

# Ryder Cup match format

Players compete simply for the honour of winning golf's most prestigious team event, the Ryder Cup. Using the matchplay format, matches are scored hole-by-hole in a series of fourball, foursome, and singles contests

## Matches Play format

**FOURBALL:** Four groups of 2 two-man teams. One ball per player. **Team of player with lowest score wins hole**  
Points won since 1979\*



1pt for each win,  
1/2pt for tied match

Europe 58<sup>1/2</sup>

U.S. 45<sup>1/2</sup>

**FOURSOME:** Four pairings of 2 two-man teams. One ball per team – players take alternate shots, taking turns to tee-off.



**Team with lowest score wins hole**

Europe 53

U.S. 51

**SINGLES:** Two players from opposing teams. **Player with lowest score wins hole**



\*In 1979  
Europe  
replaced  
Great Britain  
and Ireland

Europe 70

U.S. 86

**TOTAL:** Minimum 14<sup>1/2</sup> points needed to win tournament. **If scores are tied at 14 points, Europe will retain title**

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