EUROPEAN AMATEUR ORDER OF MERIT

ELITE SERIES

# TERMS & CONDITIONS

## 2027 SEASON

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These Terms & Conditions define the structure, schedule, points system, reward criteria, and eligibility requirements of the 2027 European Amateur Order of Merit season. A List of Rewards and Playing Opportunities document will be published separately.

## 1. Introduction

The European Golf Association (EGA), together with its member federations, has developed the **European Amateur Order of Merit (EAOM)** for both men and women.

Designed for elite amateur players competing in Europe, the system awards points to players based on their finishing position in 16 (men) and 15 (women) elite amateur events per year across the European zone.

The primary objectives of the system are to:

- Increase the attractiveness of the elite amateur calendar in Europe and promote the legacy of Europe's most prestigious amateur championships
- Facilitate the development of elite amateur golf across Europe and support the performance programs of national federations
- Provide a fair and consistent evaluation system for elite amateurs competing in Europe
- Offer an extended range of playing opportunities to elite amateurs

## 2. Events & Schedule

### 2.1 Season Duration

The 2027 EAOM will run from January 2027 to September 2027. The season will feature 16 counting events for men and 15 counting events for women.

### 2.2 Event Organisation & Results

The organisation of EAOM tournaments is the responsibility of the relevant Event Organisers. The entry criteria, exemption categories, terms of competition and local rules at each EAOM tournament are applied as published by the Event Organisers, in adherence to the Rules of Golf. The results of each tournament will be considered final once published by the Event Organisers.

## 2.3 Event Schedules

### MEN

| # | Dates | Event | Venue | Country | Points |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **FRONT-NINE** | | | | | |
| 1 | 10-13 February | 97th Portuguese International Amateur Championship | Amendoeira Golf Resort | Portugal | 600 |
| 2 | 2-7 March | Spanish International Amateur Championship (Copa S.M. El Rey) | RCG Guadalmina | Spain | 600 |
| 3 | 2-4 April | Flogas Irish Men's Amateur Open Championship | Enniscrone Golf Club | Ireland | 500 |
| 4 | 7-10 April | European Nations' Cup - Copa Sotogrande | RCG Sotogrande | Spain | 500 |
| 5 | 21-25 April | Italian International Amateur Matchplay Championship | Villa d'Este Golf Club | Italy | 500 |
| 6 | 30 April - 2 May | Lytham Trophy | Royal Lytham | England | 600 |
| 7 | 6-8 May | Austrian International Amateur Championship | GC Gut Murstätten | Austria | 500 |
| **BACK-NINE** | | | | | |
| 8 | 20-23 May | English Men's Open Amateur Stroke Play Championship (Brabazon Trophy) | Alwoodley Golf Club | England | 600 |
| 9 | 28-30 May | Scottish Men's Open Championship | Spey Valley | Scotland | 500 |
| 10 | 4-6 June | St Andrews Links Trophy | St Andrews Links | Scotland | 600 |
| 11 | 14-19 June | The Amateur Championship | Royal Portrush Golf Club | Northern Ireland | 800 |
| 12 | 23-26 June | European Amateur Championship | Ganton Golf Club | England | 800 |
| 13 | 6-10 July | European Amateur Team Championship (stroke play) | Royal Bled | Slovenia | 500 |
| **FINAL SPRINT** | | | | | |
| 14 | 25-27 August | French International Men's Championship (Gordon Bennett Trophy) | Golf de Saint Cloud | France | 500 |
| 15 | 9-12 September | Bernhard Langer International Amateur Championship | Berliner G&CC Motzener See | Germany | 500 |
| 16 | 23-25 September | Swedish International Men's Amateur Championship | *TBC* | Sweden | 500 |

### WOMEN

| # | Dates | Event | Venue | Country | Points |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **FRONT-NINE** | | | | | |
| 1 | 27-30 January | 97th Portuguese International Ladies' Amateur Championship | Penina Hotel & Golf Resort | Portugal | 600 |
| 2 | 2-7 March | Spanish International Ladies' Amateur Championship (Copa S.M. La Reina) | Santa Elena Golf Club | Spain | 600 |
| 3 | 7-10 April | European Nations' Cup - Copa Sotogrande | RCG Sotogrande | Spain | 500 |
| 4 | 16-18 April | Helen Holm Scottish Women's Open Championship | Royal Troon Golf Club | Scotland | 500 |
| 5 | 22-25 April | Italian International Ladies' Stroke Play Championship | Golf Club Milano | Italy | 500 |
| 6 | 7-9 May | Flogas Irish Women's Amateur Open Championship | Belvoir Park Golf Club | Northern Ireland | 500 |
| 7 | 20-22 May | German International Women's Amateur Championship | G&CC Seddiner See | Germany | 500 |
| **BACK-NINE** | | | | | |
| 8 | 29-30 May | St Rule Trophy | St Andrews Links | Scotland | 500 |
| 9 | 15-17 June | English Women's Open Amateur Stroke Play Championship | Saunton Golf Club | England | 500 |
| 10 | 21-26 June | The Women's Amateur Championship | Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club | England | 800 |
| 11 | 6-10 July | European Ladies' Team Championship (stroke play) | Hilversumsche Golf Club | Netherlands | 500 |
| 12 | 21-24 July | European Ladies' Amateur Championship | Golf Club de Lausanne | Switzerland | 800 |
| **FINAL SPRINT** | | | | | |
| 13 | 4-7 August | International Dutch Amateur Championship | U.G.C. De Pan | Netherlands | 500 |
| 14 | 19-21 August | Austrian Ladies' Amateur Championship | GC Zell am See-Kaprun Saalbach | Austria | 500 |
| 15 | 16-18 September | French International Women's Championship (Cécile de Rothschild Trophy) | Golf de Bondues | France | 500 |

The schedules are set in coordination with EGA member federations and event organisers and are subject to change.

## 2.4 Swings

The season is divided into three swings as indicated in the schedules:

- **Front-Nine**
- **Back-Nine**
- **Final Sprint**

The end of each swing will offer various incentives through playing opportunity rewards. The players scoring the most total points in each swing will be eligible to earn certain rewards.

## 3. Points System

### 3.1 Ranking & Point Allocation Method

Players earn points based on their finishing position at EAOM counting events. As an indicative example, the standard points distribution is as follows:

| Position | Points |
|---|---|
| **1st** | 500 |
| **2nd** | 350 |
| **3rd** | 275 |
| **4th** | 220 |
| **5th** | 185 |
| ... | ... |
| **10th** | 105 |
| ... | ... |
| **20th** | 62.5 |
| ... | ... |
| **40th** | 23.2 |
| ... | ... |
| **60th** | 10 |
| ... | ... |
| **MC** | 0 |

*The complete point payout tables are available in Annex 1*

Players may compete in as many EAOM events as desired, however a **maximum of the six highest point scores** will count towards each player's ranking in the overall standings.

Players must compete in **at least three** counting tournaments during the year to be included in the end of season standings.

At each tournament, **only** players **making the cut** receive points.

Players who finish an event in tied positions share the average points available for the relevant positions. This also applies to tournaments finishing in a match play format:

- Runner-up: 2nd
- Semi-finals: Tied 3rd
- Quarter-finals: Tied 5th

- Round of 16: Tied 9th
- Round of 32: Tied 17th
- Round of 64: Tied 33rd
- Not qualified for match play: missed cut

At the European Team Championships, the individual stroke play qualifying classification (only) will be used to allocate points. In events with a team classification, only the individual results will be used to allocate points.

Players who withdraw from a tournament after teeing off in the first round will be classified in last position. If a player withdraws after making the cut, they will be ranked below all players who complete the post-cut rounds, but above all players who missed the cut.

In case of exceptional circumstances such as weather forcing the reduction of a tournament format, a minimum of two rounds must be completed for an event to award EAOM points. If fewer than two rounds are completed at a tournament, no points will be awarded.

If the starting field of an event on the schedule, due to exceptional circumstances or other, has fewer than 30 players, no points will be awarded towards the EAOM.

### 3.2 Event Weighting

The majority of EAOM events award a 'standard' number of points, although certain events pay out an increased number of points for all positions:

| Event | Points Adjustment | Winner's Points |
|---|---|---|
| **Standard** | 1.0x | 500 |
| **Elevated** | 1.2x | 600 |
| **Major** | 1.6x | 800 |

Elevated events in the schedule must meet certain criteria to award a higher points value, including having open entry criteria, being at least 54-holes, and having demonstrated a significantly higher strength of field across multiple recent seasons.

Events with fewer than 60 starting players will have adjusted points values. The points value for each position will be adjusted by 1.5% x (60 – starting field number). For example, a 40-player field would have 1.5% x 20 = 30% fewer points for each point-scoring position.

In events without a cut:

- If more than 120 starting players: The event receives normal weighted points up to 60th place and ties.

- If between 60 and 120 starting players: The winner and runner-up receive the event's weighted points. The top 50% of the starting field (rounded up where applicable) receive points. The payouts are proportionally scaled so that the final point-scoring position awards the equivalent of 60th place (e.g. 10 points in a standard event).
- If fewer than 60 starting players: The points payouts are adjusted relative to the field size (1.5% less per player fewer than 60). The top 50% of the starting field (rounded up where applicable) receive points. The payouts are proportionally scaled so that the final point-scoring position awards the equivalent of 60th place.

### 3.3 Decision of Ties

If two or more players finish the season, or a swing period, on the same total points and in a position that grants a reward, ties will be resolved according to the following criteria, applied in order:

1. **Highest Single Event Points:**
   The player with the highest single-event points score from any counting event will be ranked higher. If still tied, results will be compared progressively: each player's next-highest single-event points score will be compared in descending order until the tie is broken.
2. **Most Recent Event Performance:**
   If a tie remains after the comparison of all counting events, the player with the higher points score in each player's most recent event appearance will be ranked higher. If still tied, results will be compared progressively: each player's next most recent points score will be compared in reverse chronological order until the tie is broken.
3. If a tie remains, the player with the higher World Amateur Golf Ranking (according to the most recent publication available at the conclusion of the swing or ranking) will prevail.

## 4. Rewards

### 4.1 Overview

Players may earn rewards through the EAOM in three ways:

1. **Event Winner Rewards** – for winners of individual EAOM events
2. **Swing Rewards** – based on the total points scored (up to a maximum of the six highest point scores) in events in each swing
3. **Final Ranking Rewards** – based on end-of-season standings

The players with the most points (taking the six highest point scores) at the conclusion of the season will earn the EAOM titles, and an EGA gold medal. The runners-up and third place finishers will also receive EGA medals.

In addition, players can earn playing opportunities through the EAOM rankings. These include places at major amateur events such as the European Amateur and Ladies' Amateur Championships, and events on Europe's leading professional tours.

For professional playing opportunity rewards earned by event winners or swing winners, players will be given deadlines to accept the invitations. Should a player decline a reward, or not accept in writing prior to the deadline, the invitation will be extended to the 2nd place player and then 3rd place player in turn (subject to the approval of the body in control of the invitation). If all three players decline the opportunity, the invitation will be returned to the relevant organiser.

Final Ranking rewards and amateur event invitations will not pass on to subsequent players in the case of unavailability for any reason.

*The full list of rewards available for the 2027 EAOMs will be published separately.*

### 4.2 Reward Conditions

To be classified in the end of season EAOM standings and win the EAOM title or a final ranking medal, players must keep their **amateur status** until the end of the final counting event in the men's or women's series and compete in at least **three** tournaments.

To accept playing rewards at professional events, players must retain their amateur status until the relevant playing reward tournament.

The European Golf Association is not responsible for playing opportunities on professional tours. All professional playing opportunity rewards are at the discretion of the National Association/ Event Organiser overseeing the relevant invites.

Regarding rewards based on age, individuals must be born:

- For the U18 category: 1 January 2009 or later
- For the U16 category: 1 January 2011 or later

## 5. Eligibility

The EAOM Rankings are open to all players, regardless of nationality, provided they meet all amateur status requirements.

Players are automatically included in the rankings when they score points. No extra inscription process or entry fee is required.

Specific criteria apply for certain playing opportunity rewards, as detailed in section 4.2.

If a player listed in the standings turns professional prior to the end of the final counting event for men or women, they will be removed from the overall standings.

## 6. Governance

The EAOM is owned and administered by the European Golf Association (EGA). A dedicated EAOM Subcommittee manages the schedule, points system, and rewards.

Rankings will be maintained by the EGA and published on the EGA website. Updates to the ranking will be made following each counting tournament.

The organisation of EAOM tournaments is the responsibility of the relevant National Federations and/or Event Organisers, as may be applicable.

These Terms and Conditions have been developed and are administered by the EGA, in its discretion. All decisions regarding administration or interpretation of these Terms and Conditions shall be made by the EGA. The EGA reserves the right to amend, interpret or apply these terms at its discretion, including in circumstances not expressly covered by this document. In the case of a discrepancy between this document and annex material, this document will prevail in accordance with the EGA's interpretation.

For more information or queries regarding the EAOMs, please contact info@ega-golf.ch

## Annex 1 – Points Tables

| Pos | 1.0x | 1.2x | 1.6x |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 500.0 | 600.0 | 800.0 |
| 2 | 350.0 | 420.0 | 560.0 |
| 3 | 275.0 | 330.0 | 440.0 |
| 4 | 220.0 | 264.0 | 352.0 |
| 5 | 185.0 | 222.0 | 296.0 |
| 6 | 163.0 | 195.6 | 260.8 |
| 7 | 145.0 | 174.0 | 232.0 |
| 8 | 130.0 | 156.0 | 208.0 |
| 9 | 117.0 | 140.4 | 187.2 |
| 10 | 105.0 | 126.0 | 168.0 |
| 11 | 98.0 | 117.6 | 156.8 |
| 12 | 92.0 | 110.4 | 147.2 |
| 13 | 87.0 | 104.4 | 139.2 |
| 14 | 82.5 | 99.0 | 132.0 |
| 15 | 78.5 | 94.2 | 125.6 |
| 16 | 75.0 | 90.0 | 120.0 |
| 17 | 71.5 | 85.8 | 114.4 |
| 18 | 68.5 | 82.2 | 109.6 |
| 19 | 65.5 | 78.6 | 104.8 |
| 20 | 62.5 | 75.0 | 100.0 |
| 21 | 59.8 | 71.8 | 95.7 |
| 22 | 57.2 | 68.6 | 91.5 |
| 23 | 54.7 | 65.6 | 87.5 |
| 24 | 52.3 | 62.8 | 83.7 |
| 25 | 49.9 | 59.9 | 79.8 |
| 26 | 47.7 | 57.2 | 76.3 |
| 27 | 45.5 | 54.6 | 72.8 |
| 28 | 43.4 | 52.1 | 69.4 |
| 29 | 41.4 | 49.7 | 66.2 |
| 30 | 39.1 | 46.9 | 62.6 |
| 31 | 37.1 | 44.5 | 59.4 |
| 32 | 35.2 | 42.2 | 56.3 |
| 33 | 33.3 | 40.0 | 53.3 |
| 34 | 31.6 | 37.9 | 50.6 |
| 35 | 29.9 | 35.9 | 47.8 |
| 36 | 28.3 | 34.0 | 45.3 |
| 37 | 26.8 | 32.2 | 42.9 |
| 38 | 25.4 | 30.5 | 40.6 |

| Pos | 1.0x | 1.2x | 1.6x |
|---|---|---|---|
| 39 | 24.1 | 28.9 | 38.6 |
| 40 | 23.2 | 27.8 | 37.1 |
| 41 | 22.3 | 26.8 | 35.7 |
| 42 | 21.2 | 25.4 | 33.9 |
| 43 | 20.2 | 24.2 | 32.3 |
| 44 | 19.3 | 23.2 | 30.9 |
| 45 | 18.4 | 22.1 | 29.4 |
| 46 | 17.6 | 21.1 | 28.2 |
| 47 | 16.8 | 20.2 | 26.9 |
| 48 | 16.2 | 19.4 | 25.9 |
| 49 | 15.6 | 18.7 | 25.0 |
| 50 | 15.0 | 18.0 | 24.0 |
| 51 | 14.5 | 17.4 | 23.2 |
| 52 | 14.0 | 16.8 | 22.4 |
| 53 | 13.5 | 16.2 | 21.6 |
| 54 | 13.0 | 15.6 | 20.8 |
| 55 | 12.5 | 15.0 | 20.0 |
| 56 | 12.0 | 14.4 | 19.2 |
| 57 | 11.5 | 13.8 | 18.4 |
| 58 | 11.0 | 13.2 | 17.6 |
| 59 | 10.5 | 12.6 | 16.8 |
| 60 | 10.0 | 12.0 | 16.0 |
| 61 | 9.5 | 11.4 | 15.2 |
| 62 | 9.0 | 10.8 | 14.4 |
| 63 | 8.5 | 10.2 | 13.6 |
| 64 | 8.0 | 9.6 | 12.8 |
| 65 | 7.5 | 9.0 | 12.0 |
| 66 | 7.0 | 8.4 | 11.2 |
| 67 | 6.5 | 7.8 | 10.4 |
| 68 | 6.0 | 7.2 | 9.6 |
| 69 | 5.5 | 6.6 | 8.8 |
| 70 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 8.0 |
| 71 | 4.5 | 5.4 | 7.2 |
| 72 | 4.0 | 4.8 | 6.4 |
| 73 | 3.5 | 4.2 | 5.6 |
| 74 | 3.0 | 3.6 | 4.8 |
| 75 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 4.0 |

*Positions beyond 75th award 0 points*

*Points are only allocated to players making the cut*