



International European Ladies' Amateur Championship

Conditions of Competition

1. CONDITIONS

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 and in accordance with the Local Rules approved by the Committee.

1.2 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 "sudden death" over the same three holes, following immediately.

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 ballot.

1.4 Cut

The 70 lowest scores over 54 holes including ties shall qualify for the 4th and final round. The remainder will be eliminated. The Committee is authorised to alter the cut in the event of a smaller entry.

1.5 Time of Starting

Any competitor who arrives at her starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after her starting time, shall incur a penalty of two strokes (see Note to Rule 6-3a).

1.6 Caddies

A competitor is prohibited from having a professional golfer serve as her 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. In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole. 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.

1.7 Transportation

Competitors shall walk at all times during a stipulated round unless permitted to ride 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. Use of any unauthorised form of transportation shall be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise, the competitor shall be disqualified.

1.8 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, she is deemed to have a "bad time".

The time allowed will be determined by the Committee and will be published on the official notice board. Out of position is defined as being more than the starting interval behind the group in front.

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 a Rules Official
Two bad times	One stroke penalty
Three bad times	Two stroke penalty
Four bad times	Disqualification

Notes: (1) Competitors may not be advised that they are being timed.

(2) Timings will be taken from the moment it is deemed by a Rules Official that it is the competitor's turn to play.

1.9 Golf Balls

All competitors in the Championship must play with a ball that is named on the current R&A List of Conforming Golf Balls (see www.randa.org).

Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification.

1.10 Driving Clubs

The driver the competitor carries must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft, which is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by R&A Rules Limited (see www.randa.org).

Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification.

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

The signal for the suspension of play due to a dangerous situation will be:

Discontinue Play Immediately: One prolonged note of siren.

Discontinue Play: Three consecutive notes of siren, repeated.

Resume Play: Two short notes of siren, repeated.

1.12 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 drugs issued by the host country's national sports council. Any competitor infringing this Condition or refusing to take a test may be disqualified.

1.13 Dress Regulations

Entrants shall comply with the by-laws, rules and dress regulations of the host club.

Penalty for Breach of Condition: no start or Disqualification.

1.14 Mobile Telephones / Electronic Equipment

The use of a mobile telephone, paging device or any other form of electronic equipment by a competitor or her caddie while on the golf course during a stipulated round is distracting and inconsiderate. If the competitor or the caddie is in possession of such a device, it should be turned off. Any use may result in the Committee taking disciplinary action against the offending person(s) in accordance with the concluding paragraph of Section 1: Etiquette in the Rules of Golf and, ultimately, in a penalty being imposed under Rule 33-7.

1.15 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".

Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification.

1.16 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.

1.17 Competition Cancelled or Altered

The Committee reserves the right to cancel any round, suspend the competition or to modify the form of play.

2. COMMITTEE

2.1 Composition

The Committee comprises the EGA Championship Committee in consultation with the host country's national golf authority. The Committee may appoint a Referee whose decisions on the Rules of Golf will be final.

2.2 Authority

The EGA Championship Committee will be responsible for organising and running the Championship. The Committee reserves the right to amend the Championship Conditions.

3. ENTRIES

3.1 Entry Form

Entries will only be accepted on the official entry form and shall reach the EGA at the address stipulated on the entry form, with full entrance 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 home club and must have been valid on the date of entry.

3.3 Ballot

In the event of applications exceeding the number of places available in the Championship (144), the starting field shall be decided by a handicap ballot 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.



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3.5 Refunds Following Withdrawal

Entrance 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 balloted out and who do not subsequently compete or those withdrawing for medical reasons.

3.6 Committee Authorisation of Entries

All entries shall be subject to the approval of the Committee who reserves the right to accept or refuse any entry without giving reason for its decision, which shall be final. Entries from non-European entrants will be at the discretion of the Committee.

4. EXEMPTIONS

4.1 Categories

The following will be exempt from the ballot 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 2005;
- (d) any competitor who has qualified for the last eight places in the 2007 British Ladies' Amateur Golf Championship;
- (e) any competitor who has qualified for the last eight places in the US Ladies' Amateur Championship of the previous edition;
- (f) competitors officially nominated by the non-European Golf Authorities will be accepted according to the results of the 2006 Espirito Santo Trophy 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 (c) is to be inclusive of and not in addition to the number of competitors exempt under another category.

5. PRIZES

5.1 Title

The winner of the Championship shall be the International European Lady Amateur Champion Golfer for a period of one year. The Championship Trophy shall be held by her 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 Decision of Placings

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

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 her starting field place to a reserve.

7. DISCLAIMER

- 7.1 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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