occasion between French team-mates, who both birdied the 18th to extend play. Jordane Court prevailed on the first extra hole against Benjamine Bouillonnec to win the women's title.

Meanwhile, on the men's side, England's Stephen Creed hit the front after the second round and forged ahead throughout the final round to win by four from Rodrigo Lacerda Soares (France), the 2024 and 2025 champion. Stephen Creed and Sylvie Van Molle (Belgium) took the +60 mementos.

3. EUROPEAN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

At the end of June, the EGA headed north to Finland to make a return visit to the wonderful fairways of Linna Golf, this time for the Men's Championship which was won with a scintillating 13-under-par total. Having moved into the lead, Germany's Tim Wiedemeyer never allowed Nevill Ruiter (Netherlands) to make a dent on his lead in the final round.

4. EUROPEAN YOUNG MASTERS

The end of July was a busy period for the EGA with the European Young Masters in El Saler, Spain. The humidity ensured everyone was very hot, which was matched on the golf course with Estonia's Kristella Sikk finishing 3 under to lead the girls, while Tao Pemerika (France) raced to an early lead in the last round finishing on an astonishing 11 under! His wonderful score helped France take the team title while Spain and Germany took 2nd and 3rd respectively.

5. EUROPEAN LADIES' AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

While the U16s were in Spain, the ladies travelled north, on this occasion to Allerum Golf, Sweden. Scoring was very impressive with ten players finishing under par at the end of their four rounds. It was Curtis Cup player Charlotte Naughton from England (-8) who managed to lift the trophy by staving off the home challenge of Meja Örtengren (-6) and Ebba Nordstedt (-5).

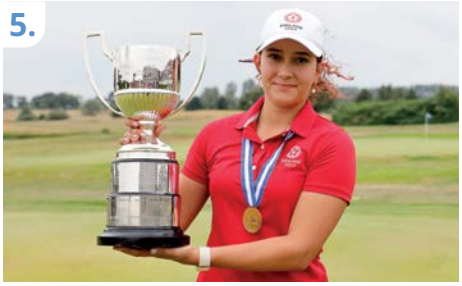












TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

While France was dominant in the individual Championships – taking four of the titles, Spain continued their winning ways from 2025, taking three of the team titles. As usual the beginning of July was a very busy period with six team championships being played across Europe during the same week.

6. EUROPEAN AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

A thrilling finish to the EATC at the Estonian G&CC was captured on TV with the host country extending two matches to extra holes in the final against Ireland. Mattias Varjun gave Estonia great hope, by winning on the 20th, but Ireland's Thomas Higgins spoiled the Estonian party with a long par-save, also on the 20th, to give Ireland the trophy.

7. EUROPEAN LADIES' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Meanwhile in Ireland, PGA National Slieve Russell, in the Ladies' Team Championship, France was endeavouring to reverse the result of the 2025 final against Spain. Extra holes were required in the morning foursomes but Spain put their first hand on the trophy when they took both of the morning matches. Newly crowned British Champion Valentine Delon reduced the deficit for France in the first singles of the afternoon, but Spain secured the trophy by winning the next two matches.

8. EUROPEAN GIRLS' & BOYS' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

At G&CC Zürich (Switzerland), things were a lot closer in the Girls between Spain and England. It was a very tight encounter, with Spain ultimately securing the win in the final match on the 17th.

England were again in contention against Spain in Montecastillo Barcelo GC in the Boys' Team Championship. While each of the individual matches was fiercely contested, Spain never relented in the afternoon, having taken the two foursomes in the morning, ensuring they could celebrate a home victory.

9. EUROPEAN MEN'S & BOYS' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS DIVISION 2

The Division 2 Championships for Men with 9 teams and Boys with 8 teams, travelled to Costa Navarino, Greece, in early July. In the Men's tournament the Czech Republic was the strongest team winning all 3 of its matches to earn the Gold Medal in style and with it promotion to Division 1 next year. They will be joined by Slovakia who edged ahead of Portugal to take the silver medal.

In the Boys' Division 2, there were 3 places available for promotion. Finland was clearly the strongest team, leading the qualifying by 35 shots and then winning all their matches to take the Gold Medal. Ireland was second both in the qualifying and match play earning the silver medal and promotion to Division 1 next year. There was heartbreak for Portugal – with the final match going to the 22nd before Antoni Hawkins secured the third place on offer for Poland.

10. EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP & NATIONS' CUP FOR GOLFERS WITH DISABILITY

England claimed their first European Team Championship for Golfers with Disability title at Genova Sant'Anna Golf Club in Italy. The biennial event, organised with the support of EDGA, saw England complete a wire-to-wire victory on +21, four shots clear of the Netherlands, with defending champions France taking bronze.

England also won the European Nations' Cup for Golfers with Disability, contested in a net stableford format, after a dramatic final day in which the top three teams finished within two points. Ireland secured silver, with hosts Italy taking bronze.


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11. MEN'S & LADIES' TEAM SHIELD

This year, Malta Golf Association hosted an EGA championship for the first time with the European Men's and Ladies' Team Shield played at the end of July at Royal Malta GC. On the ladies' side Türkiye led the qualifying rounds but they had to fight hard in the final to take the Gold Medal by the closest of margins, with Sude Bay defeating Malta's Elliana Buhagiar on the final green.

On the men's side, Bulgaria led the qualifiers by one shot from Cyprus. However, they could not bring that strong form into the match play going down to Türkiye in the semi-finals. Meanwhile the host country Malta was engaged in semi-final drama – winning two of their three matches in extra holes. Malta also required a 19th hole to take the trophy and gold medal in the final, reversing the ladies' result against Türkiye. The Maltese boys claimed the title for the first time after having finished on the podium 8 times in 11 attempts.

12. EUROPEAN SENIOR LADIES' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

In early September the senior ladies returned to Bulgaria's BlackSeaRama. France were in dominant form – leading the stroke play qualifying before easing their way to the finals. On the other side of the draw, Ireland eased past Sweden and England to earn a place in the final. However, they were no match for France, who won three matches on the 16th and 17th to lift the trophy, which they last won in 2024.

13. EUROPEAN SENIOR MEN'S TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Meanwhile the Men's Seniors headed to Cabot Bordeaux. France was feeling right at home as they led the qualifiers. However, they were given a fright in the quarter-finals before the foursomes pairing of Pascal Grizot & Rodrigo Lacerda Soares fought hard to win 1 up. Solid performances in the semis and final ensured the home team lifted the trophy at the end of the tournament.

14. EUROPEAN SENIOR MEN'S & LADIES' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS, DIVISION 2

2026 saw the introduction of a Division 2 for the Men's and Ladies' Senior Teams, which took place in Slovakia at Sedin Golf Resort. With ten teams on the men's side competing for two places – Iceland secured the gold medal by some 23 shots. A single shot separated Slovakia from Luxembourg to join Iceland in Division 1 in 2027.

Things were equally tight in the Ladies' Seniors – with two of the seven teams gaining promotion. Leading from the front the four players from the Czech Republic were consistent throughout the tournament to ensure promotion for 2027. With Portugal, hosts of Division 1 in 2027 having secured an automatic place in the field, runner-up Luxembourg also earned promotion.

15. EUROPEAN MID-AMATEUR MEN'S & LADIES' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Golfclub Föhrenwald in Austria was the venue for the men's and ladies' Mid-Amateur Team Championships in September. Ireland was very strong in the qualifying rounds with the men being eight clear, while the ladies eased into the No. 1 slot with seven shots to spare. However, their fortunes in the match play were quite different. The Irish men went on to win the Gold Medal in a very exciting final against the home team of Austria.

In the ladies' semi-final, Spain dashed Ireland's hopes of a double, as they won a very tight encounter. A strong German team eased past France before ultimately defeating Spain to lift the trophy at the end of the week. The strength of these Championships has grown significantly since their inception in 2024 – if this continues to be the trend in 2027, a Division 2 may be considered alongside the Seniors Division 2.


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INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

16. JUNIOR VAGLIANO TROPHY & JACQUES LÉGLISE TROPHY

This year the Junior Vagliano Trophy and Jacques Léglise Trophies were played over the wonderful Island Links just outside Dublin, Ireland. Under the watchful eyes of their respective Captains, the young players demonstrated skill levels beyond their years.

Pierre Relecom's Continent of Europe team took an early lead in the boys' match. GB&I put up a robust fight in the final session but could not erase the deficit to the Continent team, who lifted the Trophy for a seventh consecutive time.

The young GB&I players amassed the narrowest of leads going into the final singles session of the Junior Vagliano Trophy. As the matches progressed that afternoon, the destination of the Trophy swayed back and forth. With the top and bottom matches decided early, it ultimately came down to Elea Bastoni (France) to get up and down from the bunker on 18 to secure the win for Myrte Eikenaar's European side, which she did in style!

CLUB TROPHIES

17. EUROPEAN LADIES' CLUB TROPHY

At the beginning of October, 19 club champions from across Europe travelled to the picturesque Hamburger Golf Club Falkenstein for the European Ladies' Club Trophy. The first couple of days were very exciting and included Danish player Christina Jacobsen holing out her second shot on the first on her way to a 4 under par round.

At the end of day two, the defending champions GC St. Leon-Rot (Germany) were in a share of the lead with Golf de St. Cloud (France). However, the Bea twins produced sparkling golf on the last day to secure the trophy for GC St. Leon-Rot in their home country for the second year in a row.

At the time of writing, the European Men's Club Trophy is yet to be contested. 23 clubs are registered to compete for the men's title at Cabot Bordeaux in what will be the 27th and final championship of the EGA's 2026 season.

EGA CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

2026 saw us welcome Ferenc Klézli from Hungary and Claes Grönberg (Sweden) who previously served on the Committee. They both settled into their roles very quickly.

THANK YOUS

Running almost 30 championships across the year would simply not be possible without the amazing dedication of the staff in the EGA Office, who plan long ahead of any tournament getting to site. They are ably assisted at the tournaments by the various members of the EGA Championship Committee. While I would like to thank them all for their hard work throughout 2026, I would particularly like to acknowledge Gianluca Bolla, Hördur Geirsson and Jackie Quinn, who complete their respective terms in office.

SHEENA McELROY
CC CHAIRMAN

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2026 HONOURS LIST

EUROPEAN **TEAM** CHAMPIONSHIPS

	DATE	EVENT	VENUE	WINNER	RUNNER-UP
JUL	7-11	Ladies' Team	PGA National Slieve Russell (IRL)	**SPAIN**	**FRANCE**
		Amateur Team	Estonian G&CC (EST)	**IRELAND**	**ESTONIA**
		Girls' Team	G&CC Zürich (SUI)	**SPAIN**	**ENGLAND**
		Boys' Team	Barceló Montecastillo Golf (ESP)	**SPAIN**	**ENGLAND**
		Amateur Team, Division 2	Costa Navarino (GRE)	**CZECH REPUBLIC**	**SLOVAKIA**
		Boys' Team, Division 2		**FINLAND**	**IRELAND**
	16-18	Golfers with Disability Team Championship	GC Genova Sant'Anna (ITA)	**ENGLAND**	**NETHERLANDS**
		Nations' Cup		**ENGLAND**	**IRELAND**
	29-1/8	Ladies' Team Shield	Royal Malta Golf Club (MLT)	**TURKEY**	**MALTA**
		Men's Team Shield		**MALTA**	**TURKEY**
SEP	1-3	Senior Ladies' Team	BlackSeaRama GR&V (BUL)	**FRANCE**	**IRELAND**
		Senior Men's Team	Cabot Bordeaux (FRA)	**FRANCE**	**BELGIUM**
	1-3	Senior Ladies', Division 2	Sedin Golf Resort (SVK)	**CZECH REPUBLIC**	**LUXEMBOURG**
		Senior Men's, Division 2		**ICELAND**	**SLOVAKIA**
	10-13	Mid-Amateur Ladies' Team	Golf Club Föhrenwald (AUT)	**GERMANY**	**SPAIN**
		Mid-Amateur Men's Team		**IRELAND**	**AUSTRIA**
OCT	02-04	Ladies' Club Trophy	Hamburger GC Falkenstein (GER)	**GC ST. LEON-ROT (GER)**	**GOLF DE ST CLOUD (FRA)**
	23-25	Men's Club Trophy	Cabot Bordeaux (FRA)	**TBC**	**TBC**

EUROPEAN **INDIVIDUAL** CHAMPIONSHIPS

	DATE	EVENT	VENUE	WINNER	RUNNER-UP
JUN	04-06	Mid-Amateur Ladies'	Quinta do Peru G&CC (POR)	**PAULINE STEIN (FRA)**	**ALENA OPPENHEIMER (GER)**
		Mid-Amateur Men's		**PIERRE TILLEMENT (FRA)**	**KEIJO JAAKOLA (FIN)**
	11-13	Senior Ladies'	Elea Golf Club (CYP)	**JORDANE COURT (FRA)**	**BENJAMINE BOUILLONNEC (FRA)**
		Senior Men's		**STEPHEN CREED (ENG)**	**RODRIGO LACERDA SOARES (FRA)**
	24-27	Men's	Linna Golf (FIN)	**TIM WIEDEMEYER (GER)**	**NEVILL RUITER (NED)**
JUL	22-25	Ladies'	Allerum Golf (SWE)	**CHARLOTTE NAUGHTON (ENG)**	**MEJA ÖRTENGREN (SWE)**
	23-25	EYM Girls'	Parador de El Saler (ESP)	**KRISTELLA SIKK (EST)**	**ANNA GEJDOŠOVÁ (CZE)**
		EYM Boys'		**TAO PEMERIKA (FRA)**	**JORGE DE LA RIVA VÁZQUEZ (ESP)**
		EYM Nations' Cup		**FRANCE**	**SPAIN**

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

	DATE	EVENT	VENUE	WINNER	RESULT
AUG	21-22	Jacques Léglise Trophy	The Island Golf Club (IRL)	**CONTINENT OF EUROPE**	**14.5 - 10.5**
	21-22	Junior Vagliano Trophy	The Island Golf Club (IRL)	**CONTINENT OF EUROPE**	**9.5 - 8.5**

2026 EUROPEAN AMATEUR GOLF RANKINGS

The final 2026 European rankings, which extract European players from the World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR), were taken on 19 August, ahead of the start of the DP World Tour Qualifying School on 25 August:

EUROPEAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR GOLF RANKINGS



EUROPEAN MEN'S AMATEUR GOLF RANKINGS



A special thanks to The R&A/USGA WAGR Committee for their work with the rankings.

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2026 EUROPEAN AMATEUR ORDER OF MERIT

"The EAOM contributed to stronger fields and created new pathways for elite amateurs across Europe."

31 counting events

350+ players competing in 3 or more EAOM events

38 professional tour invitations on offer

The European Amateur Order of Merit (EAOM) was launched in 2026 to strengthen Europe's leading elite amateur events and create greater value and opportunity for players competing across the continent.

Developed by the EGA in close collaboration with its member federations, the men's and women's series brought together established international championships within a season-long ranking. Players earned points based on their performances throughout the year, with each player's six best results counting towards their final total.

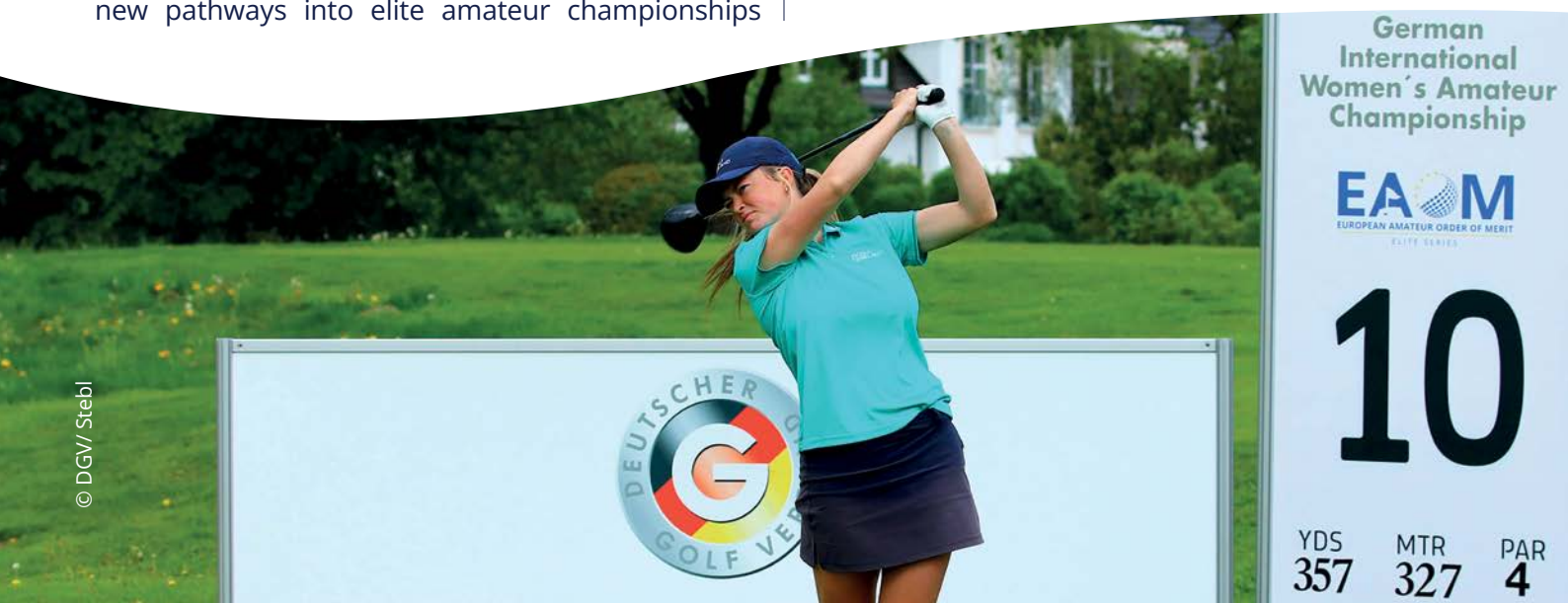
The inaugural season featured 31 counting events, with more than 350 players competing in three or more EAOM events across the men's and women's series. Early findings from the pilot season were encouraging, with more regular competition between leading amateurs contributing to stronger fields and helping to create an exciting new season-long narrative for European amateur golf.

Alongside the rankings themselves, the EAOM created new pathways into elite amateur championships and professional golf. A total of 38 professional tour invitations were made available, including opportunities on Europe's top-tier circuits, the DP World Tour and Ladies European Tour, as well as the HotelPlanner Tour and LET Access Series.

Exemptions based on the EAOM standings were also introduced for the European Amateur and European Ladies' Amateur Championships, providing additional opportunities for high-performing players to access two of the continent's flagship amateur events.

The first season was delivered with strong support from EGA member federations, whose collaboration was central to coordinating the calendar, providing playing opportunities and promoting the series throughout the year.

England's Eliot Baker and Charlotte Naughton were crowned the inaugural men's and women's EAOM champions, bringing a successful first season to a close and providing a strong foundation for the continued development of the series.



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2026 WINNERS

EUROPEAN AMATEUR ORDER OF MERIT
ELITE SERIES

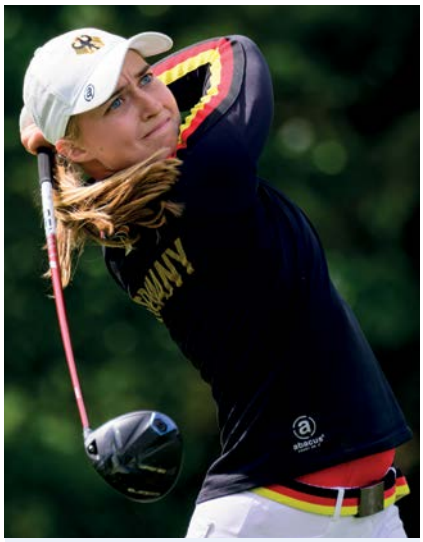
WOMEN'S EUROPEAN AMATEUR ORDER OF MERIT



2nd CARLOTTA LOCATELLI



1st CHARLOTTE NAUGHTON



3rd SOPHIE RENNER

MEN'S EUROPEAN AMATEUR ORDER OF MERIT



2nd MADS HELLER



1st ELIOT BAKER



3rd MAX HOPKINS

2027 EGA EVENTS SCHEDULE

JAN

06-08 JAN

BONALLACK & PATSY HANKINS TROPHIES

Buenavista Golf
Spain
Ladies & Men
International Match



JUN

03-05 JUN

EUROPEAN MID-AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Golf de Chiberta
France
Ladies & Men
Individual



10-12 JUN

EUROPEAN SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Golf Club Trier e.V.
Germany
Ladies & Men
Individual



11-12 JUN

VAGLIANO TROPHY

Woburn (Duchess)
England
Ladies
International Match



23-26 JUN

EUROPEAN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Ganton GC
England
Men
Individual



JUL

06-10 JUL

EUROPEAN AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Royal Bled
Slovenia
Men
Team



06-10 JUL

EUROPEAN LADIES' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Hilversumsche GC
Netherlands
Ladies
Team



06-10 JUL

EUROPEAN BOYS' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP (Jean-Louis Dupont Trophy)

Skövde Golfklubb
Sweden
Boys
Team



06-10 JUL

EUROPEAN GIRLS' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Rungsted Golf Klub
Denmark
Girls
Team



06-10 JUL

EUROPEAN AMATEUR & BOYS' TEAM C'SHIP, DIV. 2

BlackSeaRama GR & Villas
Bulgaria
Men & Boys
Team



JUL

21-24 JUL — EUROPEAN LADIES' AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

- Golf Club de Lausanne
- Switzerland
- Ladies
- Individual



22-23 JUL — ST ANDREWS TROPHY

- Rye Golf Club
- England
- Men
- International Match



22-24 JUL — EUROPEAN YOUNG MASTERS

- Royal Waterloo GC
- Belgium
- Girls & Boys
- Individual



28-31 JUL — EUROPEAN TEAM SHIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- TBA
- TBA
- Ladies & Men
- Team



AUG

20-21 AUG — JUNIOR VAGLIANO & JACQUES LÉGLISE TROPHIES

- Golf de Morfontaine
- France
- Girls & Boys
- International Match



AUG/SEP

31-04 AUG-SEP — EUROPEAN SENIOR LADIES' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

- Estela Golf Club
- Portugal
- Ladies
- Team



31-04 AUG-SEP — EUROPEAN SENIOR MEN'S TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

- Black Water Links
- Poland
- Men
- Team



08-11 SEP — EUROPEAN MID-AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

- BOTANIQ Marientvalley GK
- Hungary
- Ladies & Men
- Team



SEP/OCT

30-02 SEP-OCT — EUROPEAN LADIES' CLUB TROPHY

- TBA
- TBA
- Ladies
- Team



OCT

21-23 OCT — EUROPEAN MEN'S CLUB TROPHY

- TBA
- TBA
- Men
- Team



Note: European Senior Men's and Ladies' Team Championships, Division 2 - Date & venue to be confirmed

HANDICAPPING & COURSE RATING COMMITTEE REPORT



"To better support our federations in all matters regarding handicapping."

Chairing the Handicapping and Course Rating Committee (HCRC) in 2026 has been a great pleasure. It was a year full of personal interactions with the Committee, EGA members and external stakeholders, and it led to several developments:

COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE

The representation of the central zone changed with Barbara Albisetti-Heath taking up the position of central zone officer on the Executive Committee and Robert Fiegl from Austria joining the committee. The other representatives remained the same as in 2025. The various meetings were well attended and featured many interesting discussions.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

In 2026, the HCRC officially met three times: in February, May and August. A further meeting is scheduled for Saturday, 21 November following the AGM. Before each meeting, the zone representatives reached out to the various national associations to collect questions.

COURSE RATING DATABASE

The planned move to the new Course Rating Database took place in September and October. We look forward to seeing how this improved system will perform over the coming years.

INTEROPERABILITY→CROSS-BORDER-CONNECTIVITY

Making the Cross-Border-Connectivity (CBC) system, formerly known as the interoperability system, operational across different software suppliers continues to be work in progress. Throughout the year, the HCRC compiled a list of implementation scenarios which was shared with the HOC and requires further analysis. Considering the EU General Data Protection Regulation, it is likely that a broader legal framework will be entailed in the process than originally envisioned. For example, further additions may need to be made to the EGA sub-licence agreement with clear legal contracts between federations and any software provider connecting to their databases either directly or via a club. Despite the lengthy process, the HCRC continues to strongly support the Cross-Border-Connectivity system as many players have voiced their desire to see the "World" in WHS become a reality.

SIMULATOR GOLF WITHIN THE WHS

The strong growth of simulator golf continues across the globe, including many European countries. The WHS took the initiative to engage with the main suppliers in simulator golf ensuring that they become part of golf's ecosystem. Initially, however, the role of national federations was not well incorporated, and clarification was needed as to how they could include simulator golfers in their customer journey. The HCRC wrote a bespoke letter to the WHS organisation emphasising that EGA members needed to become an integral part of the process and that simulator golfers had to be included in a similar way as on-course golfers. Further information from the WHS organisation was provided at The Open, confirming that the federations can ultimately connect with the players that seek a WHS-related indication of their playing ability in simulator golf. In 2027, the corresponding legal framework needs to be established.

SUB-LICENCE AGREEMENT

Ongoing discussions on the sub-licence agreement between the EGA and national associations were also extended to include the framework that is needed to accommodate for the Cross-Border-Connectivity and the simulator extension of the WHS. The aim is to resolve all topics in 2027 and submit a new version of the agreement to EGA members.

9-HOLE SCALING UP

Over 2024 and 2025, it became apparent that the method to make an 18-hole result from a 9-hole score required further investigation. This investigation was mainly done over several meetings between the EGA and the WHS data scientists. Several possibilities were explored, leading to a method that we discussed

with selected federation experts outside the HCRC to ensure we could present the EGA's view at the October HOC on behalf of the vast majority of EGA players.

Note: although it took considerable time to fully understand the implications of some of the methods, the collaboration with the WHS team was very constructive.

HANDICAP OPERATIONS COMMITTEE (HOC)

In March, Nick Hüttel and I attended the HOC meeting, where on behalf of the EGA, we again provided extensive input on the topics under consideration for implementation in the next revision of the Rules of Handicapping. Nick Hüttel attended the online meeting in October.

2028 WHS RULES OF HANDICAPPING

To ensure that all federations have ample time to implement the new WHS Rules of Handicapping by 1 January 2028, we have been pushing for the new rules to be available preferably at least a year in advance, which now appears likely.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

My appreciation goes out to my fellow HCRC members for their efforts during 2026. Our guests, Anne Mahon from Golf Ireland and Ana Gabin from Portugal, member of the Course Rating Sub-committee, joined most of our meetings, adding their insights to our discussions in a very useful and constructive manner. The support of the EGA office in many of our tasks is much appreciated.

LOOKING FORWARD

In 2027, several legal issues will have to be resolved to finalise an updated version of the sub-licence agreement including safe data exchange and the inclusion of the simulator golf extension of the WHS. To better support our federations in all matters regarding handicapping, we will organise the first in-person handicapping seminar before the summer.

JAN VISSER
HCRC CHAIRMAN



WORKING GROUP IN CHARGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY REPORT



"The EGA has placed a strong focus on coordinating work on environmental sustainability across European golf."

Since the 2023 AGM, the EGA has placed a strong focus on coordinating work on environmental sustainability across European golf. This work is driven by the challenges posed by climate change, as well as the risk of increased regulatory restrictions on inputs such as pesticides and water. The work also received strong support at the 2025 AGM, with clear backing for the initiative and an increased extraordinary budget.

During 2026, it has become clearer which areas should be the main priorities for the EGA's continued long-term sustainability work. These priorities are based entirely on the challenges for golf that we have identified in the EU's policy agenda. We will therefore focus on three key themes:

THEME 1 – INTEGRATED TURF MANAGEMENT

"From 2027, digital recording will provide a common baseline for professional pesticide use across European golf. The opportunity is to go beyond compliance: to connect reliable data with Integrated Turfgrass Management, demonstrate responsible decision-making and show how golf can maintain quality while reducing environmental risk."

THEME 2 – WATER STEWARDSHIP

"EU water policy increasingly asks every land manager to think beyond the boundary of the site – to understand the catchment, reduce pressure on shared resources and prepare for a more variable climate. Golf has an opportunity to be part of that solution by becoming more water-efficient, improving water quality and demonstrating responsible water stewardship."

THEME 3 – NATURE RESTORATION

"EU policy is now asking every land manager to think not only about reducing harm, but about restoring function, measuring results, and contributing to connected nature at scale. Golf has a real opportunity to be part of that solution – as a managed green space, a habitat mosaic, and a partner in landscape restoration."

The most important outcome in 2026 is therefore the completion of the draft sustainability plan, which is strongly based on the challenges identified in the EU's policy agenda. The purpose of the plan is to establish a framework for our work, within which we can then develop activities to address these challenges. The draft will be discussed at the AGM as part of the overall strategic plan for the EGA, which we hope can subsequently be formally adopted.

In 2025, the EGA produced the Turfgrass Roadmap, which has proven to be an important and highly credible document and has been very valuable in our cooperation with various EU institutions. During 2026, we have made significant progress in developing a Water Stewardship Roadmap, which will be finalised early next year. The plan is then to extend these efforts and develop a Nature Restoration Roadmap.

Another important activity in 2026 was organising the second Sustainable Golf Forum in connection with the Solheim Cup in the Netherlands. The two-day event brought together more than 80 representatives from over 30 countries to discuss the environmental and climate challenges facing the sport, as well as to further develop practical and shared solutions for the sector. The broader European policy perspective also played a prominent role in the discussions, with representatives from both the European Commission and the European Parliament participating.

The Forum is part of the EGA's work to coordinate and promote pan-European sustainability initiatives in golf, with the aim of making it an annual event. The programme focused on some of the most pressing environmental challenges facing golf, including climate action, nature protection and restoration, sustainable water use, sustainable turf management, changes in legislation and regulation, data and impact measurement, and credible sustainability communication.

Golf continues to face many environmental and sustainability challenges. However, activities such as the Forum help to build bridges and create greater understanding among specialists from the various golf associations, as well as decision-makers at different levels.

The year 2026 also began with some organisational challenges. Alicia Moulin, who worked on a 40% basis for the EGA office, went on parental leave at the turn of the year, and it took some time to find a replacement. We received strong support from GEO throughout this period and were able to bring in Rony Epelbaum from their organisation as part of a temporary assignment. Rony evolved in his role and now supports the EGA on a full-time basis which proves to be a very successful solution.

Another challenge during the year has been coordinating our work with The R&A. Both organisations identified sustainability as a priority, and it has become clear that some work has been duplicated. An agreement has now been reached on how to structure a cooperation and define each organisation's responsibilities. This is a very positive development, as it will significantly strengthen our work with external stakeholders while also providing all member countries with a clearer understanding of which areas are the responsibility of the EGA and which are handled by The R&A. The framework for cooperation will be presented at this year's AGM in Cyprus.

GUNNAR HÅKANSSON
WGES CHAIRMAN



SUSTAINABLE GOLF FORUM



Participants at the EGA Sustainable Golf Forum Bernardus Golf, Netherlands

80+
representatives from across golf, sport and sustainability

30+
countries represented

20+
speakers and panellists

The European Golf Association (EGA) hosted the European Sustainable Golf Forum at Bernardus Golf during The Solheim Cup week, bringing together key stakeholders from across golf, sport and sustainability.

The two-day event marked another important milestone in golf's approach to sustainability, with over 80 representatives from more than 30 countries gathering to discuss the environmental and climate challenges facing the game, and to further develop practical, collaborative solutions for the sector. The wider European policy context also featured prominently in the discussions, as Georg Haeusler of the European Commission and Irish MEP Nina Carberry underlined the important role of government in helping drive more sustainable action across sport.

The Forum forms part of wider activities led by the EGA to help coordinate and promote pan-European action on sustainability in golf. Across the programme, discussions focused on some of the most pressing environmental challenges facing the sport, including climate action, nature protection and restoration, water stewardship, sustainable turfgrass management, evolving regulation, data and impact measurement, and credible sustainability communications.

> *"Sustainability is one of the most important topics facing golf, both now and for the future. As the representative body for European golf, the EGA has an important role to play in helping national federations work together, share knowledge and respond to the environmental challenges facing the game.*
>
> *Through this Forum, we want to support more sustainable approaches to turfgrass and water management, nature restoration and practical action across the sport. By working together, European golf can help shape a more resilient future for the game, while making a positive contribution to the landscapes and communities around us."*
>
> **Michael Thannhäuser**
> EGA General Secretary

SHARED KNOWLEDGE COLLECTIVE ACTION

The Forum brought together diverse perspectives, new research and practical tools, highlighting how golf can contribute to wider environmental goals and build a more sustainable future for the game.



Key Themes and Developments

Sustainable Golf Knowledge Centre
A central, open-source platform bringing together scientific data, guidance, case studies and grassroots examples from around the world.

Sustainable Golf Review Insights
A joint R&A and GEO Sustainable Golf Foundation report bringing together sustainability data, knowledge and leadership examples from across golf.

Examples of leadership
From national federations, professional tours and grassroots facilities, including the European Tour Group Green Drive and the Royal Dutch Golf Federation Sustainability Covenant.

Research and strategies Presentation
Including the European Golf Water Stewardship and Turfgrass Roadmap.

A key facilitator of the event



"It is encouraging to see the golf sector's work in sustainability start to accelerate and deepen, given the pace and scale of the nature and climate crisis we face.

Without action, golf is at risk of going extinct in various regions. With effective action, golf can contribute in a meaningful way to biodiversity conservation, better land and water management, and towards a net positive impact on climate."

Richard Holland
Formerly of WWF and Wetlands International, and member of the advisory groups of the GEO Sustainable Golf Foundation and the Royal Dutch Golf Federation

Additional Voices from the Forum

Further reflections from speakers, participants and partners included:



"I think golf has understood the message of our times: that you can only continue with your activity, particularly when you are as present in the landscape as golf is, if you adhere to certain principles. Environmental sustainability is certainly one of those principles. The sport can really make a difference if courses become sources of biodiversity and green lungs close to cities."

Georg Haeusler
Director, Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission



"I have always loved the connection between golf and nature and believe I have a responsibility to use my platform to encourage positive change – socially and environmentally. There are many organisations doing valuable work to drive this movement in sustainable golf forward – and raising wider awareness and inspiring a wider audience is an important element that I am proud to support."

Celina Sattelkau
Professional Golfer & Ladies European Tour (LET) Sustainable Golf Champion



"For decades, golf courses have been enhancing biodiversity and reducing their environmental footprint. Not because they have to, but because they recognise their responsibility. Golf is played in nature, and that gives us a unique opportunity to protect and restore it. By working together, we can show how our sport can be a force for positive environmental change."

Alexander de Vries
Sustainability Manager, Royal Dutch Golf Federation





FINANCIAL REPORT

"The financial position of the EGA remains solid and healthy."

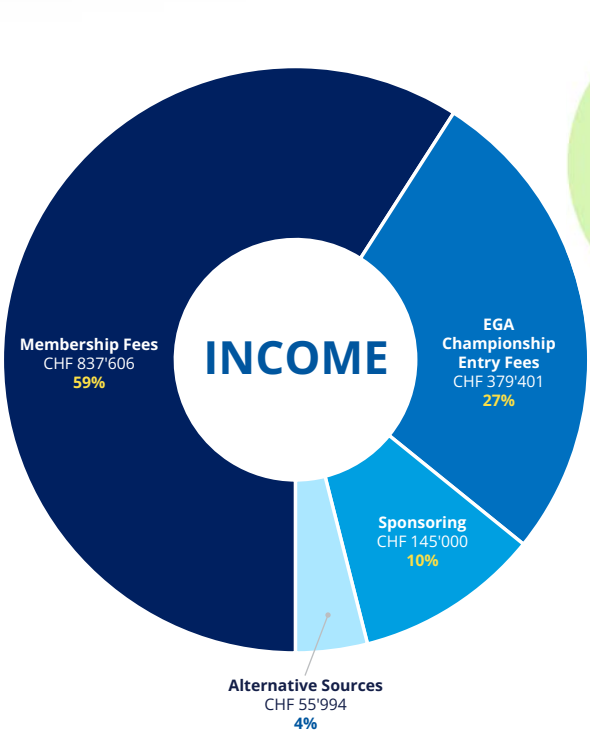


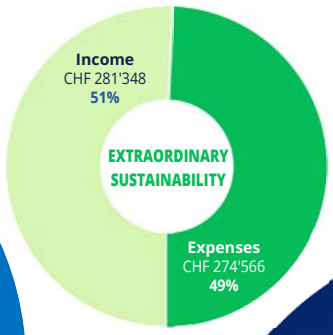
The EGA's income continues to be mainly generated through membership fees, representing 59% of total income. Championship entry fees remain the second-largest source at 27%, followed by sponsorship income at 10% and alternative sources at 4%.

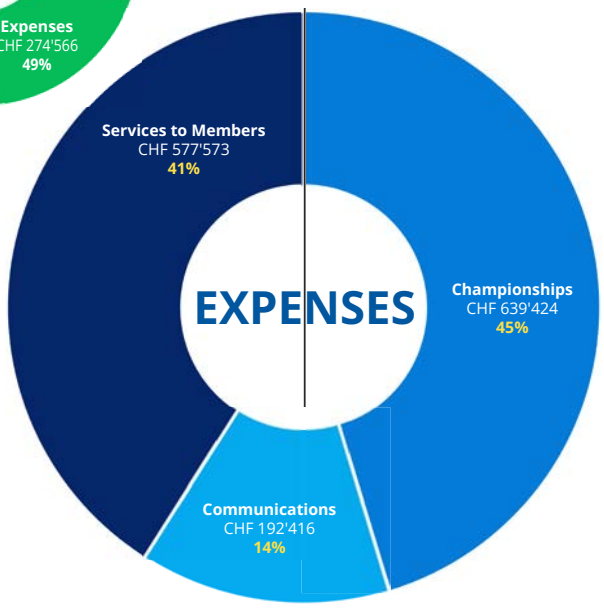
On the expenditure side, championships represent the largest share at 45%, reflecting the EGA's continued commitment to organising high-quality European events. Services to members account for 41%, while communications represent 14%, supporting the EGA's visibility and engagement with stakeholders.

The extraordinary sustainability budget was presented separately, with income of CHF 281'348 and expenditure of CHF 274'566, representing 51% and 49% respectively of the combined amounts.

Overall, the figures reflect the EGA's continued focus on delivering championships, supporting its members and advancing its strategic priorities while maintaining sound financial management.







NOTES ON ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements of the Association have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of commercial accounting as set out in the Swiss Code of Obligations (Art. 957 to 963b CO). They are presented in Swiss Francs (CHF), being the functional currency of the Association.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents represent cash on hand or on deposit with banks.

REVENUE

The financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis; thus, income and expenses are accounted for when they are acquired or engaged and not at the date of payment and are registered into the books of accounts accordingly.

FOREIGN CURRENCIES

Transactions during the period in currencies other than CHF have been translated into CHF at the appropriate rates ruling at the time. Liabilities and current assets in other currencies at the final position date have been translated into CHF at rates ruling on that date. All resultant exchange differences have been dealt with through the income statement.

RESULTS 2025/2026

I am happy to confirm that the financial position of the EGA remains solid and healthy.

Year 2025/26 ended with a net surplus of CHF 8'588 bringing our total reserves at 30 September 2026 to CHF 1'030'246. This net result compares favourably with the budget deficit of CHF 15'059 approved at our last AGM. Not anticipated when preparing the budget, we benefited from an extraordinary income, in the form of a subsidy of CHF 55'800 from the Canton de Vaud towards the relocation of the EGA office to the Maison du Sport International (MSI) in Lausanne. Further subsidies are expected over the next two years.

Total revenues for 2025/26 increased by 5.2 % to CHF 1'418'001, while total expenditure increased by 4.9 % to CHF 1'409'413.

Membership fees accounted for 59% and championship fees for 27% of the total revenues. We also continued to benefit from the highly appreciated sponsorship from Rolex.

Attendance at our championships was once again at record levels and we introduced a Division 2 for the ladies' and men's Senior Team Championships.

On the expenditure side, we maintained strict cost control on travel, committees, IT and other running costs. In February, we welcomed the addition of Flora Peuch to the team, providing much-needed additional staff capacity to face our ever-expanding championship calendar and range of activities.

However, 2025/26 was a light year in terms of International Matches expenses as only the Jacques Léglise and Junior Vagliano Trophies took place at The Island Golf Club in Ireland and were organised by The R&A.

As budgeted, our rent for the new office increased as we had historically benefited from below-market rates in Epalinges. We now have more space in a modern and environmentally friendly facility.

Thanks to the significant increase in contributions towards our sustainability activities approved last year, we intensified our advocacy efforts with the EU and organised a very successful Sustainability Forum during the Solheim Cup. Contributions and expenditures relating to our sustainability activities were almost balanced at around CHF 275'000. This represents a significant amount, but fully justified by the results achieved and the momentum generated in this important area for the future of golf.

It is also worth noting that our relocation and fit-out investments for the new office totalled approximately CHF 80'000 which are capitalised and will be depreciated over the next five years.

BUDGET 2026/2027

The Finance Commission has maintained a conservative and disciplined budgeting process to ensure that the EGA retains a sound financial position.

Subject to approval by the membership at the AGM, the 2026/27 budget forecasts a surplus of CHF 13'772.

Following consultation with EGA members and subject to formal approval of the Strategic Plan 2027–2031, the extraordinary sustainability budget will be incorporated into the EGA's main budget.

The budget reflects the integration of sustainability into the main budget on both revenue and expenditure. On the revenue side, the Membership fee and extraordinary Sustainability contributions would be merged into a single contribution, with a proposed increase of 2.5% to reflect the increased cost of living. In this context it is worth noting that our expenses are incurred in both Switzerland, where inflation remains modest, and the EU, where a much higher inflation is being experienced and is anticipated. We expect to continue to benefit from the subsidies provided by the local authorities in connection with our office move to Lausanne, as well as the generous support of Rolex.

On the expenditure side, 2026/27 will feature six International Matches, representing significant additional championship costs every other year with no corresponding revenue. We intend however to fund the organisation of the Bonallack and Patsy Hankins Trophies in Tenerife from our existing International Matches reserve on the balance sheet.

We have also finalised the arrangements for additional sub-contracted staff to support our expanding activities in sustainability, EAOM and WAGR, allowing us to maintain the positive momentum in these important areas.

The salary and merit programme reflects the strong performance and multiple achievements of the entire team, but does not foresee any additional recruitment.

Other expenses will continue to be managed diligently and are not expected to increase significantly.

In closing, I would like to thank our EGA staff for another great year but also address a special thank you to Sabine Vega, our Office Manager, for all the support she has provided to me in my role as treasurer. My appreciation also goes to MSR for their valuable accounting and auditing support.

BENOIT DUMONT
EGA HONORARY TREASURER

AUDITOR'S REPORT

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Report of the statutory auditor
to the Annual General Meeting of
EUROPEAN GOLF ASSOCIATION
Lausanne

As statutory auditor, we have examined the financial statements (balance sheet, income statement and notes) of EUROPEAN GOLF ASSOCIATION for the financial year ended 30 September 2026.

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Executive Committee. Our responsibility is to perform a limited statutory examination on these financial statements. We confirm that we meet the licensing and independence requirements as stipulated by Swiss law. An employee of our company assisted in the bookkeeping during the reporting year. This individual was not involved in the limited statutory examination

We conducted our examination in accordance with the Swiss Standard on the Limited Statutory Examination. This standard requires that we plan and perform a limited statutory examination to identify material misstatements in the financial statements. A limited statutory examination consists primarily of inquiries of company personnel and analytical procedures as well as detailed tests of company documents as considered necessary in the circumstances. However, the testing of operational processes and the internal control system, as well as inquiries and further testing procedures to detect fraud or other legal violations, are not within the scope of this examination.

Based on our limited statutory examination, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements do not comply with Swiss law and the association's articles of incorporation.

Nyon, 9 October 2026

MOORE SWITZERLAND REFIDAR SA

Déborah Dépraz
Licensed audit expert
Auditor in charge

Jacques Grossen
Licensed audit expert

Enclosure: Financial statements (balance sheet, income statement and notes)

EGA BALANCE SHEET IN CHF
ON 30.09.2026

ASSETS	Note	on 30.09.2024	on 30.09.2025	on 30.09.2026
Cash in Bank		585'292	1'266'558	1'178'624
Receivables	1	64'561	67'380	66'421
Prepaid Expenses		2'210	2'356	9'457
Property and Equipment	2	10'474	7'234	70'860
Website		1	1	1
Long-Term Deposit		755'000	-	-
Guarantee Deposit		-	-	20'200
Total Assets		**1'417'538**	**1'343'529**	**1'345'563**
LIABILITIES				
Saferpay Current Account		(4'253)	-	(2'037)
Creditors & Short Term Accruals		(235'015)	(161'329)	(152'738)
Long Term Accruals	3	(160'542)	(160'542)	(160'542)
Total Liabilities		**(399'810)**	**(321'871)**	**(315'317)**
Net Assets		**1'017'728**	**1'021'658**	**1'030'246**
RESERVES				
Balance at the Start of the Year		995'263	1'017'728	1'021'658
Surplus/(Deficit) of the Year		22'465	3'930	8'588
Balance at the End of the Year		**1'017'728**	**1'021'658**	**1'030'246**
TOTAL RESERVES		**1'017'728**	**1'021'658**	**1'030'246**

NOTES ON BALANCE SHEET

1. RECEIVABLES

Miscellaneous (short term income)	64'561	67'380	66'421
	64'561	**67'380**	**66'421**

2. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Furniture	9'665	3'776	14'880
Computer and IT	809	3'458	5'607
New office works	-	-	50'373
	10'474	**7'234**	**70'860**

3. LONG TERM ACCRUALS

Reserve International Matches (BT/PHT)	100'000	100'000	100'000
Reserve Various	60'542	60'542	60'542
	160'542	**160'542**	**160'542**

R&A AMATEUR STATUS COMMITTEE REPORT



The principal focus during the year has been the continued application and interpretation of the modernised Rules of Amateur Status that took effect in January 2022. The emphasis remains on protecting the distinction between amateur and professional golf while providing greater flexibility for amateur players regarding sponsorship and expenses.

The reduction in the minimum recommended period awaiting reinstatement to six months under the modernised Rules has generally been positively received. It enables players to return to the amateur game reasonably quickly after experiencing an unsuccessful time as an aspiring tournament professional or having spent some time as a club professional but then wishing to embark on a new career. However, there has been recent media discussion relating to more successful tournament professionals returning to amateur status and competing successfully as amateurs, particularly in the US, and this is something that the Amateur Status Committees of The R&A and USGA continue to monitor.

The exception to Rule 4 allows amateur golfers to give instruction for payment as part of a programme that has been approved in advance by a national governing body. This has proved a popular and effective way of boosting the workforce that can introduce new participants to golf, particularly in countries or parts of countries where there may be insufficient PGA professionals to provide introductory level access to the game.

The Amateur Status Committee met for the final time in its current format in June this year. While the Rules of Amateur Status will continue to be monitored and reviewed by The R&A, this work will be undertaken by a sub-committee of the Rules of Golf Committee, but still with input from a broad range of international advisory members, including from the EGA.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the EGA representatives for their invaluable contribution to the work of the Amateur Status Committee over recent years. Their expertise, commitment, and insight have played an important role in the development of the Rules, and their support has been greatly appreciated.

R&A

BRIAN FLEMING
CHAIRMAN, AMATEUR STATUS COMMITTEE



R&A RULES OF GOLF COMMITTEE REPORT



At the start of 2026, The R&A and the USGA introduced a package of new and revised Model Local Rules for use by committees. In addition, The R&A continued its programme of quarterly Rules guidance through updates to the Additional Clarifications to the 2023 Rules of Golf. These clarifications are incorporated into digital Rules resources and provide additional interpretation to help committees, referees and players apply the Rules consistently.

During 2026, the Rules of Golf Committee determined that the Rules of Golf for 2028 will not be a printed publication and will be available digitally via The R&A website and the Rules of Golf App. This reflects the popularity of the Rules of Golf App, which is now available in 28 languages and has witnessed over 2.4 million downloads globally, exceeding the number of printed books distributed in 2023. The Official Guide to the Rules of Golf will remain a printed publication for 2028.

In 2026, we initiated a regional call programme to keep alliance partners informed of key developments and updates on all Rules of Golf matters. The calls were well attended by EGA member countries and provided a valuable opportunity for the exchange of information.

In February 2026, The R&A hosted its Level 3 Tournament Administrators and Referees Seminar (TARS) which saw 72 delegates representing 40 different alliance partners. Other Level 3 TARS were held in Latin America, GB&I and Asia during 2026. Plans are now well underway for Level 3 TARS in St Andrews, Asia and Europe (France) next year, highlighting the continued investment in developing expert referees globally.

I would like to thank all the EGA representatives for their continued support and invaluable contribution to the work of the Rules of Golf Committee.

R&A

ROGER BATHURST
CHAIRMAN, RULES OF GOLF COMMITTEE



WORLD AMATEUR GOLF RANKING® REPORT

> *"The WAGR® Advisory Group will help ensure that the rankings remain fair, transparent and performance based."*



INTRODUCTION

The following report is based on data up to and including Week 34 of 2026.

The R&A/USGA would like to thank all our affiliates for their hard work and attention to detail in supporting the accurate and timely submission of results.

WAGR® STATISTICS

WAGR® includes 8'370 players from 133 countries; this is an increase of 230 players year on year and is one fewer country than last year.

The number of finished WAGR Counting events for the full year of 2025 was 7'120, which was an increase of 238 events (3%) compared to 2024. As of Week 34, 2026, 5'286 events have been included in WAGR rankings. This is 410 events (8%) more compared to the same timeframe in 2025.

EUROPEAN STATISTICS

The number of ranked players in WAGR® from Europe is 2'560 (1'529 Men/1'031 Women) from a total of 39 countries, which is an increase of 114 players (94 Men/20 Women) year on year.

NEW RANKED AND RE-RANKED PLAYER/S

There have been 1'690 (1'057 men, 633 women) new ranked players in 2026 up to Week 34; this is a 9.7% increase year on year.

In comparison for the full year of 2025, 2'213 players became newly ranked. This was a decrease of 5.3% compared to the full year for 2024.

The number of players who have successfully become re-ranked is 354 (259 men, 95 women) at the end of Week 34 in 2026; this is a 6.6% increase year on year.

In comparison for the full year of 2025, 511 players became re-ranked. This was an increase of 16.1% compared to full year for 2024.

MARK H. MCCORMACK MEDAL

The winner of the 2026 men's Mark H. McCormack Medal was Preston Stout of the United States. The winner of the women's medal was Kiara Romero of the United States for the second year in a row.

The award is named after Mark H. McCormack, the late founder of sports marketing company IMG and an avid supporter of amateur golf. The Mark H. McCormack Medal is awarded to the player ranked number one in the WORLD AMATEUR GOLF RANKING® after the European Amateur Championship or U.S. Amateur Championship, whichever concludes later.

TOP 5 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WITH MOST RANKED PLAYERS

WOMEN		MEN	
COUNTRY	N° RANKED PLAYERS	COUNTRY	N° RANKED PLAYERS
France	130	England	221
Germany	121	France	162
Sweden	105	Sweden	131
Spain	98	Spain	127
England	93	Germany	126

TOP 10 POWER MEN'S AMATEUR EVENTS* (WK1 to WK34, 2026)

	EVENT NAME	WEEK N°	POWER	COUNTRY
1.	U.S. Amateur Championship	2026-33	995.9961	United States
2.	NCAA DI Men's National Championship- Stroke Play	2026-23	991.913	United States
3.	The Western Amateur Championship	2026-31	982.9157	United States
4.	Jones Cup Invitational	2026-02	958.115	United States
5.	2026 SEC Men's Golf Championship Stroke Play	2026-17	954.601	United States
6.	Southern Highlands Collegiate	2026-10	947.2727	United States
7.	Pauma Valley Invitational presented by Heads Up	2026-12	946.9254	United States
8.	Northeast Amateur Invitational	2026-26	944.7334	United States
9.	Valspar Collegiate Invitational	2026-13	942.5763	United States
10.	Amer Ari Invitational	2026-06	938.8846	United States

TOP 10 POWER WOMEN'S AMATEUR EVENTS* (WK1 to WK34, 2026)

	EVENT NAME	WEEK N°	POWER	COUNTRY
1.	Augusta National Women's Amateur Championship	2026-14	999.4736	United States
2.	NCAA DI Women's National Championship	2026-22	976.549	United States
3.	U.S. Women's Amateur Championship	2026-32	974.6601	United States
4.	The Women's Amateur Championship	2026-26	962.9126	Scotland
5.	Charles Schwab Women's Collegiate	2026-13	932.4646	United States
6.	Darius Rucker Intercollegiate	2026-10	923.8707	United States
7.	NCAA DI Women's National Championship- Match Play	2026-22	914.0408	United States
8.	Therese Hession Regional Challenge	2026-06	905.462	United States
9.	Women's Amateur Asia-Pacific Championship	2026-07	903.8354	New Zealand
10.	2026 SEC Women's Golf Championship (Stroke Play)	2026-16	884.0611	United States

TOP 10 POWER EUROPEAN MEN'S EVENTS* (WK1 to WK34, 2026)

	EVENT NAME	WEEK N°	POWER	COUNTRY
1.	The Amateur Championship	2026-25	917.563	England
2.	European Amateur Championship	2026-26	876.7358	Finland
3.	St Andrews Links Trophy	2026-23	759.7662	Scotland
4.	European Nations Cup - Copa Sotogrande	2026-16	618.8128	Spain
5.	Lytham Trophy	2026-18	549.361	England
6.	Portuguese Internacional Amateur Championship	2026-07	543.7	Portugal
7.	South of Ireland Men's Amateur Open Championship	2026-30	543.1573	Ireland
8.	Spanish Amateur Copa S M El Rey	2026-12	482.5214	Spain
9.	English Men's Op. Am. Stroke Play C'ship (Brabazon Trophy)	2026-21	395.1503	England
10.	Italian International Amateur Championship	2026-17	307.9309	Italy

TOP 10 POWER EUROPEAN WOMEN'S EVENTS* (WK1 to WK34, 2026)

	EVENT NAME	WEEK N°	POWER	COUNTRY
1.	The Women's Amateur Championship	2026-26	962.9126	Scotland
2.	European Ladies' Amateur Championship	2026-30	806.1971	Sweden
3.	Portuguese Internacional Ladies Amateur Championship	2026-05	441.0979	Portugal
4.	Spanish International Ladies' Amateur Championship	2026-10	357.8256	Spain
5.	Internationaux de France U21 - Trophee Esmond	2026-15	338.71	France
6.	European Nations Cup - Copa Sotogrande	2026-16	321.5538	Spain
7.	Girls' Amateur Championship	2026-33	284.0136	Scotland
8.	English Women's Open Amateur Stroke Play Championship	2026-25	254.927	England
9.	German International Amateur Championship	2026-19	246.6792	Germany
10.	German International Amateur Girls Open	2026-23	243.4018	Germany

* (EXCLUDING TEAM EVENTS)

PLAYERS TURNING PROFESSIONAL IN 2026

416 WAGR® players turned professional as of Week 34

MEN	WOMEN
254 players - 86 in Europe compared to 382 (132 Europe) in 2025 for a full year	**162** players - 32 in Europe compared to 128 (29 Europe) in 2025 for a full year
Filip Jakubcik (CZE)	Emma Kaisa Dalgaard Bunch (DEN)
Michael Alexander Mjaaseth (NOR)	Beth Coulter (IRL)
Daniel Svard (SWE)	Moa Svendenskiold (SWE)
Charlie Forster (ENG)	Elsa Svensson (SWE)
Benjamin Reuter (NED)	Christin Eisenbeiss (GER)
Archie Davies (WAL)	Chiara Horder (GER)
Richard Teder (EST)	Hulda Clara Gestsdottir (ISL)
Claes Thrane Borregaard (DEN)	
Nevill Ruiter (NED)	
Kevin Christopher Jegers (EST)	

WR4GD STATISTICS (THE WORLD RANKING FOR GOLFERS WITH DISABILITY) 2026

Combining the three* WR4GD rankings there are 1'713 ranked players up to week 34, compared to 1'542 in the prior twelve months (171 more players, an increase of 11%). However, as players can have a ranking position in more than one set of rankings, when we look at unique numbers the total number of ranked players is 1'096. They represent 40 countries worldwide, with 48% of all ranked players being European, 31% North American and 10% from Oceania. As of Week 34, 81 events have taken place, with 126 expected by the end of 2026.

***NOTE:**

The rankings are not separated by gender as in WAGR® but are divided into Gross, Net and Stableford Rankings. The Gross rankings also include Professional golfers with a disability. Currently there are 97 unique women players across all three rankings which is 8 more than the previous year.

WR4GD RANKINGS

TOP THREE PLAYERS AS OF WEEK 34

GROSS RANKINGS Players with golf handicaps up to 18.4	NET RANKINGS Players with golf handicaps up to 18.4 Excludes Professionals	STABLEFORD RANKINGS Players with golf handicaps from 18.5 up to 54
1. Kipp Popert (ENG)	**1.** Hector Antonio Ramirez Taxilaga (MEX)	**1.** Benedict Rugumambaju (SUI)
2. Simon Seungmin Lee (KOR)	**2.** Kristian Hammerback (CAN)	**2.** Dewan Maritz (NZL)
3. Lachlan Wood (AUS)	**3.** Emma Bittorf (CAN)	**3.** Karahan Yildrim (TUR)
743 players **+15%** from 2025	**623** players **+6%** from 2025	**346** players **+6%** from 2025

TOP ELITE EVENT WINNERS IN 2026

MEN	WOMEN
The Amateur Championship **Stuart Grehan (IRL)**	Augusta National Women's Amateur Championship **Maria Jose Marin (COL)**
NCAA DI Championship **Preston Stout (USA)**	The Women's Amateur Championship **Valentine Delon (FRA)**
European Amateur Championship **Tim Wiedemeyer (GER)**	NCAA D1 Women's Championship **Farah O'Keefe (USA)**
U.S. Amateur Championship **Jack Whaley (ENG)**	European Ladies' Amateur Championship **Charlotte Naughton (ENG)**
	U.S. Women's Amateur Championship **Asterisk Talley (USA)**

UPCOMING CHANGES TO WAGR FOR 2027

Consultation and Survey

WAGR® began a strategic review with an open feedback consultation in late 2025, followed by a survey conducted by Sporting Insights in February 2026. The survey was distributed to event organisers, WAGR® newsletter subscribers and ranked players for whom an email address was available.

Almost 1'000 responses were received, providing valuable insight that has been shared with the WAGR® Committee and has informed discussions throughout the year.

Key Survey Finding

When asked to prioritise WAGR® objectives, 70% of respondents identified accuracy as the most important. Improving accuracy is therefore central to our ongoing review of the ranking methodology and criteria. We are prioritising our areas of research under the following topics:

- Strength of field: Improve how field strength is determined so that points awarded accurately reflect individual performance in elite amateur competition.
- Event categories: Assess how junior, mid-amateur, senior and professional events should be evaluated while preserving the integrity of rankings focused on elite, all-ages amateur competition.
- Event inclusion and points allocation: Review whether the appropriate tournaments are included and whether points reflect their competitive quality.
- Participation incentives: Examine concerns that highly ranked players may be discouraged from competing in prominent state, provincial, regional and national events because of the potential impact on their ranking.

Governance and Global Representation

The strategic review has also led to significant changes in the WAGR® Committee and governance structure. Previously, three advisory members attended WAGR® Committee meetings to provide global perspectives. These roles will conclude at the end of 2026 and are being replaced by a WAGR® Advisory Group.

- The Advisory Group will provide expert insight and strategic recommendations to support WAGR® development.
- Members will represent athletes, regions and stakeholder groups and act as liaisons for their constituencies.
- The Group will help ensure that the rankings remain fair, transparent and performance based.
- Recommendations may be elevated to the WAGR® Committee for consideration.

The Advisory Group has been formed with the support of key alliance partners to provide broader global representation and include representation from the European Golf Association.

Technology Investment

A significant investment has been made in WAGR® technology this year to replace core systems. This will provide a stronger foundation for continued development and delivery of the WAGR® roadmap and allow us to continue to implement change. This project is due to be completed in Q1 2027. As such any proposed major change to the methodology of rankings for 2027 will not be implemented until this project is completed.

WORLD AMATEUR GOLF RANKING® | R&A USGA

ELIZABETH MOSER
WAGR® MANAGER

2025 GOLF'S GROWTH IN EUROPE

4.9M
Registered Golfers in Europe in 2025
+3% since 2024

20.6M
Adults playing golf
in Europe in 2025

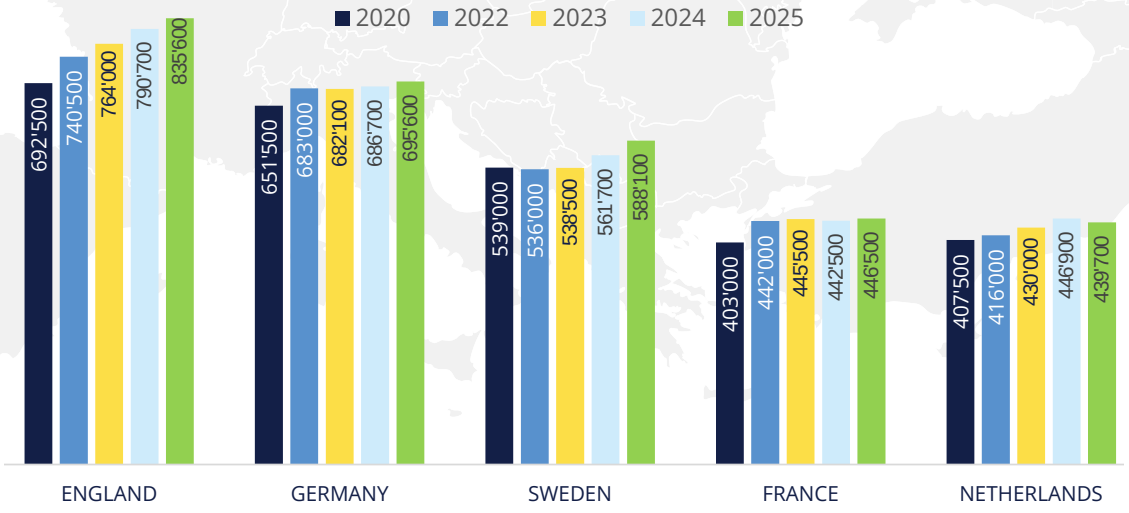
14.0M
Total 9&18 hole golfers
(registered & unregistered)
+2% since 2024

+13.6%
Rise in registered
Junior Golfers
since 2024

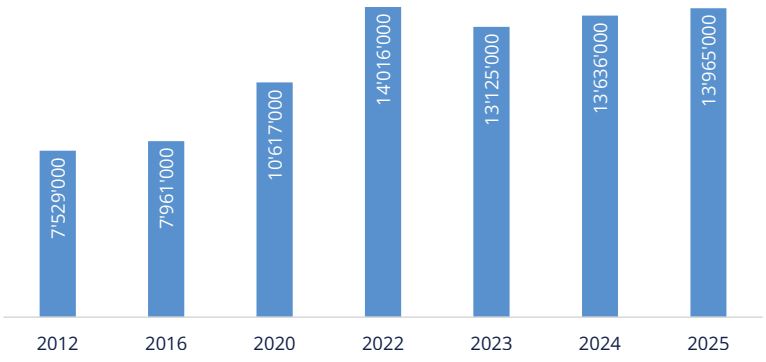
40.5M
People playing golf (adult & junior)
in Europe in 2025

10/15
Countries with the highest number
of registered **Women Golfers** globally
(excl. US and Mexico) are in Europe

TOP 5 MARKETS FOR REGISTERED GOLFERS



NUMBER OF 9&18 HOLE GOLFERS BY YEAR

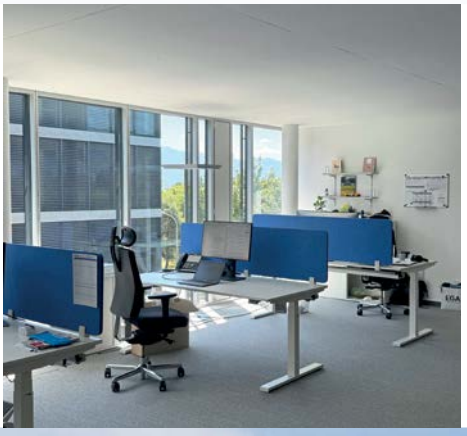


European Golf Participation Report (EGA & R&A Report produced: May 2026)

A STRATEGIC MOVE
AT THE HEART OF INTERNATIONAL SPORT

In 2026, the EGA relocated to the Maison du Sport International in Lausanne. Moving offices to the **Olympic capital** places the organisation alongside the world's leading sports organisations, reinforcing the EGA's leadership position in amateur golf, creating new opportunities for collaboration, and strengthening golf's overall visibility.









> *"Most importantly, the EGA's new home improves the working environment for staff members and creates a warm and modern atmosphere for greater collaboration."*

1937
The EGA is founded in Luxembourg

2026
New Headquarters at the Maison du Sport International, Lausanne

Stronger connection
Greater impact
A brighter future



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