

## TERMS OF COMPETITION

1. The match shall be played biannually between teams of amateur golfers representing Great Britain and Ireland (GB&I) and the Continent of Europe (COE).
2. When played in GB&I, The R&A shall select the course, set the time and arrange the programme for the matches. When played on the Continent, the EGA shall select the course, set the time and arrange the programme for the matches in consultation with the golf association of the country in which the match is to be played.
3. The St Andrews Trophy match shall be played alternately in Great Britain or Ireland and on the Continent of Europe.

### 4. Format / Order of Play

- a. The match will be played over two days.  
On the first day there will be four (4) foursomes matches in the morning and eight (8) singles matches in the afternoon. On the second day there will be four (4) foursomes matches in the morning and nine (9) singles matches in the afternoon.  
Each match shall consist of 18 holes. If a match is tied after 18 holes, it will not be extended.  
Once a team has won the St Andrews Trophy, all remaining matches will be played to a conclusion.  
In the event that the prescribed number of matches cannot be completed in the two scheduled days, the format of the match may be amended by mutual agreement of The R&A, EGA and the Team Captains.
- b. Each team shall be entitled to nominate not more than nine players and a Captain, to represent it, without necessarily specifying who shall play in the singles and the foursomes. These nominations may be published by each country at their convenience.
- c. Each Captain shall decide the order of his team and shall choose the pairings for the foursomes.
- d. The Captains shall present the names and the team order to the Championship Committee by the following times:
  - i. For Thursday July 24: by 3.00 pm on Wednesday 23 July.
  - ii. For Friday July 25: within one hour after completion of the first day's singles matches.

### 5. Substitutions

- a. **Prior to the Opening Ceremony:**  
In the event of illness, injury or other emergency reason a Team member may be substituted prior

to the commencement of the official Opening Ceremony.

#### b. During a Match:

If a player becomes sick or injured after a particular match has started and the player cannot continue then he/his side would lose the match.

#### c. Foursomes Matches and First Series of Singles Matches:

In the event of illness or injury to a player selected to play in an individual match, he may be substituted by another member of the Team previously not selected prior to the commencement of this match.

#### d. Final Series of Singles Matches:

When the Captains lodge their orders of play they must provide a sealed envelope containing the name of one member of their Team.

In the time period ending 15 minutes prior to the starting time of the first match, if a player has to withdraw through illness or injury that player will be deemed to be paired with the player in the opposing team's sealed envelope and this pairing's match will be deemed to be tied. Should this then require the re-pairing of a match, the player in the match impacted higher up the order of play will drop down to play the player in the other impacted match. Again, in the period ending 15 minutes prior to the starting time of the first match, if two players (one on each side) withdraw, then they are deemed to have been paired together (regardless of the names in the sealed envelopes) and to have tied their match and the two other players for the particular match will play each other.

In the time period from 15 minutes prior to the first match commencing until all matches have teed off, if one player withdraws prior to the start of his match and, subsequently, a player from the opposing team also withdraws prior to the start of his match due to injury or illness, the two injured players are deemed to have been paired together (tied match) and the other two non-injured players will be re-paired down the order of play as the final match. If only one withdrawal is made in the period commencing 15 minutes before play, that player's match will be forfeited.

If one Team has two (or more) players who have to withdraw, then the result is one match tied and that team loses the other match(es) by default.

**Note:** As soon as a Team Captain is made aware of a possible illness or injury to one of his players, he should notify the Championship

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Committee and the opposing Captain immediately of the injury or illness and of the possibility of either the envelope procedure or the 15 minute clause being implemented.

- e. Clarification of Envelope Substitute Rule for Singles Play:

GB&I		COE
A	vs	H
B*	vs	I
C	vs	J
D	vs	K*
E	vs	L

\*B and K are Captains' hidden choices

**Example 1** – If H has to withdraw, B is regarded as having been drawn against H and thus B vs H is tied. A drops down to play I.

**Example 2** – If A has to withdraw, K is regarded as having been drawn against A and thus match A vs K is tied. H drops down to play D.

**Example 3** – If L has to withdraw, B is regarded as having been drawn against L and thus match B vs L is tied. I drops down to play E.

**Example 4** – If B and L have to withdraw, B vs. L is tied and I drops down to play E.

- f. A player who is competing in the match will not be allowed to practise on the course for a period of thirty days before the first official practice day, unless he is a member of the club at which the match is being played.

### 6. Scoring

- A win shall count one point; a half shall count half a point; a lost match shall count zero.
- In the event of a tie the trophy shall be retained by the holders.

### 7. Selection

Selection criteria set by The R&A will determine the Great Britain & Ireland team.

The Continent of Europe team and captain shall be selected by the Selection Committee of the European Golf Association.

### 8. Qualification

Any player is qualified to represent:

- Great Britain and Ireland** – a player who is born a citizen or becomes a citizen of these countries, provided he is an amateur golfer in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status in force in these countries.
- The Continent of Europe** – a player who is born a citizen or becomes a citizen of any European country affiliated to the European Golf Association provided he is an amateur golfer in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status in force in that country.
- Should the same player be invited to compete on more than one team the choice shall be left to the player who, having made her choice, shall not be eligible to play for the other team.

9. Caddies are permitted anytime during the Match.

10. The match shall be played under the Rules of Golf as laid down by R&A Rules Limited. Any necessary additional local rules shall be determined by the Championship Committee.

*The Championship Committee  
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