



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 Local Rules approved by the Committee and the Conditions herein.

1.2 Eligibility of Competitors

Competitors can be any lady amateur player with an exact handicap of **6.0** 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

144 competitors shall be eligible to compete. If the number of entries exceeds 144, places in the starting field will be decided by handicap (see Sections 3.3 and 4.1).

1.4 Cut

The 60 lowest scores over the first 54 holes including ties shall qualify for the final 18 holes.

1.5 Driving Clubs / Conforming Golf Balls / Time of Starting

The specimen conditions in the Rules of Golf are in effect regarding Conforming Driver Heads and Golf Balls (page 141) and Time of Starting (page 143).

1.6 Caddies / Transportation

- A competitor is prohibited from having a professional golfer serve as her caddie during any stipulated round.
- Competitors must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorised by the Committee.

Penalty for Breach of Condition: two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round: four strokes. In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole.

For 1.6 (a), a competitor having a caddie in breach of this condition must immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred ensure that she conforms with this condition for the remainder of the stipulated round. Otherwise, the competitor is disqualified.

For 1.6 (b), the use of any unauthorised form of transportation shall be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise, the competitor is disqualified.

1.7 Pace of Play

In the absence of mitigating circumstances, a group is liable to be timed if it is in excess of the time allowed and, in the case of second or subsequent groups, out of position.

From the commencement of timing, if any competitor exceeds 50 seconds on a first to play approach shot (including a Par 3 tee shot), chip or putt, or 40 seconds if it is a tee shot or second or third to play shot, he is deemed to have a "bad time".

The time allowed to play each hole and stipulated round will be determined by the Committee and published on the official notice board. Out of position is defined as being more than the starting interval behind the group in front in the absence of mitigating circumstances.

A competitor whose group is timed will have a bad time carried forward in the round even if the group subsequently arrives

back in position or within time.

Penalty for Breach of Condition:

One bad time	Verbal warning from official;
Two bad times	One stroke penalty;
Three bad times	Two stroke penalty;
Four bad times	Disqualification.

1.8 Suspension of Play due to a Dangerous Situation (Note to Rule 6-8b)

The specimen condition in the Rules of Golf is in effect (page 144).

Note: A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signalled by a **prolonged note of a horn**. All other suspensions will be signalled by **three consecutive short notes** of a horn repeated. In either case, resumption of play will be signalled by **two short notes** of a horn repeated.

1.9 Anti-Doping

Competitors shall not make use of any drug to enhance their performance. In this respect, competitors' attention is drawn to the prescribed list of prohibited drugs issued by the host country's national sports council. Any competitor infringing this Condition or refusing to take a drug test may be disqualified.

1.10 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.

1.11 Use of Electronic Devices

See Decision 14-3/16.

1.12 Return of Scorecards

Competitors must return their scorecards, in accordance with Rule 6-6b, to an area designated by the Committee as the "Scoring or Recording Area". The scorecard is considered returned when the competitor has left the Scoring or Recording Area.

1.13 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 by 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.

1.14 Results of the Competition / Competition Closed

When the final results are placed on the official notice board and/or results sheet, the results of the Championship shall be deemed to have been officially announced. Any dispute must be referred to the Committee before the conclusion of play on the final day and not later than 15 minutes after play concludes on the preceding days.



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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 a Referee whose decision on the Rules of Golf will be final.

2.2 Competition Cancelled or Altered

The Committee reserves the right to reduce or cancel any stipulated round, suspend or postpone play, cancel the competition or come to an equitable decision to achieve a result.

3. ENTRIES

3.1 Entry Form

Entries will only be accepted on the official entry form and must be received at the EGA office with full entry fee payment before the closing date. Partially completed or late entries will not be accepted. An entrant's form will not have been officially received until her name has been posted at www.ega-golf.ch.

3.2 Handicap Limit

Entries will be accepted from lady amateur golfers whose exact handicap does not exceed **6.0** strokes under the handicapping scheme adopted by the recognised authority controlling golf in the country from which they enter. The handicap must be certified by the secretary of the national golf authority or entrant's entrant's home club and must have been valid on the date of entry.

3.3 Reserve List

In the event of applications exceeding the number of places available in the Championship (144 - see Section 1.3), the starting field shall be decided by handicap while exempting those competitors as detailed in Section 4. 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.

3.4 Late Withdrawals

Competitors 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.

3.5 Refunds Following Withdrawal

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.

3.6 Authorisation of Entries

All entries will be subject to the approval of the Committee, which reserves the right to accept or refuse, or having accepted, subsequently reject, any entry without giving reason for its decision.

4. EXEMPTIONS

4.1 Categories

The following will be exempt from the reserve list provided they satisfy the handicap requirements:

- (a) the defending champion, whether she satisfies the handicap requirements or not;
- (b) competitors officially nominated by EGA member golf authorities according to the final results of the previous European Ladies' Team Championship as follows:
 - places 1-8: six competitors per country;
 - places 9-14: four competitors per country.

In addition, the host country's national golf authority may nominate up to four additional competitors. All other EGA member countries may nominate two competitors.

- (c) competitors who competed in the Vagliano Trophy in 2009;
- (d) any competitor who has qualified for the last eight places in the Ladies' British Open Amateur Championship, previous edition;
- (e) any competitor who has qualified for the last eight places in the US Ladies' Amateur Championship, previous edition;
- (f) competitors officially nominated by the non-European Golf Authorities will be accepted according to the results of the Spirito Santo Trophy, previous edition, as follows:
 - Places 1 to 5: four competitors per country;
 - Places 6 to 10: two competitors per country

Note: the number of competitors permitted to be nominated under exemption category (b) is to be inclusive of and not in addition to the number of competitors exempt under any other category.

5. PRIZES

5.1 Title

The winner of the Championship shall be the International European Ladies' 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.

5.2 Placings

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

6. REGISTRATION

6.1 Registration Deadline

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 starting field place to a reserve.

7. DISCLAIMER

All competitors agree that there are certain risks inherent in the game of golf and accept personal and sole liability for all such risks.

EGA Championship Committee
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