

# EUROPEAN NATIONS CUP FOR GOLFERS WITH DISABILITY

## TERMS OF COMPETITION AND LOCAL RULES

### 1. GENERAL

#### 1.1 Eligibility of Teams

Teams are nominated by European Golf Association (EGA) Member National Golf Authorities.

#### 1.2 Team Construction

A team is made up by four players. The team must have a mix of male and female golfers, with at least one player from either sex.

#### 1.3 Eligibility of Players

All players nominated to teams by their national golf authority must be:

- a) citizens of the country represented (cf. EGA Generic Terms of Competition and Regulations for EGA Nationality Policy);
- b) holders of an "WR4GD Pass" delivered by a recognised EDGA classifier;
- c) playing with a WHS Handicap Index (or other equivalent) of 36.4 or better.

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

#### 1.4 Format

The European Nations Cup is played in accordance with the 2023 Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited, the European Golf Association (EGA) Generic Terms of Competition and Regulations, the EGA Hard Card, the Local Rules as approved by the Championship Committee at the event and the regulations as stated in the "Organising an EDGA Approved Tournament" manual.

The maximum number of teams for the European Nations Cup is ten. Entries will be on a first come, first served basis. In the event that there are less than ten country teams entered, a National Golf Authority can enter a second team on a first come first served basis.

#### 1.5 Form of Play

The European Nations Cup shall be decided over 54 holes with 18 holes on each of three consecutive days played in the following forms of play:

- I. Greensome on the first day (two scores per team);
- II. Foursome on the second day (two scores per team);
- III. Greensome on the third day (two scores per team).

#### 1.6 Draw / Order of Play

Team Captains will determine the pairings and order of play within their teams for all three days, using the official order of play form. If the order of play form is not submitted to the Committee:

- I. for Day 1, by 17h00 on the day preceding the Championship, the pairings and order of play will be determined alphabetically by surname;
- II. For Day 2, by 17h00 on Day 1, the order of play will be the same as for Day 1;
- III. for Day 3, by 17h00 on Day 2, the order of play will be the same as for Day 2.

#### 1.7 Scoring

The aggregate Net Stableford of the team's six scores (2 Greensomes, 2 Foursomes, 2 Greensomes) will constitute each team's final score.

#### 1.8 Decision of Ties

A tie for any place shall be decided using the lowest final day total score. If a tie still exists, the lowest of the two Greensome scores on the final day shall be used. For further ties, the lowest last 9 holes scores from the lowest final day greensome, then the last 6 holes, 3 holes, 2 holes and one hole. If a tie still exists, the result will be a tie.

#### 1.9 Substitutes

If a substitute player is required, the Committee must be notified, at the latest, 30 minutes before the first tee time of Day 1.

- a) After this deadline, the team must remain with the same players for the entire Championship. A substitute player is permitted for any reason but may not participate in the practice rounds until he or she has been officially substituted for a team member with permission from the Committee.
- b) A breach of this Term may result in the substitute player not being permitted to compete.
- c) A substitute player may be used but the integrity of a mixed team must be respected.

**ADVISORY NOTE:** It is not compulsory to travel with a substitute player, however, if a team wishes to travel with a substitute the following advice should be considered. A team that is made up of three male players and one female player, should consider travelling with a female substitute, likewise a team made up of three females and one male should consider a male substitute. Any team that is made up of two males and two females can consider a substitute from either sex.

#### 1.10 Practice

A team player, team captain or advice giver will not be allowed to practice on the championship course for a period of fifteen days prior to the first official practice day, unless he or she is a member of the golf club at which the championship is being played. Only registered team players will be permitted to practice during the official practice rounds and in official practice areas. See Section 1.9a for information on practice for substitutes.

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

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

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

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

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

##### b) Advice (Rule 24.4)

Two advice givers may be named by each team from whom players in the team may ask and receive advice. The first must be the team captain (see 1.11a) and the second may or may not be

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a professional golfer. The advice givers must be identified to the Committee via the "Registration Form" prior to the start of the Championship and must remain unchanged for the duration of the championship unless agreed by the Championship Committee under exceptional circumstances.

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

The advice givers must not walk on the putting green at any time. When the ball of a team player lies on the putting green, the advice givers are prohibited from giving advice for strokes to be made from the putting green.

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

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

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

### 1.12 Caddies

a) Rule 10.3a is modified in this way: a player must not have a caddie other than a fellow team player during the round.

**Penalty for Breach of Local Rule:** the player gets the general penalty for each hole during which they are in breach of the local rule. If the breach happens between two holes, the player gets the general penalty for the next hole.

**Exception:** Under Rule 25 the following players are allowed caddies and aides:

- Rule 25.2 Blind/Visually Impaired
- Rule 25.4 Players using Assistive Mobility Devices
- Rule 25.5 Intellectually Impaired

In each case the players who may use Rule 25.2/25.4 and 25.5 may use caddies and aides that are not fellow team players.

A player in these groups can only have 1 aide and 1 caddie at any one time.

If there is no caddie, the aide can also act as the caddie. However, if there is an aide and a caddie, the aide must not carry out any duties as a caddie. The following extract from Rule 25 covers this:

The player may have both an aide and a caddie at the same time, in which case:

- That aide must not carry or handle the player's clubs except in helping the player in taking a stance or lining up before making the stroke, or in helping the player as a courtesy as provided in the definition of caddie. But this does not modify Rule 10.2b(3) (No Setting Down Object to Help With Aiming, Taking Stance or Swinging).

- If that aide carries or handles the player's clubs in breach of this Rule, the player has two caddies at the same time and gets the general penalty for each hole where that breach happened (see Rule 10.3a(1)).

### 1.13 Breach of the Rules or the Terms of Competition

a) The penalty of disqualification for a breach of the Rules or the Terms of Competition applies unless otherwise determined by the Committee. A disqualified team will assume last place in the event.

## 2. PRIZES

### 2.1 Title and Awards

a) The team with the lowest Net Stableford score will be declared winner of the European Nations Cup for Golfers with Disability for a period of two years. The Nations Cup Trophy, presented by the EDGA, shall be kept by EDGA. The Organising Committee will return the Trophy to the EDGA Office who will be responsible for engraving and maintaining it. The EGA will present prizes to the members of the winning team and to the members of the second and third placed teams.

The EGA will present the host club with a memento. The host country will present all participants with a memento.

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## GENERIC TERMS OF COMPETITION AND REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL EGA CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 1. GENERAL

#### 1.1 Rules of Golf

All championships shall be played in accordance with the 2023 Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited, the EGA Hard Card, the specific Terms of Competition and the Generic Terms of Competition and Regulations herein.

#### 1.2 Nationality Policy

A player will be considered a national of a country if the player is a citizen of the country, as defined by the laws of such country.

A player may only represent one country per year in EGA individual championships, team championships and international matches.

#### 1.3 Gender Policy

Competitors in EGA ladies' and girls' championships must be of the female gender and have been female at birth or have had the female sex assigned.

Competitors in EGA men's and boys' championships must be of the male gender and have been male at birth or have had the male sex assigned.

For the avoidance of doubt, The EGA reserves the right to carry out a confidential case-by-case evaluation of whether the competitor's participation is likely to lead to unfair competition at any time either prior to or after the Championship if in its reasonable opinion such an evaluation is or becomes necessary. The Committee reserves the right to disqualify any competitor who does not meet the requirements for entry to the Championship.

#### 1.4 Modifications for Players with Disabilities (Rule 25)

Any player who believes they are eligible to use the Modifications for Players with Disabilities (Rule 25) must contact [info@ega-golf.ch](mailto:info@ega-golf.ch) at entry. Only players holding a WRG4D Pass are eligible to use the specific modifications in Rule 25.

#### 1.5 Behaviour

Players, captains and advice givers, should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times. Behaviour of the very highest order is expected by all players, captains or advice givers towards everyone involved in the Championship. Any player, captain or advice giver breaching the EGA Conduct Guidelines may be subject to disciplinary action by the Championship Committee.

#### 1.6 Dress Code

A reasonable standard of golf dress / attire, in accordance with the host club regulations, is expected at all times, both on the course and in the Clubhouse.

#### 1.7 Starting Groups

Wherever possible, the preferred starting format for the qualification rounds for European Team Championships involving sixteen teams and fewer, is two-ball flights.

#### 1.8 Player Live Scoring / Electronic Scorecards

When the Championship Committee mandates that players enter their scores into the live scoring system after each hole using their mobile device or use electronic scorecards, compliance is mandatory.

### 2. COMMITTEE

#### 2.1 Composition of Authority

The EGA Championship Committee members present are responsible for the sporting aspects of the Championship and reserve the right to amend the Terms of Competition.

The Committee may appoint Referees whose decision on the Rules of Golf will be final.

#### 2.2 Competition Cancelled or Altered

The Committee reserves the right to cancel any round, stop or postpone play, cancel the competition or come to an equitable decision to achieve a result.

In EGA Team Championships, a minimum of 18 holes stroke play must be completed by all players in order to attain a Championship result.

### 3. ENTRIES AND WITHDRAWALS

#### 3.1 Entries

Entries will only be accepted on the EGA official online entry system: [www.ega-golf.ch](http://www.ega-golf.ch). Late entries will not be accepted. An entrant's or team's entry will not have been officially received until their name has been posted on [www.ega-golf.ch](http://www.ega-golf.ch).

#### 3.2 Late Withdrawals

Players who withdraw later than three days prior to the start of the Championship, other than for sickness or other special circumstances, may have their future entries rejected.

#### 3.3 Refunds Following Withdrawal

a) Individual Championships: entry fees will only be refunded in the case of withdrawal being advised no later than seven days before the start of the championship, except for those entrants who may be assigned to the reserve list and who do not subsequently compete, or withdrawals notified by the player's national golf authority for medical reasons (medical certificate required).

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- b) Team Championships: entry fees will only be refunded following withdrawal if notice is received no later than 21 days before Day 1 of the Championship, unless there is a valid reason that is acceptable to the EGA.

### 3.4 Authorisation of Entries

All entries are subject to the approval of the Championship Committee, which reserves the right to disqualify any competitor making a false statement at his entry and to accept or refuse or, having accepted, subsequently reject any entry without giving reason for its decision.

## 4. REGISTRATION

- a) Individual Championships: competitors are requested to register at the club house immediately on arrival, but not later than 12h00 on the day preceding the championship. A competitor's failure to meet this deadline or to pre-notify the Committee of their pending arrival time may result in the competitor losing their starting field place.
- b) Team Championships: team players' names should be submitted to the hosting national golf authority no later than 10 days prior to the first official practice round. Participating teams must register as soon as possible following their arrival at the championship venue. Team captains may register players' names on behalf of their team.

## 5. TRANSPORTATION

In all Championships and Matches conducted by the EGA, players, team captains and advice givers must walk throughout the round (including practice days). No form of motorised transportation will be allowed except as provided in item 12 of the EGA Hard Card. The EGA will only consider requests for use of motorised transportation from players holding a WRG4D Pass and where the need for transportation results from the player's disability.

## 6. PRACTICE ROUNDS

**Individual Championships:** Only players appearing on the starting list, and the first two players on the reserve list, may play the practice rounds.

**Team Championships:** Only registered team players will be permitted to practice during the official practice rounds and in official practice areas.

**One ball** only may be played during practice rounds, with the following exceptions:

- a) if a player misses the putting green with his shot to the putting green, he may play one additional shot;
- b) where the Rules of Golf apply (e.g. provisional ball);
- c) A player may practice putting, chipping or bunker play, provided play is not delayed.

**Players should discontinue such practice immediately when the following group is waiting to play.**

## 7. DISCLAIMER

All players agree that there are certain risks inherent in the game of golf and accept personal and sole responsibility for all such risks.

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