

EUROPEAN MID-AMATEUR LADIES' & MEN'S TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

GOLF DE CHIBERTA

FRANCE / 11-14 SEPTEMBER

2024

MESSAGE FROM THE EGA PRESIDENT



The European Golf Association is delighted to introduce the European Mid-Amateur Men's and Ladies' Team Championships, as we hope that this event will grow from strength to strength in the future.

We are very grateful to the French Golf Federation and to Golf de Chiberta for hosting the very first edition of the event. We are pleased to have this championship played in France who is a great host of many of our events.

Mid-Amateur golf is of increasing importance to the well-being of the game: indeed, it is by providing opportunities to the best amateur golfers to continue to enjoy competitive golf that the game will secure the long-term commitment and the dedication of its most enlightened players.

I wish all competitors a most happy and successful championship!

Caroline HUYSKES
President
European Golf Association

MESSAGE FROM THE FFGOLF PRESIDENT



The French Golf Federation is delighted to host the first European Mid-Amateur Team Championship at the Chiberta Golf Club.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the teams and officials and wish everyone involved a most happy and successful championship.

I am sure that all players, staff, and families will enjoy their venue on La Côte Basque at Chiberta, close to the well-known city of Biarritz. Created in 1927, the Chiberta Golf course has been designed by the famous British architect Tom Simpson along the ocean and will offer all contestants a real test of golf.

I know that, as ever, the Committee and the members of the Club along with the ffgolf team will do their best to ensure an enjoyable tournament for all competitors.

Thank you to the EGA for their confidence.

Best wishes to all for a most memorable team championship.

Pascal Grizot
President
French Golf Federation

MESSAGE FROM THE GOLF DE CHIBERTA PRESIDENT



Between Ocean and Forest, Tradition and Modernity

A recent ranking by golf professionals places Chiberta among the top 15 French courses every golfer should play at least once. This distinction is especially remarkable since Chiberta is an associative golf club. It shows that a non-commercial sports association run by volunteers can be excellently managed, recruit top teams, and achieve excellence while remaining accessible to a wide and diverse audience in a friendly environment.

The Chiberta Grand Prix, which hosts top amateur golfers from France and abroad over four days, demonstrates the efficiency of its volunteers on a course that blends tradition and modernity. The tradition lies in respecting the layout designed in 1927 by the eccentric British architect Tom Simpson, who also designed the courses at Morfontaine, Fontainebleau, and Chantilly. The course is playable in all weather due to its sandy soil, featuring links with spectacular views of the Basque Coast and a century-old pine forest.

Modernity is reflected in Chiberta being a pilot site for adapting to climate change. The course experiments with new grass combinations resistant to pests, diseases, heat, and drought, replaces chemical treatments with biostimulants or biocontrol, and uses artificial intelligence to detect and manage diseases. The irrigation system is fully computer-controlled based on weather conditions.

The 13-member maintenance team works year-round to implement the French Golf Federation's standards for firmness, homogeneity, and green speed, reflecting the club's commitment to hosting significant sporting events. It's no surprise that the EGA and the FFG chose Chiberta for the inaugural mid-amateur team competition.

Competitors will have a brand-new practice area to hone their swings. Despite its modest par (70), the course's deep bunkers, narrow greens, deceptive slopes, and potentially challenging wind demand precision. Notable champions like Jean Garaialde, José Maria Olazábal, and Severiano Ballesteros have trained at Chiberta.

Players might also be intrigued to know they follow in the footsteps of Sean Connery, the Scottish actor who famously portrayed James Bond and visited Chiberta with his family incognito.

Tradition and modernity, indeed.

Frédéric Laborde
President
Golf de Chiberta

HONORARY COMMITTEE

Mr Joaquín Castillo, EGA President-Elect
Mr Pierre Bechmann - French Golf Federation General Secretary
Mr Frédéric Laborde - Golf de Chiberta President

CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

Mr Yves Hofstetter, EGA Championship Committee Chairman
Mr Hörður Geirsson – EGA Championship Committee Member
Mr Arnaud Baratçabal, EGA Championship Director
Mr Arnaud Bonardi – French Golf Federation Championship Director
Mr Patxi Ithurry – Golf de Chiberta Director

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Mr Arnaud Bonardi – French Golf Federation Championship Director
Mr Patxi Ithurry – Golf de Chiberta Director
Mr Francis Brotons – Golf de Chiberta – Volunteer coordinator

PROGRAM

Monday 9 September

All Day
9.00 – 18.00
18.30 (TBC)

Teams' arrivals / Transfer to official hotels
Teams' registration – Golf de Chiberta
Captains' meeting



No access to the course

Only practice facilities are open to teams



Tuesday 10 September

7.30 – 13.00
From 8.15 am
18.00
19.00

Teams' registration
Practice round
Team photos (teams' uniforms)
Opening ceremony and cocktail (teams' uniforms)

Wednesday 11 September

From 8.30 am 1st qualification round

Thursday 12 September

From 8.30 am 2nd qualification round

Friday 13 September

From 8.15 am 1st day of match play

Saturday 14 September

From 8.15 am 2nd day of match play
7.45 pm approx. Closing ceremony (teams' uniforms)
8.30 pm Farewell dinner – Chiberta & Golf Hotel
(teams' uniforms)

Sunday 15 September

All day Departures

PARTICIPATING TEAMS

Ladies : Austria / Belgium / Finland / France / Germany / Ireland / Italy / Netherlands / Slovakia / Spain / Sweden / Switzerland

Men : Austria / Belgium / Czech Republic / Estonia / Finland / France / Germany / Ireland / Italy / Luxembourg / Netherlands / Portugal / Slovenia / Spain / Sweden / Switzerland

TEAM FEE

The team fee to be paid directly to the French Golf Federation is €800 per team. It covers transfers between the official airport and the official hotel, practice balls, pull trolleys, yardage books, team photographs, and social events (for 4 players and a captain).

The participation fee for additional individuals traveling with the teams is €200 per person. It covers transfers between the official airport and the official hotel, as well as social events. This fee will be paid together with the team fee.

Bank Details:

Federation francaise de golf

(address: 68 rue Anatole France, 92309 Levallois-Perret Cedex, France)

BANQUE PALATINE

EUR account

IBAN: FR76 4097 8000 0821 2398 8021 460 SWIFT: BSPFFRPPXXX

Reference: EMATC - Country name

The total amount of the team fees must be paid by bank transfer to the account of the French golf federation (please see the bank details above) **by Saturday 31st August.**

REGISTRATION

Registration is open on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th September.

Participating teams are requested to register at the Club House immediately upon arrival.

Failure to register or to notify the Committee in advance of arrival time may result in the team losing its reserved starting field place.

PRIZES

Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded to the teams placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in both the men's and women's rankings, respectively.

VENUE

GOLF DE CHIBERTA

104 Boulevard des Plages

64600 Anglet - France

Ph: +33 5 59 52 51 10

E-mail: accueil@golfchiberta.com

Website: www.golfchiberta.com



Black tees **Par 70** **SSS 71.2** **Slope 129** **Distance 5600**

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Blue tees **Par 70** **SSS 72.6** **Slope:131** **Distance 4922**

HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	TOT
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DRESS CODE

A reasonable standard of golf clothes (no jeans, no t-shirts, bermuda shorts permitted) is required at all times on the course and in the clubhouse. Only soft spikes are permitted on the course.

TROLLEYS

Manual golf trolleys are available for free.

LOCKER ROOMS

A locker will be provided for each team.

BAG STORAGE

A golf bag storage service is available at the club.

TRANSPORTATION

Shuttles will be organized between Biarritz Pays Basque airport and the official hotel on arrival (9 September) and departure (15 September) days.

As the official hotel is located directly on the golf course, there is no shuttle service during the championship days (except for officials from the committees accommodated in another hotel).

CATERING

Breakfast is served in the hotel.

Lunches with a varied menu are served in the clubhouse restaurant.
Price range: from €17 to €28.

Dinners can be booked at the hotel.
Some other restaurants are within a 15-minute walk.

Water stations and fruits will be available at the 1st and 10th tees.
Players are encouraged to bring their own water bottles.
Plastic bottles can be purchased at the golf restaurant.

AIRPORT

The official airport is Biarritz Pays Basque airport (BIQ). It is located 14 minutes (6.5 km) from the golf course.

ACCOMMODATION

Official hotel : Hôtel Chiberta & Golf ****

104 Boulevard des Plages
64600 Anglet, France

Ph: +33 5 59 58 48 48
Email: hotelchiberta@hmc-hotels.com

This hotel is located directly on the golf course.

The number of rooms is limited. Reservations for players are based on 2 twin rooms, and only one additional room per nation is allowed. Extra rooms will be allocated subject to availability and on first come first serve basis.

Room rates:
- Single: €165
- Twin / Double: €187
- Tourist tax: €3,46 per day per person
Prices include breakfast.

If necessary, other hotels are available in the surrounding area. Some are within easy walking distance from the golf course (no daily shuttles to the golf club), including:

- Residence Villa Clara: www.villa-clara.fr
- Hôtel Atlantal: www.atlantal.com

For these non-official hotels, federations have to book their accommodation directly. **Please note that early booking is advised as this is a very popular period.**

ACCOMMODATION FORM

COUNTRY:

Do you want to stay in the official hotel onsite?

YES / NO (please cross out the unnecessary option)

If yes, please continue to answer the following questionnaire.

Arrival date:.....

Number of single rooms required:.....

Number of twin rooms required:.....

Departure date:.....

Contact person:.....

Phone number:.....

E-mail:.....

These contact details will be transmitted to the hotel in order to establish the billing.

Please note that not returning this form by the deadline indicates that your team will not require the French Golf Federation's assistance with accommodation.

Please return this form, duly completed, by email at your earliest convenience and no later than Monday 15th July to: ematc2024@ffgolf.org

TEAM FORM

Please return this form, duly completed, by email
before Saturday 31st August to: ematc2024@ffgolf.org

COUNTRY:

Ladies' team players			
Player 1	Name		Surname
	Hcp		Birthdate
Player 2	Name		Surname
	Hcp		Birthdate
Player 3	Name		Surname
	Hcp		Birthdate
Player 4	Name		Surname
	Hcp		Birthdate

Mens' team players			
Player 1	Name		Surname
	Hcp		Birthdate
Player 2	Name		Surname
	Hcp		Birthdate
Player 3	Name		Surname
	Hcp		Birthdate
Player 4	Name		Surname
	Hcp		Birthdate

Team Captain (must be an amateur golfer)			
Name		Surname	
Mobile		E-mail	
If any: Team advisor (please refer to 'Team fee')			
Name		Surname	
Mobile		E-mail	
If any: Officials (please refer to 'Team fee')			
Name		Surname	
Name		Surname	

TRAVEL FORM

COUNTRY:

Arrival

Date:..... Time:.....

Number of people (including delegates):.....

Airline:..... Flight number:.....

Coming From:.....

Departure

Date:..... Time:.....

Number of people (including delegates) :.....

Airline:..... Flight number:.....

Departure to:.....

Transfers will be provided on Monday 9th for arrivals and Sunday 15th for departures.

Please note that not returning this form by the deadline indicates that your team will not require the French Golf Federation's assistance with arrivals and departures.

Please return this form, duly completed, by email before Saturday 31st August to:

ematc2024@ffgolf.org

HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE

According to French law, all players entering an International Championship must fill in and return the enclosed 'Health questionnaire' to: ematc2024@ffgolf.org



HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE - ADULTS (over 18) -

Health questionnaire relating to the state of health of an adult participant registering for a sports competition authorised by a delegated federation or organised by an approved federation, excluding disciplines with particular constraints.

You are: a female a male

Your age :years old

Please answer the following questions by YES or NO

To this day	YES	NO
Has anyone in your family had a severe heart or brain disease, or died suddenly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Experienced pain in your chest or unusual shortness of breath (i.e., heart beating very quickly)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Experienced trouble breathing while playing sports?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Experience any discomfort or loss of consciousness while exercising?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have skin issues (naevus, cancer)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you following a long-term medical treatment (this excludes contraceptives and desensitization to allergies)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does playing golf require you to have a medical device or wheelchair?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you practice and play speed-golf (golf and running)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have any other health concerns that would warrant a visit to a doctor?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

In the last 12 months have you:	YES	NO
Stopped playing sports because of a health problem for a duration exceeding 15 consecutive days?	▪	▪
Do you have unusual bone, joint or musculotendinous issues?	▪	▪
Have you experienced visual impairment or dizziness?	▪	▪
Have you benefited from an arthrodesis or prosthesis fitting? (Type hip, knee, shoulder)?	▪	▪
Do you carry a pacemaker?	▪	▪

If you answered YES to one of more questions:

You must send a medical certificate of less than 6 months attesting of the absence of any contraindication to the practice of golf (in and out of competition). At the time of the medical check-up, give the doctor this completed questionnaire.

If you answered NO to all questions:

This health questionnaire is sufficient. Please note that this document will be asked when you enrol in a ffgolf championship.

I, the undersigned

certifies that I have completed the health questionnaire and answered negatively to all the questions.

Date

Signature

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