

Mr Ryder's legacy

Two unofficial matches – in 1921 and 1926, both won by Great Britain – preceded the first Ryder Cup, established in 1927 by Samuel Ryder, a seed merchant from St Albans



The gold trophy cost £250 in 1926. The figure on top is modelled on Abe Mitchell, Samuel Ryder's personal golf tutor

Kitting out a 12 man team costs around £50,000. Clothes are usually auctioned for charity once the event is over

There has been only one hole-in-one in Ryder Cup history – Peter Butler (GBI) at the 16th at Muirfield in 1973

The present Ryder Cup format was established in 1981, with a decision to introduce 12 singles matches – one for each player