



FACT SHEET

2018 World Amateur Team Championships

Conducted by the International Golf Federation (www.IGFgolf.org)

Hosted by the Golfing Union of Ireland and the Irish Ladies Golf Union (www.golfnet.ie)

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28th Women's World Amateur Team Championship: 29 Aug.-1 Sept. 2018

31st World Amateur Team Championship: 5-8 Sept., 2018

Carton House – O'Meara and Montgomerie Courses, County Kildare/Dublin, Ireland.

WHAT ARE THE WORLD AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS?

Conducted by the International Golf Federation (IGF), the World Amateur Team Championships are a biennial international amateur golf competition that rotates among three geographic zones of the world: Asia-Pacific, Americas and Europe-Africa. (<https://www.igfgolf.org/watc/watc-2018/>)

FORMAT

Each team has two or three players, who each play 18 holes of stroke play over four days. In each round, the total of the two lowest scores from each team constitutes the team score for the round. The four-day (72-hole) total is the team's score for the championship.

ELIGIBILITY

Players must be amateur golfers under the Rules of Amateur Status and nationals of the countries they represent.

SCHEDULE OF PLAY

During the Espirito Santo Trophy competition for women, 18 holes of stroke play will be conducted Wednesday 29 Aug., through Saturday 1 Sept. Similarly, 18 holes of stroke play will be conducted Wednesday 5 Sept., through Saturday 8 Sept. for the Eisenhower Trophy competition for men.

PRIZES

The winning team in the women's competition receives custody of the Espirito Santo Trophy for the ensuing two years. The winning team in the men's competition receives custody of the Eisenhower Trophy for the ensuing two years. Members of the winning teams receive gold medals, members of the second-place teams receive silver medals and members of the third-place teams receive bronze medals. The player with the lowest individual score in each championship is recognized at the respective closing ceremony, but no prize is awarded.

ENTRIES

For the 2018 championships, there will be a record number of entries for the Espirito Santo Trophy competition (58) and 71 entries for the Eisenhower Trophy competition, one shy of the record of 72 set in Turkey in 2012. In Mexico in 2016, a total of 55 teams competed for the Women's World Amateur Team Championship.

THE COURSES AND ARCHITECTS

Mark O'Meara, 1998 Open and Masters Champion, designed the O'Meara course. Colin Montgomerie designed the Montgomerie course which has served as the site for Irish Opens in 2005, 2006, and 2013.

ABOUT THE VENUE

As the venue for this year's World Amateur Team Championships, Carton House continues its recent tradition of hosting large-scale golf competitions, having staged the Irish Open three times since 2005. Many famous guests have also passed through the gates of Carton, including Queen Victoria, Princess Grace of Monaco and pop icon Marianne Faithful, who was a resident of the Shell Cottage (situated above the 15th green on the O'Meara Course) for seven years during the 1990s.

The lands at Carton belonged to the Maynooth estate of the FitzGerald family from 1176 and the FitzGerald were made Earls of Kildare in 1315, becoming one of the most influential families in the country over the course of the next eight centuries. The FitzGerald family reached pre-eminence as the virtual rulers of Ireland between 1477 and 1513. In the latter part of the 20th century the estate was purchased and developed by the Mallaghan family, who had the foresight to build the two golf courses and hotel, which opened in 2005.

In October 2017, Carton House hotel and golf resort was bought by Irish-American businessman, John Mullen. The son of emigrants from County Mayo, he is the founder and chairman of the Philadelphia-based Apple Leisure Group.

The 1,100-acre walled estate stretches across two counties: Kildare and Meath. Playing the first on Montgomerie Course, the River Rye runs in front of the teeing ground, making visible the county border line, and inviting players to strike their opening shot from Meath into Kildare.

ESPIRITO SANTO PAR AND YARDAGE/METERS

The Carton House's O'Meara and Montgomerie Courses will be set up at 6336 yards/5791 meters and 6365 yards/5818 meters, respectively. The courses will play a par of 37-36—73 and 36-36—72, respectively.

YARDS – O'Meara Course

HOLE BY HOLE

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	5	3	4	5	4	5	3	4	4	37
	503	165	342	484	345	536	131	357	354	3217
Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
Par	4	4	4	4	3	5	3	5	4	36
	420	368	351	359	154	448	142	486	391	3119

YARDS – Montgomerie Course**HOLE BY HOLE**

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	4	4	3	5	4	4	3	5	4	36
	376	386	151	529	372	336	168	484	367	3169

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
Par	4	4	3	4	4	5	4	3	5	36
	397	413	184	322	353	500	420	122	485	3196

METERS – O’Meara Course**HOLE BY HOLE**

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	5	3	4	5	4	5	3	4	4	37
	460	151	313	442	315	490	120	326	324	2941

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
Par	4	4	4	4	3	5	3	5	4	36
	384	336	321	328	141	409	130	444	357	2850

METERS – Montgomerie Course**HOLE BY HOLE**

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	4	4	3	5	4	4	3	5	4	36
	344	353	138	484	340	307	154	442	335	2897

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
Par	4	4	3	4	4	5	4	3	5	36
	363	377	168	294	323	457	384	112	443	2921

EISENHOWER PAR AND YARDAGE/METERS

The Carton House’s O’Meara and Montgomerie Courses will be set up at 7070 yards/6462 meters and 7179 yards/6560 meters, respectively. The courses will play a par of 37-36—73 and 36-36—72, respectively.

YARDS – O’Meara Course**HOLE BY HOLE**

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	5	3	4	5	4	5	3	4	4	37
	530	195	366	516	373	560	154	431	378	3503

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
Par	4	4	4	4	3	5	3	5	4	36
	427	431	396	390	185	557	180	561	440	3567

YARDS – Montgomerie Course**HOLE BY HOLE**

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	4	4	3	5	4	4	3	5	4	36
	419	414	199	605	474	394	192	552	391	3640

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
Par	4	4	3	4	4	5	4	3	5	36
	465	450	173	338	408	554	462	176	513	3539

METERS – O’Meara Course

HOLE BY HOLE

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	5	3	4	5	4	5	3	4	4	37
	484	178	335	472	341	512	141	394	345	3202

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
Par	4	4	4	4	3	5	3	5	4	36
	390	394	362	356	169	509	165	513	402	3260

METERS – Montgomerie Course

HOLE BY HOLE

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	4	4	3	5	4	4	3	5	4	36
	383	378	182	553	433	360	175	505	357	3326

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
Par	4	4	3	4	4	5	4	3	5	36
	425	411	158	309	373	506	422	161	469	3234

CONDUCTING ORGANIZATION

The International Golf Federation, previously known as the World Amateur Golf Council, which comprises 151 national governing bodies of golf in 146 countries, and international professional tours and organizations conducting major championships, conducts the biennial World Amateur Team Championships and is the international federation for golf for the International Olympic Committee.

The IGF conducted the golf competition at the Youth Olympic Games in China in 2014 and will conduct the competition again this year in Argentina. It also conducted the Olympic golf competition in Rio de Janeiro in 2016. Justin Rose of Great Britain won the gold medal in the men’s competition and past Eisenhower Trophy competitors Henrik Stenson of Sweden and Matt Kuchar of the USA, won the silver and bronze medals, respectively.

Inbee Park of the Republic of Korea won the gold medal in the women’s competition and past Espirito Santo Trophy competitor Lydia Ko of New Zealand won the silver while Shanshan Feng of the People’s Republic of China won the bronze medal.

INTERNATIONAL GOLF FEDERATION MISSION STATEMENT

According to the constitution of the IGF, the objects of International Golf Federation are:

- (a) to encourage the international development of the sport of golf;
- (b) to foster friendship and sportsmanship among the peoples of the world by organizing biennial amateur team championships for the Eisenhower Trophy (for men) and the Espirito Santo Trophy (for women);
- (c) to promote golf as an Olympic sport; and
- (d) to act as the international federation for golf in the Olympic Games and thereby to establish and enforce, in accordance with the Olympic spirit, the rules concerning the playing of golf in the

Olympic Games and to fulfill in respect of the sport of golf the mission and role of an international federation within the Olympic movement.

HOST ORGANIZATION

The Golfing Union of Ireland, which was founded in 1891, and the Irish Ladies Golf Union, which was founded in 1893, are the hosts of this year's championships.

2016 ESPIRITO SANTO CHAMPION

The Republic of Korea won its fourth Espirito Santo Trophy by a record-equaling margin of 21 strokes with a 72-hole total of 29-under-par 547 at Mayakoba El Camaleon Golf Club and Iberostar Playa Paraiso Golf Club in Playa del Carmen, Mexico in Playa del Carmen, Mexico.

THE ESPIRITO SANTO TROPHY

The Espirito Santo Trophy was presented in 1964 as the prize for the Women's World Amateur Team Championship of the International Golf Federation (then called the World Amateur Golf Council) by Silvia Espirito Santo Silva of the Ricardo Espirito Santo family of Portugal. The trophy was presented through the Portuguese Golf Federation.

ESPIRITO SANTO HISTORY

What began as a proposal match in 1964 between the USA and France grew into the Women's World Amateur Team Championship. The impetus for this championship was an invitation for the USA Curtis Cup Team to stop off in France for an informal match after that year's Curtis Cup Match. The USGA accepted the invitation, but also suggested inviting other nations to create a women's counterpart to the World Amateur Team Championship. A total of 25 teams and 75 players participated, which instantly established the competition as a member of international golf's family of championships. In 1966, the World Amateur Golf Council assumed sponsorship of future Women's World Amateur Team Championships. For the first time, in 2002, the championship for the Espirito Santo Trophy was played on two courses.

Lydia Ko, who represented New Zealand in 2012 at Gloria Golf Club in Antalya, Turkey, holds the individual 72-hole scoring record of 274.

Prominent players who have participated include: Annika Sorenstam (Sweden), Se Ri Pak (Republic of Korea), Karrie Webb (Australia), Lorena Ochoa (Mexico), Ai Miyazato (Japan), Paula Creamer (USA), Yani Tseng (Chinese Taipei), Beatriz Recari (Spain), Sandra Gal (Germany), Melissa Reid (England), So Yeon Ryu (Korea), Anna Nordqvist (Sweden), Azahara Munoz (Spain), Caroline Hedwall (Sweden), Lydia Ko (New Zealand) and Brooke Henderson (Canada).

2016 EISENHOWER CHAMPION

Australia won its fourth Eisenhower Trophy and World Amateur Team Championship by 19 strokes and tied the 72-hole scoring record of 38-under-par 534 at Mayakoba El Camaleon Golf Club and Iberostar Playa Paraiso Golf Club in Playa del Carmen, Mexico.

THE EISENHOWER TROPHY

The Eisenhower Trophy, named for the 34th president of the United States of America, Dwight D. Eisenhower, was presented via the United States Golf Association and The R&A, by the Friends of American Golf for the inaugural World Amateur Team Championship, which was played on the Old Course at St. Andrews in 1958.

EISENHOWER HISTORY

The idea of a World Amateur Team Championship and the World Amateur Golf Council grew out of a suggestion that the USGA received to consider the possibility of a team match between the USA and Japan in 1957.

The USGA, which was fortunate to have received many such invitations from other countries, simply could not accept them all. The USGA instead suggested a team competition that would bring together the best players of all countries, accommodating all possible interests. Even those American advocates of adding golf to the Olympics seemed satisfied with the World Amateur Team Championship idea.

In January 1958, the USGA Executive Committee approved in principle a plan for such a championship. In March of that year, a group of USGA representatives met with officials of The Royal & Ancient Golf Club to discuss the plan. St. Andrews was proposed as the site of the first championship later that year. The R&A joined in implementing the idea. In May, representatives of the national amateur golf associations of 35 countries attended a planning conference in Washington, D.C., and formed the World Amateur Golf Council. The council had 32 member organizations and planned the first championship.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower received the delegates in the Rose Garden of the White House and consented to the naming of the championship prize as the Eisenhower Trophy, saying, "Both officially and personally, I am interested in the plan advanced by the USGA for an amateur team golf championship among nations. I visualize it, as you do, as a potent force for establishing goodwill and friendship between yet another segment of the populations of nations."

The championship received yet another stroke of good luck when Bob Jones agreed to be captain of the first USA Team. Jones had won the first leg of his 1930 Grand Slam at St. Andrews by winning the British Amateur, but 22 years had passed since he had last visited. The first championship was played on the Old Course of St. Andrews in October 1958, and 115 players, representing 29 countries, competed. Australia won in a playoff with the USA. The lowest individual scores for the 72 holes were 301s by William Hyndman III of the USA, Bruce Devlin of Australia and Reid Jack of Great Britain & Ireland.

Jack Nicklaus, who represented the USA in 1960 at Merion Golf Club (East Course), in Ardmore, Pa., held the 72-hole individual scoring record of 269 for 54 years until Jon Rahm of Spain shot 70-64-62-67 for 23-under-par 263 in 2014.

Prominent players who have participated include: Paul Dunne (Ireland), Tiger Woods (USA), Rory McIlroy (Ireland), Sergio Garcia (Spain), Vijay Singh (Fiji), Colin Montgomerie (GB&I), Phil Mickelson (USA), Paul Casey (GB&I), Luke Donald (GB&I), Camilo Villegas (Colombia), Charl Schwartzel and Louis Oosthuizen (South Africa), Hunter Mahan (USA), Eduardo and Francesco Molinari (Italy), Martin Kaymer (Germany) and Rickie Fowler (USA).

The World Amateur Team Championship has now been conducted in 25 nations.

FUTURE SITES

The championships are rotated biennially among three geographic zones: Asia–Pacific, America and Europe–Africa. The 2020 World Amateur Team Championships will be played in Hong Kong, China.

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Alan Kelly and Brendan Coffey of the Golfing Union of Ireland and Carla Reynolds of the Irish Ladies Golf Union will also be working at Carton House.