



2007 Solheim Cup Fact Sheet

- Competition:** The Solheim Cup is a biennial, trans-Atlantic team match play competition featuring the best U.S.-born players from the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) Tour and the best European-born players from the Ladies European Tour (LET). The U.S. Team leads the competition, 6-3, but the European Team has won three of four events staged in Europe and will be looking to regain the Cup this year after a close competition in the United States in 2005. The 1996 U.S. Team was the only team, from either side of the Atlantic, to win The Solheim Cup away from home.
- Dates:** Sept. 14-16, 2007
- Site:** Halmstad Golf Club, Sweden
- Format:** Three-day, match play competition. The first two days of competition feature two sessions each day, with a total of eight foursomes and eight four-ball matches over the two days. The final day consists of 12 singles matches.
- The foursomes format features two-member teams, with players hitting alternate shots using the same ball. At the end of the hole, one score is recorded for the team. In contrast, a four-ball match has each player playing her own ball throughout the entire match. At the end of each hole, the best score of the two teammates is recorded; only one score from each team is recorded for each hole.
- For the singles competition, one U.S. and one European player compete against one another. Each plays her own ball throughout the round and records her own score.
- Scoring:** Scoring is based on a points system, with 28 total points available over the three days of competition. One point is awarded for each match won, and half a point is given to each team for matches that end in a tie. As the defending champion, the U.S. Team needs 14 points in 2007 to retain the Cup, with the European Team requiring 14-1/2 points to win the event.
- Television coverage:** SVT will broadcast coverage of the 2007 Solheim Cup in Sweden, while The Golf Channel will broadcast coverage in the United States.
- Team selection:** **U.S. Team**
- For the 12-person squad, 10 players qualify for the U.S. Team by earning points for wins and top-20 finishes over a two-year qualifying period, with two players selected by the captain. Players began earning points toward the 2007 Solheim Cup at the 2005 State Farm Classic. The 2007 U.S. Solheim Cup Team will be finalized on Aug. 26 in Portland, Ore., at the conclusion of the Safeway Classic Presented by Pepsi.
- Qualifying points for the U.S. Team are awarded weekly to the top-20 finishers and ties at official LPGA events. Only U.S.-born LPGA Tour players are eligible for selection for the U.S. Solheim Cup Team. Point values for Solheim Cup points are: non-Solheim Cup years – 40 points for first, 20 for second, 19 for third, 18 for fourth, 17 for fifth, 16 for sixth, 15 for seventh, 14 for eighth, 13 for ninth, 12 for 10th, 11 for 11th, 10 for 12th, nine for 13th, eight for 14th, seven for 15th, six for 16th, five for 17th, four for 18th, three for 19th and 2 points for 20th place; and Solheim Cup years – 60 points for first, 30 for second, 28.5 for third, 27 for fourth, 25.5 for fifth, 24 for sixth, 22.5 for seventh, 21 for eighth, 19.5 for ninth, 18 for 10th, 16.5 for 11th, 15 for 12th, 13.5 for 13th, 12 for 14th, 10.5 for 15th, 9 for 16th, 7.5 for 17th, 6 for 18th, 4.5 for 19th and 3 for 20th. The points listed above are doubled at the four major championships every year.
- European Team**
- The 2007 European Solheim Cup Team is selected by taking the top five players from the LET Solheim Cup standings, followed by the top four European LET members on the Rolex Women's World Rankings at the agreed cut off date who are not already qualified via The Solheim Cup standings, and three captain's selections. Qualifying points for the European Team are awarded weekly to the top-10 finishers at official LET events. Point values for The Solheim Cup are: non-Solheim Cup years – 20 points for first, 12 for second, 9 for third and descending to 2 points for 10th place; and Solheim Cup years – 40 points for first, 24 for second, 18 for third, 16 for fourth, 14 for fifth, 12 for sixth, 10 for seventh, 8 for eighth, 6 for ninth and 4 for 10th. Points are doubled for the Weetabix Women's British Open and the Evian Masters. In addition, any LET member who finishes in the top 10 in the U.S. Women's Open, Kraft Nabisco Championship and the McDonald's LPGA Championship Presented by Coca-Cola on the LPGA schedule will receive the standard distribution for that year. Also, any LET tournament with a prize fund of £500,000 or above will receive an additional weighting of 1-1/2 times the standard distribution in each year. Players began accumulating points toward the 2007 European Solheim Cup Team at the first ranking event on the 2006 LET schedule, and the 2007 European Team will be announced on Aug. 21, 2007.

Team captains: Betsy King, a five-time Solheim Cup player and Hall of Famer, will captain the 2007 U.S. Solheim Cup Team. Fellow Hall of Famer Beth Daniel, an eight-time Solheim Cup veteran, will be assistant captain. Seven-time Solheim Cup competitor Helen Alfredsson will captain the 2007 European Solheim Cup Team.

Course: It was in 1935 that work started on the first course at Tylosand - 18 holes designed by Rafael Sundblom - and it was inaugurated in 1938. In 1963, Nils Skold designed nine new holes, which were combined with the last nine of the original course to form what is now the North course, the stage for the 2007 Solheim Cup. The 16th has been voted as the premier golf hole in Sweden, and this par-3 is sure to be a decisive one in many of the matches. Many big names have enjoyed their test of golf in Halmstad, including Laura Davies, Carin Koch, Dai Rees, Bobby Locke, Colin Montgomerie, Vijay Singh and Jesper Parnevik among many others.

The Cup: 17-5/8-inch Waterford Crystal cup with a 2-1/2-inch mahogany base

History: The Solheim Cup is named in honor of Karsten Solheim, the founder of Karsten Manufacturing Corporation, which makes PING golf equipment. In 1990, the Solheim family, in conjunction with the LPGA and the LET, developed the concept and became the title sponsor for The Solheim Cup, professional golf's international match-play competition for women. Held every two years, the event has grown into a prestigious international women's professional golf event. The Cup is the most coveted trophy in women's professional golf team competition; some of the most memorable moments in women's golf have happened during one of The Solheim Cups, and berths on the U.S. and European teams are highly sought after by players from both organizations.

Past results

1990 – Lake Nona Golf Club, Orlando, Fla., Nov. 16-18
USA 11-1/2, EUR 4-1/2
1992 – Dalmahoy Hotel Golf and Country Club, Edinburgh, Scotland, Oct. 2-4
EUR 11-1/2, USA 6-1/2
1994 – The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, W.Va., Oct. 21-23
USA 13, EUR 7
1996 – Marriott St. Pierre Hotel & Country Club, Chepstow, Wales, Sept. 20-22
USA 17, EUR 11
1998 – Muirfield Village Golf Club, Dublin, Ohio, Sept. 18-20
USA 16, EUR 12
2000 – Loch Lomond Golf Club, Luss, Scotland, Oct. 8-10
EUR 14-1/2, USA 11-1/2
2002 – Interlachen Country Club, Edina, Minn., Sept. 20-22
USA 15-1/2, EUR 12-1/2
2003 – Barsebäck Golf and Country Club, Malmo, Sweden, Sept. 12-14
EUR 17-1/2, USA 10-1/2
2005 – Crooked Stick Golf Club, Carmel, Ind., Sept. 9-11
USA 15-1/2, EUR 12-1/2

Schedule of events:

Tuesday, Sept. 11	Practice, press conferences
Wednesday, Sept. 12	Practice, press conferences
Thursday, Sept. 13	Practice, press conferences, Opening Ceremony
Friday, Sept. 14	Morning and afternoon sessions, foursomes and four-ball matches
Saturday, Sept. 15	Morning and afternoon sessions, foursomes and four-ball matches
Sunday, Sept. 16	Final round, 12 singles matches, Closing Ceremony

PING Junior Solheim Cup:

PING and the American Junior Golf Association (AJGA) formed the PING Junior Solheim Cup in 2001 as the first girls-only team event of its kind at the junior level, featuring the 12 finest female junior golfers (ages 13-18) from the United States against the top 12 junior golfers (ages 13-18) from Europe. The first event was held in Hopkins, Minn., the week of the 2002 Solheim Cup, where the U.S. Team won 17-7. The European Junior Solheim Cup Team won the following year in Malmo, Sweden, 12-1/2 – 11-1/2, and the U.S. Team regained the title in 2005 at The Bridgewater Club in Carmel, Ind., winning 16-8. In 2007, the PING Junior Solheim Cup will be played Sept. 10-12 at Båstad Golf Club, near Halmstad.

For more information: For ticket information, visit www.solheimcup.evitbe.com. For more information and updated points standings throughout the season, visit www.LPGA.com, www.ladieseuropeantour.com or www.solheimcup.com.