

## EUROPEAN SENIOR MEN'S TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

### 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.

If the number of entries should exceed the maximum (20), the Committee has the discretion to increase the number of teams based on the logistics at the local venue and/or will decide which teams will be invited to participate based on past participation, past results and/or any other method until a Division 2 is officially introduced.

The 2023 championship final ranking will serve as selection criteria for the 2024 championship with the number of qualified teams to be confirmed after the 2023 championship closing of entries.

##### 1.2 Eligibility of Players

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

- a) amateur golfers in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Limited;
- b) citizens of the country represented. Players with dual citizenship may only represent one country per year;
- c) playing with a WHS Handicap Index (or other equivalent) of 9.0 or better;
- d) 50 years or over on Day 1 of the Championship.

**Penalty for Breach of Eligibility Term:** disqualification of player

##### 1.3 Format

A maximum of 20 teams shall be eligible to participate and each shall comprise six players.

The Championship comprises two stages played in accordance with the 2023 Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited, the EGA Generic Terms of Competition and Local Rules, EGA Hard Card and the Local Rules as approved by the Championship Committee at the championship.

##### 1.3.1 Stage 1 - Stroke Play

There shall be two rounds of 18 holes stroke play on Days 1 and 2 to decide the seeded draw for the match play, which commences on Day 3.

###### a) Order of Play

Team captains will determine the order of play within their teams for Days 1 and 2 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 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.

Once the official deadline to submit the order of play form has expired, changes in the order of play are not permitted.

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###### b) Scoring

The lowest five scores from each team's six players will count each day. The aggregate of the five lowest stroke play scores from play on Days 1 and 2 will constitute each team's score.

###### c) Decision of Ties

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

###### d) Absentee Player

In the event that a registered team member cannot participate in a stroke play round and is not substituted as permitted in 1.4 (b), the team's five scores will count. In the case of a decision of ties, the team with the absentee player shall finish last. If more than one player is absent, the team shall automatically assume last place in the match play draw.

The remaining players shall be permitted to play their stroke play rounds, which the committee may use to determine match play seeding when more than one team has two or more absentee players.

##### 1.3.2 Stage 2 - Match Play

All teams will play a one foursome and four singles match format.

The stroke play will determine a seeded order for the match play. Teams will be divided into a first flight of eight teams: 1 vs 8; 2 vs 7; 3 vs 6 and 4 vs 5, second flight of eight teams: 9 vs 16; 10 vs 15; 11 vs 14; and 12 vs 13 and a third flight of four teams who will play a round-robin with the team qualifying 17<sup>th</sup> playing the teams qualifying 20<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> on Days 3, 4 and 5 respectively.

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If there are fewer or more than 20 teams, the seeded draw will change according to a standardised EGA format.

A win in either a foursomes or singles match shall return one point, a tied match, half a point (see 1.3.2 (c)) and a loss, zero points to the team's score. The results of the round robin will be determined based on points accumulated, with one point awarded for a win, half a point for a half, and zero for a loss. In the event of a tie, the final positions will be decided by the number of individual matches won and, if necessary, by the number of holes won.

### a) Order of Play

Team Captains must provide the Committee with their team foursomes and singles orders of play using the official order of play form:

- I. for Day 3 matches, no later than 30 minutes after the completion of the second round of stroke play;
- II. for Day 4 and 5 matches, no later than 30 minutes after the completion of their team's flight the previous Day.

Failure to submit the official order of play form on time will result in the order of play being determined alphabetically by surname.

Once the official deadline to submit the order of play form has expired, changes in the order of play are not permitted.

**Exception: substitutes** : see 1.4 (b).

**Penalty for Breach of Term 1.3.2 (a):** disqualification of all players out of the pre-stated order of play.

### b) Tied Match

In the event of a match being all square after 18 holes in any round, players shall continue to play until one wins a hole, when the match will be considered won.

**Exception:** Term 1.3.2 (c).

### c) Concession of Matches

When a final team match result is already decided, an individual match may be tied if all participants in that match agree.

**Note:** after 18 holes or any extra hole(s), if the players in an individual match remain all square and the final result of the team match has been decided, the match in question will be tied.

**Exception:** if the matches within a flight are to be played as a round robin, players must only play until the end of the stipulated round which will not be extended into extra holes.

### d) Absentee Players

In the event that one (several) registered team member(s) cannot participate in a match play round and is not substituted as permitted in 1.4 (b), matches shall be forfeited at a position within the order of play according to the following principles.

- I. Foursome matches must not be forfeited and must always be played.
- II. If the "withdrawal" occurs before the official deadline to submit the order of play form has expired, the Team Captain will return the order of play form with the absentee player placed in the position of his or her choice in the singles and that match will be forfeited.
- III. If the "withdrawal" occurs after the official deadline to submit the order of play form has expired,
  - i. if the absentee player is listed to play in the singles: his match shall be forfeited,
  - ii. if the absentee player is listed to play in the foursome, he will be replaced by one of the players listed to play in the singles. The replacement will be determined by lot and his single match shall be forfeited.

If fewer than four players are available to represent a team, that team must forfeit its match.

In the event that opposing teams would each have one or more absentee players, then these players would be deemed to have been paired together and to have tied their match. Should this require the repairing of matches, the player(s) in the match(es) impacted higher in the order of play will descend to play the player(s) in the other impacted match(es). A team match tied result would be decided by stroke play qualification position.

## 1.4 Substitutions

### a) Prior to the Start of the Championship

If a substitute player is required, the Committee must be notified, at the latest, 30 minutes before the first tee time on Day 1. After this deadline, the team must remain with the same players for the entire championship (exception see 1.4 b). A substitute player is permitted for any reason, but may not participate in the practice rounds until he has been officially substituted for a team member with permission from the Committee. A breach of this Term may result in the substitute player not being permitted to compete.

### b) After the Start of the Championship

If a substitute player is required, only for

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reasons of illness, injury or exceptional grounds acceptable to the Committee, the Team Captain, as long as he conforms with the eligibility Term (1.2), will be permitted to become a Playing Captain and he will take the position of the player he substitutes. The Committee must be notified of the substitution no later than 30 minutes prior to the team's first tee time. Once such a substitution has been done, the team will remain with the same players until the end of the championship and the substituted player will not be permitted to compete any more. No other substitutions are permitted.

#### 1.5 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 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 and captain will be permitted to practice during the official practice rounds and in official practice areas.

See Section 1.4. for information on practice for substitutes.

#### 1.6 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 1.6.a) and the second may or may not be 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.

#### 1.7 Electric Trolleys

Electric golf trolleys provided by the Organising Committee are only permitted if there is a sufficient number to be equally distributed among the teams.

#### 1.8 Disqualification

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

A disqualified team will assume last place in the Championship.

## 2. PRIZES

### 2.1 Title and Awards

The winning team of the Championship shall be the European Senior Men's Team Champion for a period of one year. 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 EGA will present medals to the members of the winning team and to the members of the second and third placed teams. Professional golfers nominated as advice givers may receive a medal in the absence of a non-playing amateur Team Captain.

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

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### 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 Gender Policy

Any player not complying with EGA Gender Policy guidelines or refusing measures for gender determination as recommended by the host country's national sports council will be disqualified.

##### 1.3 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 an EDGA Access Pass or WRG4D Pass are eligible to use the specific modifications in Rule 25.

##### 1.4 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.

##### 1.5 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.

##### 1.6 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.

#### 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 his or its 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).

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.

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**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 10 of the EGA Hard Card. The EGA will only consider requests for use of motorised transportation from players holding an EDGA Access Pass or WRG4D Pass and where the need for transportation results from the player's disability.

#### 6. PRACTICE ROUNDS

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

**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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