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European Ladies' Amateur Championship 2025

Welcome Speech

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Dear players from 33 nations, dear representatives and officials of the EGA, the German and the Golf Association of Hesse, the City of Frankfurt and our Club, Ladies and Gentlemen!

On behalf of the Frankfurter Golf Club I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of you to the 2025 European Ladies' Amateur Championship here in the heart of Europe. We are delighted and proud to host this prestigious tournament and to provide a stage for the rising stars of European ladies' golf.

First and foremost, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff in the greenkeeping, the office, and the caddiemaster teams as well as to all our volunteers. Their committed and passionate preparation over many months has been extraordinary and is deeply appreciated.

I sincerely hope you will enjoy playing our nearly 100-year-old course, designed by the famous English golf course architect Harry Colt. Our golf course is one of the historic, traditional venues on the continent, and it is likely quite unique to find such a facility nestled in the city forest just ten minutes from both: the city center and the airport. At this point, however, I must apologize for any inconvenience you may have experienced while getting here - Deutsche Bahn still works at its own pace.

We also owe our existence, in part, to Englishwoman May Forbes, the niece of the longtime Sunningdale President, Earnest Villiers Forbes. She would surely be thrilled to know that such a major international women's tournament, featuring the crème de la crème of European golf, is being held here.

During a spa holiday in Bad Homburg at the end of the 19th century, she met one of our founding fathers, Frankfurt industrialist and great patron Carl von Weinberg. The two apparently fell head over heels in love and were married a year later. What a stroke of luck for us! Not only did Carl von Weinberg become acquainted with the sport of golf, but also, through his ties in England, with Harry Colt, whom he commissioned in 1926 to build this gem here in the Frankfurt city forest.



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Except for the redesign of the greens and surrounding areas in 2006 and 2007, the course still retains the original layout that Harry Colt so masterfully integrated into the natural landscape of the ancient Main River meadows. Today, nearly a century later, we honor that legacy by welcoming Europe's finest female golfers to compete on these fairways.

I wish you all the ability to face the challenges of our course with your very best golf. May the young woman among the 144 participants emerge victorious, who best combines talent, discipline, top form and, of course, a bit of luck!

From my point of view, however, you and all of us are already winners, simply because we are able to enjoy and participate in this wonderful sport. That is nothing to be taken for granted, especially in today's world. And what could be better suited than an international sporting event like this one, to foster lasting friendships and build networks across all borders?

With that in mind, I wish all the players great success and joy in their game, and to all of us, wonderful days filled with exciting competition, outstanding sportsmanship and many inspiring encounters here at the Frankfurter Golf Club.