

EUROPEAN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

TERMS OF COMPETITION AND LOCAL RULES

1. GENERAL

1.1 Form of Play

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

1.2 Eligibility of Competitors

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

- a) either have been WAGR Ranked 1-1600 from the first WAGR Week of the Championship's year to the date of entry (see <https://www.wagr.com/>). The player's WAGR position at the closing date for entries will be used for all purposes.
- b) or hold a WHS Handicap Index (or other equivalent) of **0.0** or better. The handicap certified at the date of entry will be used for all purposes.

Penalty for Breach of Eligibility Term: Disqualification.

1.3 Number of Competitors

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

- a) the defending European Amateur Champion;
- b) one entrant nominated by each EGA member national golf authority and four entrants nominated by the host country;
- c) any entrant who has competed in the following International Matches' previous edition: Bonallack Trophy, St Andrews Trophy, Jacques L glise Trophy;
- d) the winner of the current year's South American Amateur Championship;
- e) the winner of the current year's European Mid-Amateur Championship (whether he satisfies the handicap requirements or not);
- f) the highest ranked entrants with a R&A WAGR position 1-1600 at the closing date for entries.

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

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

1.4 Cut

There will be two cuts:

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

- ▶ **After 54 Holes:** The 60 lowest scores, including ties, shall qualify for the final 18 holes.

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

1.5 Decision of Ties

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

In case of a tie for the silver or bronze medal, the places will be decided by matching scorecards based on the best score for the final 36, 18, 9, 6, 3 holes or last hole, in that order. If a tie still exists, an 18-hole count-back will be used on the third round and then second round, if necessary.

2. ENTRIES

2.1 Reserve List

If entries exceed 144, entrants will be allocated to a reserve list ordered according to Condition **1.3**. Unsuccessful entrants shall be informed without delay and given the opportunity to compete if withdrawals subsequently occur. Entrance fees will be refunded to entrants balloted out who do not subsequently compete.

3. PRIZES

3.1 Title

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

The Championship Trophy shall be kept by the European Golf Association. The Organising Committee will return the Trophy to the EGA Office who will be responsible for engraving and maintaining it.

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

3.2 Placings

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