

NATIONS CUP 2025 RULES

1. The Nations Cup is a team competition open to all European associations of golf-playing journalists.
2. Every European country can be represented by only one team.
3. All players must be amateurs and must have a certified handicap.
4. All players must have a valid press card or proof of being a journalist in 2025.
5. The press cards and the certified handicap card – not older than September 2025 – must be submitted upon arrival at the welcome desk.
6. The teams can have both male and/or female players.
7. The number of players in every team is 10. Or 8 if so decided by the organizing country.
8. The competition is played with four people per flight, always two people per country. On the first day, the format is Scramble. On the second day, Four Ball Better Ball.
9. The handicap will be calculated per pair in the following way:
For Scramble: 35% of the lower handicap plus 15% of the higher handicap
For Four Ball Better Ball: 85% of each player's handicap.
10. The pairing cannot be changed and will stay the same on both days.
11. At the end of each day of competition, the best 4 out of 5 scores will count. At the end of the event, all the daily team scores will be added to obtain the final team score.
12. In case of a tie, the best discarded score of the last day will determine the winner and the subsequent ranking. If the tie cannot be broken, the same rule will apply to the previous day's scores. Eventually, the best last day's team score (4 scores) will prevail.
13. In case of a suspended play or if play cannot be resumed, the scores will be calculated on the first played 9 holes (as the start is from holes 1 and 10) if all the players played 9 holes, otherwise, the round will be canceled.

Golf Scramble

Each team player hits from the tee box, then the team members choose the best of the two shots for the next shot. Both team members then play the second shot from that location and again choose the best shot. Play continues in this manner until the hole is completed.

Four Ball Better Ball

In Four Ball Better Ball two teams of two players compete directly against each other. All four golfers play their own balls throughout the round. Each hole is won by the team whose member has the lowest score.