

EUROPEAN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Conditions of Competition

1. GENERAL

1.1 Form of Play

The Championship shall be decided by stroke play over four rounds of 18 holes each day, in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited, the EGA Generic Conditions, EGA Hard Card, the Local Rules approved by the Committee at the championship and the Conditions herein.

1.2 Eligibility of Competitors

- a) An entry will be accepted from any male amateur player who has been WAGRanked 1-1600 from the first WAGR Week of the Championship's year to the date of entry (see <http://www.randa.org/wagr>). The player's WAGRanking at the closing date for entries will be used for all purposes.
- b) An entry will be accepted from any amateur player with an exact handicap of **0.0** or better. The exact handicap certified at the date of entry will be used for all purposes.

Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification.

1.3 Number of Competitors

The starting field will comprise 144 competitors. Any entrant in at least one of the following categories will be allocated a place in the starting field:

- a) The defending European Amateur Champion.
- b) One entrant nominated by each EGA member national golf authority and four entrants nominated by the host country.
- c) Any entrant who has competed in the following International Matches' previous edition: Sir Michael Bonallack Trophy, St Andrews Trophy, Jacques L glise Trophy.
- d) The winner of the current year's South American Amateur Championship.
- e) The winner of the current year's International European Mid-Amateur Championship (whether he satisfies the handicap requirements or not).
- f) The highest ranked entrants with an R&A WAGRanking 1-1600 at the closing date for entries.

Having applied Condition **1.3 (a) - (f)**, the remainder of the starting field, if incomplete, will comprise entrants in order of exact handicap.

Note: the Committee reserves the right to limit the number of competitors from any country in the final starting list.

1.4 Cut

The 60 lowest scores over the first 54 holes, including ties, shall qualify for the final 18 holes. If a competitor, who has posted a three-round total that will qualify for the final round, withdraws before or after the final round draw is made, the competitor's results will still be used to calculate the leading 60 places and ties that will determine the cut mark.

1.5 Caddies

A competitor is prohibited from having a professional golfer serve as his caddie during any stipulated round. **Penalty for Breach of Condition:** 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).

A competitor having a caddie in breach of this condition must, immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred, ensure that he conforms with this condition for the remainder of the stipulated round. Otherwise, the competitor is disqualified.

1.6 Decision of Ties

In the event of a tie for first place after four rounds, the winner shall be decided by a play-off by stroke play over three holes to be selected by the Committee. The play-off shall start as soon as practicable after the last competitors have finished their final round. The competitor with the lowest aggregate score over the three extra holes shall be declared the winner. In the event of a further tie, the winner shall be decided hole-by-hole over the same three holes.

In case of a tie for the silver or bronze medal, the places will be decided on the basis of scores recorded for the final 36, 18, 9, 6, 3 holes or last hole, in that order. If a tie still exists, an 18-hole count-back will be used on the third round and then second and first round, if necessary.

2. ENTRIES

2.1 Reserve List

If entries exceed 144, entrants will be allocated to a reserve list ordered according to Condition **1.3**. Unsuccessful entrants shall be informed without delay and given the opportunity to compete if withdrawals subsequently occur. Entrance fees will be refunded to entrants balloted out who do not subsequently compete.

3. PRIZES

3.1 Title

The winner of the Championship shall be the European Amateur Champion Golfer for a period of one year. The Championship Trophy shall be held by his national golf authority, which will be responsible for the cost of engraving, insuring and maintaining the trophy and should return it, before the next Championship, to an address named by the EGA Secretary.

3.2 Placings

The winner shall receive a gold medal, the runner up a silver medal and the third-placed competitor a bronze medal.

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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.

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