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INTRODUCTION

In order to have performing national teams you need to have goals, players, training and set qualifying rules.

I GOALS

It is important to make individuals into a team instead of a team of individuals.

Short term goals (2010)

European and world championships: *the goals should be*

Men's European: Top 12

Men's World: Top 20

Boys' European: Top 12

Ladies' European: Top 12

Ladies' World: Top 20

Girls' European: Top 12

Long term goals should be the world championships in 2012 and a yearly improvement on the European championships final results.

In order to achieve these goals, squads have been created out of which the national teams will emerge after training and tournament play.



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II SQUAD PLAYERS

In order to motivate the players to get into the squads, they should be filled in as followed:

- Men: Top 4 international ranking (IR) in Belgium + 2 wild cards + 4 USA of IR
Ladies: Top 4 IR in Belgium + 2 wild cards + 4 USA of IR
Boys: Top 5 IR U18 + Top 3 U16 (IR) + 2 wild cards
Girls: Top 4 IR U18 + Top 2 U16 (IR) + 2 wild cards

Wild cards to be submitted to the Sports Committee by BT Manager.

According to these rules, squads have been filled in as followed for 2010:

Men:

- Top 4 IR in Belgium: C. Mivis - J. Richelle - R. Picone - S. Quy
- Top 4 IR in USA: P-A. Rolland - H. Joannes - K. Hesbois - X. Feyaerts
- Wild cards: Gommaar D'Hulst - Rens Megens

Ladies:

- Top 4 IR in Belgium: V. Gevers - M. De Roey - F. Cnops - J. Van Baarle
- Top 4 IR in USA: L. Gonzalez-Escallon - S. Vanzonhoven - B. Toumpsin - L. Herman
- Wild cards: Chloé Leurquin - Manon Vanmol

Boys:

- Top 5 U18: T. Pieters - T. Detry - C. van Wassenhove - S. Echikson - D. Merckx
- Top 3 U16: B. Mommaerts - G. Mertens - Y. Cauwenbergh
- Wild cards: Raphaël Higuët (U18) - Gary Daoust (U16)
- Reserve: Robin Quagebeur (U18)

Girls:

- Top 4 U18: A. Good - L. Christiaens - L. Charlier - J. Leurquin
- Top 2 U16: M. Vanmol - C. Richelle
- Wild cards: Charlotte Decorte (U16) - Leslie Cloots (U16)
- Reserve: Margaux Severijns (U16)

These squads might be reviewed every three months and players will be able to join the squads as others could lose there spots for different reasons (results, motivation, team spirit, behaviour, attendance, discipline, etc.).

By doing this you will keep the members of the squads focussed on their position within the squad and also you will motivate the players who missed out on selection to get into the squads.

Note: As of **2010**, **squad** players have to play a minimum of 3 tournaments (Federal Tour or International tournaments).



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III TRAINING

Training should be given intensively over the winter months and prior to major competitions. During regular season the training should still be present but not on regular basis.

The trainings over the winter should be given during weekends (see III.1) but not clashing with regional trainings of the AFG and VVG so that the players can still participate in regional trainings and motivate the players that are not selected to work harder to obtain a selection. Two training camps should also be organized during Carnival break (see III.1) and one in by the end of June (3 days) the week before the European Team Championships with the selected players (see V).

These trainings should be based on all aspects of the game but will also help create team spirit and respect for one another and towards the training staff.

Five trainings per squad during the winter months should be reasonable.

The emphasis of the trainings should be based on improved scoring and regularity of the players. Improved course management and improved short game will lower the scores without having to work technically with a player. Every player should understand his/her weaknesses and strengths and work from there on. It is a know factor that short game has never been a strength for Belgian players.

Training will be given by teaching pros Emmanuel Janssens + Aubin Van Waetermeulen together with former touring pros Arnaud Langenaeken + Didier de Vooght along with David Petrie (VVG) and *Emmanuel Janssens (AFG)*.

Regional coaches will be invited to attend the training days.

III.1 Training Program

2 Training Days - 9.30-12.30 / lunch / 13.30-17.00

February 6 th :	Men's and Boys - Damme GCC
February 7 th :	Ladies and Girls - RGC du Hainaut
March 7 th :	Men's an Boys - RAGC
	Ladies and Girls - Rinkven GC

To be seen as a training with objectives, based on AFG and VVG tests.

Course Management: ½ day = 9 holes

Tee shot (not par 3's) played to best position / advantage point, point decided and marked on fairway by coaches.

Various full wedge shots played to pin, distance from pin noted and hole finished out.

Distances Male: 40-50-60-70-80-90-100-110-120

Distances Female: 40-50-60-70-80-90-100-90-80

Objectives: Hitting the ball is one thing, but getting round the course and scoring is another.



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This should take approx 2hrs leaving 1 hr for discussion over the course setting, best position / advantage point, wedge control and holing out.

Learning to think and playing the course optimally to their strengths will help in designing a game plan for the course they play in the ETC, building confidence and reducing scores. It's not always how you putt it's also from where you putt; measuring the distances from the pin will give an average % of error, holing out will test their sharpness.

Short Game: ½ day = short game area / putting green

Putting (50 putts): 10x1m 10x2m 10x3m 10x4m 10x5m

Short Game: CR 10m + 15m
LS 10m + 15m
PS 20m + 30m
BS 6m + 12m

Objectives: Most people are relatively easily satisfied with the short game, "I hit the ball good but...".

The short game has to be worked, you should be proud if you can scramble. Various distance and lies will be practised; putting results will be calculated as a % and feedback given in comparison.

3 Day Stage Carnival - February 16th to 18th (Damme-Ostend-Damme)

To be seen more as a training / team building, with competitive edge, more time to see and get used to the players.

Days will be split: ½ day 18 holes Competition playing
½ day based on Training days
Evaluation

Objectives: Further development based on Training Day's, seeing how the players play in competition and course understanding.

Feedback

Will be given through e-mail to federations, personal coaches and players directly, in trainings score cards will be filled in , on course , short game and putting , these results along with comments will be mailed. It is expected to receive a response from the personal coach.

Objectives:

Improve communication and get everybody working in the same line, together.



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IV QUALIFYING RULES FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

In order to facilitate all players to gain equal points on the “selection” order of merit (non squad members as well) a set number of events has been chosen to count towards the order of merit.

IV.1 List & value of the competitions counting for a selection in ETC

Men’s European Team Championship

Players in Belgium

DATE	COMPETITION	VALUE	SELECTION
MARCH 17-20	Nations Cup (Sotogrande)	20.000 points	C. MIVIS - J. RICHELLE, Wild card
MARCH 21-21	Grand Prix de Dinard	5.000 points	<i>For those not selected to play the Nations Cup</i>
APRIL 10-11	Grand Prix AFG (Rigenée)	7.500 points	
MAY 07-09	Irish Amateur	40.000 points	Men’s National Training Squad
MAY 13-15	South-East of England (St George’s - Cinque Ports)	20.000 points	Men’s National Training Squad
MAY 22-23	King’s Prize (Empereur)	7.500 points	
JUNE 25-27	Nat. Stroke Play (Limburg)	10.000 points	

Players in USA

DATE	COMPETITION	VALUE	SELECTION
APRIL 03-04	Administaff Augusta Invtl.	10.000 points	X. Feyaerts - K. Hesbois - H. Joannes P-A. Rolland
APRIL 11-13	US Intercollegiate	10.000 points	X. Feyaerts - K. Hesbois - H. Joannes P-A. Rolland
APRIL 26-28	Southland Conference	10.000 points	X. Feyaerts - K. Hesbois - H. Joannes P-A. Rolland
MAY 07-09	Irish Amateur	40.000 points	If not qualified for US Univ. Regional Final
MAY 13-15	South-East of England (St George’s - Cinque Ports)	20.000 points	If not qualified for US Univ. Regional Final
MAY 20-22	US Univ. Regional Final	20.000 points	
MAY 22-23	King’s Prize (Empereur)	7.500 points	If not qualified for US Univ. Regional Final
JUNE 01-06	US Univ. National Final	30.000 points	
JUNE 25-27	Nat. Stroke Play (Limburg)	10.000 points	



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Ladies' European Team Championship

Players in Belgium

DATE	COMPETITION	VALUE	SELECTION
MARCH 17-20	Nations Cup (Sotogrande)	20.000 points	V. GEVERS - M. DE ROEY S. VANZONHOVEN, Wild card
MARCH 21-21	Grand Prix de Dinard	5.000 points	<i>For those not selected to play the Nations Cup</i>
APRIL 01-05	French Lady Jr (St Cloud)	10.000 points	Ladies' National Training Squad
APRIL 03-05	Grand Prix de Kristoffy (RC France)	5.000 points	<i>For those not picked up by the French Golf Federation to play the French Lady Jr.</i>
APRIL 10-11	Grand Prix AFG (Rigenée)	7.500 points	
MAY 06-09	German Ladies	20.000 points	Ladies' National Training Squad
MAY ???	Tournament to be decided	5.000 points	<i>For those not picked up by the German Golf Federation to play the German Ladies</i>
MAY 22-23	King's Prize (Empereur)	7.500 points	
JUNE 25-27	Nat. Stroke Play (Limburg)	10.000 points	

Players in USA

DATE	COMPETITION	VALUE	SELECTION
MARCH 07-08	Lady Jaguar Administaff	10.000 points	T. Luccioli - L. Van Gerven
MARCH 15-17	Big 12 North	10.000 points	L. Herman
MARCH 17-18	Rancho Canada Invitational	10.000 points	L. Van Gerven
MARCH 22-23	John Kirk/Panther Intercol.	10.000 points	T. Luccioli
MARCH 26-28	Liz Murphey	10.000 points	L. Gonzalez-Escallon - B. Toumpsin
APRIL 02-04	Lady Rebel	10.000 points	T. Luccioli
APRIL 02-04	Bryan National	10.000 points	B. Toumpsin
APRIL 09-11	Ping ASU Invitational	10.000 points	L. Gonzalez-Escallon
APRIL 16-18	SEC Ch'ship	10.000 points	B. Toumpsin
APRIL 17-18	Lady Buckeye	10.000 points	L. Herman
APRIL 19-21	Southland Conference	10.000 points	L. Van Gerven
APRIL 23-25	Big 10	10.000 points	L. Gonzalez-Escallon
APRIL 23-25	Big 12 Championship	10.000 points	L. Herman
MAY 06-08	US Univ. Regional Final	20.000 points	
MAY 06-09	German Ladies	20.000 points	If not qualified for US Univ. Regional Final
MAY 18-21	US Univ. National Final	30.000 points	
MAY 22-23	King's Prize (Empereur)	7.500 points	If not qualified for US Univ. National Final
JUNE 25-27	Nat. Stroke Play (Limburg)	10.000 points	



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Boys' European Team Championship

DATE	COMPETITION	VALUE	SELECTION
MARCH 17-20	Nations Cup (Sotogrande)	20.000 points	T. PIETERS - T. DETRY
MARCH 21-21	Grand Prix de Dinard	5.000 points	<i>For those not selected to play the Nations Cup</i>
APRIL 01-05	French Boys (Belle-Dune)	10.000 points	Boys National Training Squad
APRIL 03-05	Grand Prix de Kristoffy (RC France)	5.000 points	<i>For those not picked up by the French Golf Federation to play the French Boys</i>
APRIL 10-11	Grand Prix AFG (Rigenée)	7.500 points	
MAY 07-09	Scottish Youths	20.000 points	Boys National Training Squad
MAY ???	Tournament to be decided	5.000 points	<i>For those not picked up by the Scottish Golf Union to play the Scottish Youths</i>
MAY 22-23	King's Prize (Empereur)	7.500 points	
JUNE 25-27	Nat. Stroke Play (Limburg)	10.000 points	

Girls' European Team Championship

DATE	COMPETITION	VALUE	SELECTION
MARCH 21-21	Grand Prix de Dinard	5.000 points	Girls National Training Squad
APRIL 01-05	French Lady Jr (St Cloud)	10.000 points	Girls National Training Squad
APRIL 03-05	Grand Prix de Kristoffy (RC France)	5.000 points	<i>For those not picked up by the French Golf Federation to play the French Lady Jr.</i>
APRIL 10-11	Grand Prix AFG (Rigenée)	7.500 points	
MAY 06-09	German Ladies	20.000 points	Girls National Training Squad
MAY ???	Tournament to be decided	5.000 points	<i>For those not picked up by the German Golf Federation to play the German Ladies</i>
MAY 22-23	King's Prize (Empereur)	7.500 points	
JUNE 25-27	Nat. Stroke Play (Limburg)	10.000 points	

Ranking regulations are available on Federation website www.golfbelgium.be.

IV.2 European Team Championships

- Men and Ladies (teams of 6)
The teams should be made out of the **Top 3** players of the "selection" order of merit and 3 wild cards. Reserve player = WC
- Boys (team of 6) and Girls (team of 4)
The teams should be respectively made out of the **Top 4 + 2 WC**, and the **Top 3 + 1 WC** of the "selection" order of merit. Reserve player = WC

IV.3 World Team Championships - teams of 3 Men or Ladies

The teams should be made out of the **Top 1** of the international order of merit and two wild cards.



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IV.4 Selection of the Wild Cards

BT Manager + 1 pro to be nominated by VVG and one by AFG + the pro in charge of the team, if this pro is not already nominated by the region. In case of disagreement between the pros about a wild card, the BT manager has the final decision.

Priority to select a player in his/her age category championship: if any doubt about the philosophy, point to be discussed between RBGF and VVG-AFG.

IV.5 Other international championships

The selections shall be made out of the international order of merit.

Wild cards: to be decided by BT Manager. In case the wild card is not attributed according to the ranking, justification shall be given by the BTM to the Sport committee.



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V PREPARATION FOR EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS (ETC)

Every golf course in the world can be classified into three types: links golf course (ex Ostend), parkland golf course (ex Rinkven) and 'new' golf courses (ex golf national in Paris). Before a championship the courses need to be researched and a training weekend on a particular golf course should be organized to familiarize the players with the specific golf course they will play a championship on.

ETC Course Preparation

Men:	Österakers GC	SWEDEN	April 27-29
Boys:	Klassis GC	TURKEY	May 14-16
Ladies:	La Manga Club	SPAIN	May 14-16
Girls:	Aalborg GC	DENMARK	May 14-16

The better we know the course, the better the opportunities. By playing the course a few times, there will be a certain knowledge bank built up.

Objectives: Game plan, noting the best way round the course, making a stroke saver.
Learning to play the course shot types.

ETC Championship Preparation

3 Days before Championship departure - June 29-July 1

With team together (players being selected), playing similar type of course in Belgium.

Objectives: Team building, getting the players working and supporting together. Final check points, working on shot types and situations. Checking game plans knowing where they are going.

ETC Championships - July 6-10

Practise days getting a feel for the course, any small queries/problems getting sorted out. Championship trusting preparation and let it happen.

Objectives: Top 12



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VI PHYSICAL PREPARATION (To be finalized)

3 sessions should be fixed:

- 1st: evaluation of the player's physical fit and program to be followed to improve it
- 2nd and 3rd: evaluation of the work produced