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The European Union flag, featuring a blue field with twelve yellow five-pointed stars arranged in a circle.

Europe

The United States flag, featuring thirteen horizontal stripes (seven red alternating with six white) and a blue canton with fifty small, white, five-pointed stars.

Vs US

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What Is It?

The Ryder Cup is a three-day golf tournament for teams of twelve professional male players that takes place between a team from the United States and a team from Europe. It usually takes place near the end of September or early October.

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When Is It?

The Ryder Cup takes place every two years. The tournament is held alternately in a golf course in the United States and a golf club in Europe. This year, it takes place from 26-28 September.

A close-up photograph of a white golf ball with a dimpled texture, resting on a patch of vibrant green grass. The grass blades are long and pointed, creating a dense texture around the ball.

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Where Is It?

The 2025 Ryder Cup tournament takes place in Bethpage Black Course in Farmingdale, New York, USA. It is known as a difficult course, recommended only for highly skilled golfers.

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Why Is It Different?

The Ryder Cup is a team tournament. Usually, golf is an individual sport, so playing as part of a team is what makes the tournament special. Also, there is no prize money on offer – the teams play for the pride of the team.

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History

The first Ryder Cup took place in 1927. Initially it was a tournament between the United States and Great Britain, later between the US and Great Britain and Ireland. In 1979, it became a tournament between the US and Europe.

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The Name

The Ryder Cup golf tournament is named after the English businessman, Samuel Ryder, who donated the gold trophy for the winning team. Ryder was an enthusiastic golfer and initially began sponsoring golf tournaments.

The Teams

A captain is selected for each team. Usually, the team captain does not play as part of the team. Six players are automatically picked for the team based on their performance during the year. The other six players are selected by the team captain.

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Scoring

Instead of playing for the lowest score like in a normal golf match, players compete in “matches” and each match is worth a point for the team. If a match is tied, each team gets half a point.

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Winning

The first team to reach a score of $14\frac{1}{2}$ points wins the tournament. If the scores are tied at the end of the tournament, the team that won the tournament two years previously, keeps the trophy.

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How It Works

The tournament takes place over three days, Friday to Sunday. Different types of matches takes place on each of these days.

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Fourballs & Foursomes

In a fourball match, two partners each play their own ball, and the team counts the best score on the hole.

In a foursome match, Two partners play just one ball, taking turns hitting it.

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Friday & Saturday

On Friday and Saturday, there are four fourball matches and four foursomes matches each day, four matches in the morning and four matches in the afternoon.

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Sunday

Sunday in the tournament is known as “Singles Day” where all twelve players from each team play one-on-one against a player from the other team.



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Team US

Captain:
Keegan
Bradley

Scottie Scheffler
JJ Spaun
Xander Schauffele
Russell Henley
Harris English
Bryson DeChambeau
Justin Thomas
Collin Morikawa
Ben Griffin
Cameron Young
Patrick Cantlay
Sam Burns



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Team Europe

Captain:
Luke
Donald

Rory Mc Ilroy
Robert MacIntyre
Tommy Fleetwood
Justin Rose
Rasmus Hojgaard
Tyrrell Hatton
Shane Lowry
JohnRahm
Sepp Straka
Viktor Hovland
Ludvig Aberg
Matt Fitzpatrick

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Form

Since 1979, Europe has won the tournament 12 times, the US has won it 9 times. The match was a tie in 1989. Europe has won 4 times when the tournament was played in the US. The US has won twice when playing in Europe.

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