

THE 2013 SOLHEIM® CUP

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- 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 members from the Ladies European Tour (LET). The U.S. Team leads the competition, 8-3, and has never lost The Solheim Cup on home soil. In 2009, the Americans kept their untarnished home record intact at Rich Harvest Farms with a 16 to 12 final score against the Europeans.
- Dates:** TBD
- Site:** Colorado Golf Club, Parker, Colo.
- 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. The defending champion needs 14 points to retain the Cup, while the other team would require 14-1/2 points to win the event.
- 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.
- European Team**
The European Team is selected by taking the top five players from the LET points standings, followed by the next top four European LET members appearing on the Rolex Rankings at an agreed cut-off date, plus three Captain's Selections.
- Points distribution:** See attachment on page 3 (since 2013 qualifying dates have not been announced, please see 2011 qualifying details for reference)
- Course:** Colorado Golf Club, located in Parker, Colo., just outside Denver, will also be home to the 2010 Senior PGA Championship. Opened in 2007, Colorado Golf Club was designed by the team of Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw. The Founders of Colorado Golf Club gave Coore and Crenshaw a single directive: Find the very best golf course the 1,700-acre piece of property had to offer. Situated on the broad foothills in the shadow of Pikes Peak, one of the country's most beloved mountains, the duo uncovered a layout that plays through ponderosa-studded hillsides, rugged ravines and washes and open meadows – all the while providing picturesque views of Colorado's Front Range. *GOLF Magazine* and *Sports Illustrated* named Colorado Golf Club the top new private course in America in 2007. The golf course debuted at 23rd on *Golfweek's* list of Top 100 Modern courses in 2009.
- "It's a golf course that could only be here, only be in Colorado," Crenshaw said. "This land is gifted for golf. We just followed where it led us, and the result is something unique, interesting and challenging, both for the membership and for tournament players."
- Colorado Golf Club is also home to a low-density community of 170 homes featuring more than 1,100 acres of protected open space. For more information, visit the Club's Web site, www.coloradogolfclub.com.

TV coverage: The Golf Channel will broadcast coverage in the United States. The Golf Channel covered portions of The Solheim Cup in 2000 and 2002 and televised every shot in 2003, 2005, 2007 and 2009.

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 the most prestigious international women's professional golf team event. The Solheim Cup is the most highly 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

2007 – Halmstad Golf Club, Halmstad, Sweden, Sept. 14-16
USA 16, EUR 12

2009 – Rich Harvest Farms, Sugar Grove, Ill., Aug. 21-23
USA 16, EUR 12

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 Minneapolis, Minn., the week of the 2002 Solheim Cup, where the U.S. Team won 17-7. For more information about the PING Junior Solheim Cup, log on to www.ajga.org.

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

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Points distribution for 2011 U.S. Solheim Cup Team qualifying

Non-Solheim Cup Year (Aug. 30, 2009, thru the entire 2010 season)	
1 st – 40	11 th – 11
2 nd – 20	12 th – 10
3 rd – 19	13 th – 9
4 th – 18	14 th – 8
5 th – 17	15 th – 7
6 th – 16	16 th – 6
7 th – 15	17 th – 5
8 th – 14	18 th – 4
9 th – 13	19 th – 3
10 th – 12	20 th – 2

Solheim Cup Year (2011)	
1 st – 60	11 th – 16.5
2 nd – 30	12 th – 15
3 rd – 28.5	13 th – 13.5
4 th – 27	14 th – 12
5 th – 25.5	15 th – 10.5
6 th – 24	16 th – 9
7 th – 22.5	17 th – 7.5
8 th – 21	18 th – 6
9 th – 19.5	19 th – 4.5
10 th – 18	20 th – 3

Notes:

- Points are doubled at all four major championships (Kraft Nabisco Championship, LPGA Championship, U.S. Women’s Open and RICOH Women’s British Open).
- Players began earning points toward the 2011 Solheim Cup at the 2009 Safeway Classic Presented by Coca-Cola.
- Players earn points in official money events only.

Points distribution for 2011 European Solheim Cup Team qualifying

Ranking Event with prize fund of less than €750,000

Tournament Placing	Ranking Event from 08/30/09 to 12/31/10	Ranking Event from 1/1/11
1	20	30
2	12	18
3	9	13.5
4	8	12
5	7	10.5
6	6	9
7	5	7.5
8	4	6
9	3	4.5
10	2	3

Ranking Event with prize fund of more than €750,000 (excluding major championships)

Tournament Placing	Ranking Event from 08/30/09 to 12/31/10	Ranking Event from 1/1/11
1	30	45
2	18	27
3	13.5	20.25
4	12	18
5	10.5	15.75
6	9	13.5
7	7.5	11.25
8	6	9
9	4.5	6.75
10	3	4.5

Major Championships

Tournament Placing	Major Championship from 08/30/09 to 12/31/10	Major Championship From 1/1/11
1	40	60
2	30	45
3	20	30
4	18	27
5	16	24
6	15	22.5
7	14	21
8	13	19.5
9	12	18
10	11	16.5
11	10	15
12	9	13.5
13	8	12
14	7	10.5
15	6	9
16	5	7.5
17	4	6
18	3	4.5
19	2	3
20	1	1.5

Note: The Major Championships category for purposes of the Ladies European Tour’s (LET) European Solheim Cup Team qualifying includes – RICOH Women’s British Open, Evian Masters, U.S. Women’s Open, Kraft Nabisco Championship, LPGA Championship.

Note: The 2011 Qualifying Period began on the date of the first Ranking Event after the 2009 Solheim Cup (2009 Finnair Masters) and shall end on a date to be confirmed by the LET following the publication of the official 2011 LET schedule; Ranking Events are those tournaments which take place during the Qualifying Period and are designated as such by the LET.