

Ryder Cup matchplay format explained

The Ryder Cup pits 12-man teams of the best players from Europe and the United States against each other in a three-day tournament featuring three different types of matchplay

DAYS 1 AND 2

FOUR BALL

Players:

2 per team

Matches



4

Balls in play:

One per player

8

Four per day

FOURSOMES

Players:

2 per team

Matches

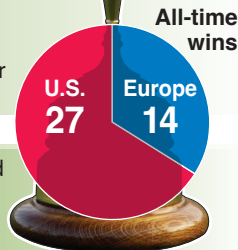


2

One per team

8

Four per day



DAY 3

SINGLES

Players listed by captain in order of play



2

One per player

12

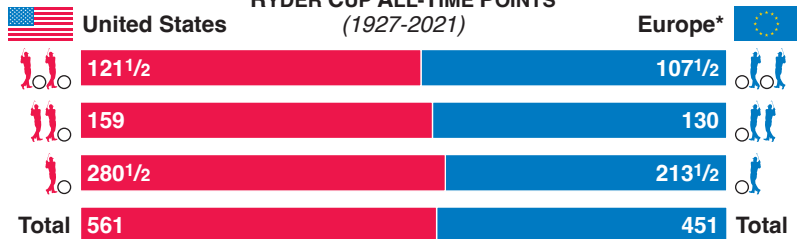
matches

Scoring: One point for win, half-point if match is tied

Winner: First team to 14½ points. If scores are level at 14-14, defending team retains cup

RYDER CUP ALL-TIME POINTS

(1927-2021)



*Europe team known as Great Britain until 1971, and as Great Britain and Ireland from 1973-1977. Team has included players from continental Europe since 1979