

EUROPEAN LADIES' CLUB TROPHY

Conditions of Competition

1. GENERAL

1.1 Eligibility of Teams

- a) The Champion Club of each European Golf Association Member National Golf Authority and the current holder of the Trophy are eligible to enter.
- b) If the current holder is not the Champion Club in the current year, then two teams from the same EGA Member National Golf Authority will be eligible to play. If the current holder is also the Champion Club in the current year, then only that team will be eligible to enter.
- c) The host club may enter a team.

1.2 Eligibility of Players

All players and each captain nominated to teams by their club under the auspices of their national golf authority must be female (players only) and:

- a) amateur golfers in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Limited;
- b) members of the club they represent since 1 March, the year of the championship.

Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification of player.

1.3 Format

Each team will comprise three players.

The Trophy shall be decided over 54 holes stroke play with 18 holes on each of three consecutive days played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited and, the EGA Generic Conditions, EGA Hard Card and the Local Rules approved by the Committee at the championship.

a) Scoring

The lowest two scores from each team's three players will count each day. The aggregate of the six lowest stroke play scores from play on Days 1, 2 and 3 will constitute each team's final score. The winning team shall be the one with the lowest final score.

b) Decision of Ties

A tie for any place shall be decided using the lowest total of the three non-counting scores. If a tie still exists, the sum of the three lowest scores, one from each day, shall be used. For further ties, the sum of the three second lowest scores shall be used. Any further tie will be decided based on the final stipulated 18, 9, 6, 3 holes or last hole of the best score from each of the tied teams.

c) Substitutes

If a substitute player is required, the Committee must be notified, at the latest, 30 minutes before the first tee time on Day 1. Following, the team must comprise the same players for the entire Championship. A substitute player is permitted for any reason, but may not participate in the practice rounds until she has been officially substituted for a team member with permission from the Committee. A breach of this Condition may result in the substitute player not being permitted to compete.

1.4 Advice (Note to Rule 8-1)

Each team may appoint a "Team Advisor" who may give advice to members of that team from either:

- a) a Team Captain, who must be an amateur golfer in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Limited; or
- b) another person who may or may not be a professional golfer.

Penalty for Breach of a): Disqualification of Team.

Exception: The appointed person may not walk on a putting green.

A Team Advisor must be identified to the Committee prior to the start of the Championship and the position must not be interchanged.

Note: A Team Captain may be named in addition to a Team Advisor. Only the Team Advisor may offer advice. Please refer to 1.5 for caddying permissions. Any other person accompanying the team is considered as a spectator and should behave accordingly.

Penalty for Breach of Condition: Two strokes.

1.5 Caddies / Electric Trolleys

- a) No caddies are permitted except for fellow team players.
- b) Electric golf trolleys are only permitted if there is sufficient number to be equally distributed among the teams.

Penalty for Breach of Condition: Stroke Play - Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round - four strokes (two strokes at each of the first two holes at which any breach occurred).

For 1.5 a): A player having a caddie in breach of this Condition must, immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred, ensure that she conforms to this Condition for the remainder of the stipulated round. Otherwise, the player is disqualified.

For 1.5 b): Any unauthorised use of an electric golf trolley shall be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise, the player is disqualified.

1.6 Disqualification

A penalty of disqualification for a breach of the Rules or the Conditions of Competition applies only to the round in which the breach occurred unless otherwise determined by the Committee.

A disqualified team will automatically assume last place in the championship.

2. PRIZES

2.1 Title and Awards

The winning team of the Championship shall be the European Club Champions. The Championship Trophy shall be held by the winners' National Golf Authority, who will be responsible for the cost of engraving, insuring and maintaining the Trophy and returning it, before the next Championship, to an address named by the EGA Secretary.

The EGA will present the host club with a memento.

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GENERIC CONDITIONS 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 Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited, the EGA Hard Card and the specific Conditions of Competition.

1.2 Behaviour

Players, captains and team advisors, 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 team advisors towards everyone involved in the Championship. Any player, captain or team advisor, breaching the EGA Code of Conduct may be subject to disciplinary action by the Championship Committee.

1.3 Starting Groups

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

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 Championship Conditions.

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 stipulated round, suspend 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 (with the exception of the European Young Masters). Late entries will not be accepted. An entrant's or team's entry will not have been officially received until his or its name has been posted on www.ega-golf.ch.

3.2 Late Withdrawals

Players who withdraw less 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 before the closing time for entries, except for those entrants who may be assigned to the reserve list and who do not subsequently compete, or those withdrawing for medical reasons (medical certificate required).

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 his/her 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. PRACTICE ROUNDS

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

- a) If a player misses the green with his shot to the 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.

5.2 Transportation

Players must not ride on any form of transportation during any part of an official practice round unless authorised by the Committee.

Failure to respect these Practice Rounds regulations will result in the discontinuance of the practice round.

6. 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.

EGA Championship Committee
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