

# EUROPEAN YOUNG MASTERS

## TERMS OF COMPETITION AND LOCAL RULES

### 1. GENERAL

#### 1.1 Form of Play

The Girls' and Boys' Championships will be decided by stroke play over three rounds played in accordance with the 2023 Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited, the EGA Generic Terms of Competition and Regulations, the EGA Hard Card, the Local Rules approved by the Committee at the championship and the Terms herein. One round of 18 holes will be played each day.

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

The Championship shall be open to a maximum of two girls and two boys nominated by European Golf Association (EGA) Member National Golf Authorities. Players with dual citizenship may only represent one country per year in EGA championships and international matches.

**Exception:** two girls and two boys nominated by the Asia Pacific Golf Confederation will be invited to compete for the individual championships Titles only.

Players nominated for the Girls' Championship must of the female gender and players nominated for the Boy's Championship must be of the male gender and:

- a) have been born in any year from and including 2008,
- b) have Amateur Status in accordance with the current Rules of Amateur Status as published by R&A Rules Limited and the USGA;
- c) hold a WHS Handicap Index (or other equivalent) of 16.0 (Girls) or 12.0 (Boys) or better;

**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 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.

#### 1.4 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 they have been officially substituted for a team member with permission from the Committee.

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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 team 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, one from each day. 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.

A tied team that has returned one or more non valid scores (no show, withdrawal, disqualification) will be ranked last in the tie decision.

### 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 they are 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 and will be presented the respective Championship Trophy.

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.

The Championship Trophies shall be kept by the European Golf Association. The Organising Committee will return the Trophies to the EGA Office who will be responsible for engraving and maintaining them.

The EGA will present the host club with a memento.

The host country will present all participants with a memento.

EGA Championship Committee  
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## 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 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 Nationality Policy

A player may only represent one country per year in EGA individual championships, team championships and international matches.

#### 1.3 Gender Policy

Competitors in EGA ladies' and girls' championships must be of the female gender and have been female at birth or have had the female sex assigned.

Competitors in EGA men's and boys' championships must be of the male gender and have been male at birth or have had the male sex assigned.

For the avoidance of doubt, The EGA reserves the right to carry out a confidential case-by-case evaluation of whether the competitor's participation is likely to lead to unfair competition at any time either prior to or after the Championship if in its reasonable opinion such an evaluation is or becomes necessary. The Committee reserves the right to disqualify any competitor who does not meet the requirements for entry to the Championship.

#### 1.4 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.

#### 1.5 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.

#### 1.6 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.

#### 1.7 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 their 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.

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### 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 their 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. 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 12 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

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

**Team Championships:** Only registered team players will be permitted to practice during the official practice rounds and in official practice areas.

**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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