

# EUROPEAN YOUNG MASTERS

## Terms of Competition and Local Rules

### 1. GENERAL

#### 1.1 Form of Play

The Girls' and Boys' Championships shall each be decided by stroke play over three rounds of 18 holes each day, in accordance with the 2019 Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited, the EGA Generic Terms of Competition and Regulations, EGA Hard Card, the Local Rules approved by the Committee at the championship and the Terms herein.

A subsidiary Nations' Cup will be played in conjunction. The three best of the two girls' and two boys' scores will count each day. The total aggregate of the nine scores over the three days will constitute the team's score.

#### 1.2 Eligibility of Competitors

All competitors must be:

- a) amateur golfers in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Limited;
- b) nominated by an EGA member country and citizens of the country represented: two girls and two boys per country. Players with dual citizenship may only represent one country per year;
- c) exemption: two girls and two boys nominated by the Asia Pacific Golf Confederation who will compete for the individual championships Titles only;
- d) playing off a WHS, EGA Handicap System (or other handicap system acceptable to the EGA) handicap of 16.0 (Girls) or 12.0 (Boys) or better;
- e) under the age of 16 years as of 0.00 hrs, 1 January, the year of the championship.

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

#### 1.3 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 1.3.a) and the second may or may not be a professional golfer.

The advice givers must be identified to the Committee prior to the start of the championship.

The advice givers must not walk on the putting green when the ball of a team player is on the putting green.

**Penalty for Breach of Local Rule:** General Penalty

#### 1.4 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. After this deadline, the Nations' Cup 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. A breach of this Term may result in the substitute player not being permitted to compete.

#### 1.5 Practice

A Player, Team Captain or advice giver will not be allowed to practice on the championship course for a period of fifteen days before 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 players 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 Decision of Ties

In the event of a tie for first place after three rounds in either the Girls' or Boys' Championship, the winner shall be decided by a hole-by-hole play-off over one or more holes selected by the Committee. The play-off shall start as soon as practicable after the final competitors have finished their round.

In case of a tie for the silver or bronze medal, the places will be decided by matching scorecards based on the best score for the final 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 second round.

A tie for any place in the Nations' Cup 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 and the third lowest scores, one from each day, 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.

#### 1.7 Caddies / Electric Golf Trolleys

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.

b) During a round, a player or caddie must not use an electric golf trolley.

**Penalty for Breach of Local Rule:** the player gets the general penalty for each hole during which he or she is in breach of a or b. If the breach happens or continues between two holes, the player gets the general penalty for the next hole.

### 2. PRIZES

#### 2.1 Title and Awards

The winner of the Championship in each of the Girls' and Boys' categories shall be The European Young Masters Champion Golfer for a period of one year. In each category, the winner shall receive a gold medal, the runner up, a silver medal and the third-placed competitor, a bronze medal.

The EGA will present medals to the members of the three lowest scoring teams in the Nations' Cup.

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.

## 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 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 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.

##### 1.4 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.

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 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.**

##### 5.2 Transportation

Players, team captains and advice givers 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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