



TERMS & CONDITIONS – 2026 SEASON

1. Introduction

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

Designed for elite amateur players competing in Europe, the system will award points to players based on their finishing position in approximately 15 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

These Terms & Conditions define the structure, schedule, points allocation, eligibility, and rewards of the EAOM pilot season 2026.

2. Events & Schedule

2.1 Season Duration

The 2026 EAOM will operate from January 2026 to October 2026. The pilot 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 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

SWINGS	N.	MEN'S EVENTS (2026)	VENUE	COUNTRY	DATE	POINTS VALUE
FRONT-NINE	1	Portuguese International Amateur Championship	Amendoeira Golf Resort (Faldo)	Portugal	11 - 14 Feb	1x
	2	Spanish Int. Amateur Championship (Copa S.M. El Rey)	Real Club de la Puerta de Hierro	Spain	17 - 22 Mar	1x
	3	European Nations Cup - Copa Sotogrande	RCG Sotogrande	Spain	15 - 18 Apr	1x
	4	Italian International Amateur Championship	Villa d'Este	Italy	23 - 26 Apr	1x
	5	Lytham Trophy	Royal Lytham	England	1 - 3 May	1x
	6	Austrian International Amateur Championship	Fontana	Austria	8 - 10 May	1x
BACK-NINE	7	English Men's Open Amateur Stroke Play (Brabazon)	Moortown	England	21 - 24 May	1x
	8	Scottish Men's Open Championship	Glasgow Gailes	Scotland	29 - 31 May	1x
	9	St Andrews Links Trophy	St Andrews	Scotland	5 - 7 Jun	1x
	10	The Amateur Championship	Royal Liverpool & West Lancs	England	15 - 20 Jun	1.6x
	11	European Amateur Championship	Linna Golf	Finland	24 - 27 Jun	1.6x
	12	European Amateur Team Championship (stroke play)	Estonian G&CC	Estonia	7 - 8 Jul	1x
FINAL SPRINT	13	Finnish Int. Amateur Championship (Erkko Trophy)	Helsinki Golf Club	Finland	6 - 8 Aug	1.3x
	14	French Int. Amateur (Coupe Gordon Bennett)	Saint-Cloud	France	26 - 28 Aug	1.3x
	15	Bernhard Langer International Amateur Championship	GC Motzen	Germany	11 - 13 Sep	1.3x
	16	Swedish International Men's Amateur Championship	Sölvesborg GK	Sweden	24 - 26 Sep	1.3x

WOMEN

SWINGS	N.	WOMEN'S EVENTS (2026)	VENUE	COUNTRY	DATE	POINTS VALUE
FRONT-NINE	1	Portuguese International Ladies' Amateur	Penina Hotel & Golf Resort	Portugal	28 - 31 Jan	1x
	2	Spanish Int. Ladies' Amateur (Copa S.M. La Reina)	La Reserva de Sotogrande	Spain	3 - 8 Mar	1x
	3	European Nations' Cup - Copa Sotogrande	RCG Sotogrande	Spain	15 - 18 Apr	1x
	4	Helen Holm Scottish Women's Open	Royal Troon	Scotland	17 - 19 Apr	1x
	5	Italian International Ladies' Championship	Is Molas	Italy	23 - 26 Apr	1x
	6	German International Women's Amateur	Seddiner See	Germany	7 - 9 May	1x
	7	Flogas Irish Women's Amateur Open Championship	Newlands GC	Ireland	15 - 17 May	1x
BACK-NINE	8	St Rule Trophy	St Andrews	Scotland	30 - 31 May	1x
	9	English Women's Open Stroke Play Championship	Ganton	England	16 - 18 Jun	1x
	10	The Women's Amateur Championship	Muirfield	Scotland	22 - 27 Jun	1.6x
	11	European Ladies' Team Championship (stroke play)	PGA National Slieve Russell	Ireland	7 - 8 Jul	1x
	12	European Ladies' Amateur Championship	Allerum GK	Sweden	22 - 25 Jul	1.6x
FINAL SPRINT	13	Swiss International Womens' Amateur	Golf Gerre Losone	Switzerland	20 - 22 Aug	1.3x
	14	Austrian International Women's Amateur	Golf Club Wien	Austria	3 - 5 Sep	1.3x
	15	French Int. Women's Amateur (Cécile de Rothschild)	Golf de Morfontaine	France	17 - 19 Sep	1.3x

2.4 Swings

The season is divided into three swings:

- **Front-Nine** (January – May)
- **Back-Nine** (May – July)
- **Final Sprint** (August – September)

The end of the Front-Nine and Back-Nine swings indicate cutoffs for certain rewards (detailed in Section 5). The closing series of tournaments, the Final Sprint, offers an increased number of ranking points.

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
1 st	500
2 nd	350
3 rd	250
4 th	200
5 th	150
...	...
10 th	75
...	...
20 th	45
...	...
40 th	16
...	...
60 th	5
...	...
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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. Players must compete in at least three counting tournaments to be included in the end of season standings.

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

In events without a cut, points are awarded to the top 50% of the starting field. If an event without a cut has fewer than 120 starting players, the winner and runner-up receive the standard points, and the remaining payouts are proportionally scaled so that the final point-scoring position equals the standard 60th-place points.

Players that finish an event in tied positions share the average points available for the relevant positions.

3.2 Event Weighting

The majority of EAOM events payout a 'standard' number of points, although certain events reward an increased number of points for all positions:

Event	Points Adjustment	Winner's Points
Standard	1.0x	500
Final Sprint	1.3x	650
Major	1.6x	800

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.

4. Rewards

4.1 Overview

Players may earn rewards through the EAOM in three ways:

1. **Final Ranking Rewards** – based on end-of-season standings
2. **Swing Rewards** – based on standings at the end of the Front-Nine and Back-Nine
3. **Event Winner Rewards** – for winners of individual EAOM events

The players with the most points 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 to major amateur events such as the European Amateur Championship, and events on Europe's leading professional tours.

The full list of rewards available for the 2026 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 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.

The European Golf Association is not responsible for playing opportunities on professional tours. All 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: 01/01/2008 or later
- For the U16 category: 01/01/2010 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.

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 Rules and Regulations shall be made by the EGA. The EGA reserves the right to amend these Terms and Conditions at any time.

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