



Junior Ryder Cup



2012 Facts and Format

Dates: Sept. 24-25, 2012

Site: Olympia Fields (Ill.) Country Club

U.S. Captain: Roger Warren, PGA Past President (2005-06)

Method of Play The Junior Ryder Cup competition features one day of six foursome matches (three boys matches and three girls matches) in the morning, same-day of six mixed four-ball matches in the afternoon and one final day of singles matches involving all 12 members of each team.

Rules and Regulations The Rules of Golf, which govern play, are determined by the United States Golf Association (USGA) and applied by the PGA of America Board of Directors. The team selection is subject to the overall supervision of the Board and the PGA Rules Committee. Junior Ryder Cup proper shall be played under the R&A Rules of Golf, in accordance with the European Golf Association when held in Europe.

Eligibility Boys and girls must be 2013 high school graduates or younger and must not have reached their 19th birthday respectively by the start of the competition and must be American citizens, to be eligible to represent the United States Junior Ryder Cup Team. The 12-member team consists of six boys and six girls, who earn berths through results from the 2011/2012 PGA of America Junior events and USGA national events.

PGA Points Structure The PGA points structure is three-tiered, with points awarded in premier events, top events and Section events. A complete list of events and the various ways to make the USA team can be found on www.pga.com/juniors and juniorrydercup.com.

An International Showcase of Golf's Next Generation

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The United States' only other victory in this event came in 1997, when it was known as the Junior Match and was not a PGA of America-sanctioned event.

For the first time in Junior Ryder Cup history, the biennial matches were halved in 2006, with a 6-6 draw at Celtic Manor Resort in Newport, Wales. Both the United States and European Junior Ryder Cup Teams were evenly matched, as they each recorded three victories apiece on both the first and second days.

In 2002, the Junior Ryder Cup was won by Europe, 9 ½ to 2½, at the K Club, in Straffan, County Kildare, Ireland. Recognized as one of Europe's most spectacular golf courses and Ireland's most challenging inland layout, the K Club also served as the host site for the 2006 Ryder Cup.

On Sept. 20, 1995, a series of exhibition matches were conducted matching the Central New York PGA Section-area juniors against 12 leading European junior players. The Europeans, age 15 and younger, toured three New York courses and dominated all of the matches. No results were published. The inaugural event was contested prior to the 1997 Ryder Cup in Sotogrande, Spain. The U.S. won, 7-5. In 1999, Europe returned to face the U.S. juniors, and dominated in the Boston area by a 10½-to-1½ margin. This marked the first of three straight outright Junior Ryder Cup victories for the Europeans.

■ Junior Ryder Cup Winners Through the Years

	Year	Champion	Score	Location
Inaugural	1997	United States	7-5	Sotogrande, Spain
2nd	1999	Europe	10½-1½	Boston
3rd	2002	Europe	9½-2½	Straffan, County Kildare, Ireland
4th	2004	Europe	8½- 3½	Westfield Center, Ohio
5th	2006	Halved	6-6	Newport, Wales
6th	2008	United States	22-2	Bowling Green, Ky.
7th	2010	United States	13½ - 10½	Perthshire, Scotland

For further information and complete historical summaries on the Junior Ryder Cup, visit www.pgamediacenter.com or direct to www.juniorrydercup.com. Click on the Online PGA Media Guide thru the PGA media center website, then the Amateur Tournaments tab.

■ 2010 Junior Ryder Cup Summary

In 2010, the United States Junior Ryder Cup team won its second consecutive trophy with a narrow 13½ to 10½ finish at Gleneagles Resort in Perthshire, Scotland.

The U.S. followed its rout in 2008, 22 to 2, at The Club at Olde Stone in Bowling Green, Ky., with a strong opening day start.

After falling behind 9 to 3, Europe rallied to win six singles matches to close the gap. Thanks to early singles victories from Jordan Spieth of Dallas, Texas; Doris Chen of Bradenton, Fla.; and Justin Thomas of Goshen, Ky., victory was secured.

“It got a little close out there in the singles matches, and we luckily got them in the foursomes and four-ball matches,” said U.S. Captain M.G. Orender. “I am so thrilled for these kids and they played their hearts out.”

The U.S. squad was led by Spieth and Chen, who each won all three of their matches.



Doris Chen and Ginger Howard of the United States embrace after their team victory over Manon Gidali and Manon Molle on the 18th green during the the first day of play at the 2010 Junior Ryder Cup at Gleneagles in Scotland.



Moritz Lampert of the European Team celebrates a birdie putt at the 10th hole with playing partner Chris Lloyd during the first day of play at the 2010 Junior Ryder Cup.

“This was really unbelievable,” said Spieth, who also went undefeated in three matches in 2008. “I feel like this team was even stronger than our 2008 team, but the European team was better too, so we really were able to come together and grab the trophy again.”

Chen, the reigning U.S. Junior Girls’ Champion, won three closely contested matches.

“I played one shot at a time and didn’t get down,” said Chen. “This was so much fun and we played well as a team both days.”

Orender, the 33rd President of The PGA of America, reflected back on the week as a whole.

“In my time as a PGA Professional, I don’t know of a better experience I have had,” said Orender. “They came together this week and I could not be happier.”

Both teams traveled to The Celtic Manor Resort in Wales, site of the 38th Ryder Cup. They competed in a newly-created “Friendship Bowl,” blending U.S. and European players in foursomes over nine holes.

2010 Junior Ryder Cup Results

DAY 1 FOURSOMES

Europe	USA	Result
Albert Eckhardt/Kristoffer Ventura	Anthony Paolucci/Jordan Speith	USA 5 & 4
Isabella Deilert/Klara Spilkova	Alison Lee/Kristen Park	Halved
Christopher Lloyd/Moritz Lampert	Oliver Schniederjans/Justin Thomas	Halved
Kelly Tidy/Amy Boulden	Cassy Isagawa/Emma Talley	USA 3 & 2
Juhana Kukkonen/Thomas Detry	Jim Liu/Denny McCarthy	USA 2 & 1
Manon Gidali/Manon Molle	Doris Chen/Ginger Howard	USA 1-up
Morning Total		EUR 1 USA 5

DAY 1 MIXED FOUR-BALLS

Europe	USA	Result
Albert Eckhardt/Klara Spilkova	Anthony Paolucci/Kristen Park	EUR 4 & 3
Christopher Lloyd/Amy Boulden	Jordan Spieth/Alison Lee	USA 3 & 2
Moritz Lampert/Kelly Tidy	Justin Thomas/Emma Talley	USA 4 & 3
Kristoffer Ventura/Isabella Deilert	Jim Liu/Doris Chen	USA 2 & 1
Juhana Kukkonen/Manon Molle	Oliver Schniederjans/Ginger Howard	USA 1-up
Thomas Detry/Manon Gidali	Denny McCarthy/Cassy Isagawa	EUR 3 & 2
Afternoon Total		EUR 2 USA 4
DAY ONE OVERALL SCORE		EUR 3 USA 9

DAY 2 SINGLES

Europe	USA	Result
Christopher Lloyd	Anthony Paolucci	EUR Win 2 & 1
Amy Boulden	Emma Talley	Halved
Albert Eckhardt	Jordan Spieth	USA Win 3 & 1
Klara Spilkova	Doris Chen	USA Win 1 UP
Moritz Lampert	Justin Thomas	USA Win 4 & 2
Kelly Tidy	Kristen Park	EUR Win 1 UP
Kristoffer Ventura	Jim Liu	Halved
Manon Gidali	Ginger Howard	EUR Win 2 & 1
Juhana Kukkonen	Oliver Schniederjans	EUR Win 2 & 1
Manon Molle	Alison Lee	EUR Win 5 & 4
Thomas Detry	Denny McCarthy	EUR Win 2 & 1
Isabella Deilert	Cassy Isagawa	Halved
Afternoon Total		EUR 7½ USA 4½
Match Summary Final Total		Europe 10½ USA 13½

■ Olympia Fields (Ill.) Country Club – South Course

Olympia Fields (Ill.) Country Club has been home to some of the world's most prominent golf events, including two PGA Championships (1925, 1961), two U.S. Opens (1928, 2003) the Western Open and the U.S. Senior Open in 1997.

The South Course, a Tom Bendelow masterpiece, was restored to its original style and strategy in 2008 by award-winning golf course architect Steve Smyers. According to *Crain's Chicago Business Golf* writer H. Lee Murphy, the newly restored South Course is “a monstrously tough challenge that remains true to its origins, ranks as one of the finest course makeovers around Chicago in recent years.”

In addition to the club's championship courses, it also features state-of-the-art practice facilities and has one of the largest caddie programs in the State of Illinois that has been recognized by the *Chicago Tribune*.



The stately clubhouse at Olympia Fields (Ill.) Country Club has been host to two PGA Championships and two U.S. Opens. The 2012 Junior Ryder Cup will be held at Olympia Fields in September of that year.
