



## EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Conditions of Competition & Local Rules

The following Conditions of Competition have been approved by the Executive and Championship Committees of the European Golf Association and shall apply, with any additions or amendments as published at the golf course, to all European Team Championships under Rule 33-1. The full version will be posted at the venue and can also be viewed on the Entry Form. All references refer to the current edition of the Rules of Golf as published by R&A Rules Limited.

#### CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

##### 1. List of Conforming Golf Balls (Note to Rule 5-1)

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](http://www.randa.org)).

**Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification.**

##### 2. Driving Clubs

Any driver the competitor carries must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft, that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the R&A (see [www.randa.org](http://www.randa.org)).

**Exception:** A driver with a clubhead that was manufactured prior to 1999 is exempt from this condition.

**Penalty for carrying, but not making stroke with, club or clubs in breach of condition:** Match Play - At the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, the state of the match must be adjusted by deducting one hole for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum deduction per round: two holes.

Stroke Play - Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round - Four strokes.

Any club or clubs carried in breach of this condition must be declared out of play by the player to his opponent in match play or his marker or a fellow-competitor in stroke play immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. If the player fails to do so, he is disqualified.

**Penalty for making stroke with club in breach of condition: Disqualification.**

##### 3. Practice

A player who is competing in the championship will not be allowed to practice on the championship course for a period of thirty days before the first official practice day, unless he is a member of the golf club at which the championship is being played.

**Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification.**



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##### 4. Time of Starting (Note to Rule 6-3a)

Any player who arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after his starting time, shall incur a penalty of two strokes at the first hole in stroke play or loss of the first hole in match play.

##### 5. Pace of Play (Note 2 to Rule 6-7)

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 player 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 for each hole or stipulated round, or both, 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 player 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 Two stroke penalty: Loss of hole

Three bad times Disqualification

Notes: (1) Players 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 player's turn to play.

##### 6. Advice (Note to Rule 8-1)

Each team may appoint a team captain who may give advice to members of that team.

**Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification of the team.**

##### 7. Suspension of Play due to a Dangerous Situation

Note to Rule 6-8b will apply. 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.



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##### 8. Caddies / Electric Golf Trolleys / Transportation

a) With the exception of the Senior Team Championships: no caddies are permitted except for fellow team members and team captains.

b) European Boys' and Girls' Team Championships: electric trolleys are not permitted. European Men's and Ladies' Amateur Team Championships: electric trolleys are only permitted if there are enough to be fairly distributed among the teams.

c) Players shall walk at all times during a stipulated round unless permitted to ride by the Committee.

**Penalty for Breach of Condition:** Match Play - At the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, the state of the match must be adjusted by deducting one hole for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum deduction per round: two holes.

Stroke Play - 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 player having a caddie in breach of Condition (a) 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 player is disqualified.

Use of any unauthorised form of electric trolley or transportation shall be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise, the player shall be disqualified.

##### 9. Use of Electronic Equipment

The use of a mobile telephone, paging device or any other form of electronic equipment by a player, caddie or team captain while on the golf course during a stipulated round is distracting and inconsiderate. If any player, caddie or team captain 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.

##### 10. Anti-doping

A player shall not knowingly make use of any drug to enhance his performance. In this respect, the attention of players is drawn to the prescribed list of drugs issued by the host country's national sports council. Any player breaching this Condition or refusing to take a test may be disqualified.





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#### 11. Return of Scorecards

Following each of the stroke play rounds on Days 1 and 2, players must return their scorecards to an area designated by the Committee as the "Scoring or Recording Area" in accordance with Rule 6-6b. The scorecard is considered returned when the player has left the Scoring or Recording Area.

**Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification.**

#### 12. Concession of Matches

When a final team match result is already decided, an individual match may be halved if all participants in that match agree.

**Note:** After 18 holes or any extra hole(s), if the players in an individual match remain all square and the final result of the team match has been decided, the match in question will be halved.

**Exception:** If the matches are in a flight comprising a round robin format, players must play until there is a winner, including the playing of extra holes if necessary.

#### 13. Disqualification

A penalty of disqualification for a breach of the Rules or the Conditions of Competition applies only to the round in which the breach occurred unless otherwise determined by the Committee.

A disqualified team will automatically assume last place in the championship. If more than one team has been disqualified, the team subject to the latest disqualification will be assigned last place in the Championship.

#### 14. Result of the Competition – Competition Closed

When the final results are placed on the official notice board, the results of the Championship shall be deemed to have been officially announced. Any dispute or doubtful point on the Rules 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.

#### 15. Competition / Conditions Altered

The Committee reserves the right to cancel any round, suspend the competition, modify the form of play and amend the Conditions of Competition.



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The following Local Rules have been approved by the Executive and Championship Committees of the European Golf Association (EGA) and, together with any additions or amendments published by the EGA Championship Committee at the golf course, shall apply to all European Team Championships under Rule 33-1. All references refer to the current edition of the Rules of Golf as published by R&A Rules Limited.

### LOCAL RULES

#### 1. Out of Bounds (Rule 27-1)

A ball is out of bounds when it lies beyond any wall, hedge, fence, white stakes or white line defining the boundary of the course.

**Note:**

- A ball in or beyond any ditch defining the boundary of the course is out of bounds.
- Where any continuing or adjoining white line exists, the line itself defines the boundary. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies on or over the line.

#### 2. Water Hazards (including Lateral Water Hazards) (Rule 26)

When both stakes and lines are present, the stakes identify the hazard and the lines define the margin.

#### 3. Ground Under Repair (Rule 25-1)

- All areas bounded by white lines and/or blue stakes. When both blue stakes and white lines are present, the stakes identify the area as ground under repair and the lines define the margin.
- Any seam of new turf through the green interfering with the ball's lie or the area of intended swing. All seams forming part of the condition are to be treated as the same turf seam when using Rule 20-2c (re-dropping).
- French drains (stone-filled drainage ditches).
- Any erosional damage in bunkers caused by running water (wash-outs).

#### 4. Immovable Obstructions (Rule 24-2)

White lined areas adjoining any areas defined as immovable obstructions are to be considered part of the obstruction.



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#### 5. Protection of Young Trees

Young trees are identified by stakes, collars or tubes. If such a tree interferes with a player's stance or the area of his intended swing, the ball must be lifted without penalty and dropped in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Rule 24-2b.

#### 6. Stones in Bunkers (Rule 24-1)

Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions.

#### 7. Turf Plugs on Putting Green (Rule 16-1c)

On any putting green, turf plugs of any size have the same status as old hole plugs and may be repaired.

#### 8. Permanent Elevated Cables

If a ball strikes an elevated power line or cable, the stroke must be cancelled and replayed without penalty (see Rule 20-5). If the ball is not immediately recoverable, another ball may be substituted.

**Exception:** a ball striking an elevated junction section of cable rising from the ground is not replayed.

#### 9. Temporary Immovable Obstructions

Relief is available from a Temporary Immovable Obstruction such as a scoreboard or recording area tent in accordance with the specimen Local Rule on pages 135-138. When dropping zones are marked, the nearest available dropping zone may be used as an additional option if relief is required when a player's ball lies in, on or under a temporary immovable obstruction or when a temporary immovable obstruction interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing.

#### 10. Distance Measuring Devices (Rule 14-3)

Distance measuring devices are not permitted during a stipulated round.

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

Match Play - Loss of Hole; Stroke Play - Two Strokes