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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR 2018

Below is a summary of important changes for 2018. However, it is **not a definitive list of all amendments** to Tournament Conditions. Players, Team Captains and others involved in any competition organised by the GUI or its provincial branches are reminded of the importance of reading the conditions of the event, contained in this book (available online from www.golfnet.ie). The Union also distributes a limited number of printed copies to each golf club every spring.

New points system for the Willie Gill Order of Merit

On the recommendation of the High Performance Committee the points system for the Willie Gill Order of Merit will be significantly changed. Only eight events will count – all domestic: the Irish Amateur Open and Close Championships, the North, South, East and West of Ireland Championships and the Munster and Connacht Stroke Play Championships. In addition, automatic places will be available on the Home Internationals Team from this Order of Merit in accordance with the Selection Criteria set out and published (in 2018, this criteria will entail the leading four players on the World Amateur Golf Rankings and the leading two players on the Willie Gill Order of Merit making the Home Internationals team).

New Eligibility Criteria for Championships

From 2019 the eight events on the Willie Gill Order of Merit will include an automatic exemption for anyone scoring 100 or more points on that Order of Merit in a calendar year – exemptions valid in the following year. This will replace the exemptions offered previously for the top-four finishers in the North, South, East and West of Ireland Championships in addition to the Irish Amateur Open and Close Championships. ***In the interim period (2018), performance-related exemptions in these eight events will be offered on the basis of achievement of the results necessary in 2017 to have gained 100 points on the Willie Gill Order of Merit in its new format. In all circumstances, the player must have entered the Championship to avail of the exemption.*** (See Appendix 3 for further information.)

Pace of Play (Rule 6 of General Rules)

The Union's Pace of Play regulations have been revised to remove the timing schedule from the normal enforcement – now a group will be considered out of position if they are, simply, more than one starting interval behind the group in front. Timing schedules will continue to be used to track the first group of each championship day, and to guide enforcement by referees.

Irish Boys Inter-Club Championship

In accordance with the Motion passed by the voters at the Annual Delegates' Meetings, a new inter-club competition for Under-18 Boys will be introduced. Under 18s will be eligible to represent their clubs in this event provided that they did not hold a handicap of below 5.5 on 1 January in the year of the event, and provided that they hold a CONGU handicap that is displayed on Golfnet on the day of competition. The maximum playing handicap is 24; those with a handicap of in excess of this will play off 24 in the event.

Caddies are now prohibited in the AIG Jimmy Bruen and Pierce Purcell Shields

The penalty for breach is set out in the General Rules for Cups and Shields.

New handicap bands in the AIG Cups and Shields

Junior Cup Lower limit reduced from 5 to 4

Jimmy Bruen Lower limit reduced from 6 to 5; Combined limit reduced from 17 to 15

Pierce Purcell Lower limit reduced from 12 to 11; Combined limit reduced from 27 to 25

GUI Four-Ball Lower limit reduced from 16 to 15; Combined limit reduced from 36 to 34

New Local Rule

The GUI and its Branches will apply this new Local Rule recently announced jointly by The R&A and USGA for introduction in 2018 eliminating additional penalties for signing for an incorrect score due to the golfer failing to include a penalty he did not know he had incurred.

Students Championships

There is a significant change in the team format for students championships college teams must consist of players who have individually entered and been . However, while the team must consist of at least two players there is no upper limit to the number of players who may represent the college team. The best two scores each day will count for the team score.

East of Ireland Championship

After trialling a new schedule in 2017, the Leinster Provincial Council have decided to revert to the traditional three-day schedule for the 72-hole East of Ireland Amateur Open Championship.

West of Ireland Championship

Due to light restrictions, a card countback will decide ties for 64th place after the second round of stroke play qualifying, rather than a playoff.

MANDATORY CONDITIONS FOR GUI-AFFILIATED GOLF CLUBS

In order to comply with the terms of membership of the Golfing Union of Ireland (vide Sub-Clause 10.12.4 of the Union's Constitution), an affiliated club **must** adopt the following conditions of competition, these conditions having been passed by Central Council following voting by affiliated clubs at Annual Delegates' Meetings:

Eligibility

To be eligible to compete in a Singles Qualifying Competition at an Away Club, except for all events listed in the GUI's Tournament Conditions Book, a Member of a GUI Affiliated Golf Club must have returned at least three scores in Singles Qualifying Competitions at his Home Club, at any time on or after the corresponding date one year before the Singles Qualifying Competition at the Away Club.

Entries

The use of a GUI Member Card is mandatory for members of clubs affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland for entry into all Open Singles Qualifying Competitions, which shall be by Computer Entry and uploaded to the CDH following close of Competition.

CUPS AND SHIELDS – GENERAL RULES

1. General

The Tournaments are open to all Clubs affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland. Each Club shall be entitled to enter one team in each Tournament.

2. Eligibility

a) Each team member must be:-

- i. Of Amateur Status as defined by R&A Rules Ltd.
 - ii. The holder of an official handicap under the Council of National Golf Unions' UHS or similar standard.
 - iii. A member of the Club from which he is selected.
 - iv. Ordinarily resident in Ireland on and from 31st day of March in the year of the Tournament or alternatively if not so resident be a member of a club affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland which shall be his home club. For the purpose of this rule absence on the relevant date for educational purposes, secondment, temporary employment or service with the security forces shall not disqualify. (Exception: In the Irish Schools Junior and Seniors Championships, students who are resident in Ireland for the duration of an academic year are eligible to compete on behalf of their school.)
- Note: In this context a member is one who pays a Union Subscription.
- b) Whilst the players on each team may be changed no player shall play for more than one club in any one of these Tournaments during the season.
 - c) Any competitor who is currently disqualified from participation in any Union or Branch individual Championship cannot represent a Club in any of these Tournaments.
 - d) Penalty for breach of Rule 2 = Disqualification of the Team concerned.

3. Entries

- a) The entrance fee shall be decided from time to time by the Central Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland. Entry, accompanied by the fee, must be made with the authorised official of the Province in which the Club is situated. In the event a club does not pay its annual subscription in accordance with No.3 of the Union Bye Laws, acceptance of an entry from a club shall not confer upon that Club the right to compete.

4. Format

General:

- a) The Tournaments are divided into two phases – the Provincial Section and the National Section.
- b) In all Match Play rounds of these Tournaments (except the AIG Barton Shield and Irish Junior Foursomes) if a match is all square after 18 holes, the competitors shall immediately continue to play tie holes until a decision is reached, unless an overall result on matches won has already decided the event.

Provincial Section:

- c) Each Provincial Council shall have control of its Provincial Section and shall prescribe the regulations of play.
- d) Each Provincial Council shall advise the name of Provincial winner to CEO of Union prior to date of National section.
- e) Each Provincial Council shall appoint a Championship Committee which shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Tournaments. The decision of this Committee shall be final on all matters relating thereto.
- f) Only members of the Provincial Council or persons nominated by the Council (to include staff so appointed) may be appointed to the Championship Committee and only such members may adjudicate on any question or dispute arising during play.
- g) Each club entered in the Tournament shall play the Provincial Section in its own Province. The Provincial Section winners in each Tournament shall represent the Province in the National Section.

National Section:

- h) The Central Council shall appoint a Championship Committee which shall control and manage the National Section, which shall comprise the Match Play semi-finals and Finals amongst the Provincial winners, and its decision on all questions/disputes under these Rules or during course of play shall be final.

- i) The National Section shall be played at a venue and on a date fixed by the Central Council of the Union.

5. Submission of Teams

- a) Provincial Section: Where a Branch Official is present, Team Captains must hand their team sheets, complete with required details, to the Branch Official in Charge not less than 30 minutes before the start of play. Where no Branch Official is present, Team Captains of the two teams about to engage in a match shall exchange, simultaneously, their team sheets complete with required details not less than 30 minutes before the start of the match.
- b) National Section: The teams for the Semi-Finals, in order of play, with the names of reserves, must be handed to the Union official in charge in a sealed envelope not later than 16.00 hours on the day prior to the match, or such time as designated by the Championship Committee having due regard to administrative requirements, and for the Final not later than one hour after play in the particular Semi-Final match is completed.
- c) In both the provincial and national stages, the information submitted on the Team Sheet shall be the sole determinant of handicaps and handicap allowances, where this applies. In accordance with Rule 6-2, the penalty for recording on the Team Sheet a higher handicap than that to which the player is entitled shall be disqualification of the player/partnership. Where a lower handicap than that to which the player is entitled is recorded on the Team Sheet, the player/partnership must play off the declared handicap.

6. Sudden Illness / Other Emergency

- a) No alteration may be made in the list handed in – either in the matter of players or the order of play – except in the case of sudden illness or other emergency deemed sufficient justification for such an alteration by the Championship Committee.
- b) A Team Captain may nominate two reserves. Reserves taking the place of players after the team has been submitted, shall be placed in the same position in the team as that occupied by the player who has taken ill or has been withdrawn. Alternatively, in competitions covered by this rule involving pairs, a nominated reserve pair may be placed in the same position in the team as that occupied by the pair, one of whom has taken ill or has been withdrawn.
- c) Any competitor who is unable to continue a match will forfeit the remaining holes to be played.
- d) Penalty for Breach of Rule 6 = Disqualification of the team concerned.

7. Prizes

- a) The Cup/Shield shall be held for the year by the winning Club. Each winning Club will receive a National Pennant. Gold Medals will be awarded to the members of the winning team, Silver medals to the Runners-up and Bronze medals to the defeated Semi-Finalists. The non-playing Captains will be awarded a medal. Additional medals may be purchased by clubs, but only for players who have competed at either Provincial or National level during the event.
- b) The winning Clubs in each Province will be presented with a Provincial Pennant and the finalists will be presented with a Provincial Plaque.

8. Buggies

- a) Motorised buggies may be utilised only by a Player or Caddie in possession of a valid medical certificate of disability. (Penalty - disqualification of the offending player/s). See Appendix 2.

9. Advice

- a) A team Captain is permitted to give advice to his team during the course of play, with the exception of giving advice on the putting green, or pointing out a line for putting.

b) A Team Captain playing in the competition may not give advice to a team-mate, other than his partner until after completion of his match.

c) Penalty: Match Play - loss of each hole at which the infringement occurs, to a maximum of two holes; Stroke Play - 2 strokes at each hole at which the infringement occurs, to a maximum of 4 Strokes. Any further breach will lead to the disqualification of the player(s).

10. Caddies

a) The following penalty will be applied for breach of the conditions of specific competitions which either prohibit caddies outright or prohibit certain individuals from acting as caddies, e.g. players who are over-age in an under-age competition, professional golfers, etc:

i) Match play - At the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, the state of the match is adjusted by deducting one hole for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum deduction per round - Two holes.

ii) Stroke play - Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round - Four strokes (two strokes at each of the first two holes at which any breach occurred).

iii) Match play or stroke play - In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole. If a breach is discovered between the play of two holes, it is deemed to have been discovered during play of the next hole, and the penalty must be applied accordingly.

iv) Bogey and par competitions - See Note 1 to Rule 32-1a of the Rules of Golf.

v) Stableford competitions - See Note 1 to Rule 32-1b of the Rules of Golf.

vi) A player having a caddie in breach of this condition must immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred ensure that he conforms with this condition for the remainder of the stipulated round.

Otherwise, the player is disqualified.

11. Other

a) The winning Club in each Province shall be responsible for arranging accommodation for its team at the venue fixed for the National Section.

b) Competitors submit to the Golfing Union of Ireland Doping Control Bye Laws and to drug testing thereunder. A copy of the Doping Control Bye Laws is available on request.

c) Players shall play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines which may be laid down by the Championship Committee.

d) A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

e) The Executive Committee reserves the right of entry into the Cups and Shields.

f) The Rules Modifications, as outlined in the Rules of Golf for Golfers with Disabilities are operative in the Cups & Shields events.

g) Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows: When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment.

The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1. This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental. Note: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.

h) The Exception to Rule 6-6d is modified as follows: If a competitor returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken due to failure to include one or more penalty strokes that, before returning his score

card, he did not know he had incurred, he is not disqualified. In such circumstances, the competitor incurs the penalty prescribed by the applicable Rule, but there is no additional penalty for a breach of Rule 6-6d. This Exception does not apply when the applicable penalty is disqualification from the competition.

AIG SENIOR CUP

1. General & Eligibility

- a) The Cup shall be called the “Irish Golf Clubs Senior Challenge Cup”.
- b) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups and Shields, and with the conditions for the Provincial Qualifying Section as determined by the Branch.
- c) In addition to the eligibility provisions in the General Rules for Cups and Shields, in order to be eligible to compete in the Senior Cup, Honorary Members of golf clubs they propose to represent must have been, at some time, a fee-paying member of the Club for a period of two years.
- d) The four-card rule prescribed for the AIG Junior Cup, AIG Jimmy Bruen Shield, AIG Pierce Purcell Shield, GUI Four-Ball and Irish Mixed Foursomes competitions, does NOT apply to the AIG Senior Cup.

2. Format

- a) Each team shall consist of five members and play shall be by singles medal play or singles match play.
- b) All matches must be played to a conclusion unless an overall result has already been reached. Unfinished matches will be declared ‘halved’.

3. Handicaps

- a) All matches must be played off scratch.

AIG BARTON SHIELD

1. General & Eligibility

- a) The Shield shall be called the “Barton Shield”.
- b) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups and Shields, and with the conditions for the Provincial Qualifying Section as determined by the Branch.
- c) In addition to the provisions in the General Rules for Cups and Shields, Honorary Members of golf clubs they wish to represent must have been, at some time, a fee-paying member of the Club for 2 years.
- d) The four-card rule prescribed for the AIG Junior Cup, AIG Jimmy Bruen Shield, AIG Pierce Purcell Shield, GUI Four-Ball and Irish Mixed Foursomes competitions, does NOT apply to the AIG Barton Shield.

2. Format

- a) Each team shall consist of four members.
- b) The form of play is Foursomes. In Match Play rounds of the Tournament, each match shall be played over 18 holes, the aggregate of holes up to decide the winning team.
- c) The full round must be played unless an overall result on holes up has already decided the event, when the defeated team may concede the match before completion of 18 holes.
- d) In the case of a tie, the second match as selected, shall immediately continue to play tie holes until a decision is reached. The pairs contesting tie holes must maintain their respective orders of play in which they played from the start of the match. (Penalty for breach = Loss of hole)

3. Handicaps

- a) All matches must be played off scratch.

AIG JUNIOR CUP**1. General**

- a) The Cup shall be called the “Irish Golf Clubs Junior Challenge Cup”.
- b) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups and Shields, and with the conditions for the Provincial Qualifying Section as determined by the Branch.

2. Eligibility

- a) No player shall be eligible to compete in this Tournament who was not in possession of a CONGU Handicap during the preceding calendar year.
- b) No player shall be eligible to compete in this Tournament whose playing handicap was less than four during the preceding calendar year.
- c) A player shall have, in the calendar year prior to the event, returned a minimum of four returns in qualifying competitions (Supplementary Scores are not included) all of which must be recorded on the handicap records of the player's home club on or before 31st December in the calendar year prior to the event. Nine-Hole qualifying competitions are admissible under this rule. Note: If a player changes his club during the previous calendar year, it is his responsibility to produce evidence of having competed in a minimum of four Qualifying Competitions.
- d) Penalty for breach of Rule 2 = Disqualification of the team concerned.

3. Format

- a) Each team shall consist of five members and play shall be by singles medal play or by singles match play.
- b) A team Captain may nominate two reserves.
- c) All matches must be played to a conclusion unless an overall result has already been reached. Unfinished matches will be declared ‘halved’.

4. Handicaps

- a) All matches will be played off scratch.

AIG JIMMY BRUEN SHIELD**1. General**

- a) The Shield shall be called the “Jimmy Bruen Shield”.
- b) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups and Shields, and with the conditions for the Provincial Qualifying Section as determined by the Branch.

2. Eligibility

- a) No player shall be eligible to compete in this Tournament who was not in possession of a CONGU Handicap during the preceding calendar year.
- b) No player shall be eligible to compete in this Tournament whose playing handicap was less than five during the previous calendar year.
- c) A player shall have, in the calendar year prior to the event, returned a minimum of four returns in qualifying competitions (Supplementary Scores are not included) all of which must be recorded on the handicap records of the player's home club on or before 31st December in the calendar year prior to the event. Nine-Hole qualifying competitions are admissible under this rule. Note: If a player changes his club

during the previous calendar year, it is his responsibility to produce evidence of having competed in a minimum of four Qualifying Competitions.

d) Penalty for breach of Rule 2 = Disqualification of the team concerned.

3. Format

a) Each team shall consist of ten members and play shall be by Foursomes medal play or Foursomes match play.

4. Handicaps

a) All matches must be played off scratch.

b) The combined lowest playing handicap of each pair during the preceding calendar year shall not be less than fifteen.

c) Penalty for breach of Rule 4 = Disqualification of the team concerned.

5. Caddies

a) Caddies are prohibited. Penalties will be applied in accordance with Condition 10 of the General Rules for Cups and Shields.

AIG PIERCE PURCELL SHIELD

1. General

a) The Shield shall be called the "Pierce Purcell Shield".

b) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups and Shields, and with the conditions for the Provincial Qualifying Section as determined by the Branch.

2. Eligibility

a) No player shall be eligible to compete in this Tournament who was not in possession of a CONGU Handicap during the preceding calendar year.

b) No player shall be eligible to compete in this Tournament whose playing handicap was less than 11 during the previous calendar year.

c) No player under 18 years of age on 1 January of the year of the Tournament is eligible to compete.

d) A player shall have, in the calendar year prior to the event, returned a minimum of four returns in qualifying competitions (Supplementary Scores are not included) all of which must be recorded on the handicap records of the player's home club on or before 31st December in the calendar year prior to the event. Nine-Hole qualifying competitions are admissible under this rule. Note: If a player changes his club during the previous calendar year, it is his responsibility to produce evidence of having competed in a minimum of four Qualifying Competitions.

e) Penalty for breach of Rule 2 = Disqualification of the team concerned.

3. Format

a) Each team shall consist of ten members and play shall be by Greensomes (also known as "Scotch Foursomes") medal play or match play. Greensomes, in either form of play, is prescribed as follows:

i) The rules and penalties governing foursomes as prescribed in Rule 29 of the Rules of Golf shall apply, except that at the start of each hole, both members of a side shall play from the tee and shall select at their discretion one of the two balls which shall remain the ball in play until the conclusion of the hole.

ii) In applying Rule 29-1 (ie, where penalty strokes do not affect the Order of Play), the player who played first from the tee shall play the next stroke, with the appropriate penalties applying, where either

- play of a provisional ball is necessitated following the play of both members of a side from the tee, or
- play under stroke and distance is required where both players' balls from the tee are lost or O/B.

4. Handicaps

- a) All matches must be played off scratch.
- b) Combined lowest playing handicap of each pair during preceding calendar year shall not be less than 25.
- c) Penalty for breach of Rule 4 = Disqualification of the team concerned.

5. Caddies

- a) Caddies are prohibited. Penalties will be applied in accordance with Condition 10 of the General Rules for Cups and Shields.

IRISH MIXED FOURSOMES CHALLENGE CUP

1. General

- a) The Cup shall be called the "Irish Golf Clubs Mixed Foursomes Challenge Cup".
- b) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups and Shields, and with the conditions for the Provincial Qualifying Section as determined by the Branch.

2. Eligibility

- a) The Tournament is open to all clubs affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland. Each club shall be entitled to enter one Team.
- b) Each member of the team must be not less than 18 years of age on the 1st January in the year of the Tournament. (Penalty for breach = Disqualification of the team concerned.)
- c) No player shall be eligible to compete in this Tournament who was not in possession of a CONGU Handicap during the preceding calendar year.
- d) A player shall have, in the calendar year prior to the event, returned a minimum of four returns in qualifying competitions (supplementary scores are not included) all of which must be recorded on the handicap records of the player's home club on or before 31st December in the calendar year prior to the event. Nine-Hole qualifying competitions are admissible under this rule. Note: If a player changes his club during the previous calendar year, it is his responsibility to produce evidence of having competed in a minimum of four Qualifying Competitions.

3. Format

- a) Each team shall consist of five male members and five lady members of the club and play shall be by Foursomes medal play or by Foursomes match play.
- b) In all matches the men shall drive off the first tee. (Penalty – loss of hole).

4. Handicaps

- a) For the purpose of handicap eligibility and competing, the handicap for both Men and Ladies shall be the lowest playing handicap held during the previous calendar year.
- b) To be eligible to compete as a pair the combined playing handicap shall not be lower than nineteen.
- c) If the combined playing handicap of any pair exceeds 27 the pair must play off 27.
- d) The handicap allowances shall be: In medal play half of the combined handicaps. Half shots will apply. In match play half of the full difference between the combined handicaps of either side.
- e) The men's card will operate for the stroke allowance. If the card prescribes a match play allowance formula this formula must be used, otherwise the stroke index allowance on the card is used.

- f) Teams may play in any combined handicap order.
- g) Where the penalty for breaching any of the foregoing clauses is not covered by the Rules of Golf, the penalty for breaching Rule 4 is Disqualification of the team concerned.

5. Sudden illness/other emergency

- a) Reserves taking the place of players after the team has been submitted shall be placed in the same position in the team as that occupied by the player who has taken ill or has been withdrawn.
- b) Alternatively, a pair may be placed in the same position in the team as that occupied by the pair one of whom has taken ill or has been withdrawn.

6. Prizes

- a) Provincial Section: The winning club shall be awarded a Provincial Pennant and the runner-up a plaque.
- b) National Section: Gold Medals and Brooches will be awarded to the men and ladies of the winning team, Silver Medals and Brooches to the runners-up and Bronze Medals and Brooches to the defeated semi-finalists and the winning Club will be awarded a National Pennant. Non-playing Team Captains will be awarded a special medal.
- c) The Cup shall be held for the year by the winning club.

GUI ALL-IRELAND FOUR-BALL INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

- a) The Shield shall be called the “GUI All-Ireland Four-Ball Inter-Club Championship”.
- b) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups and Shields, and with the conditions for the Provincial Qualifying Section as determined by the Branch.

2. Eligibility

- a) No player shall be eligible to compete in this Tournament who was not in possession of a CONGU Handicap during the preceding calendar year.
- b) No player shall be eligible to compete in this Tournament whose playing handicap was less than 15 during the previous calendar year.
- c) No player under 30 years of age on the first day of Jan of the year of the event is eligible to compete.
- d) A player shall have, in the calendar year prior to the event, returned a minimum of four returns in qualifying competitions (Supplementary Scores are not included) all of which must be recorded on the handicap records of the player's home club on or before 31st December in the calendar year prior to the event. Nine-Hole qualifying competitions are admissible under this rule. Note: If a player changes his club during the previous calendar year, it is his responsibility to produce evidence of having competed in a minimum of four Qualifying Competitions.
- e) Penalty for breach of Rule 2 = Disqualification of the team concerned.

3. Format

- a) Each team consists of 10 members and play shall be by Four-Ball stroke play or by Four-Ball match play.

4. Handicaps

- a) All matches must be played off scratch.
- b) Combined lowest playing handicap of each pair during preceding calendar year shall not be less than 34.
- c) Penalty for breach = Disqualification of the team concerned.

5. Caddies

- a) Caddies are prohibited. Penalties will be applied in accordance with Condition 10 of the General Rules for Cups and Shields.

FRED DALY TROPHY

1. General

- a) The Trophy shall be called the “Fred Daly Trophy”.
 b) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups and Shields, and with the conditions for the Provincial Qualifying Section as determined by the Branch.

2. Eligibility

- a) The Championship is open to all Clubs affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland. Each Club shall be entitled to enter one team.
 b) Each member of the team must be:
 i. A member of the Club from which he is selected but an Honorary Member must have been, at some time, a fee paying member of the Club for a period of two years:
 ii. Ordinarily resident in Ireland on and from the 31st day of March in the year of the Championship. For the purpose of this Rule absence from Ireland on the relevant date for education purposes, secondment or temporary employment shall not disqualify.
 iii. Competitors who turn 18 on 1st January in the year of the event or at any time after that date are eligible to compete.
 c) A player must compete for his Home Club (defined in the CONGU UHS as the club which controls and administers his handicap) should that club require him to do so. If his Home Club does not require him to compete, a player may only compete for another club under one of the following scenarios: a) His Home Club has not entered the tournament; b) The Player receives written permission bearing his Home Club’s letterhead and signed by a Club Official confirming that such written permission is authorised by the Club. If required, a copy of the written permission from his Home Club must be forwarded to the opposing Team Captain and relevant Branch Office within four days of any request.
 d) Penalty for Breach of Rule 2 = Disqualification of team.

3. Format

- a) Each team shall consist of five members in both the Provincial and National sections.
 i. Each Provincial Council shall appoint a Championship Committee which shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Tournaments and the decision of this Committee shall be final on all matters relating thereto.
 ii. Only members of the Provincial Council or persons nominated by the Council (to include the Provincial Secretary) may be appointed to the Championship Committee and only such members may adjudicate on any question or dispute arising during the course of play.
 b) The Central Council shall appoint a Championship Committee which shall control and manage the National Section, which shall comprise the Match Play semi-finals and Finals amongst the Provincial winners, and its decision on all questions or disputes under these Rules or during course of play shall be final. The Championship Committee reserves the right to alter starting times.
 c) Each Club entered in the Championship shall play the Provincial Section in its own Province. The winning club shall represent the Province in the National Section.
 d) The National Section shall be played at a venue and on a date to be fixed by the Central Council of the Union.

- e) Whilst the players on each team may be changed, no person shall play for more than one Club in this Championship during the season.
- f) Each Branch shall advise the name of Provincial winner to the CEO of the Union prior to the date of the National Section.
- g) The winning club in each Province shall be responsible for arranging accommodation for its team at the venue fixed for the National Section.
- h) In the National Section, if a match is all square after 18 holes the competitors shall immediately continue to play tie holes until a decision is reached unless an overall result on matches won has already decided the event.

4. Handicaps

- a) Teams must be submitted in order of current playing handicap.
- b) All matches will be played off scratch.

5. Submission of Teams

- a) The Captains of the two teams about to engage in a match shall simultaneously interchange the names of the members of their teams, with their handicap and in order of play, together with the names of reserves, at least 30 minutes before the time arranged for the start of the match. Once the team list has been handed over it may not be altered except as provided for in Rule 6.
- b) For the National Finals the teams for the semi-finals, in order of play with current handicaps together with the names of reserves, must be handed to the Union official in charge in a sealed envelope not later than 16.00 hours on the day prior to the match and for the Final not later than 30 minutes after play in the semi-finals is completed.

6. Sudden Illness/Other Emergency

- a) Except in the case of sudden illness or other emergency which is considered by the Provincial Council or the Championship Committee to be sufficient justification, no alteration can be made in the list handed in, either in the matter of players or in the order of play.
- b) Reserves taking the place of players after the team has been submitted shall be placed in the same position in the team as that occupied by the player who has taken ill or has been withdrawn irrespective of handicap.
- c) Penalty for breach = Disqualification of the team concerned.

7. Prizes

- a) The Trophy shall be held for the year by the winning club. Silver Gilt Medals will be awarded to the members of the winning team, Silver Medals to the runners-up and Bronze Medals to the defeated semi-finalists. Non-playing Team Captains will be awarded a special medal.
- b) The winning club in each Province will be presented with a Provincial Pennant and the club which wins the Championship will be presented with a National Pennant.

8. Caddies

- a) Professional Golfers and individuals who do not meet the age eligibility criteria for this competition are prohibited from caddying (penalties to be applied in accordance with Condition 10 of the General Rules for Cups and Shields).

9. Advice

- a) No professional golfer may act as Team Captain (Penalty - disqualification of the team).

IRISH JUNIOR FOURSOMES

1. General

- a) The Trophy shall be called the “Irish Golf Clubs Junior Foursomes Challenge Trophy”.
- b) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups and Shields, and with the conditions for the Provincial Qualifying Section as determined by the Branch.

2. Eligibility

- a) The Tournament is open to all Clubs affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland. Each Club shall be entitled to enter one team.
- b) Each member of the team must be:
 - i. a member of the club from which he is selected
 - ii. Under 18 years of age on 1st January in the year of the Tournament.
 - iii. Ordinarily resident in Ireland on and from the 31st day of March in the year of the Tournament. For the purpose of this Rule absence from Ireland on the relevant date for education purposes, secondment or temporary employment shall not disqualify.
- c) A player must compete for his Home Club (defined in the CONGU UHS as the club which controls and administers his handicap) should that club require him to do so. If his Home Club does not require him to compete, a player may only compete for another club under one of the following scenarios: a) His Home Club has not entered the tournament; b) The Player receives written permission from his Home Club bearing his Home Club's letterhead and signed by a Club Official confirming that such written permission is authorised by the Club. If required, a copy of the written permission from his Home Club must be forwarded to the opposing Team Captain and relevant Branch Office within four days of any request.
- d) In cases of doubt, eligibility shall be decided in the Provincial Section by the Provincial Council of the Branch concerned, and in the National Section by the Championship Committee.
- e) Penalty for breach of Rule 2 = Disqualification of the team concerned

3. Format

- a) Each team shall consist of 4 male members and play shall be by foursomes stroke play or match play.
- b) The Tournament is divided into two phases – the Provincial Section and the National Section.
- c) Each club entered in the Tournament shall play the Provincial Section in its own Province and the winning club shall represent the Province in the National Final.
- d) In medal play the scores of both pairs shall count for qualification. (In the event of a tie the worst score shall be eliminated. If still a tie the decision shall be as set out in Appendix I of the Conditions Booklet.
- e) In match play rounds each match shall be played over 18 holes and except as provided hereunder the full round must be played. The aggregate of holes up shall decide the winning team. Should an overall result on holes up have already decided the event the defeated team may concede the match before completion of 18 holes.
- f) In the case of a tie the second match, as selected, shall immediately continue to play tie holes until a decision is reached. For all tie holes played the same match play allowance shall operate as for the initial 18 holes. The pairs contesting tie holes must maintain their respective orders of play in which they played from the start of the match. (Penalty for breach = loss of hole)

4. Handicaps

- a) The maximum handicap allowance to any player is 12. If a member of a team has a handicap in excess of 12 he must play off 12.

- b) Each individual match shall be played off Current Playing Handicaps.
- c) In medal play half of the combined handicap will be allowed to each pair. Half shots will apply.
- d) In match play half of the full difference between the combined handicap of either side.
- e) The medal course scorecard of the Club at which any round of this Tournament is being played shall operate for the stroke allowance. If the card prescribes a match play index such index shall be used.
- f) Penalty for breach of Rule 4 = Disqualification

5. Submission of teams

- a) In the Provincial Section, the teams, in order of play, with handicaps and with the names and handicaps of reserves, must be handed to the Official in charge of the Tournament in a sealed envelope not less than 30 minutes before the starting time.
- b) In the National Section, the teams for the semi-finals, in order of play, with handicaps and with the names and handicaps of the reserves, must be handed to the Union Official in charge in a sealed envelope not later than 16.00 hours on the day prior to the match and for the Final, not more than thirty minutes after play in the semi-finals is complete.

6. Sudden illness/other emergency

- a) Except in the case of sudden illness, or other emergency which is considered by the Provincial Council or Championship Committee to be sufficient justification no alteration can be made in the list handed in, either in the matter of the players or in the order of play. Reserves taking the place of players after the team has been submitted shall be placed in the same position in the team as that occupied by the player who has taken ill or has been withdrawn. Alternatively, a pair may be placed in the same position in the team as that occupied by the pair one of whom has taken ill or has been withdrawn.
- b) Any competitor who is unable to continue a match will forfeit the remaining holes to be played.
- c) Penalty for breach of Rule 6 = Disqualification

7. Prizes

- a) The Trophy shall be held for the year by the winning club. Silver Gilt Medals will be awarded to the members of the winning team, Silver Medals to the runners-up and Bronze Medals to the defeated semi-finalists in the National Section.
- b) The winning club in each Province will receive a Provincial Pennant and the club which wins the Tournament will receive a National Pennant. Non-playing Captains will be awarded a special medal.

8. Caddies

- a) Professional Golfers and individuals who do not meet the age eligibility criteria for this competition are prohibited from caddying (penalties to be applied in accordance with Condition 10 of the General Rules for Cups and Shields).

9. Advice

- a) No professional may act as Team Captain (Penalty - disqualification of the team).

IRISH BOYS UNDER-18 INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

- a) This competition shall be called the "Irish Boys Inter-Club Championship".
- b) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the [General Rules for Cups and Shields](#), and with the conditions for the Provincial Qualifying Section as determined by the Branch.

2. Eligibility

- a) The Championship is open to all Clubs affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland. Each Club shall be entitled to enter one team.
- b) Each member of the team must be:
 - i. A member of the Club from which he is selected but an Honorary Member must have been, at some time, a fee paying member of the Club for a period of two years:
 - ii. Ordinarily resident in Ireland on and from the 31st day of March in the year of the Championship. For the purpose of this Rule absence from Ireland on the relevant date for education purposes, secondment or temporary employment shall not disqualify.
 - iii. The holder of an official CONGU handicap, displayed on Golfnet.
 - iv. Competitors who turn 18 on 1st January in the year of the event or at any time after that date are eligible to compete.
 - v. Competitors cannot have held a handicap of below 5.5 on 1 January in the year of the competition. A competitor whose handicap drops below 5.5 thereafter is eligible to compete.
- c) A player must compete for his Home Club (defined in the CONGU UHS as the club which controls and administers his handicap) should that club require him to do so. If his Home Club does not require him to compete, a player may only compete for another club under one of the following scenarios: a) His Home Club has not entered the tournament; b) The Player receives written permission from his Home Club. If required, a copy of the written permission from his Home Club must be forwarded to the opposing Team Captain and relevant Branch Office within four days of any request.
- d) To be eligible to compete on a team, a player must not have held a handicap lower than 5.5 on 1 January in the year of the event.
- d) Penalty for Breach of Rule 2 = Disqualification of team.

3. Format

- a) The competition is divided into two phases. Phase One will be the Provincial Section and Phase Two the National Section.
- b) Teams shall consist of at least three and up to five players. To determine the result in all stages, the aggregate of the best three out of up to five nett stableford scores will count. If two or more teams are tied the result shall be decided by the Breaking of Ties as set out in the GUI Conditions Booklet.
- c) Each club entered in the Championship shall play the Provincial Section in its own Province. The winning Club shall represent the Province in the National Section.
- d) Whilst the players on each team may be changed, no person shall play for more than one Club in this Championship during the season.

4. Handicaps

- a) Teams must be submitted in order of current playing handicap.
- b) A player's current official CONGU handicap on the day of competition shall apply. The handicap playing limit shall be 24; should a player's handicap exceed this he must play off 24.

5. Submission of teams

- a) In the Provincial Section, the teams, in order of play, with the names of reserves, must be handed to the Official in Charge in a sealed envelope not less than thirty minutes before the starting time.
- b) In the National Section the teams, in order of play, with the names of reserves, must be handed to the Union Official in Charge in a sealed envelope not later than 16.00 hours on the day prior to the Final.

6. Sudden illness/other emergency

a) Except in the case of sudden illness or other emergency which is considered by the Championship Committee in charge to be sufficient justification, no alteration can be made in the list handed in, either in the matter of players or in the order of play. A reserve taking the place of a player after the team is nominated shall be placed in the same position in the team as that occupied by the withdrawn player.

7. Prizes

a) The Trophy shall be held for the year by the winning Club.
 b) The winning Club in each Province will be presented with a Provincial Pennant and the club which wins the Championship will be presented with a National Pennant.

8. Restrictions on Caddies

a) Professional Golfers and individuals who do not meet the age eligibility criteria for this competition are prohibited from caddying (penalties to be applied in accordance with Condition 10 of the General Rules for Cups and Shields).

9. Advice

a) No professional golfer may act as Team Captain (Penalty - disqualification of the team).

IRISH SCHOOLS JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP**1. General**

a) The Trophy shall be known as the “Irish Schools Junior Championship Trophy”.
 b) Each Provincial Council shall appoint a Championship Committee which shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Tournament and the decision of this Committee shall be final on all matters relating thereto.
 c) The Central Council shall appoint a Championship Committee which shall control and manage the National Section, which shall comprise 18 holes Medal (Stroke Play) amongst the Provincial winners, and its decision on all questions or disputes under these Rules or during course of play shall be final. The Championship Committee reserves the right to alter starting times.
 d) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups and Shields, and with the conditions for the Provincial Qualifying Section as determined by the Branch.

2. Eligibility

a) All second-level schools on the island of Ireland are entitled to enter one team.
 b) A player who turns 16 on 1st January in the year of the National Final or on any date thereafter, and who is a student of the School for which he is selected to play (even though he may have left before the Championship is completed) is eligible to compete.
 c) Whilst the players on each team may be changed, no person shall play for more than one School in this Championship during the season.
 d) In cases of doubt, eligibility shall be decided, in the Provincial Section, by the Provincial Council of the Branch concerned and in the National Section by the Championship Committee appointed by the Union.
 e) Penalty for breach of Rule 2 = Disqualification of the team concerned

3. Format

a) The Championship is divided into two phases. Phase One will be the Provincial Section and Phase Two the National Section.

- b) To determine the result, the aggregate of the best two nett stableford scores will count. If two or more teams are tied the result shall be decided by the Breaking of Ties as set out in the GUI Conditions Booklet.
- c) Each School entered in the Championship shall play the Provincial Section in its own Province unless otherwise determined due to geographical considerations. The winning School shall represent the Province in the National Section.
- d) The team representing the Province in the National Section shall consist of three male pupils.

4. Handicaps

- a) Teams shall play off current playing handicaps.
- b) The maximum handicap allowance to any player is 15. If a member of a team has a handicap in excess of 15 he must play off 15.
- c) Teams shall play in order of current playing handicaps.
- d) Penalty for breach of Rule 4 = Disqualification of the team concerned

5. Submission of teams

- a) In the Provincial Section, the teams, in order of play, with the names of reserves, must be handed to the Official in Charge in a sealed envelope not less than thirty minutes before the starting time.
- b) In the National Section the teams, in order of play, with the names of reserves, must be handed to the Union Official in Charge in a sealed envelope not later than 16.00 hours on the day prior to the Final.

6. Sudden illness/other emergency

- a) Except in the case of sudden illness or other emergency which is considered by the Championship Committee in charge to be sufficient justification, no alteration can be made in the list handed in, either in the matter of players or in the order of play. A reserve taking the place of a player after the team is nominated shall be placed in the same position in the team as that occupied by the player who has taken ill or has been withdrawn irrespective of handicap.

7. Prizes

- a) The Trophy shall be held for the year by the winning School.
- b) The winning school in each Province will be presented with a Provincial Pennant and the school which wins the Championship will be presented with a National Pennant.

8. Caddies

- a) Professional Golfers and individuals who do not meet the age eligibility criteria for this competition are prohibited from caddying (penalties to be applied in accordance with Condition 10 of the General Rules for Cups and Shields).

9. Advice

- a) No professional golfer may act as Team Captain (Penalty - disqualification of the team).

IRISH SCHOOLS SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

- a) The Shield shall be known as the "Irish Inter Schools Golf Shield".
- b) Each Provincial Council shall appoint a Championship Committee which shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Tournament and the decision of this Committee shall be final on all matters relating thereto.

- c) The Central Council shall appoint a Championship Committee which shall control and manage the National Section, which shall comprise the Match Play semi-finals and Finals amongst the Provincial winners, and its decision on all questions or disputes under these Rules or during course of play shall be final. The Championship Committee reserves the right to alter starting times.
- d) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups and Shields, and with the conditions for the Provincial Qualifying Section as determined by the Branch.

2. Eligibility

- a) The Championship is open to all second-level schools on the island of Ireland. Each is entitled to enter 1 team.
- b) A player who turns 19 on 1st January in the year of the National Final or on any date thereafter, and who is a student of the School for which he is selected to play (even though he may have left before the Championship is completed) is eligible to compete.
- c) Whilst the players on each team may be changed, no person shall play for more than one School in this Championship during the season.
- d) In cases of doubt, eligibility shall be decided, in the Provincial Section, by the Provincial Council of the Branch concerned and in the National Section by the Championship Committee appointed by the Union.
- e) Penalty for breach of Rule 2 = Disqualification of the team concerned.

3. Format

- a) The Championship is divided into two phases. Phase One will be the Provincial Section and Phase Two the National Section.
- b) Teams shall be submitted in order of current playing handicaps, and all matches shall be played off scratch. (Penalty for breach of Rule 3b = Disqualification of the Team concerned)
- c) Each School entered in the Championship shall play the Provincial Section in its own Province unless otherwise determined due to geographical considerations. The winning School shall represent the Province in the National Section.
- d) The National Semi-Finals and Final of the Competition shall consist of five singles matches. Should any Provincial Council consider it necessary and advisable the teams for the Provincial Qualifying Rounds may consist of less than five pupils.
- e) In all match play rounds of this Championship, if a match is all square after 18 holes, the competitors concerned shall immediately continue to play tie holes until a decision is reached unless an overall result on matches has already decided the event.

4. Submission of teams

- a) In the Provincial Section, the teams, in order of play, with the names of reserves, must be handed to the Official in Charge in a sealed envelope not less than thirty minutes before the starting time.
- b) In the National Section the teams, in order of play, with the names of reserves, must be handed to the Union Official in Charge in a sealed envelope not later than 16.00 hours on the day prior to the semi-final, and one hour after completion of the semi-final for the final.

5. Sudden illness/other emergency

- a) Except in the case of sudden illness or other emergency which is considered by the Championship Committee in charge to be sufficient justification, no alteration can be made in the list handed in, either in the matter of players or in the order of play. A reserve taking the place of a player after the team is nominated shall be placed in the same position in the team as that occupied by the player who has taken ill or has been withdrawn irrespective of handicap.

b) Penalty for breach of Rule 5 = Disqualification of the team concerned

6. Prizes

- a) The Shield shall be held for the year by the winning School.
- b) Silver Gilt Medals will be awarded to the members of the winning team, Silver Medals to the runners-up and Bronze Medals to the defeated semi-finalists.
- c) The winning school in each Province will be presented with a Provincial Pennant and the school which wins the Championship will be presented with a National Pennant.

7. Caddies

- a) Professional Golfers and individuals who do not meet the age eligibility criteria for this competition are prohibited from caddying (penalties to be applied in accordance with Condition 10 of the General Rules for Cups and Shields).

8. Advice

- a) No professional golfer may act as Team Captain (Penalty - disqualification of the team).

MICHAEL J MURPHY AWARD

1. This Award shall be competed for annually between members of clubs affiliated to the GUI in the:
 - Connacht U14 Boys Amateur Open Championship
 - Munster U14 Boys Amateur Open Championship
 - Leinster U14 Boys Amateur Open Championship
 - Ulster U14 Boys Amateur Open Championship
 - Irish U14 Boys Amateur Open Championship
2. To be eligible for this Award, a player must have competed in at least one Provincial Championship.
3. The Award shall be based on the following points system:

	Provincial Championship	National Championship
Winner	50	60
Runner-up	45	50
3rd	40	45
4th	35	40
5th	30	35
6th	25	30
7th	20	25
8th	15	20
9th	10	15
10th	5	10

4. If two or more players tie for first position, the Winner shall be decided in the following sequence: If one player is: a) the Irish U14 Boys Amateur Open Champion, or if not b) the winner of three of the Provincial Championships, or if not c) the winner of two of the Provincial Championships, or if not d) the winner of one of the Provincial Championships. Should two players still tie on (c) or (d) above then the player gaining the most points in the Irish U14 Boys Amateur Open Championship shall be the Winner. Should there still be a tie the Award shall be shared for the year.

5. The Award shall be held by the Club from which the winner shall have entered in the Irish U14 Boys Amateur Open Championship or, if he did not compete in that Championship, the Club from which he shall have entered the last event in which he was awarded points and shall be held by the Club until the commencement of the Open Championship in the following year. Should the Award be shared, it shall be held by each of the Clubs concerned for an equal period. In the event of the Winner having entered from a Country outside Ireland, the Award shall be held by the Golfing Union of Ireland.

JOE CARR AWARD

1. This Award shall be competed for annually between members of clubs affiliated to the GUI in the:

- Connacht U16 Boys Amateur Open Championship
- Munster U16 Boys Amateur Open Championship
- Leinster U16 Boys Amateur Open Championship
- Ulster U16 Boys Amateur Open Championship
- Irish U16 Boys Amateur Open Championship

2. In order to be eligible for this Award, a player must have competed in one of the four Provincial Championships.

3. The Award shall be based on the following points system:

	Provincial Championship	National Championship
Winner	50	60
Runner-up	45	50
3rd	40	45
4th	35	40
5th	30	35
6th	25	30
7th	20	25
8th	15	20
9th	10	15
10th	5	10

4. If two or more players tie for first position, the Winner shall be decided in the following sequence:

If one player is:

- a) the Irish U16 Boys Amateur Open Champion, or if not
- b) the winner of three of the Provincial Championships, or if not
- c) the winner of two of the Provincial Championships, or if not
- d) the winner of one of the Provincial Championships.

Should two players still tie on (c) or (d) above then the player gaining the most points in the Irish U16 Boys Amateur Open Championship shall be the Winner.

Should there still be a tie the Award shall be shared for the year.

5. The Award shall be held by the Club from which the winner shall have entered in the Irish U16 Boys Amateur Open Championship or, if he did not compete in that Championship, the Club from which he shall have entered the last event in which he was awarded points and shall be held by the Club until the commencement of the Open Championship in the following year. Should the Award be shared, it shall be

held by each of the Clubs concerned for an equal period. In the event of the Winner having entered from a Country outside Ireland, the Award shall be held by the Golfing Union of Ireland.

TOM MONTGOMERY AWARD (UNDER 18)

This Award shall be competed for annually between competitors in the:

- Connacht Boys' Amateur Open Championship
- Munster Boys' Amateur Open Championship
- Leinster Boys' Amateur Open Championship
- Ulster Boys' Amateur Open Championship
- Irish Boys' Amateur Open Championship

1. To be eligible for this Award, a player must have competed in at least one Provincial Championship.

2. The Award shall be based on the following points system:

	Provincial Championship	National Championship
Winner	50	60
Runner-up	45	50
3rd	40	45
4th	35	40
5th	30	35
6th	25	30
7th	20	25
8th	15	20
9th	10	15
10th	5	10

3. If two or more players tie for first position, the Winner shall be decided in the following sequence: If one player is: a) the Irish U18 Boys Amateur Open Champion, or if not b) the winner of three of the Provincial Championships, or if not c) the winner of two of the Provincial Championships, or if not d) the winner of one of the Provincial Championships. Should two players still tie on (c) or (d) above then the player gaining the most points in the Irish U18 Boys Amateur Open Championship shall be the Winner. Should there still be a tie the Award shall be shared for the year.

4. The Award shall be held by the Club from which the winner shall have entered in the Irish Boys Amateur Open Championship or, if he did not compete in that Championship, the Club from which he shall have entered the last event in which he was awarded points and shall be held by the Club until the commencement of the Open Championship in the following year. Should the Award be shared, it shall be held by each of the Clubs concerned for an equal period. In the event of the Winner having entered from a Country outside Ireland, the Award shall be held by the Golfing Union of Ireland.

BOYS INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF MERIT

An international award will be awarded annually on the basis of the following points system:

Categories

A Boys Amateur Championship

- B Henry Cooper / McEvoy Trophy / Fairhaven
 C European Boys Team Championship
 D Home Internationals / GB&I team
 E Matches v France / Wales
 F European Boys DIV 2

Category A: Winner – 200pts; Runner-Up – 150pts; Semi-Final – 125pts; Quarter-Final – 100pts; Rd 2 – 75pts; Rd 1 – 40pts; Prelim. Round – 20pts.

Category B: 1st – 90; 2nd – 75; 3rd – 70; 4th – 65; 5th – 60; 6th – 55; 7th – 53; 8th – 50; 9th – 45; 10th – 40; 11th – 31; 12th – 30; 13th – 29; 14th – 28; 15th – 27; 16th – 26; 17th – 25; 18th – 24; 19th – 23; 20th – 22; 21st – 21; 22nd – 20; 23rd – 19; 24th – 18; 25th – 17; 26th – 16; 27th – 15; 28th – 14; 29th – 13; 30th – 12; 31st – 11; 32nd – 10; 33rd – 9; 34th – 8; 35th – 7; 36th – 6; 37th – 5; 38th – 4; 39th – 3; 40th/Cut - 3

Category C: 1st – 150; 2nd – 135; 3rd – 120; 4th – 105; 5th – 90; 6th – 75; 7th – 60; 8th – 55; 9th – 50; 10th – 45; Match Play: Singles: Win - 20; Half - 5; Foursomes: Win - 10; Half - 3

Category D: Match Play: Singles: Win - 15; Half - 5; Foursomes: Win - 8; Half - 3

Category E: Match Play: Singles: Win - 15; Half - 5; Foursomes: Win - 5; Half - 3

Category F: 1st - 90; 2nd - 81; 3rd - 72; 4th - 63; 5th - 54; 6th - 45; 7th - 36; 8th - 33; 9th - 30; 10th - 27

Match Play: Singles: Win - 12; Half - 3; Foursomes: Win - 6; Half - 2

WILLIE GILL AWARD

This award shall be competed for annually between members of clubs affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland who compete in the following Event Categories:

Cat	Format	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	Cut
A	Strokes	425	300	250	225	195	180	165	150	145	140	135	130	125	120	115	110	60
C	Strokes	250	160	130	100	90	80	75	70	65	63	62	60	58	56	54	50	30
D	Strokes	150	100	80	75	58	57	56	55	42	41	40	39	38	37	36	35	X

		WIN	R/Up	S/Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Round of Last 16	Cut
B	Match Play	325	225	175	121	83	40
C	Match Play	250	160	115	78	58	30

Category	
A	Irish Amateur Open
B	Irish Amateur Close
C	East of Ireland, North of Ireland, South of Ireland, West of Ireland
D	Connacht Stroke Play, Munster Stroke Play

Notes:

- In the event of a tie for the Award, or for any automatic selections as per the published International Selection Criteria, the highest placed in the Irish Amateur Open Championship shall be the winner.
- Where an event has stroke play and match play elements, points will only be awarded for finishing positions in the Match Play section of an event as per the table above.
- Additional domestic events may be added to various categories from time to time as decided by the High Performance Committee.

IRISH MID-AMATEUR AWARD

This Award shall be competed for annually between competitors in the:

- Connacht Mid-Amateur Open Championship

- Munster Mid-Amateur Open Championship
- Leinster Mid-Amateur Open Championship
- Ulster Mid-Amateur Open Championship
- Irish Mid-Amateur Open Championship

1. In order to be eligible for this Award, a player must have competed in one of the four Provincial Championships.

2. The Award shall be based on the following points system:

	Provincial Championship	National Championship
Winner	50	60
Runner-up	45	50
3rd	40	45
4th	35	40
5th	30	35
6th	25	30
7th	20	25
8th	15	20
9th	10	15
10th	5	10

3. If two or more players tie for first position, the Winner shall be decided in the following sequence:

If one player is:

- a) the Irish Mid-Amateur Open Champion, or if not
- b) the winner of three of the Provincial Championships, or if not
- c) the winner of two of the Provincial Championships, or if not
- d) the winner of one of the Provincial Championships.

Should two players still tie on (c) or (d) above then the player gaining the most points in the Irish Mid-Amateur Open Championship shall be the Winner.

Should there still be a tie the Award shall be shared for the year.

4. The Award shall be held by the Club from which the winner shall have entered in the Mid-Amateur Open Championship or, if he did not compete in that Championship, the Club from which he shall have entered the last event in which he was awarded points and shall be held by the Club until the commencement of the Open Championship in the following year. Should the Award be shared, it shall be held by each of the Clubs concerned for an equal period. In the event of the Winner having entered from a Country outside Ireland, the Award shall be held by the Golfing Union of Ireland.

MICHAEL HENNELLY AWARD

This award shall be competed for annually between members of clubs affiliated the Golfing Union of Ireland who compete in the following Event Categories:

Category A: Irish Seniors Amateur Open Championship

Category B: Irish Seniors Amateur Close Championship; British Seniors Amateur Open Championship

Category C: Connacht Seniors Amateur Open Championship; Munster Seniors Amateur Open Championship; Leinster Seniors Amateur Open Championship; Ulster Seniors Amateur Open Championship; European Seniors Individual Championship

Category D: Selection to represent Ireland at the Home Internationals or European Seniors Team Championship (50 points per selection)

The Award shall be based on the following points system:

Category A: Winner: 100pts; Runner-Up: 80pts; 3rd: 70pts; 4th: 60pts; 5th-8th: 50pts; 9th-16th: 30pts; Make Cut: 20 pts.

Category B: Winner: 80pts; Runner-Up: 70pts; 3rd: 60pts; 4th: 50pts; 5th-8th: 40pts; 9th-16th: 30pts; Make Cut: 20 pts.

Category C: Winner: 50pts; Runner-Up: 40pts; 3rd: 30pts; 4th: 30pts; 5th-8th: 20pts; 9th-16th: 10pts.

In the event of a tie, the highest placed in the Irish Seniors Amateur Close Championship shall be the winner.

INTERPROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – GENERAL RULES

1. General

a) The Interprovincial Championships shall be played annually between teams selected by the four Provinces and each team will consist of:

- i. Senior Team: 8 players and a Captain & Manager
- ii. Boys Team: 7 players and a Captain & Manager
- iii. Boys Under 16 Team: 6 players and a Captain & Manager
- iv. Boys Under 14 Team: 6 players and a Captain & Manager

b) The Championships shall be played on such dates and venues as shall be fixed by the Central Council and shall be under the control and management of the Union Championship Committee whose decision on all matters relating to the Championships shall be final. The Championship Committee reserves the right to alter starting times.

c) The Central Council shall appoint a Championship Committee which shall control and manage the Interprovincial Championships and its decision on all questions or disputes shall be final.

2. Eligibility

a) To be eligible to play for a Province a player must be:

- i. eligible to compete in the Irish Amateur Close Championship, and
- ii. born in the Province or born of parents one of whom was born in the Province, or
- iii. resident in the Province or a member of a club in the Province at any time for a period of two calendar years immediately prior to the 1st of January of the year of the Championship.
- iv. Note: A player may not play Interprovincial golf for more than one province in the same calendar year, but is not debarred from representing more than one Province in different years.

b) Boys team: A player who turns 18 on or after 1 Jan in the year of the event is eligible to compete.

c) Under 16 team: A player who turns 16 on or after 1 Jan in the year of the event is eligible to compete.

d) Under 14 team: A player who turns 14 on or after 1 Jan in the year of the event is eligible to compete.

e) Any competitor who is currently disqualified from participation in any Union or Branch individual Championship cannot represent a Province in these Championships.

3. Format

- a) The Boys and Senior matches shall be played on three consecutive days. The Boys Under 16 Matches & Boys Under 14 Matches shall each be played on two consecutive days.
- b) The draw for the first day's play will be between the Provinces placed first and fourth in the previous year with the second and third placed Provinces playing each other.
- c) On the second day the winning Province from match 1 of the day 1 will play the losing Province of the match 2. In the event of a tie, the higher placed team in the previous year's matches shall have precedence.
- d) On the third day the teams who have not met shall play each other. In the event of two starting tees being utilised the winning Province from the previous year will start all its matches from the first tee, unless they have lost the opening two matches.
- e) Each match shall consist of 18 holes.
 - i. Senior: 4 Foursomes and 7 singles, Foursomes being played first
 - ii. Boys: 3 Foursomes and 7 singles, Foursomes being played first
 - iii. Boys Under 14 & 16: 1 Foursomes and 4 singles, with no player playing more than one match of Foursomes in the Championship.
- f) In the event of a tie for the Trophy or in the team positions the team with the highest number of individual points (including half points), shall take precedence. If still tied the winner of the match between the two teams shall take precedence. Should there still be a tie, on the number of points, the higher placed team in the previous year's meeting shall have preference.
- g) A player shall play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play regulations and procedures laid down by the Championship Committee.

4. Submission of Teams: The teams, in order of play, with the names of the reserves, must be handed to the Union Official in charge in a sealed envelope not later than 17.00 hours on the day prior to the first match and not later than one hour after play is completed for the second and third day matches.

5. Sudden illness/other emergency

- a) Except in the case of sudden illness or other emergency which is considered by the Championship Committee to be sufficient justification, no alteration can be made in the list handed in, either in the names of players or in the order of play.
- b) Reserves taking the place of players after the team has been submitted shall be placed in the same position in the team as that occupied by the player who has taken ill or has been withdrawn.
- c) If a player is ruled out through illness/other emergency, and this places his team below playing strength, his game shall be deemed a half. In such circumstances, if the series of matches, either Foursomes or singles, have not commenced the absentee shall be placed in the last game of the match and the opposing team captain shall then have the option of selecting one of his players for the last game. The order of play shall otherwise remain, with all other players going out in the order they were entered on the team-sheet.

6. Prizes: The winning Province in each Championship will receive the relevant Trophy to be held until the start of the Championship in the following year. Each winning team member will receive a medal.

7. Caddies

- a) Caddies are not permitted in the Boys Under 14, Under 16 or the Under 18 Interprovincial Championships (penalties in accordance with Condition 13 of the General Rules for Cups and Shields).

8. Advice

- a) A Team Captain is permitted to give advice to his team during the course of play, with the exception of giving advice on the putting green, or pointing out a line for putting.
- b) A Team Captain playing in the competition may not give advice to a team mate, other than his partner until after completion of his match.
- c) Penalty for breach - loss of hole at which the infringement occurs, to a maximum of two holes. Any further breach will lead to the disqualification of the player/s.

9. Equipment (Groove Geometry)

- a) For the Senior Interprovincial Championship, the player's clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf that are effective from 1st January 2010.
- b) Penalty for carrying, but not making a stroke with, a club or clubs in breach of this condition:
Match Play - At the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, the state of the match is adjusted by deducting one hole for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum deduction per round – Two holes.
If a breach is discovered between the play of two holes, it is deemed to have been discovered during play of the next hole, and the penalty must be applied accordingly.
Any club or clubs carried in breach of this condition must be declared out of play by the player to his opponent in match play or his marker or a fellow-competitor in stroke play immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. If the player fails to do so, he is disqualified.
Penalty for making stroke with club in breach of condition: Disqualification

10. Pace of Play

- a) Where the Championship Committee operate a Timing Schedule, each hole of the Championship Course is given a maximum completion time based upon the length and difficulty of the hole. The maximum time allotted for the completion of each hole will be available to players in the first Group and any Group after a two-interval gap on the draw sheet prior to play from the starter.
- b) Any Group which finds itself Out of Position will be liable to timing by a Referee. Where the Championship Committee operate a Timing Schedule, the first Group and any Group after a two-interval gap on the draw sheet will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, the group's cumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes completed. Irrespective of whether a Timing Schedule is being operated by the Championship Committee, any following group will be considered out of position if it is more than the starting interval behind the group in front.
- c) If a decision is taken to time the group, each player will be subject to individual timing by a referee. Each player in the group will be advised that they are "out of position" and are being timed. The maximum time allocated per shot is 40 seconds. Ten extra seconds will be allowed for the first player to play on a par-three hole, on an approach shot and on a chip or putt. The timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach his ball, it is his turn to play and he is able to play without interference or distraction. On the putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his ball, repair ball marks and move loose impediments. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the hole will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke. Timing will cease when a group is back in position and players will be advised accordingly. **Note:** In some circumstances, an individual player, or two players within a group of three, may be timed instead of the entire group.
- d) If a Player incurs a bad time, he will be warned by the referee and told that he will be penalised if they have a further bad time. The penalty for incurring a second bad time is one stroke in stroke play, and loss of hole in match play. A third bad time by the player will result in a further penalty of two strokes in stroke

play, or a further loss of hole in match play. A fourth bad time by the player will result in a penalty of disqualification in stroke play or loss of match in match play.

e) If a group is “Out of Position” more than once during a round, the above procedure will apply on each occasion. Bad times and the application of penalties in the same round will be carried forward until the round is completed. A player will not be penalised if he has a second bad time before being advised of his earlier bad time.

f) In some circumstances, a group or an individual player may be timed without warning, including when a group is not out of position. In such cases of “random timing”, the timing provisions and penalties set out in (iv) above apply, except that a player will only be given a bad time if he exceeds 60 seconds to play a shot, with an extra 10 seconds given (i.e. 70 seconds in total) for the “first to play” shots referenced in (b) above.

II. Other

a) A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

b) Motorised buggies may be utilised only by a Player or Caddie in possession of a valid medical certificate of disability. (Penalty - disqualification of the offending player/s). See Policy on the Use of Golf Buggies (Appendix 2).

c) Competitors submit to the Golfing Union of Ireland Doping Control Bye Laws and to drug testing thereunder. A copy of the Doping Control Bye Laws is available on request.

d) The Rules Modifications, as outlined in the Rules of Golf for Golfers with Disabilities are operative in the Interprovincial Championships.

e) Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows: When a player’s ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment.

The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1. This Local Rule applies only when the player’s ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

Note: If it is determined that a player’s ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.

NATIONAL & PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – GENERAL RULES

I. General

a) The relevant Championship Committee is responsible for each Championship’s organisation and management.

b) Only persons appointed by the Championship Committee shall be authorised to give a decision on any question or dispute arising during play.

c) The Championship Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter the times of starting and to invoke Rule 33-2d of the Rules of Golf as necessary, which may result in a reduction in the number of Championship rounds lists in the format of each event.

d) The Championship Committee reserves the right of entry into the Championships.

e) The Championship Committee reserves the right to alter the number of entrants receiving a place in the starting field of any Championship where it is considered necessary and advisable to do so.

f) The Union and Provinces shall select dates and venues for Championships.

2. Eligibility

- a) Each competitor must be:
 - i. of Amateur Status as defined by the R&A Rules Ltd.
 - ii. the holder of an official handicap under the CONGU Unified Handicapping System (or similar standard);
 - iii. a member of the club from which he elects to enter but an Honorary Member must have been, at some time, a fee paying member of the club for a period of two years. Note: A player who also holds a handicap from a Handicapping Authority other than CONGU, must enter and play off his CONGU Handicap.
 - iv. Alternatively, he must be a member of the Irish Artisan Golfers' Association. In such a case, the Association must certify that the entrant has a handicap within the terms of the UHS as operated by CONGU.
- b) The Club or Association from which he elects to enter must be affiliated to the recognised authority controlling golf in the country concerned.
- c) Any competitor who is currently disqualified from participating in any Union or Branch Championship, shall not be eligible to compete in any Championship during the period of his disqualification.
- d) In addition to the above requirements, competitors will be eligible for underage events in the following manner:
 - i. Youths: Competitors who turn 21 on 1st January in the year of the Championship or any time thereafter
 - ii. Boys: Competitors who turn 18 on 1st January in the year of the Championship or any time thereafter
 - iii. Under 16 Boys: Competitors who turn 16 on 1st January in the year of the Championship or any time thereafter
 - iv. Under 14 Boys: Competitors who turn 14 on 1st January in the year of the Championship or any time thereafter
 - v. The above criteria will also determine underage eligibility in all other underage categories defined in the Conditions of National and Provincial Events
- e) Penalty for breach of any of the preceding clauses = Disqualification

3. Entries

- a) Entry for all National Championships shall be made online.
- b) Entry for all Provincial Championships shall be made online or on the prescribed form, to be obtained from the Provincial Secretary, and returned completed through the Club or Association from which the player elects to enter.
- c) Other entries shall, if required, be submitted through the Secretaries of the recognised authorities controlling golf in the Countries concerned and in each case shall be accompanied by a declaration signed by the Secretary of the recognised authority that the intending competitor is an Amateur Golfer as defined by the R&A Rules Ltd. Entries will not be accepted by letter or telephone and, in the case of withdrawals, entry fees will not be refunded unless intimation of withdrawal is received before the closing date for entry. Any entrant who is not offered a place in the draw will have his entry refunded.
- d) Competitors must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status and sign the declaration to that effect contained in the entry form.
- e) For entrants whose Home Club is on the island of Ireland, the handicap recorded on *Golfnet* at the specified closing time for entries will determine the draw and the waiting list. It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that handicap recorded on *Golfnet* is correct. Should this not be the case, it is the entrant's responsibility to advise the Union or Provincial Branch (as applicable). Entrants whose Home Club is not on the island of Ireland are required to produce a handicap certificate with their entry and to advise of, and provide verification of, any changes to their handicap prior to the close of entries.
- f) An individual who has not entered a Championship by the Closing Date for Entries may not, under any circumstances, be granted a place in the field for that Championship. Closing Dates for entries in all

Championships shall be 28 days before the commencement of the Championship, unless extended by the Championship Committee. The sole grounds on which extensions may be given is if the field size as determined by the Committee is not met.

4. Buggies

a) Motorised buggies may be utilised only by a Player or Caddie in possession of a valid medical certificate of disability. (Penalty - disqualification of the offending player/s). See GUI Policy on the Use of Golf Buggies (Appendix 2).

5. Anti-Doping

a) Competitors submit to the anti-doping rules of the Golfing Union of Ireland, which are Sport Ireland's Anti-Doping Rules, as amended from time to time (see <http://www.sportireland.ie/Anti-Doping/2015-Anti-Doping-Rules/2015-Anti-Doping-Rules.pdf>).

6. Pace of Play

- a) Where the Championship Committee operate a Timing Schedule, each hole of the Championship Course is given a maximum completion time based upon the length and difficulty of the hole. The maximum time allotted for the completion of each hole will be available to players in the first Group and any Group after a two-interval gap on the draw sheet prior to play from the starter.
- b) Any Group which finds itself Out of Position will be liable to timing by a Referee. Where the Championship Committee operate a Timing Schedule, the first Group and any Group after a two-interval gap on the draw sheet will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, the group's cumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes completed. Irrespective of whether a Timing Schedule is being operated by the Championship Committee, any following group will be considered out of position if it is more than the starting interval behind the group in front.
- c) If a decision is taken to time the group, each player will be subject to individual timing by a referee. Each player in the group will be advised that they are "out of position" and are being timed. The maximum time allocated per shot is 40 seconds. Ten extra seconds will be allowed for the first player to play on a par-three hole, on an approach shot and on a chip or putt. The timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach his ball, it is his turn to play and he is able to play without interference or distraction. On the putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his ball, repair ball marks and move loose impediments. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the hole will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke. Timing will cease when a group is back in position and players will be advised accordingly. **Note:** In some circumstances, an individual player, or two players within a group of three, may be timed instead of the entire group.
- d) If a Player incurs a bad time, he will be warned by the referee and told that he will be penalised if they have a further bad time. The penalty for incurring a second bad time is one stroke in stroke play, and loss of hole in match play. A third bad time by the player will result in a further penalty of two strokes in stroke play, or a further loss of hole in match play. A fourth bad time by the player will result in a penalty of disqualification in stroke play or loss of match in match play.
- e) If a group is "Out of Position" more than once during a round, the above procedure will apply on each occasion. Bad times and the application of penalties in the same round will be carried forward until the round is completed. A player will not be penalised if he has a second bad time before being advised of his earlier bad time.
- f) In some circumstances, a group or an individual player may be timed without warning, including when a group is not out of position. In such cases of "random timing", the timing provisions and penalties set out in (iv) above apply, except that a player will only be given a bad time if he exceeds 60 seconds to play a

shot, with an extra 10 seconds given (i.e. 70 seconds in total) for the “first to play” shots referenced in (b) above.

7. Non-Attendance

a) Players withdrawing/not appearing without reasonable notice may incur disqualification from entering subsequent Championships, up to and including the corresponding Championship in the following year.

8. Distance Measuring Devices

a) A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

9. Registration

a) Competitors should register at least 30 minutes prior to their tee time in the first round of the championship in the manner prescribed by the Championship Committee in advance.

10. Equipment (Groove Geometry)

a) In Championships and events run by the Golfing Union of Ireland, where the Conditions state that the GUI's Groove Geometry Condition is in effect, the player's clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf that are effective from 1st January 2010.

b) Penalty for carrying, but not making a stroke with, a club or clubs in breach of this condition:

Match Play - At the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, the state of the match is adjusted by deducting one hole for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum deduction per round – Two holes.

Stroke Play - Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – Four strokes

If a breach is discovered between the play of two holes, it is deemed to have been discovered during play of the next hole, and the penalty must be applied accordingly.

Any club or clubs carried in breach of this condition must be declared out of play by the player to his opponent in match play or his marker or a fellow-competitor in stroke play immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. If the player fails to do so, he is disqualified.

c) Penalty for making stroke with club in breach of condition: Disqualification

11. Modification of Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1

a) Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows: When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1. This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

Note: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.

12. Exception to Rule 6-6d:

a) The Exception to Rule 6-6d is modified as follows: If a competitor returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken due to failure to include one or more penalty strokes that, before returning his score card, he did not know he had incurred, he is not disqualified. In such circumstances, the competitor incurs

the penalty prescribed by the applicable Rule, but there is no additional penalty for a breach of Rule 6-6d. This Exception does not apply when the applicable penalty is disqualification from the competition.

13. Caddies

- a) The following penalty will be applied for breach of the conditions of specific competitions which either a) prohibit caddies or b) prohibit individuals from acting as caddies (e.g. players who are over-age in an under-age competition, professional golfers, etc):
 - i) Match play - At the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, the state of the match is adjusted by deducting one hole for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum deduction per round - Two holes.
 - ii) Stroke play - Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round - Four strokes (two strokes at each of the first two holes at which any breach occurred).
 - iii) Match play or stroke play - In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole. If a breach is discovered between the play of two holes, it is deemed to have been discovered during play of the next hole, and the penalty must be applied accordingly.
 - iv) Bogey and par competitions - See Note 1 to Rule 32-1a of the Rules of Golf.
 - v) Stableford competitions - See Note 1 to Rule 32-1b of the Rules of Golf.
 - vi) A player having a caddie in breach of this condition must immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred ensure that he conforms with this condition for the remainder of the stipulated round. Otherwise, the player is disqualified.

14. Other

- a) The Rules Modifications, as outlined in the Rules of Golf for Golfers with Disabilities are operative in National and Provincial Championships.
- b) It is usual for photographs to be taken during championships and these may be used in the promotion of the game. However, individuals have the right to refuse the use of their picture and should report any concerns to the Tournament Director. Those intending to take photographs at the championship will be asked to register at the GUI Mobile Office/Championship Office.

IRISH AMATEUR CLOSE CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

- a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

2. Eligibility

- a) The entrant must:
 - i. Have been born in Ireland or born of parents one of whom was born in Ireland, or at the discretion of the Executive Committee have been resident in Ireland for not less than five years.
 - ii. Be a person who has not played for any other Country on their International Team, other than at Boys Level, i.e. an age category of Under 18 year or less on 1st January in the year of such an International Match or Series.
 - iii. Be a person who has not played in the Close Championship of any Country other than as a Boy, i.e. Under 18 on 1st January in year of that Close Championship.
 - iv. Entrants who do not meet any of these criteria, but who have been resident in Ireland for not less than five years, may be eligible to compete at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- b) Penalty for breach of Rule 2: Disqualification.

3. Entries

The starting field will comprise 132 players – at least 126 of which will be allocated from conditions a) and b), up to a further 6 from condition c).

- a) Any entrant who on the Eligibility List (see Appendix 3 of the Tournament Conditions Book), provided they have entered.
- b) Having applied Condition a), entrants in order of World Amateur Golf Ranking at the closing date for entries and, if still incomplete, entrants using exact handicaps at the closing date for entries.
- c) The Championship Committee may exempt up to six entrants from the criteria above, always provided that such entrants are members either of the National Panel, National Development Panel or National Boys (Under 18 panel). Where the Championship Committee exempts less than six players, the remainder of these six places will be filled by the next-placed competitors on the list in order of (b) above will be offered a place in the field.

4. Format

- a) Each competitor shall play an 18-hole Stroke Play round on the first and second days of the Championship and the sixty-four competitors who return the lowest gross scores over the thirty-six holes shall qualify for match play.
- b) In the event of a tie for sixty-fourth place, the Competitors concerned shall immediately partake in a sudden death Playoff over stipulated holes until the qualifying berths available have been filled
- c) The draw for the first round of match play shall be conducted in accordance with each qualifier's finishing position for the first two rounds (as per Appendix I, Part B, No. 11 of the Rules of Golf). Breaking of ties will be conducted for this purpose in accordance with the GUI Tie-Breaking procedure.
- d) Each match shall consist of one round of 18 holes. In the event of a halved match the competitors shall continue to play until one or other has gained a hole.

5. Prizes

- a) The winner of the Championship shall be the Irish Amateur Close Champion Golfer for the year and the Trophy will be held until the commencement of the Championship in the following year by the Club from which the winner shall have entered but in the event of the winner being a member of the Irish Artisan Golfers' Association the Trophy will be held by the Club to which his Section is attached or in the event of the winner having entered from a Country outside Ireland, the Trophy will be held by the Golfing Union of Ireland.
- b) Prizes will be determined by the Championship Committee.

6. Other

- a) The GUI's Groove Geometry Condition applies to this Championship.

IRISH AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

- a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

2. Entries

The starting field will comprise 132 players – at least 121 of which will be allocated from conditions a) and b), a further 5 from condition c) and up to six from condition d), the criteria for which is set out below:

- a) Any entrant who on the Eligibility List (see Appendix 3 of the Tournament Conditions Book), provided they have entered.

- b) Having applied Condition a), entrants in order of World Amateur Golf Ranking (1-1,500) at the closing date for entries and, if still incomplete, entrants using exact handicaps at the closing date for entries.
- c) The top five Under-21 players who fail to gain entry to the championship on conditions a) and b), and who advance furthest at the West of Ireland Championship having qualified for the match play stages, will gain entry provided they have entered. In the event of two or more Under-21 players reaching the same stage of the match play in the West of Ireland Championship, the exemptions will be decided on their 36-hole qualifying scores.
- d) The Championship Committee may exempt up to six entrants from the criteria above, always provided that such entrants are members either of the National Panel, National Development Panel or National Boys (Under 18 panel). Where the Championship Committee exempts less than six players, the remainder of these six places will be filled by the next-placed competitors on the list in order of (b) above will be offered a place in the field.

3. Format

- a) The Championship will be decided by four rounds of 18 holes medal play. Each competitor will play one stroke round of 18 holes on each of the first three days of the Championship.
- b) The top 50 players plus ties who return the lowest gross score over the first 54 holes shall be entitled to play a further 18 holes on the fourth day of the Championship.

4. Breaking of Ties

- a) In the event of a tie for the Championship the players concerned shall immediately play 3 holes of stroke play, in such sequence as prescribed by the Championship Committee. The best aggregate score will determine the winner. Those still tied for the Championship shall engage in sudden death stroke play over the same sequence of holes.
- b) All other ties will be decided on the best score over the last 54 holes, and if still a tie, on the last 36 holes, 18 holes, 9 holes, 6 holes and so on as set out in the Tournament Conditions booklet.

5. Prizes

- a) The winner of the Championship shall be the Irish Amateur Open Champion Golfer for the year and the Trophy will be held until the commencement of the Championship in the following year by the Club from which the winner shall have entered but in the event of the winner being a member of the Irish Artisan Golfers' Association the Trophy will be held by the Club to which his Section is attached or in the event of the winner having entered from a Country outside Ireland, the Trophy will be held by the GUI.
- b) Prizes will be determined by the Championship Committee.

6. Other

- a) The GUI's Groove Geometry Condition applies to this Championship.

IRISH BOYS AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

- a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

2. Eligibility

- a) Competitors who turn 18 on 1 Jan in the year of the Championship or any time thereafter are eligible to compete. Penalty for breach of Rule 2: Disqualification

3. Entries

- a) The draw will include the 156 entrants with the lowest exact handicaps, with the proviso that 30 under 16 players are included in the field.
- b) If withdrawals occur, entrants on the waiting list will be given the opportunity of competing.

4. Format

- a) The Championship will be decided by four rounds of 18 holes medal play. Each competitor will play one stroke round of 18 holes on each of the first three days of the Championship.
- b) The top 50 players plus ties who return the lowest gross score over the first 54 holes shall be entitled to play a further 18 holes on the fourth day of the Championship, with the proviso that at least five under-16 players are included in the field for the final round.

5. Breaking of Ties

- a) In the event of a tie for the Championship the players concerned shall immediately play 3 holes of stroke play, in a sequence prescribed by the Committee. The best aggregate score will be the winner. Those still tied for the Championship shall engage in sudden death stroke play over the same sequence of holes.
- b) All other ties will be decided on the best score over the last 54 holes, and so on as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.

6. Prizes

- a) The winner of the Championship for which all competitors are eligible will be the Irish Boys Amateur Open Champion Golfer for the year.
- b) There is one Championship, The Irish Boys Amateur Open for which every competitor is eligible. The Under 17 Trophy will be presented to the leading competitor who turns 17 on 1 January in the year of the Championship or at any time thereafter, and who has not won the Championship.
- c) Medals will be awarded to the winner in the Championship, to the winner of the Under 17 Trophy, and to the leading Under 16 player in the field. Vouchers Prizes for subsequent places will be determined by the Championship Committee.
- d) Each Trophy will be held until the commencement of the Championship in the following year by the Club from which the winner of the Trophy shall have entered. In the event of the winner not being a member of a club affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland or having entered from a Country outside Ireland the Trophy will be held by the Golfing Union of Ireland.
- e) No competitor can win more than one prize and one Trophy.

7. Caddies

- a) Professional Golfers and individuals who do not meet the age eligibility criteria for this competition are prohibited from caddying (penalties to be applied in accordance with Condition 13 of the General Rules for National and Provincial Championships).

IRISH BOYS UNDER 16 AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

- a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

2. Eligibility

- a) Competitors who turn 16 on 1st January in the year of the Championship or at any time after that date are eligible to compete.

b) Penalty for breach of Rule 2: Disqualification

3. Entries

- a) The 156 entrants with the lowest exact handicaps will be included in the draw.
- b) If withdrawals occur, entrants on the waiting list will be given the opportunity of competing. Any entrant who is not offered a place in the draw will have his entry refunded. Any entrant who has a place in the draw and subsequently withdraws shall not be entitled to a refund.

4. Format

- a) The Championship will be decided by three rounds of 18 holes medal play. Each competitor will play one stroke round of 18 holes on each of the first two days of the Championship.
- b) The top 50 players plus ties who return the lowest gross score over the first 36 holes shall be entitled to play a further 18 holes on the third day of the Championship.

5. Breaking of Ties

- a) In the event of a tie for the Championship the players concerned shall immediately play three holes of stroke play, in such sequence as prescribed by the Championship Committee. The best aggregate score will determine the winner.
- b) Those still tied for the Championship shall engage in sudden death stroke play over the same sequence of holes. All other ties will be decided on the best score over the last 36 holes, and so on as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.

6. Prizes

- a) The winner of the Championship will be the Irish Boys Under 16 Amateur Open Champion Golfer for the year.
- b) There is one Championship, The Irish Boys Under 16 Amateur Open Championship for which every competitor in the Championship is eligible. The Under 15 Trophy will be presented to the leading competitor who turns 15 on or 1 January in the year of the Championship or at any time thereafter, and who has not won the Championship. Medals will be awarded to the winners of both Trophies.
- c) Each Trophy will be held until the commencement of the Championship in the following year by the Club from which the winner of the Trophy shall have entered. In the event of the winner not being a member of a club affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland or having entered from a Country outside Ireland the Trophy will be held by the Golfing Union of Ireland.
- d) No competitor can win more than one prize and one Trophy.
- e) Voucher Prizes for subsequent places will be determined by the Championship Committee.

7. Caddies

- a) Professional Golfers and individuals who do not meet the age eligibility criteria for this competition are prohibited from caddying (penalties to be applied in accordance with Condition 13 of the General Rules for National and Provincial Championships).

IRISH BOYS UNDER 14 AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

- a) These rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union and Provincial Championships.

- b) The Championship shall be called the Irish Boys Under 14 Amateur Open Championship, and shall be competed for annually.
- c) The Championship shall be under the control of the Championship Committee of the GUI.

2. Eligibility

- a) Only entrants who turn 14 on 1st January in the year of the event or at any time after that date are eligible to compete.
- b) Penalty for breach of Rule 2 = Disqualification.

3. Entries

- a) Entry shall be limited to the 75 competitors with the lowest exact handicap at the closing date for entries. In the event of entries exceeding this number, a waiting list in the exact order of handicap will be drawn up. If withdrawals occur, entrants on the waiting list will be given the opportunity of competing. Any entrant who is not offered a place in the draw will have his entry refunded. Any entrant who has a place in the draw and subsequently withdraws shall not be entitled to a refund.

4. Format

- a) The Championship will be decided over 36 holes of stroke play – 18 each day for two days.

5. Breaking of Ties

- a) In the event of a tie for the Championship the players concerned shall immediately play three holes of stroke play, in such sequence as prescribed by the Championship Committee. The best aggregate score will determine the winner. Those still tied for the Championship shall engage in sudden-death stroke play over the same sequence of holes.
- b) All other ties will be decided as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.

6. Caddies

- a) Professional Golfers and individuals who do not meet the age eligibility criteria for this competition are prohibited from caddying (penalties to be applied in accordance with Condition 13 of the General Rules for National and Provincial Championships).

7. Prizes

- a) The winner of the Championship will receive the Craddock Trophy, which will be held until the commencement of the Championship in the following year by the Club from which the winner shall have entered but in the event of the winner having entered from a Country outside Ireland, the Trophy will be held by the Golfing Union of Ireland. A medal will also be awarded to the winner of the Trophy.
- b) Voucher Prizes for subsequent places will be determined by the Championship Committee.

IRISH MID-AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

- a) These rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union and Provincial Championships.
- b) The Championship shall be called the Irish Mid-Amateur Open Championship, and shall be competed for annually.
- c) The Championship shall be under the control of the Championship Committee of the Golfing Union of Ireland.

2. Eligibility

- a) The entrant must be 30 years of age or over on the first day of the Championship.
- b) Penalty for Breach of Rule 2 = Disqualification

3. Entries

- a) Entry will be limited to 66 players. If the total entry exceeds this figure the 66 entrants with the lowest exact handicaps on the closing date for entries will be accepted. A waiting list in the exact handicap order will be drawn up and decided on ballot if necessary. If withdrawals occur, entrants on the waiting list will be given the opportunity of competing. Any entrant who is not offered a place in the draw will have his entry refunded. Any entrant who has a place in the draw and subsequently withdraws shall not be entitled to a refund.

4. Format

- a) The Championship will be decided over 54 holes Medal Play over two days with 36 holes being played on the first day. The top-33 lowest total gross scores over the 36 holes (plus ties) shall play a further 18 holes on the second day.

5. Breaking of Ties

- a) In the event of a tie for the Championship the players concerned shall immediately play 3 holes of stroke play, in such sequence as prescribed by the Championship Committee. The best aggregate score shall determine the winner. Those still tied shall play sudden-death stroke play over the same sequence of holes.

6. Prizes

- a) The winner of the Championship shall be the Irish Mid-Amateur Open Champion Golfer for the year.
- b) The Championship Cup shall be held until the commencement of the Championship in the following year by the Club from which the winner of the Trophy shall have entered, but in the event of the winner being a member of the Irish Artisan Golfers' Association, the Trophy shall be held by the Club to which his Section is attached or in the event of the winner having entered from a Country outside Ireland the Trophy shall be held by the Golfing Union of Ireland. A medal will also be awarded to the winner of the Trophy.
- c) Prizes for subsequent places will be determined by the Championship Committee.

IRISH SENIORS (OVER-50) AMATEUR CLOSE CHAMPIONSHIP**1. General**

- a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

2. Eligibility

- a) The entrant must:
 - i. Have been born in Ireland or born of parents one of whom was born in Ireland, or at the discretion of the Executive Committee have been resident in Ireland for not less than five years.
 - ii. Be a person who has not played for any Country, other than Ireland, on their International Team.
 - iii. Be a person who has not played in the Close Championship of any Country other than as a Boy, i.e. Under 18 on 1st January in year of that Close Championship.
 - iv. Entrants who do not meet any of these criteria, but who have been resident in Ireland for not less than five years, may be eligible to compete at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

- b) The entrant must be 50 years of age or over on the first day of the Championship.
- c) Penalty for breach of any clause of Rule 2: Disqualification

3. Entries

- a) The entry will be limited to 120 players, with the proviso that at least 10 players in the Over 60s category, 8 players in the Over 65s category and 6 players in the Over 70s category are included. If the total entry exceeds this, entrants with the lowest exact handicaps on the closing date will be accepted.
- b) A waiting list in handicap order will be drawn up and decided on ballot if necessary. If withdrawals occur, entrants on the waiting list will be given the opportunity of competing in accordance with the General Rules for Union Championships.

4. Format

- a) The Championship shall be decided by three rounds of 18 holes. Each competitor shall play one stroke round of 18 holes on the first and second days.
- b) The 40 players plus ties who return the lowest gross scores in the first 36 holes will qualify for the final 18 holes on day three, with the proviso that there are four players in the Over 60s category, three players in the Over 65s category and two players in the Over 70s category included.

5. Breaking of Ties

- a) In the event of a tie for the Championship the players concerned shall immediately play three holes of stroke play, in such sequence as prescribed by the Committee. The best aggregate score shall determine the winner. Those still tied shall engage in sudden-death stroke play over the same sequence of holes.
- b) In the event of a tie in the Over 60s, Over 65s and Over 70s categories, the decision shall be on the best score over the last 36 holes, and if still a tie on the score over the last 18 holes and so on as set out in the GUI Conditions Booklet.

6. Prizes

- a) The winner of the Championship shall be the Irish Seniors Amateur Close Champion Golfer for the year and the Trophy will be held until the commencement of the Championship in the following year by the Club from which the winner shall have entered but in the event of the winner being a member of the Irish Artisan Golfers' Association the Trophy will be held by the Club to which his Section is attached, or in the event of the winner having entered from a country outside Ireland the Trophy shall be held by the Golfing Union of Ireland. A medal will also be awarded to the winner of each Trophy.
- b) Prizes will be awarded in an order determined by the Championship Committee.

IRISH SENIORS AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

- a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

2. Eligibility

- a) The entrant must be 55 years of age or over on the first day of the Championship.
- b) Penalty for breach of Rule 2: Disqualification

3. Entries

- a) The entry will be limited to 120 players, with the proviso that at least twelve players in the Over 60s category, ten players in the Over 65s category and eight players in the Over 70s category are included. If

the total entry exceeds this figure the 120 entrants with the lowest exact handicaps on the closing date for entries will be accepted.

b) A waiting list in the exact handicap order will be drawn up and decided on ballot if necessary. If withdrawals occur, entrants on the waiting list will be given the opportunity of competing. Any entrant who is not offered a place in the draw will have his entry refunded. Any entrant who has a place in the draw and subsequently withdraws shall not be entitled to a refund.

4. Format

a) The Championship shall be decided by three rounds of 18 holes. Each competitor shall play one stroke round of 18 holes on the first and second days. The 45 players plus ties who return the lowest gross scores in the first 36 holes will qualify for the final 18 holes on day three, with the proviso that there are four players in the Over 60s category, three players in the Over 65s category and two players in the Over 70s category included.

5. Breaking of Ties

a) In the event of a tie for the Championship the players concerned shall immediately play 3 holes of stroke play, in such sequence as prescribed by the Championship Committee. The best aggregate score shall determine the winner. Those still tied shall engage in sudden-death over the same sequence of holes.

b) In the event of a tie in the Over 60s, Over 65s and Over 70s categories, the decision shall be on the best score over the last 36 holes, and if still a tie on the score over the last 18 holes and so on as set out in the GUI Conditions Booklet.

6. Prizes

a) The winner shall be the Irish Seniors Amateur Open Champion Golfer for the year.

b) The Championship Cup (presented by Cecil Ewing) shall be awarded to the Winner, and shall be held until the commencement of the Championship in the following year by the Club from which the winner of each Trophy shall have entered, but in the event of the winner being a member of the Irish Artisan Golfers' Association, the Trophy shall be held by the Club to which his Section is attached or in the event of the winner having entered from a Country outside Ireland the Trophy shall be held by the Golfing Union of Ireland.

c) Prizes will be awarded in an order determined by the Championship Committee.

IRISH STUDENTS AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

b) This Championship will be jointly conducted by the Golfing Union of Ireland and Irish Ladies Golf Union.

2. Eligibility

a) A male or female player who turns at least 18 and no more than 21 years of age on 1st day of January or at any time thereafter in the year of the Championship is eligible to compete.

b) A male or female player of any age is eligible to compete, provided that the entrant:

i. is a fully registered student and the holder of a student card for the institution with which they are internally registered

ii. is pursuing a course of study that is equivalent to 60 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) credits per annum in Ireland or 120 UK Academic credits per annum in Northern Ireland or that leads to an

award ranked at a minimum of Level 6 on the NQAI Framework (National Qualification Authority of Ireland).

iii. Note 1: Any individual eligible to compete under the International University Sports Federation (FISU) Rules under the “year of grace” rule is eligible to compete.

iv. Note 2: Any student who has been accepted and is due to enrol in an applicable course as set out in ii. above in the forthcoming academic semester, and commencing study not later than 1 October in the year of the event shall be eligible to compete on the proviso that such eligibility is confirmed by his/her college administrator.

c) Students eligible to compete in the BUCS Student Tour, and enrolled in overseas third-level institutions who are invited to participate by the GUI and ILGU are eligible to represent a College.

d) The Penalty for Breach of the foregoing clauses of Rule 2 is Disqualification.

3. Entries

a) The field for the Championships shall consist of:

i) The field will consist of 108 entrants who are eligible under Condition 2 a) above, to include up to 18 female entrants where such entries are received. Where entries are oversubscribed, a waiting list shall be drawn up in order of exact handicap at the closing time of entries.

ii) In the team competition all participating colleges are entitled to be represented by up to two three-person teams (any combination of male and female) – but only where such players have entered the tournament prior to the closing time for entries. Team entry sheets must be submitted by 1600hrs the day prior to the Championship. Should a college have less than three representatives in the starting field as per 3 a) i above, representative entrants from the waiting list shall be added to the field in order of handicap, but only to bring the total representation of a college up to three players.

4. Format

Individual Male and Female Championships:

a) The Championship will be determined by three rounds of medal play.

b) Each competitor will play one round of 18 holes on the first two days of the Championship.

c) The lowest 42 male competitors and 8 female competitors, including ties, will play the final round of 18 holes on the third day of the Championship.

Team Championship:

d) In the team event, the best two gross scores in each round will count towards each college team score. Where less than two players from a participating college make the cut, the college team shall miss the cut.

5. Breaking of Ties

a) In the event of a tie for the Championship, the players concerned shall immediately play three holes of stroke play, in such sequence as prescribed by the Championship Committee. The best aggregate score will determine the winner. Those still tied for the Championship shall engage in sudden death stroke play over the same hole sequence.

b) All other ties, including ties for the leading team, will be determined on the basis set out in Appendix I of the GUI Tournament Conditions Book.

6. Caddies

a) Professional Golfers and individuals who do not meet the age eligibility criteria for this competition are prohibited from caddying (penalties to be applied in accordance with Condition 13 of the General Rules for National and Provincial Championships).

7. Advice

a) Colleges participating may appoint a Team Captain, but no advice may be given by such individuals (Penalty – 2 strokes for every hole on which the breach occurs to a maximum of 4 strokes). Any further infringement will lead to disqualification of the player(s).

8. Prizes

- a) The leading male and female players, respectively, shall be the Irish Students Amateur Open Champion Golfers for the year and the Trophies will be held until the commencement of the Championship in the following year by the Club from which the winner shall have entered but in the event of the winner being a member of the Irish Artisan Golfers' Association the Trophy will be held by the Club to which his Section is attached.
- b) The leading three male and female players shall also be awarded voucher prizes.
- c) The leading three teams in the team competition will receive medals.

EAST OF IRELAND AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**1. General**

- a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships
- b) The Championship will be played on the Links of County Louth Golf Club in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Ltd. and in accordance with the Local Rules of County Louth Golf Club as approved by the Championship Committee.
- c) The Championship Committee, which shall consist of Officials appointed by the Leinster Provincial Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland and Officials appointed by the County Louth Golf Club, shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries.
- c) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

2. Entries

- a) Entries will be limited to at least 132 competitors which may include, at the discretion of Leinster Golf, up to ten youth players who were balloted out. In the event of applications exceeding this number, a waiting list in the exact WAGR or handicap order (as applicable) will be drawn up. If withdrawals occur, entrants on the waiting list will be given the opportunity of competing.
 - i) Any entrant on the Exemption List (see Appendix 3 of the Tournament Conditions Book) will be allocated a place in the starting field provided they have entered.
 - ii) Having applied Condition i), entrants in order of World Amateur Golf Ranking (1-1,500) at the closing date for entries will be granted a place in the field and, if still incomplete, entrants using exact handicaps at the closing date for entries up to the total field size will be granted a place in the field.
 - iii) The Championship Committee may exempt up to six entrants from the criteria above, always provided that such entrants are members either of the National Panel, National Development Panel or National Boys (Under 18 panel). Where the Championship Committee exempts less than six players, the remainder of these six places will be filled by the next-placed competitors on the list in order of (b) above.
- b) A member of a Golf Club in Ireland or Overseas shall submit his entry online at www.golfnet.ie. Entries from Overseas players shall, if required, be submitted through the Secretaries of the recognised authorities controlling golf in the Countries concerned, and in each case shall be accompanied by a declaration, signed by the Secretary of the recognised authority controlling golf, that the intending competitor is an Amateur Golfer as defined by R&A Rules Ltd.

3. Format

- a) The Championship will be decided by four rounds of 18 holes medal play.
- b) Each competitor will play one stroke round of 18 holes on the first and second day of the Championship.
- c) The 42 and tied competitors who return the lowest gross scores over the first 36 holes shall play a further 36 holes on the third day of the Championship.

4. Handicaps

- a) A player who holds a handicap with CONGU and from a Handicapping Authority other than CONGU must enter and play off his CONGU handicap for this competition.

5. Breaking of Ties

- a) In the event of a tie for the Championship the players concerned shall immediately play three holes of stroke play, in such sequence as prescribed by the Championship Committee. The best aggregate score will determine the winner. Those still tied for the Championship shall engage in sudden death stroke play over the same sequence of holes.
- b) In the event of a tie or ties for other prizes in the Championship the decision will be on the best score over the last 54 holes, then 36 holes, and, if still a tie, on the score over the last 18 holes, 9 holes and so on as set out in the Tournament Conditions Booklet.

6. Prizes

- a) The winner of the Championship will be the East of Ireland Amateur Open Champion Golfer for the year.
- b) The Championship Trophy, the 'Jo Carberry' Trophy, the Agnew Salver and any other trophies awarded will be held until the commencement of the Championship in the following year by the Club from which the winner of any of these trophies shall have entered, but in the event of the winner of a trophy being a member of the Irish Artisan Golfers' Association, the Trophy will be held by the Club to which his Section is attached or in the event of the winner of a trophy having entered from a Country outside Ireland, such Trophy will be held by County Louth Golf Club.
- c) The Championship Trophy (presented by the Lyons Family) will be awarded to the winner.
- d) All prizes will be decided by the Championship Committee. No competitor will receive more than one of the 72-hole prizes.

7. Practice

- a) Players must not play more than one ball from tee to green during a practice round. Failure to observe this directive may lead to the Championship Committee withdrawing a competitor from the Championship.

8. Other

- a) Only a member of the Championship Committee or a person appointed by such Committee will be authorised to give a decision on any questions or dispute arising during the course of play.
- b) This Championship is one of the events for which points in the Willie Gill Award will be awarded for Irish competitors.
- c) The GUI's Groove Geometry Condition applies to this Championship.

NORTH OF IRELAND AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

- a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.
- b) The Championship Committee shall consist of officials appointed by the Ulster Branch Provincial Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland and officials appointed by Royal Portrush Golf Club who shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries.
- c) Only a member of the Championship Committee or a person appointed by such Committee will be authorised to give a decision on any question or dispute arising during the course of play.
- d) The Championship will be played on the Links of Royal Portrush Dunluce & Valley Links in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Ltd. and in accordance with the local rules, as approved by the Championship Committee.

2. Eligibility

- a) Any player who is on Senior International duty during the Official Practice Days or in the Qualifying Rounds of the Championship may, at the discretion of the Championship Committee, be exempt from the Qualifying Rounds and will be entitled to automatic entry to the Match Play Stage.

3. Entries

- a) Entry to the Championship can either be made online at www.golfnet.ie.
- b) The starting field will comprise 300 players or such number as the Championship Committee shall from time to time decide, allocated from conditions i) and ii), and including up to six from condition iii), the criteria for which is set out below:
 - i) Any entrant on the Exemption List (see Appendix 3 of the Tournament Conditions Book) will be allocated a place in the starting field provided they have entered.
 - ii) Having applied Condition i), entrants in order of World Amateur Golf Ranking at the closing date for entries and, if still incomplete, entrants using exact handicaps at the closing date for entries.
 - iii) The Championship Committee may exempt up to six entrants from the criteria above, always provided that such entrants are members either of the National Panel, National Development Panel or National Boys (Under 18 panel). Where the Championship Committee exempts less than six players, the remainder of these six places will be filled by the next-placed competitors on the list in order of (b) above will be offered a place in the field.
- c) For all entrants whose Home Club is on the island of Ireland, the handicap used to determine the draw and the waiting list shall be that recorded on Golfnet at the specified closing time for entries into the Championship. It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that handicap recorded on Golfnet is correct. Should this not be the case, it is the entrant's responsibility to advise the Branch Office.
- d) Any entrant from outside the island of Ireland must provide proof of handicap when entering the Championship and provide details of any changes to this information prior to the closing date. Any entrant who is not offered a place in the draw will have his entry refunded. Any entrant who has a place in the draw and subsequently withdraws shall not be entitled to a refund.
- e) The Championship Committee reserve the right to refuse any entry without stating reason for so doing.

4. Format

- a) Each competitor shall play two stroke qualifying rounds of 18 holes each on the first and second days of the Championship. One round shall be over the Dunluce Links and one over the Valley Links and the

competitors who return the 64 best gross scores, subject to clause 2 above, shall qualify for Match Play stage over the Dunluce Links.

b) On the third day 32 pairs shall play off in the morning and 16 pairs in the afternoon. On the fourth day 8 pairs shall play off in the morning and the Quarter-Finals shall be played in the afternoon. On the fifth day the Semi-Finals shall be played in the morning and the Final in the afternoon.

5. Breaking of Ties

a) In the event of a tie or ties for sixty-fourth place, ties will be determined by using the score returned over the Dunluce Links in accordance with the GUI Conditions Book.

b) In the Match Play section, each match shall consist of one round of 18 holes. In the event of a halved match the competitors shall continue to play until one or other shall have gained a hole.

6. Prizes

a) The winner of the Championship will be the North of Ireland Amateur Open Champion Golfer for the year and will receive the Championship Trophy as presented by Royal Portrush Golf Club.

b) The following prizes will also be awarded: A Medal and Voucher to the winner of the Championship; A Medal and Voucher to the runner-up in the Championship; A Medal and Voucher to each of the defeated semi-finalists; A Voucher to each of the defeated quarter finalists; A Medal and Voucher for the best gross score over 36 holes; A Medal and Voucher for the best gross score over the Dunluce Links; A Medal and Voucher for the best gross score over the Valley Links. Note: No competitor may receive more than one prize in the qualifying rounds.

c) The Championship Trophy will be held until the commencement of the Championship in the following year by the club from which the winner shall have entered, or in the event of the winner being entered from a Country outside Ireland, the Trophy will be held by Royal Portrush Golf Club.

7. Practice

a) The official practice days are the 2 days before the commencement of the Championship or at other times agreed by the host club – the host club reserves the right to prohibit intending competitors from playing the course on any other day, even with the payment of green fee, if it considers that it desirable so to do.

b) On official practice days the host club will determine the time of play and players must play with one ball and from the Teeing Ground assigned by the Championship Committee. Failure to do so may, at the discretion of the Championship Committee, result in the refusal of any entry to the Championship of the year in question and/or future Championships.

c) All practice times to be booked with the Ulster Branch Office in accordance with the Player Pack and NOT with the host club.

8. Time of Starting & Groups

a) The time of starting for Rounds 1, 2 and the Match Play stage of the Championship shall be determined by the Championship Committee.

9. Other

a) A competitor who fails to show at the tee for rounds 1 & 2 or during the match play stage, without providing a prior reason which is acceptable to the Championship Committee, may, at the sole discretion of the Championship Committee, have his entry refused to any Provincial Championship in the following year.

- b) This Championship is one of the events for which points in the 'Willie Gill Award' will be awarded to Irish competitors.
- c) The GUI's Groove Geometry Condition applies to this Championship.

SOUTH OF IRELAND AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

- a) This Championship will be called the South of Ireland Amateur Open Championship to be played annually under the control of the Championship Committee, consisting of Officials appointed by the Munster Provincial Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland and Officials appointed by Lahinch Golf Club.
- b) The Championship Committee will be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision will be final on all matters. Only a member of this Committee or a person appointed by such Committee will be authorised to give a decision on any question or dispute arising during the course of play.
- c) The Championship will be played on the Links of Lahinch Golf Club in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Ltd. and in accordance with the Local Rules of Lahinch Golf Club as approved by the Championship Committee.
- d) Note: These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

2. Eligibility

- a) A competitor must have submitted a minimum of eight qualifying returns during the twelve months prior to the closing date of entry into the Championship. International submissions are acceptable upon receipt of handicap record showing same. Competitors whose home club is outside Ireland must advise by email of any change of handicap between date of entry and closing date with relevant certification.
- (b) All previous winners of this Championship or former Walker Cup players who enter will have a place reserved for them as long as they meet the eight-card rule and hold a handicap which is within 1.0 stroke of the handicap cut off mark for the 'Championship Field' at the closing date of entries.
- (c) The handicap used to determine the entry and waiting list shall be that recorded on Golfnet for Players from the island of Ireland at the closing date of entries, unless the player advises to the contrary prior to the closing date.

3. Entries

- a) Entries must be made online through GUI website, www.golfnet.ie
- b) Entries will be limited to 150 competitors. This will include any entrant on the Exemption List (see Appendix 3 of the Tournament Conditions Book) provided they have entered.
- c) Having applied Condition b), the highest-ranked entrants in order of World Amateur Golf Ranking (1-1,500) at the closing date for entries will be allocated a place in the field. If still incomplete, entrants in order of the lowest exact handicaps at the closing date for entries.
- d) The Championship Committee may exempt up to six entrants from the criteria above, always provided that such entrants are members either of the National Panel, National Development Panel or National Boys (Under 18 panel). Where the Championship Committee exempts less than six players, the remainder of these six places will be filled by the next-placed competitors on the list in order of (b) above will be offered a place in the field.
- e) In the event of applications exceeding this number, entry for the higher handicap competitors will be decided by ballot. The ballot will take place after the closing date.

- f) Unsuccessful applicants will be given an opportunity to compete if withdrawals occur. These stand-by reserves will be selected in strict order of exact handicap on date/time entries close and not from any adjustment subsequently notified.
- g) The stand-by reserves will be called upon to take the place of competitors in the first qualifying round of the Championship in the strict order of stand-by draw where necessary. Only a competitor who is not offered a place in the field will be entitled to a refund.
- h) The Championship Committee may invite up to six players who have entered the Championship and who hold a handicap which is within 1.0 stroke of the handicap cut off mark for the 'Championship Field' at the closing date of entries. Invitees may include promising young players from Ireland or overseas, players who have distinguished themselves in golf or worthy overseas players who would enhance the event. Should these be international players, verification of handicap to be provided by the player's home club under the rules of their governing body.
- i) The entrance fee payable will be as decided from time to time by the Championship Committee. The decision of the Championship Committee will be final on all matters relating to acceptance of entries.
- j) For all entrants whose Home Club is on the island of Ireland, the handicap used to determine the draw and the waiting list shall be that recorded on GOLFnet at the specified closing time for entries into the Championship. It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that handicap recorded on GOLFnet is correct. Should this not be the case, it is the entrant's responsibility to advise the Branch Office.

4. Format

- a) On Days 1 & 2 of the Championship each Competitor shall play one round of 18 Holes Stroke Play. Following the completion of Stroke Play, the leading 64 Competitors shall compete in Match Play, each Match played over 18 Holes if so required.
- b) On Day 3, thirty two pairs shall play off in the morning and sixteen pairs in the afternoon.
- c) On Day 4, eight pairs shall play off in the morning and the Quarter-Finals in the afternoon. d) On Day 5, the Semi-Finals shall be played in the morning and the Final in the afternoon.

5. Breaking of Ties

- a) In the event of a Tie for 64th place after the completion of the two rounds of Stroke Play, the Tie shall be determined over the last 18, 9, 6 holes etc. in accordance with the Breaking of Ties as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet;
- b) If a Match is tied after 18 Holes the Competitors shall immediately continue play in Sudden Death.

6. Prizes

- a) The Winner will be the South of Ireland Amateur Open Champion Golfer for the year.
- b) The Championship Trophy (presented by Lahinch Golf Club) will be awarded to the Winner. The Winner will also receive a medal and prizes will be awarded to the runner-up, the defeated semi-finalists, the defeated quarter-finalists and leading qualifier.
- c) The Championship Trophy will be held until the commencement of the Championship in the following year by the Club from which the Winner shall have entered but in the event of the Winner being a member of the Irish Artisan Golfers' Association the Trophy will be held by the Club to which his Section is attached or in the event of the Winner being entered from a country outside Ireland the Trophy will be held by Lahinch Golf Club.

7. Practice

- a) Competitors are requested to register at the Host Club – Lahinch - immediately on arrival.

b) Official practice times will be those as determined by the Championship Committee, notice of which will be displayed on the Club's notice board and website.

8. Time of Starting & Groups

- a) Players will commence play at the time laid down by the Championship Committee as per 6-3 Rules of Golf. It may be necessary to change times/dates listed at the discretion of Championship Committee.
- b) If a competitor fails to show at the tee without notification, entry may be refused the following year at the discretion of the Championship Committee.

9. Other

- a) This Championship is one of the Tournaments for which points in the 'Willie Gill Award' will be awarded for Irish competitors.
- b) The GUI's Groove Geometry Condition applies to this Championship.

WEST OF IRELAND AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

- a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union & Provincial Championships as contained in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.
- b) The Championship shall be under the control of the Connacht Branch G.U.I. and the Cup to be played for shall be the 'West of Ireland Amateur Open Championship Cup' and shall be played for annually.

2. Eligibility

- a) A member of the Club from which he elects to enter but an Honorary Member must have been, at some time, a fee paying member of the club for a period of two years;
- b) Hold a CONGU handicap (or equivalent as defined under Clause 6 of the Unified Handicapping System) of 5.4 or less at the closing date for entries;
- c) Have submitted a minimum of Eight (8) Qualifying Cards during the twelve months prior to January 1st in the year of the championship;
- d) Any Entrant who is currently disqualified from participation in any Union or Branch Individual Championship is not eligible to compete in the Championship.
- e) The GUI's Groove Geometry Condition applies to this Championship.

3. Entries

- a) Entries shall be accepted Online only.
- b) The Committee reserves the right to establish the number of starting Competitors, annually, to include all categories of exemption listed in 3 (d) below, with the remainder of this number to be filled by the entrants with the lowest exact handicap at the closing date for entries.
- c) In the event of entrants on the same exact handicap tying for the final places in the Championship Field resulting in the number of starting competitors for the Championship as set by the Committee under Clause 3 (b) being exceeded, all such entrants shall be placed in the Qualifier Field. The subsequent vacancies that will arise in the Championship Field will be filled by those competitors finishing 7th, 8th and so on in the Qualifier up to such number equal to the number of starting competitors established by the Committee in accordance with 3 (b).
- d) EXEMPTIONS:
 - i. Any entrant on the Exemption List (see Appendix 3 of the Tournament Conditions Book) provided they have entered.

- ii. Past Winners of the West of Ireland Amateur Open Championship who meet the criteria set out in Clauses 2 and 6 and whose exact handicap is within 1.0 strokes of the handicap cut off for the Championship Field at the close of Entries exclusive of those exempted under Clauses 3 (d) ii and 3 (d) iii;
- iii. Up to three (3) Players nominated by the Connacht Senior Selection Committee through the Connacht Provincial Council and who meet the criteria set out in Clauses 2 and 6, are U25 years of age on January 1st in the year of the Championship, and who's exact handicap is within 1.0 strokes of the handicap cut off mark for the 'Championship Field' at the closing date for Entries exclusive of those exempted under Clauses 3 (d) ii and 3 (d) iv;
- iv. The Six (6) Players who finish in positions 1 through to 6 in the West of Ireland Amateur Open 'Qualifier' in the year of the Championship;
- v. Note: Subject to withdrawals from the Championship Field prior to the commencement of the West of Ireland Amateur Open Qualifier in the year of the Championship, such vacancies shall be filled from those next in line according to the Qualifier Results.
- vi. The Championship Committee Reserves the right to include additional Exemptions which it feels may be in the best interest of the Championship subject to such requests coming from a National Golfing Governing Body.

4. Withdrawals & Refunds

- a) If withdrawals occur, these vacancies shall be held over pending the results from the West of Ireland Amateur Open 'Qualifier' in accordance with Clause 3 "Exemptions";
- b) Any Entrant who fails to notify the Championship Committee of his withdrawal at least 72hrs prior to the start of the Championship may have his entry for the following year's Championships declined by the Connacht Branch GUI.
- c) Only a competitor who is not offered a place in the field will be entitled to a refund.
- d) Any entrant who has a place in the starting field and subsequently withdraws shall not be entitled to a refund.
- e) Any withdrawals which occur following the publication of the Drawsheet shall not be liable for a Refund.
- f) Any Entrants who knowingly not wish to compete in the Qualifier shall they be unsuccessful in gaining automatic entry into the Championship Field shall be entitled to a refund so long as they makes such a declaration on their entry application before the closing date for entries.

5. Format

- a) On Days 1 & 2 of the Championship each Competitor shall play one round of 18 Holes Stroke Play;
- c) The draw for the first round of match play shall be conducted in accordance with each qualifier's finishing position after 36 holes. Breaking of ties will be conducted for this purpose in accordance with the GUI Tie-Breaking procedure:

Upper Half	Lower Half
21 v 44	2 v 63
12 v 53	31 v 34
28 v 37	15 v 50
5 v 60	18 v 47
20 v 45	7 v 58
13 v 52	26 v 39
29 v 36	10 v 55
4 v 61	23 v 42
24 v 41	3 v 62

9 v 56	30 v 35
25 v 40	14 v 51
8 v 57	19 v 46
17 v 48	6 v 59
16 v 49	27 v 38
32 v 33	11 v 54
1 v 64	22 v 43

6. Handicaps

- All Entrants must hold an Official CONGU UHS Handicap or similar standard from an authorised Handicapping Authority, e.g. USGA or EGA;
- The handicap used to determine the entry and waiting list shall be that recorded on *Golfnet* for Players from the island of Ireland, unless the Player advises to the contrary prior to the closing date.
- For all entrants whose Home Club is on the island of Ireland, the handicap used to determine the draw and the waiting list shall be that recorded on *Golfnet* at the specified closing time for entries into the Championship. It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that handicap recorded on *Golfnet* is correct. Should this not be the case, it is the entrant's responsibility to advise the Branch Office.
- Any entrant from outside of Ireland must provide proof of handicap and the required number of Returns in accordance with Clause 2 (c) when entering the Championship and provide details of any changes to this information prior to the closing date.

7. Breaking of Ties

- All ties in the 36-hole Stroke Play Qualifying Section will be broken in accordance with Appendix I of the Tournament Conditions Book.
- In the event of a Match being tied after 18 Holes the Competitors shall immediately continue play in Sudden Death over stipulated holes;

8. Prizes

- The Winner of the Championship shall be declared the 'West of Ireland Amateur Open Champion Golfer of the Year' for Connacht and shall receive a Perpetual Trophy as well as a prize.
- The Winner shall be required to return the Trophy to the Connacht Branch Office one month prior to the date of the following year's Championship and he shall be responsible for having his name engraved upon the Trophy. In the event of the Championship being won by an entrant from outside the island of Ireland the Connacht Branch GUI shall retain the Trophy and be responsible for engraving the Champion's name thereon.
- Prizes shall be awarded to the Championship Winner, Championship Runner-up, Championship Semi-finalists, Championship Quarter-finalists, and Leading Qualifier.

9. Practice

- Each Competitor shall be entitled to a single free of charge Practice Round on the Official Practice Day & Times set down by the Committee, normally the day prior to the Championship. Practice at any other time is a matter between the Entrant and the Host Club regarding availability and rates.
- Players must not play more than one ball from tee to green during a practice round.
- Failure to observe this directive may lead to the Championship Committee withdrawing a competitor from the Championship.

10. Time of Starting & Groups

- a) The Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter Times of Starting at its discretion.

11. Other

- a) The Penalty for breaches of Rules 2 & 6 shall be disqualification of the Competitor concerned.
b) The GUI Transportation Policy with respect to the use of Motorised Golf Buggies is also to be found in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.

WEST OF IRELAND AMATEUR OPEN QUALIFIER

1. General

- a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union & Provincial Championships as contained in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.
b) The West of Ireland Amateur Open 'Qualifier' shall be under the control of the Connacht Branch G.U.I. and shall be played annually on the Wednesday immediately prior to the start of the West of Ireland Amateur Open Championship.

2. Eligibility

All Entrants must -

- a) Be a member of the Club from which he elects to enter but an Honorary Member must have been, at some time, a fee paying member of the club for a period of two years;
b) Hold a CONGU handicap (or equivalent as defined under Clause 6 of the Unified Handicapping System) of 5.4 or less at the closing date for entries;
c) Have submitted a minimum of Eight (8) Qualifying Cards during the twelve months prior to January 1st in the year of the Qualifier;
d) Any Entrant who is currently disqualified from participation in any Union or Branch Individual Championship is not eligible to compete in the Championship.
e) The GUI's Groove Geometry Condition applies to this Championship.

3. Entries

- a) Entries shall be accepted Online only.
b) The Committee reserves the right to establish the number of starting Competitors, annually.
c) In the event of applications exceeding this number, a waiting list in the exact handicap order will be drawn up and decided by ballot, if necessary.
d) In the event of Entrants on the same exact handicap tying for the final placings then all such entrants shall be afforded a starting place in the Qualifier field and no such players shall be balloted onto the Reserve List.
d) EXEMPTIONS:
i. Up to three (3) Players nominated by the Connacht Boys U18 Selection Committee through the Connacht Provincial Council and who meet the criteria set out in Clauses 2 and 6, are U18 years of age on January 1st in the year of the Championship and who's exact handicap is within 1.0 strokes of the handicap cut off mark for the 'Qualifier' Field at the closing date for Entries;
ii. The Championship Committee Reserves the right to include additional Exemptions which it feels may be in the best interest of the Championship subject to such requests coming from a National Golfing Governing Body.

4. Withdrawals & Refunds

- a) If withdrawals occur, entrants on the waiting list will be given the opportunity of competing.
- b) Any Entrant who fails to notify the Championship Committee of his withdrawal at least 72hrs prior to the start of the Championship may have his entry for the following year's Championships declined by the Connacht Branch GUI.
- c) Only a competitor who is not offered a place in the field will be entitled to a refund.
- d) Any entrant who has a place in the starting field and subsequently withdraws shall not be entitled to a refund.
- e) Any withdrawals which occur following the publication of the Drawsheet shall not be liable for a Refund.

5. Format

- a) The Qualifier shall be decided by one Round of 18 Holes Stroke Play;
- b) The leading six (6) Competitors on the completion of the Round shall automatically qualify for the West of Ireland Amateur Open Championship to commence in that year;
- c) In addition, in the event of entrants on the same exact handicap tying for the final places in the Championship Field, all such entrants shall have been placed in the Qualifier Field and the subsequent vacancies that will arise in the Championship Field will be filled by those competitors finishing 7th, 8th and so on in the Qualifier up to such number equal to the number of starting competitors established by the Committee in accordance with 3 (b) of the Championship's Tournament Conditions.
- d) In the event of Withdrawals from the West of Ireland 'Championship Field' itself prior to the commencement of the 'Qualifier' then these vacancies shall also be filled from the Qualifier by the highest finishing competitors in the Qualifier who were not already deemed to have qualified in accordance with 5 (b) or 5 (c).
- e) In the event of Withdrawals from the Championship Field following the conclusion of the qualifier, such vacancies shall also be filled from the Qualifier by the highest finishing competitors in the Qualifier who were not already deemed to have qualified in accordance with 5 (b), 5 (c) or 5 (d).

6. Handicaps

- a) All Entrants must hold an Official CONGU UHS Handicap or similar standard from an authorised Handicapping Authority, e.g. USGA or EGA;
- b) For all entrants whose Home Club is on the island of Ireland, the handicap used to determine the draw and the waiting list shall be that recorded on *Golfnet* at the specified closing time for entries into the Championship. It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that handicap recorded on *Golfnet* is correct. Should this not be the case, it is the entrant's responsibility to advise the Branch Office.
- c) Any entrant from outside of Ireland must provide proof of handicap and the required number of Returns in accordance with Clause 2 (c) when entering the Championship and provide details of any changes to this information prior to the closing date.

7. Breaking of Ties

- a) The breaking of Ties to determine the final qualifying berth(s) and the Reserve List Order for the West of Ireland Amateur Open Championship thereafter from the Results of the Qualifier, shall be as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet, not scores recorded during the sudden death playoff.

8. Practice

- a) Each Competitor shall be entitled to a single free of charge Practice Round on the Official Practice Day & Times set down by the Committee, normally the day prior to the Championship. Practice at any other time is a matter between the Entrant and the Host Club regarding availability and rates.

- b) Players must not play more than one ball from tee to green during a practice round.
- c) Failure to observe this directive may lead to the Championship Committee withdrawing a competitor from the Championship.

9. Time of Starting & Groups

- a) The Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter Times of Starting at its discretion.

10. Other

- a) The Penalty for breaches of Rules 2 & 6 shall be disqualification of the Competitor concerned.
- b) The GUI Transportation Policy with respect to the use of Motorised Golf Buggies is also to be found in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.

CONNACHT BOYS U18 AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

- a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union & Provincial Championships as contained in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.
- b) The Championship shall be under the control of the Connacht Branch G.U.I. and the Cup to be played for shall be the 'Connacht Boys Amateur Championship Cup' and shall be played for annually.

2. Eligibility

- a) A Player who turns 18 years on 1st January in the year of the event or at any time after that date are eligible to compete. The Committee may at its discretion seek the provision of a Birth Certificate at any time prior, during or after the Championship.
- b) Any Entrant who is currently disqualified from participation in any Union or Branch Individual Championship is not eligible to compete in the Championship.

3. Entries

- a) Entries shall be accepted Online only.
- b) The Committee reserves the right to establish the number of starting Competitors, annually.
- c) In the event of applications exceeding this number, a waiting list in the exact handicap order will be drawn up and decided by ballot, if necessary.

4. Withdrawals & Refunds

- a) If withdrawals occur, entrants on the waiting list will be given the opportunity of competing.
- b) Any Entrant who fails to notify the Championship Committee of his withdrawal at least 72hrs prior to the start of the Championship may have his entry for the following year's Championships declined by the Connacht Branch GUI.
- c) Any entrant who is not offered a place in the draw will have his entry refunded (exclusive of those offered an opportunity on the waiting list).
- d) Any entrant who has a place in the draw and subsequently withdraws shall not be entitled to a refund.
- e) Any withdrawals which occur following the publication of the Drawsheet shall not be liable for a Refund.

5. Format

- a) The Championship shall be decided by three rounds of 18 Holes Stroke Play;
- b) On Days 1 & 2, Competitors shall play 18 Holes of Stroke Play, following which the Top 45 Players & Ties shall compete over a further round of 18 Holes Stroke Play on Day 3 of the Championship.

6. Handicaps

- a) All Entrants must hold an Official CONGU UHS Handicap or similar standard from an authorised Handicapping Authority, e.g. USGA or EGA.
- b) For all entrants whose Home Club is on the island of Ireland, the handicap used to determine the draw and the waiting list shall be that recorded on *Golfnet* at the specified closing time for entries into the Championship. It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that handicap recorded on *Golfnet* is correct. Should this not be the case, it is the entrant's responsibility to advise the Branch Office.
- c) Any entrant from outside of Ireland must provide proof of handicap when entering the Championship and provide details of any changes to this information prior to the closing date.
- d) At the discretion of the Junior Committee of the Connacht Branch, up to 6 players may be invited to play who may not have qualified under handicap cut off point but who must have entered.

7. Breaking of Ties

- (a) For the Championship – the Players involved shall immediately play a stipulated three Holes in Stroke Play, if still Tied they shall continue play over stipulated holes in sudden death Stroke Play format;
- (b) All other Ties – these shall be decided by the best score over the last 36, 18, 9, 6 holes and so on as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet;

8. Prizes

- a) The Winner of the Championship shall be declared the 'Connacht Boys Open Champion Golfer of the Year' and shall receive a Perpetual Trophy as well as a prize. The Winner shall be required to return the Trophy to the Connacht Branch Office one month prior to the date of the following year's Championship and he shall be responsible for having his name engraved upon the Trophy. In the event of the Championship being won by an entrant from outside the island of Ireland the Connacht Branch GUI shall retain the Trophy and be responsible for engraving the Champion's name thereon.
- b) Prizes shall be awarded to the Winner, Runner-up, 3rd, 4th, 5th, Best U17 Gross and R-up U17 Gross. Players may only receive one Prize.

9. Practice

- a) Each Competitor shall be entitled to a single free of charge Practice Round on the Official Practice Day & Times set down by the Committee, normally the day prior to the Championship. Practice at any other time is a matter between the Entrant and the Host Club regarding availability and rates.
- b) Players must not play more than one ball from tee to green during a practice round.
- c) Failure to observe this directive may lead to the Championship Committee withdrawing a competitor from the Championship.

10. Caddies

- a) Caddies are prohibited. Penalties will be applied in accordance with Condition 13 of the General Rules for National and Provincial Championships.

11. Time of Starting & Groups

- a) The Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter Times of Starting at its discretion.

12. Other

- a) The Penalty for breaches of Rules 2 & 6 shall be disqualification of the Competitor concerned.

CONNACHT BOYS UNDER 16 AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

- a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union & Provincial Championships as contained in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.
- b) The Championship shall be under the control of the Connacht Branch G.U.I. and the Cup to be played for shall be the 'Gerry McManus U16 Boys Open Championship Cup' and shall be played for annually.

2. Eligibility

- a) A Player who turns 16 years on 1st January in the year of the event or at any time after that date is eligible to compete. The Committee may at its discretion seek the provision of a Birth Certificate at any time prior, during or post the Championship.
- b) Any Entrant who is currently disqualified from participation in any Union or Branch Individual Championship is not eligible to compete in the Championship;

3. Entries

- a) Entries shall be accepted Online only.
- b) The Committee reserves the right to establish the number of starting Competitors, annually. In the event of applications exceeding this number, a waiting list in the exact handicap order will be drawn up and decided by ballot, if necessary.

4. Withdrawals & Refunds

- a) If withdrawals occur, entrants on the waiting list will be given the opportunity of competing.
- b) Any Entrant who fails to notify the Championship Committee of his withdrawal at least 72hrs prior to the start of the Championship may have his entry for the following year's Championships declined by the Connacht Branch GUI.
- c) Any entrant who is not offered a place in the field will have his entry refunded (exclusive of those offered an opportunity on the waiting list).
- d) Any entrant who has a place in the starting field and subsequently withdraws shall not be entitled to a refund.
- e) Any withdrawals which occur following the publication of the Drawsheet shall not be liable for a Refund.

5. Format

- a) The Championship will be decided by two rounds of 18 holes medal play with gross scores to count. Each competitor will play one round of 18 holes on day 1 of the Championship. The 45 competitors + ties who return the lowest gross scores over the first 18 holes shall be entitled to play a further 18 holes on the second day of the Championship.

6. Handicaps

- a) All Entrants must hold an Official CONGU UHS Handicap or similar standard from an authorised Handicapping Authority, e.g. USGA or EGA.
- b) For all entrants whose Home Club is on the island of Ireland, the handicap used to determine the draw and the waiting list shall be that recorded on *Golfnet* at the specified closing time for entries into the Championship. It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that handicap recorded on *Golfnet* is correct. Should this not be the case, it is the entrant's responsibility to advise the Branch Office.
- c) Any entrant from outside of Ireland must provide proof of handicap when entering the Championship and provide details of any changes to this information prior to the closing date.

d) At the discretion of the Junior Committee of the Connacht Branch GUI, up to 6 players may be invited to play who may not have qualified on handicap but who must have entered the Championship.

7. Breaking of Ties

a) All Ties shall be decided by the best score over the last 9, 6 and so on holes as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.

8. Prizes

a) The Winner of the Championship shall be declared the Connacht U16 Boys Open Champion and shall receive a Perpetual Trophy as well as a prize.

b) The Winner shall be required to return the Trophy to the Connacht Branch Office 1 month prior to the date of the following year's Championship and he shall be responsible for having his name engraved upon the Trophy. In the event of the Championship being won by an entrant from outside Ireland the Connacht Branch GUI shall retain the Trophy and be responsible for engraving the Champion's name.

c) Prizes shall be awarded to the Winner, Runner-up, 3rd, 4th, 5th, Best U15 Gross and R-up U15 Gross. Players may only receive one Prize.

9. Practice

a) Each Competitor shall be entitled to a single free of charge Practice Round on the Official Practice Day & Times set down by the Committee, normally the day prior to the Championship. Practice at any other time is a matter between the Entrant and the Host Club regarding availability and rates.

b) Players must not play more than one ball from tee to green during a practice round.

c) Failure to observe this directive may lead to the Championship Committee withdrawing a competitor from the Championship.

10. Caddies

a) Caddies are prohibited. Penalties will be applied in accordance with Condition 13 of the General Rules for National and Provincial Championships.

11. Time of Starting & Groups

a) The Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter Times of Starting at its discretion.

12. Other

a) The Penalty for breaches of Rules 2 & 6 shall be disqualification of the Competitor concerned.

CONNACHT BOYS UNDER 14 AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union & Provincial Championships as contained in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.

b) The Championship shall be under the control of the Connacht Branch G.U.I. and the Cup to be played for annually shall be the 'Connacht GUI U14 Boys Open Championship Cup'.

2. Eligibility

a) A Player who turns 14 years on 1st January in the year of the event or at any time after that date is eligible to compete. The Committee may at its discretion seek the provision of a Birth Certificate at any time prior, during or post the Championship.

- b) Any Entrant who is currently disqualified from participation in any Union or Branch Individual Championship is not eligible to compete in the Championship;

3. Entries

- a) Entries shall be accepted Online only.
- b) The Committee reserves the right to establish the number of starting Competitors, annually. In the event of applications exceeding this number, a waiting list in the exact handicap order will be drawn up and decided by ballot, if necessary.

4. Withdrawals & Refunds

- a) If withdrawals occur, entrants on the waiting list will be given the opportunity of competing.
- b) Any Entrant who fails to notify the Championship Committee of his withdrawal at least 72hrs prior to the start of the Championship may have his entry for the following year's Championships declined by the Connacht Branch GUI.
- c) Any entrant who is not offered a place in the field will have his entry refunded (exclusive of those offered an opportunity on the waiting list).
- d) Any entrant who has a place in the starting field and subsequently withdraws shall not be entitled to a refund.
- e) Any withdrawals which occur following the publication of the Drawsheet shall not be liable for a Refund.

5. Format

- a) The Championship shall be decided by one Round of 18 Holes Stroke Play.

6. Handicaps

- a) All Entrants must hold an Official CONGU UHS Handicap or similar standard from an authorised Handicapping Authority, e.g. USGA or EGA.
- b) For all entrants whose Home Club is on the island of Ireland, the handicap used to determine the draw and the waiting list shall be that recorded on *Golfnet* at the specified closing time for entries into the Championship. It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that handicap recorded on *Golfnet* is correct. Should this not be the case, it is the entrant's responsibility to advise the Branch Office.
- c) Any entrant from outside of Ireland must provide proof of handicap when entering the Championship and provide details of any changes to this information prior to the closing date.
- d) At the discretion of the Junior Committee of the Connacht Branch GUI, up to 6 players may be invited to play who may not have qualified under handicap cut off point but who must have entered the Championship.

7. Breaking of Ties

- a) All Ties shall be decided by the best score over the last 9, 6 and so on holes as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.

8. Prizes

- a) The Winner of the Championship shall be declared the Connacht U14 Boys Open Champion and shall receive a Perpetual Trophy as well as a prize.
- b) The Winner shall be required to return the Trophy to the Connacht Branch Office one month prior to the date of the following year's Championship and he shall be responsible for having his name engraved upon the Trophy. In the event of the Championship being won by an entrant from outside the island of

Ireland the Connacht Branch GUI shall retain the Trophy and be responsible for engraving the Champion's name thereon.

c) Prizes shall be awarded to the Championship Winner, Championship Runner-up, Championship Third, Championship Fourth, the Best Nett, 2nd Best Nett, 3rd Best Nett, and the Best U13 Gross. Players may only receive one Prize.

9. Practice

a) Each Competitor shall be entitled to a single free of charge Practice Round on the Official Practice Day & Times set down by the Committee, normally the day prior to the Championship. Practice at any other time is a matter between the Entrant and the Host Club regarding availability and rates.

b) Players must not play more than one ball from tee to green during a practice round.

c) Failure to observe this directive may lead to the Championship Committee withdrawing a competitor from the Championship.

10. Caddies

a) Caddies are prohibited. Penalties will be applied in accordance with Condition 13 of the General Rules for National and Provincial Championships.

11. Time of Starting & Groups

a) The Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter Times of Starting at its discretion.

12. Other

a) The Penalty for breaches of Rules 2 & 6 shall be disqualification of the Competitor concerned.

CONNACHT MID-AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union & Provincial Championships as contained in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.

b) The Championship shall be under the control of the Connacht Branch G.U.I. and the Cup to be played for shall be the 'Connacht Mid Amateur Open Championship Cup' and shall be played for annually.

2. Eligibility

a) A Player who turns 30 years on or before the first day of the Championship in the year of the event is eligible to compete. The Committee may at its discretion seek the provision of a Birth Certificate at any time prior, during or after the Championship.

b) A member of the Club from which he elects to enter but an Honorary Member must have been, at some time, a fee paying member of the club for a period of two years;

c) Have submitted a minimum of four Qualifying Cards during the twelve months prior to the closing date for the championship;

d) Any Entrant who is currently disqualified from participation in any Union or Branch Individual Championship is not eligible to compete in the Championship.

3. Entries

a) Entries shall be accepted Online only.

b) The Committee reserves the right to establish the number of starting Competitors, annually.

c) In the event of applications exceeding this number, a waiting list in the exact handicap order will be drawn up and decided by ballot, if necessary.

4. Withdrawals & Refunds

- a) If withdrawals occur, entrants on the waiting list will be given the opportunity of competing.
- b) Any Entrant who fails to notify the Championship Committee of his withdrawal at least 72hrs prior to the start of the Championship may have his entry for the following year's Championships declined by the Connacht Branch GUI.
- c) Any entrant whose application is unsuccessful shall have his entry fee refunded (exclusive of those offered an opportunity on the waiting list).
- d) Any entrant who has a place in the starting field and subsequently withdraws shall not be entitled to a refund.
- e) Any withdrawals which occur following the publication of the Drawsheet shall not be liable for a Refund.

5. Format

- a) The Championship shall be decided by three Round of 18 Holes Stroke Play;
- b) On Day 1 of the Championship, Competitors shall play 36 Holes of Singles Stroke Play, following which the Top 30 Players & Ties shall compete over one further round of 18 Holes Stroke Play on Day 2 of the Championship;

6. Handicaps

- a) All Entrants must hold an Official CONGU UHS Handicap or similar standard from an authorised Handicapping Authority, e.g. USGA or EGA;
- b) For all entrants whose Home Club is on the island of Ireland, the handicap used to determine the draw and the waiting list shall be that recorded on *Golfnet* at the specified closing time for entries into the Championship. It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that handicap recorded on *Golfnet* is correct. Should this not be the case, it is the entrant's responsibility to advise the Branch Office.
- c) Any entrant from outside of Ireland must provide proof of handicap when entering the Championship and provide details of any changes to this information prior to the closing date.

7. Breaking of Ties

In the event of a Tie:

- a) For the Championship – the Players involved shall immediately play over stipulated holes in sudden death Stroke Play format;
- b) All other Ties – these shall be decided by the best score over the last 36, 18, 9, 6 holes and so on as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet;

8. Prizes

- a) The Winner of the Championship shall be declared the 'Connacht Mid Amateur Open Champion Golfer of the Year' and shall receive a Perpetual Trophy as well as a prize.
- b) The Winner shall be required to return the Trophy to the Connacht Branch Office one month prior to the date of the following year's Championship and he shall be responsible for having his name engraved upon the Trophy. In the event of the Championship being won by an entrant from outside the island of Ireland the Connacht Branch GUI shall retain the Trophy and be responsible for engraving the Champion's name thereon.

c) Prizes shall be awarded to the Championship Winner, Championship Runner-up, Championship Third, Championship Fourth, Championship Fifth, Championship Sixth, Best 54 Hole Nett, Runner-up 54 Hole Nett and Best Gross & Nett for each Individual Round. Players may only receive one Prize.

9. Practice

- a) Each Competitor shall be entitled to a single free of charge Practice Round on the Official Practice Day & Times set down by the Committee, normally the day prior to the Championship. Practice at any other time is a matter between the Entrant and the Host Club regarding availability and rates.
- b) Players must not play more than one ball from tee to green during a practice round.
- c) Failure to observe this directive may lead to the Championship Committee withdrawing a competitor from the Championship.

10. Time of Starting & Groups

- a) Any competitor who is not on the First Teeing Ground when his name is called, at or after the time fixed for his starting may be liable to disqualification by the Starter.
- b) The Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter Times of Starting at its discretion.

11. Other

- a) The Penalty for breaches of Rules 2 & 6 shall be disqualification of the Competitor concerned.

CONNACHT STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

- a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.
- b) This Championship will be called the Connacht Stroke Play Championship to be played annually under the control of the Championship Committee which will consist of Officials appointed by the Connacht Provincial Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland and Officials appointed by the Housing Club. The Championship Committee will be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship.
- c) The Championship will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A and in accordance with the local rules as approved by the Championship Committee.

2. Eligibility

Entry will be limited to 75 competitors up to 3.4 handicap. At the discretion of the Championship Committee, five Connacht players who have entered at closing date of entries and are within 1.0 stroke of the cut off may be invited to compete.

3. Entries

- a) Entries must be made on-line through GUI website www.golfnet.ie.
- b) The entrance fee payable will be as decided from time to time by the Connacht Branch GUI. The decision of the Championship Committee will be final on all matters relating to acceptance of entries.

4. Withdrawals & Refunds

- a) If withdrawals occur, entrants on the waiting list will be given the opportunity of competing.
- b) Any Entrant who fails to notify the Championship Committee of his withdrawal at least 72hrs prior to the start of the Championship may have his entry for the following year's Championships declined by the Connacht Branch GUI.

c) Any entrant who is not offered a place in the field will have his entry refunded (exclusive of those offered an opportunity on the waiting list).

d) Any entrant who has a place in the starting field and subsequently withdraws shall not be entitled to a refund.

5. Format

a) The Championship comprises of 4 rounds of stroke play over 2 days, 36 holes being played each day. After the first 36 holes, the leading 39 competitors plus ties, will play a further 36 holes on the second day.

6. Breaking of Ties

a) In the event of a tie for the Championship, the players concerned will immediately play one or more holes by stroke play over the 1st and 18th holes until a decision is reached by sudden death.

b) Ties for second or third or other places in the Championship, will be decided as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.

7. Prizes

a) The winner of the Championship will be the Connacht Stroke Play Champion Golfer for the year and he will receive a perpetual Trophy as well as a prize.

b) He must return the Trophy in time for the following year's Championship to the General Secretary of Connacht Golf. Prizes will also be awarded for second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth best gross scores over 72 holes and two prizes will be awarded for two best nett scores over 72 holes.

8. Practice

a) Each Competitor shall be entitled to a single free of charge Practice Round on the Official Practice Day & Times set down by the Committee, normally the day prior to the Championship. Practice at any other time is a matter between the Entrant and the Host Club regarding availability and rates.

b) Players must not play more than one ball from tee to green during a practice round.

c) Failure to observe this directive may lead to the Championship Committee withdrawing a competitor from the Championship.

9. Time of Starting & Groups

a) Players will commence play at the time laid down by the Championship Committee as per 6-3 Rules of Golf. It may be necessary to change times/dates listed at the discretion of the Championship Committee.

b) If a competitor fails to show at the tee without notification, entry may be refused the following year at the discretion of the Championship Committee.

10. Other

Players shall play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines which may be laid down by the Championship Committee.

CONNACHT SENIORS AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union & Provincial Championships as contained in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.

b) The Championship shall be under the control of the Connacht Branch G.U.I. and the Cup to be played for shall be the 'Connacht Seniors Amateur Open Championship Cup' and shall be played for annually.

2. Eligibility

- a) A Player who turns 55 years on or before the first day of the Championship in the year of the event is eligible to compete. The Committee may at its discretion seek the provision of a Birth Certificate at any time prior, during or after the Championship.
- b) A member of the Club from which he elects to enter but an Honorary Member must have been, at some time, a fee paying member of the club for a period of two years;
- c) Any Entrant who is currently disqualified from participation in any Union or Branch Individual Championship is not eligible to compete in the Championship.

3. Entries

- a) Entries shall be accepted Online only.
- b) The Committee reserves the right to establish the number of starting places in the field albeit that a minimum of 30% of the Entries shall be over 65 years of age of the first day of the Championship.
- c) In the event of applications exceeding this number, a waiting list in the exact handicap order will be drawn up and decided by ballot, if necessary both for those aged 55-64yrs and those over 65yrs.

4. Withdrawals & Refunds

- a) If withdrawals occur, entrants on the waiting list will be given the opportunity of competing.
- b) Any Entrant who fails to notify the Committee of his withdrawal at least 72hrs prior to the start of the Championship may have entry for the following year's Championships declined by the Connacht Branch.
- c) Any entrant who is not offered a place in the field will have his entry refunded (exclusive of those offered an opportunity on the waiting list).
- d) Any entrant who has a place in the field and subsequently withdraws shall not be entitled to a refund.
- e) Any withdrawals which occur following the publication of the Drawsheet shall not be liable for a Refund

5. Format

- a) The Championship shall be decided by two Round of 18 Holes Stroke Play;
- b) On Days 1 and 2 of the Championship, Competitors shall play 18 Holes of Singles Stroke Play;

6. Handicaps

- a) All Entrants must hold an Official CONGU UHS Handicap or similar standard from an authorised Handicapping Authority, e.g. USGA or EGA;
- b) For all entrants whose Home Club is on the island of Ireland, the handicap used to determine the draw and the waiting list shall be that recorded on *Golfnet* at the specified closing time for entries into the Championship. It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that handicap recorded on *Golfnet* is correct. Should this not be the case, it is the entrant's responsibility to advise the Branch Office.
- c) Any entrant from outside of Ireland must provide proof of handicap when entering the Championship and provide details of any changes to this information prior to the closing date.

7. Breaking of Ties

- a) All Ties shall be decided by the best score over the last 18, 9, 6 holes and so on as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet;

8. Prizes

- a) The Winner of the Championship shall be declared the 'Connacht Seniors Amateur Open Champion Golfer of the Year' and shall receive a Perpetual Trophy as well as a prize.

b) The Winner shall be required to return the Trophy to the Connacht Branch Office one month prior to the date of the following year's Championship and he shall be responsible for having his name engraved upon the Trophy. In the event of the Championship being won by an entrant from outside the island of Ireland the Connacht Branch GUI shall retain the Trophy and be responsible for engraving the Champion's name thereon.

c) Prizes shall be awarded as follows: Championship Winner; Championship Runner-up; Championship Third; Championship Fourth; Championship 5th; Championship 6th; Cat. 1 (55-59); Cat. 2 (60-64); Cat. 3 (65+) who shall receive the 'Fred Perry Cup' as leading over 65.

Note: In the event of the Championship Winner also being over 65yrs of age then the 'Fred Perry Cup' shall be awarded to the second placed Player in category 3.

d) Players may only receive one Prize.

9. Practice

a) Each Competitor shall be entitled to a single free of charge Practice Round on the Official Practice Day & Times set down by the Committee, normally the day prior to the Championship. Practice at any other time is a matter between the Entrant and the Host Club regarding availability and rates.

b) Players must not play more than one ball from tee to green during a practice round.

c) Failure to observe this directive may lead to the Championship Committee withdrawing a competitor from the Championship.

10. Time of Starting & Groups

a) Any competitor who is not on the First Teeing Ground when his name is called, at or after the time fixed for his starting may be liable to disqualification by the Starter.

b) The Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter Times of Starting at its discretion.

11. Other

a) The Penalty for breaches of Rules 2 & 6 shall be disqualification of the Competitor concerned.

b) The GUI Transportation Policy with respect to the use of Motorised Golf Buggies is also to be found in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.

LEINSTER BOYS AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

b) The Championship shall be under the control of Leinster Golf.

c) The Provincial Council of the Branch shall appoint a Championship Committee which shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto.

2. Eligibility

a) A Player who turns 18 years on 1st January in the year of the event or any time thereafter is eligible to compete.

b) Penalty for breach = Disqualification

3. Entries

a) Entry will be limited to the 120 competitors with the lowest exact handicaps at the closing date for entries. In the event of entries exceeding this number a waiting list in the exact handicap order will be

drawn up. If withdrawals occur entrants on the waiting list will be given the opportunity of competing. Any entrant who is not offered a place in the draw will have his entry refunded. Any entrant who has a place in the draw and subsequently withdraws shall not be entitled to a refund.

- b) At the discretion of Leinster Golf, up to six boys who were balloted out on handicap and who are current members of Leinster Coaching Panels may be included.
- c) The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without stating any reason for so doing and may call for the production of certificate of birth of any competitor either before or during the Championship
- d) A member of a Golf Club in Ireland or Overseas shall submit his entry online at www.golfnet.ie. Entries from Overseas players shall, if required, be submitted through the Secretaries of the recognised authorities controlling golf in the Countries concerned, and in each case shall be accompanied by a declaration, signed by the Secretary of the recognised authority controlling golf, that the entrant is an Amateur Golfer as defined by R&A Rules Ltd.

4. Format

- a) The Championship will be decided by three rounds of 18 holes medal play.
- b) Each competitor will play 1 stroke round of 18 holes on each of the first 2 days of the Championship.
- c) The 39 competitors plus ties who return the lowest total gross scores over the first 36 holes shall be entitled to play 18 holes on the third day of the Championship.

5. Handicaps

- a) The maximum handicap limit shall be 7.0.
- b) Penalty for breach = Disqualification

6. Breaking of Ties

- a) In the event of a tie for the Championship the players concerned shall immediately play three holes of stroke play, in such sequence as prescribed by the Championship Committee in advance. The best aggregate score will determine the winner. Those still tied for the Championship shall engage in sudden death stroke play over the same sequence of holes.
- b) In the event of a tie or ties for other prizes in the Championship, these will be decided as set out in the Tournament Conditions Booklet and Breaking of Ties.

7. Prizes

- a) The winner of the Championship will be the Leinster Boys Amateur Open Champion Golfer for the year and will receive the Jimmy Greene Trophy. The winner of the Under 17 Category (under 17 on 1st January in the year of the Championship) shall receive the Tom Bishop Cup.
- b) The Leading Qualifier shall receive the J D McCormack Trophy. No player may be awarded more than one prize other than the Winner who may also be awarded the leading qualifier. All other prizes shall be determined by the Championship Committee.
- c) The Trophy will be held until the start of the Championship in the following year by the club from which the winner shall have entered, but if the winner is a member of the Irish Artisan Golfers' Association the Trophy will be held by the Club to which his Section is attached. If the winner being entered from a Country outside Ireland or is not a member of a club the Trophy will be held by Leinster Golf.

8. Practice

- a) The official practice day is the day immediately prior to the Championship unless otherwise advised and the host club reserves the right to prohibit intending competitors from playing the course on any other day even with the payment of green fees if it considers it desirable that it should do so.

b) Players must not play more than one ball from tee to green during a practice round. Failure to observe this rule may lead to the Championship Committee withdrawing the competitor from the Championship.

9. Caddies

a) Professional Golfers and individuals who do not meet the age eligibility criteria for this competition are prohibited from caddying (penalties to be applied in accordance with Condition 13 of the General Rules for National and Provincial Championships).

LEINSTER BOYS UNDER 14 AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

- a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.
- b) The Championship shall be under the control of Leinster Golf.
- c) The Provincial Council of the Branch shall appoint a Championship Committee which shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto.

2. Eligibility

- a) A Player who turns 14 years on 1st January in the year of the event or at any time after that date is eligible to compete. Penalty for breach = Disqualification

3. Entries

- a) Entries will be limited to the 81 competitors with the lowest exact handicaps at the closing date for entries. In the event of entries exceeding this number a waiting list in the exact handicap order will be drawn up. If withdrawals occur, entrants on the waiting list will be given the opportunity of competing. Any entrant who is not offered a place in the draw will have his entry refunded. Any entrant who has a place in the draw and subsequently withdraws shall not be entitled to a refund.
- b) The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without stating any reason for so doing and may call for the production of a cert of birth of any competitor either before or during the Championship.
- c) Entries may be limited from time to time by the Committee.
- d) A member of a Golf Club in Ireland or Overseas shall submit his entry online at www.golfnet.ie. Entries from Overseas players shall, if required, be submitted through the Secretaries of the recognised authorities controlling golf in the Countries concerned, and in each case shall be accompanied by a declaration, signed by the Secretary of the recognised authority controlling golf, that the intending competitor is an Amateur Golfer as defined by R&A Rules Ltd.

4. Format: a) The Championship will be decided by one round of 18 holes medal play.

5. Breaking of Ties: a) These will be decided by countback as set per the Tournament Conditions Book.

6. Practice: a) Players must not play more than one ball from tee to green during a practice round. Failure to observe this may lead to the Championship Committee withdrawing entry.

7. Caddies

a) Professional Golfers and individuals who do not meet the age eligibility criteria for this competition are prohibited from caddying (penalties to be applied in accordance with Condition 13 of the General Rules for National and Provincial Championships).

8. Prizes

- a) The Trophy shall be called the Leinster Boys Under 14 Amateur Open Championship Cup and shall be competed for annually.
- b) The winner of the Championship will be the Leinster U14 Open Champion for the year.
- c) The Trophy will be held until the commencement of the Championship in the following year by the club from which the winner shall have entered. In the event of the winner being entered from a Country outside Ireland or is not a member of a club in Ireland, the Trophy will be held by Leinster Golf. All other prizes will be determined by the Championship Committee.

LEINSTER BOYS UNDER 16 AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

- a) The Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships
- b) The Championship shall be under the control of Leinster Golf.
- c) The Provincial Council of the Branch shall appoint a Championship Committee which shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto.

2. Eligibility

- a) A Player who turns 16 years on 1st January in the year of the event or any time thereafter is eligible to compete.
- b) Penalty for breach = Disqualification

3. Entries

- a) Entry will be limited to the 132 competitors with the lowest exact handicaps at the closing date for entries. In the event of entries exceeding this number a waiting list in the exact handicap order will be drawn up.
- b) If withdrawals occur, entrants on the waiting list will be given the opportunity of competing. Any entrant who is not offered a place in the draw will have his entry refunded. Any entrant who has a place in the draw and subsequently withdraws shall not be entitled to a refund.
- c) The Championship Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without stating any reason for so doing and may call for the production of a certificate of birth of any competitor.
- d) A member of a Golf Club in Ireland or Overseas shall submit his entry online at www.golfnet.ie. Entries from Overseas players shall, if required, be submitted through the Secretaries of the recognised authorities controlling golf in the Countries concerned, and in each case shall be accompanied by a declaration, signed by the Secretary of the recognised authority controlling golf, that the entrant is an Amateur Golfer as defined by R&A Rules Ltd

4. Format

- a) The Championship will be decided by two rounds of 18 holes medal play.
- b) The 45 and tied competitors who return the lowest gross scores over the first 18 holes shall play a further 18 holes on the final day.

5. Breaking of Ties

- a) In the event of a tie for the Championship the players concerned shall immediately play three holes of stroke play, in such sequence as prescribed by the Championship Committee. The best aggregate score

will determine the winner. Those still tied for the Championship shall engage in sudden death stroke play over the same hole sequence.

b) In the event of a tie or ties for other prizes in the Championship, these will be decided as set out in the Tournament Conditions Booklet.

6. Practice

a) The official practice day is the day immediately prior to the Championship unless otherwise advised and the host club reserves the right to prohibit intending competitors from playing the course on any other day even with the payment of green fees, if it considers it desirable that it should do so.

b) Players must not play more than one ball from tee to green during a practice round.

c) Failure to observe this may lead the Championship Committee to withdraw a competitor from the Championship.

7. Caddies

a) Professional Golfers and individuals who do not meet the age eligibility criteria for this competition are prohibited from caddying (penalties to be applied in accordance with Condition 13 of the General Rules for National and Provincial Championships).

8. Prizes

a) The winner of the Championship will be the Leinster U16 Open Champion for the year and receive the Cup. All other prizes will be determined by the Championship Committee.

b) The Trophy will be held until the commencement of the Championship in the following year by the club from which the winner shall have entered, but in the event of the winner being a member of the Irish Artisan Golfers' Association the Trophy will be held by the Club to which his Section is attached or in the event of the winner being entered from a Country outside Ireland or is not a member of a club the Trophy will be held by Leinster Golf.

LEINSTER MID-AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

b) The Championship shall be under control of Leinster Golf through its Championship Committee

2. Eligibility

a) To be eligible to compete entrants must be 30 years or over on the first day of the Championship.

b) Penalty for breach = Disqualification

3. Entries

a) A member of a Golf Club in Ireland or Overseas shall submit his entry online at www.golfnet.ie. Entries from Overseas players shall, if required, be submitted through the Secretaries of the recognised authorities controlling golf in the Countries concerned, and in each case shall be accompanied by a declaration, signed by the Secretary of the recognised authority controlling golf, that the entrant is an Amateur Golfer as defined by R&A Rules Ltd.

b) Entries will be limited to 78 competitors with the lowest exact handicaps at the closing date for entries. In the event of entries exceeding this number a waiting list in the exact handicap order will be drawn up. If withdrawals occur entrants on the waiting list will be given the opportunity of competing. Any entrant who

is not offered a place in the draw will have his entry refunded. Any entrant who has a place in the draw and subsequently withdraws shall not be entitled to a refund.

4. Format

a) The Championship will be decided over 54 holes Medal Play over two days with 36 holes being played on the first day. The 27 and tied competitors who return the lowest total gross scores over the 36 holes shall play a further 18 holes on the second day.

5. Handicaps

- a) Entries shall not be accepted from players whose playing handicap is higher than 7 at the closing date for entries.
- b) Penalty for breach = Disqualification

6. Breaking of Ties

- a) In the event of a tie for the Championship, the players concerned shall immediately play three holes of stroke play in such sequence as prescribed by the Championship Committee. The best aggregate score will determine the winner. Those still tied for the Championship shall engage in sudden death stroke play over the same sequence of holes.
- b) Ties will be decided as set out in the Tournament Conditions Booklet.

7. Prizes

- a) The winner of the Championship will be the Leinster Mid-Amateur Open champion for the year.
- b) Prizes will be determined by the Championship Committee.

8. Practice

- a) Players must not play more than one ball from tee to green during a practice round. Failure to observe this directive may lead to the Championship Committee withdrawing entry from the Championship.

LEINSTER SENIORS AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

- a) The Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.
- b) The Championship shall be under the control of Leinster Golf. The Provincial Council shall appoint a Championship Committee which shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries.

2. Eligibility

- a) The entrant must be 55 years of age or over on the first day of the Championship.
- b) Penalty for breach = Disqualification

3. Entries

- a) The entry will be limited to 120 players, with the proviso that at least
 - twelve players in the Over 60s category,
 - ten players in the Over 65s category and
 - eight players in the Over 70s category
 are included. If the total entry exceeds this figure the 120 entrants with the lowest exact handicaps on the closing date for entries will be accepted.

- b) A waiting list in the exact handicap order will be drawn up and decided on ballot if necessary. If withdrawals occur, entrants on the waiting list will be given the opportunity of competing. Any entrant who is not offered a place in the draw will have his entry refunded. Any entrant who has a place in the draw and subsequently withdraws shall not be entitled to a refund.
- c) A member of a Golf Club in Ireland or Overseas shall submit his entry online at www.golfnet.ie.
- d) Entries from Overseas players shall, if required, be submitted through the Secretaries of the recognised authorities controlling golf in the Countries concerned, and in each case shall be accompanied by a declaration, signed by the Secretary of the recognised authority controlling golf, that the intending competitor is an Amateur Golfer as defined by R&A Rules Ltd.

4. Format

- a) The Championship will be decided by two rounds of 18 holes medal play with each competitor playing one stroke round of 18 holes on two consecutive days.

5. Handicaps

- a) The handicap limit and entrance fee shall be decided from time to time by the Championship Committee.

6. Breaking of Ties

- a) In the event of a tie for the Championship the decision shall be on the best score over the last 18 holes and if still a tie, on the score over the last 9 holes and so on as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.
- c) In the event of a tie in the Over 60's and 65 + categories, the decision, the decision shall be on the best score over the last 18 holes, and if still a tie as set out in the GUI Conditions Booklet.

7. Prizes

- a) The winner of the Championship shall be the Leinster Senior Amateur Champion Golfer for the year.
- b) Prizes will be determined by the Championship Committee.

8. Practice

- a) Players must not play more than one ball from tee to green during a practice round. Failure to observe this directive may lead to the Championship Committee withdrawing entry from the Championship.

LEINSTER STUDENTS AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

- a. These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

2. Eligibility

- a. A male or female player who turns at least 18 and no more than 21 years of age on 1st day of January or at any time thereafter in the year of the Championship is eligible to compete.
- b. A male or female player of any age is eligible to represent a College, provided that the entrant:
 - i. is a fully registered student and the holder of a student card for the institution with which they are internally registered
 - ii. is pursuing a course of study that is equivalent to 60 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) credits per annum in Ireland or 120 UK Academic credits per annum in Northern Ireland or that leads to an award ranked at a minimum of Level 6 on the NQAI Framework (National Qualification Authority of Ireland).

Note 1: Any individual eligible to compete under the International University Sports Federation (FISU) Rules under the “year of grace” rule is eligible to compete.

Note 2: Any student who has been accepted and is due to enrol in an applicable course as set out in ii. above in the forthcoming academic semester, and commencing study not later than 1 October in the year of the event shall be eligible to compete provided this is confirmed by his/her college administrator.

c. Students eligible to compete in the BUCS Student Tour, and enrolled in overseas third-level institutions who are invited to participate by the GUI and ILGU are eligible to represent a College.

d. The Penalty for Breach of the foregoing clauses of Rule 2 is Disqualification.

3. Entries

a) The field for the Championships shall consist of:

i) The field will consist of 102 entrants who are eligible under Condition 2 a) above, to include up to 15 female entrants where such entries are received. Where entries are oversubscribed, a waiting list shall be drawn up in order of exact handicap at close of entries.

ii) In the team competition all participating colleges are entitled to be represented by up to two three-person teams (any combination of male and female) – but only where such players have entered the tournament prior to the closing time for entries. Team entry sheets must be submitted by 1600hrs the day prior to the Championship commencing. Should a college have less than three representatives in the starting field as per 3 a) i above, representative entrants from the waiting list shall be added to the field in order of handicap, but only to bring the total representation of a college up to three players (one team).

4. Format

Individual Male and Female Championships:

a) The Championship will be determined by three rounds of medal play.

b) Each competitor will play one round of 18 holes on the first two days of the Championship.

c) The lowest 50 male competitors and 9 female competitors, including ties, will play the final round of 18 holes on the third day of the Championship.

Team Championship:

d) In the team event, the best two gross scores in each round will count towards each college team score. Where less than two players from a participating college make the cut, the college team shall miss the cut.

5. Breaking of Ties

a) In the event of a tie for the Championship, the players concerned shall immediately play three holes of stroke play, in sequence as prescribed by the Championship Committee. The best aggregate score will determine the winner. Those still tied for the Championship shall engage in a sudden death playoff.

b) All other ties, including ties for leading team, will be determined as set out in Appendix I of the Tournament Conditions Book.

6. Caddies

a) Professional Golfers and individuals who do not meet the age eligibility criteria for this competition are prohibited from caddying (penalties to be applied in accordance with Condition 13 of the General Rules for National and Provincial Championships).

7. Advice

a) Colleges participating may appoint a Team Captain, but no advice may be given by such individuals (Penalty – 2 strokes for every hole on which the breach occurs to a maximum of 4 strokes). Any further infringement will lead to disqualification of the player(s).

8. Prizes

- a. The leading male and female players, respectively, shall be the Leinster Students Amateur Open Champion Golfers for the year and the Trophies will be held until the start of the Championship in the following year by the Club from which they shall have entered but where the winner is a member of the Irish Artisan Golfers' Association the Trophy will be held by the Club to which his Section is attached.
- b. The leading three male and female players shall also be awarded voucher prizes.
- c. The leading two teams in the team competition will receive medals.

9. Practice

a) Players must not play more than one ball from tee to green during a practice round. Failure to observe this directive may lead to the Championship Committee withdrawing entry from the Championship.

EAST OF IRELAND MIXED FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

- a. The Championship Committee which shall consist of Officials appointed by the Leinster Provincial Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland and the Irish Ladies Golf Union shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries.
- b. Only a Member of the Championship Committee or a person appointed by such Committee will be authorised to give a decision on any question or dispute arising during the course of play.

2. Eligibility

- a. Each Male entrant must be:
 - i. of Amateur Status as defined by R&A Rules Ltd;
 - ii. the holder of an Official handicap under the CONGU Handicapping Scheme or similar standard.
- b. Each Lady entrant must be:
 - i. of Amateur Status as defined by R&A Rules Ltd;
 - ii. the holder of an Official CONGU, or similar standard, handicap.
- c. Competitors must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status.

3. Entries

- a. The Club or Association from which competitors enter must be affiliated to the recognised authority controlling golf in the Country concerned.
- b. Entries shall be limited to the 36 pairs with the lowest combined handicaps at closing date of entry.
- c. In the event of entries exceeding this number a waiting list in the exact handicap order will be drawn up. If withdrawals occur entrants on the waiting list will be given the opportunity of competing. Any entrant who is not offered a place in the draw will have his entry refunded. Any entrant who has a place in the draw and subsequently withdraws shall not be entitled to a refund.

4. Format

- a. The Championship shall be decided by two rounds of 18 Holes Mixed Foursomes Gross Medal Play.

5. Breaking of Ties

a. In the event of a tie in the Championship the decision will be on the best score over the last 18 holes and, if still a tie, on the score over the last 9 holes, and so on as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.

6. Prizes

- a. The winners of the Tournament will be East of Ireland Amateur Open Mixed Foursomes Stroke Play Champion Golfers for the year and the Trophy will be held until the commencement of the Championship in the following year by the Club(s) from which either of the winners shall have entered. In the event of the winner having entered from a Country outside Ireland, the Trophy will be held by Leinster Golf.
- b. Prizes will be determined by the Championship Committee.

7. Practice

- a) Players must not play more than one ball from tee to green during a practice round. Failure to observe this directive may lead to the Championship Committee withdrawing entry from the Championship.

MUNSTER BOYS AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

- a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.
- b) This Championship will be called the Munster Boys U18 Amateur Open Championship to be played annually under the control of the Championship Committee which will consist of Officials appointed by the Munster Provincial Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland through its Junior Committee.
- c) This Committee will be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship.

2. Eligibility

- a) A player who turns 18 on 1st January in the year of the event or any time thereafter is eligible to compete. Penalty for breach - disqualification.
- b) The Championship Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry and may call for the production of a certificate of birth of any competitor before or during the Championship.

3. Entries

- a) Entries must be made online through GUI website www.golfnet.ie The number of competitors shall be decided from time to time by the Provincial Council, but will not exceed a maximum of 150 competitors.
- b) A ballot for places will, if necessary, be held amongst the highest exact handicap competitors immediately after closing date. Any entrant not offered a place in the draw will have his entry refunded. Any entrant who has a place in the draw and subsequently withdraws shall not be entitled to a refund.
- c) At the discretion of the Junior Committee of Munster Golf, up to 5 players may be invited to play who may not have qualified under handicap cut off point, but who must have entered the Championship.

4. Format

- a) The Championship comprises of three rounds.
- b) The first two rounds of stroke play take place over the first two days of the Championship – one round each day.
- c) The first 45 plus ties qualify for the final round on the third day of the Championship.

5. Breaking of Ties

- a) If there is a tie for the Championship, the competitors concerned will immediately play a stipulated three holes by stroke play.

- b) If still tied, will play sudden death starting at the first hole of the stipulated three holes.
- c) Other ties will be decided as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.

6. Prizes

- a) The winner of the Championship will receive a perpetual Trophy and a prize. Trophy should be held until the commencement of the Championship in the following year by the Club from which the winner of the Trophy shall have entered. In the event of the winner not being a member of a Club affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland or having entered from a Country outside Ireland the Trophy will be held by Munster Golf. He must return the Trophy in time for the following year's Championship to the Executive Officer, GUI Munster Golf.
- b) Prizes will be determined by the Championship Committee.

7. Practice

- a) Official practice day is generally the day prior to the commencement of the Championship at the discretionary times as arranged with the Secretary/Manager of the Host Club.

8. Caddies

- a) Professional Golfers and individuals who do not meet the age eligibility criteria for this competition are prohibited from caddying (penalties to be applied in accordance with Condition 13 of the General Rules for National and Provincial Championships).

9. Time of Starting & Groups

- a) Players will commence play at the time laid down by the Championship Committee as per 6-3 Rules of Golf.
- b) It may be necessary to change times/dates listed at the discretion of the Championship Committee with the approval of Host Club.
- c) If a competitor fails to show at the tee without notification, entry may be refused the following year at the discretion of the Provincial Council.

10. Other

- a) Players shall play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines which may be laid down by the Championship Committee.

MUNSTER BOYS UNDER 16 AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

- a) This Championship will be called the Munster Boys U16 Amateur Open Championship to be played annually under the control the Championship Committee which will consist of Officials appointed by the Munster Provincial Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland through its Junior Committee. This Committee will be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship.
- b) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

2. Eligibility

- a) A player who turns 16 on 1st January in the year of the event or any time thereafter is eligible to compete.
- b) Penalty for breach = Disqualification

3. Entries

- a) Entries must be made online through GUI website www.golfnet.ie
- b) Entries may be limited from time to time by the Junior Committee.
- c) The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without stating any reason for so doing and may call for the production of a certificate of birth from any competitor before or during the Championship.

4. Format

- a) The Championship will be decided by 2 rounds of 18 holes medal play with gross scores to count. Each competitor will play 1 round of 18 holes on day 1 of the Championship. The 45 competitors + ties who return the lowest gross scores over the first 18 holes shall be entitled to play a further 18 holes on the second day.

5. Handicaps

- a) At the discretion of the Junior Committee of Munster Golf, up to 5 players may be invited to play who may not have qualified under handicap cut off point but who must have entered the Championship.

6. Breaking of Ties

- a) All ties to be decided as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.

7. Prizes

- a) The winner of the Championship will be the Under 16 Amateur Champion of Munster and will receive a perpetual trophy as well as a prize. Trophy should be held until the commencement of the Championship in the following year by the Club from which the winner of the Trophy shall have entered. In the event of the winner not being a member of a club affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland or having entered from a Country outside Ireland the Trophy will be held by Munster Golf. He must return the Trophy in time for the following year's Championship to the Executive Officer, GUI Munster Golf.
- b) Prizes will be determined by the Championship Committee

8. Practice

- a) Official practice day is generally the day prior to the commencement of the Championship at the discretionary times as arranged with the Secretary/Manager of the Housing Club.

9. Caddies

- a) Professional Golfers and individuals who do not meet the age eligibility criteria for this competition are prohibited from caddying (penalties to be applied in accordance with Condition 13 of the General Rules for National and Provincial Championships).

10. Time of Starting & Groups

- a) Players will commence play at the time laid down by the Committee as per 6-3 Rules of Golf. It may be necessary to change times/dates listed at the discretion of the Championship Committee with approval of host Club.
- b) If a competitor fails to show at the tee without notification, entry may be refused the following year at the discretion of the Provincial Council.

11. Other

- a) Players shall play without undue delay and in accordance with any guidelines laid down by the Committee.

MUNSTER MID-AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

- a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships
 b) This Championship will be called the Munster Mid-Amateur Open Championship to be played annually under the control and management of the Championship Committee, which will consist of Officials appointed by the Munster Provincial Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland.

2. Eligibility

- a) A player who turns 30 on or before 1st day of the Championship is eligible to compete.
 b) To be eligible a competitor must have submitted a MINIMUM of 4 qualifying returns during the previous calendar year prior to the closing date of the Championship.
 c) Penalty for breach of Rule 2 = Disqualification

3. Entries

- a) Entries must be made online through GUI website www.golfnet.ie.
 b) Entries will be limited to the 75 lowest handicapped players at closing date for receipt of entries. A standby list of the next lowest 15 players will be used in the event of withdrawals.
 c) The decision of Championship Committee will be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries.

4. Format

- a) The Championship will be decided over 54 holes medal play, over 2 days, 36 holes on the first day.
 b) After 36 holes, the leading 30 competitors plus ties, will play a further 18 holes on the second day.

5. Breaking of Ties

- a) If there is a tie for the Championship, the competitors concerned will immediately play a stipulated three holes by stroke play.
 b) If still tied, will play sudden death starting at the first hole of the stipulated three holes.
 c) Other ties will be decided as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.

6. Prizes

- a) The winner of the Championship will be awarded a Trophy and will be the Munster Mid-Amateur Amateur Open Champion for the year. He must return the Trophy in time for the following year's Championship to the Executive Officer, Munster Golf Office.
 b) Prizes will be determined by the Championship Committee.

7. Practice

- a) Official practice day is the day prior to the commencement of the Championship at the discretionary times as arranged with the hosting Club.

8. Time of Starting & Groups

- a) Players will commence play at the time laid down by the Championship Committee as per 6-3 Rules of Golf. It may be necessary to change times/dates listed at the discretion of the Championship Committee.

b) If a competitor fails to show at the tee without notification, entry may be refused the following year at the discretion of the Championship Committee.

9. Other

a) Players shall play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines which may be laid down by the Championship Committee.

MUNSTER SENIORS AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

- a) The Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.
- b) The Championship shall be under the control of Munster Golf.
- c) The Provincial Council of the Branch shall appoint a Championship Committee which shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries.

2. Eligibility

- a) The entrant must be 55 years of age or over on the first day of the Championship.
- b) Penalty for breach = Disqualification

3. Entries

- a) Entries shall be accepted online only via www.golfnet.ie
- b) The Committee reserves the right to establish the number of starting places in the field albeit that a one third of the Entries shall be over 65years of age on the first day of the Championship.
- c) In the event of applications exceeding this number, a waiting list in the exact handicap order will be drawn up and decided by ballot, if necessary both for those aged 55-64yrs and those over 65yrs.

4. Format: a) The Championship will be decided by two rounds of 18 holes medal play with each competitor playing one stroke round of 18 holes on two consecutive days.

5. Handicaps

- a) All Entrants must hold an Official CONGU UHS Handicap or similar standard from an authorised Handicapping Authority, e.g. USGA or EGA;
- b) For all entrants whose Home Club is on the island of Ireland, the handicap used to determine the draw and the waiting list shall be that recorded on Golfnet at the specified closing time for entries into the Championship. It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that handicap recorded on Golfnet is correct. Should this not be the case, it is the entrant's responsibility to advise the Branch Office.
- c) Any entrant from outside of Ireland must provide proof of handicap when entering the Championship and provide details of any changes to this information prior to the closing date.

6. Breaking of Ties

- a) In the event of a tie for the Championship the decision shall be on the best score over the last 18 holes and if still a tie, as set out in the Tournament Conditions Book.
- b) In the event of a tie in the Over 65s, the decision shall be on the best score over the last 18 holes, and if still a tie as set out in the GUI Conditions Booklet.

7. Prizes

- a) The winner of the Championship shall be the Munster Senior Amateur Champion Golfer for the year.
- b) The Winner shall be required to return the Cup to the Munster Branch Office one month prior to the date of the following year's Championship and he shall be responsible for having his name engraved upon the Cup. In the event of the Championship being won by an entrant from outside the island of Ireland the Munster Branch GUI shall retain the Cup and be responsible for engraving the Champion's name thereon. A Munster Veterans Cup will be presented to the player with the best gross score over 65yrs.
Note: In the event of the Championship Winner also being over 65yrs of age then the Veterans Cup shall be awarded to the second placed player in this category. The same conditions apply to engraving and return of the Cup as the Munster Seniors Cup.
- c) Prizes will be determined by the Championship Committee.

8. Practice

- a) Official practice day is generally the day prior to the commencement of the Championship at the discretionary times as arranged with the Secretary/Manager of the Housing Club

9. Time of Starting & Groups

- a) Players will commence play at the time laid down by the Championship Committee as per 6-3 Rules of Golf. It may be necessary to change times/dates listed at the discretion of the Championship Committee with the approval of hosting Club.
- b) If a competitor fails to show at the tee without notification, entry may be refused the following year at the discretion of the Championship Committee.

10. Other

- a) Undue delay - the attention of competitors is drawn to Rule 6-7 (Rules of Golf).
- a) The Penalty for breaches of Rules 2 & 5 shall be disqualification of the Competitor concerned.
- b) The GUI Transportation Policy with respect to the use of Motorised Golf Buggies is also to be found in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.

MUNSTER STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

- a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.
- b) This Championship will be called the Munster Stroke Play Championship to be played annually under the control of the Championship Committee which will consist of Officials appointed by the Munster Provincial Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland and Officials appointed by Cork Golf Club. The Championship Committee will be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship.
- c) The Championship will be played at Cork Golf Club in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by The R&A and in accordance with the local rules of Cork Golf Club as approved by the Committee.

2. Eligibility

- a) Entry will be limited to 75 competitors up to 3.4 handicap. At the discretion of the Championship Committee, three players who have entered at closing date of entries and are within 1.0 stroke of the cut off may be invited to compete.
- b) Each competitor must have submitted a MINIMUM of 4 qualifying returns to his home club during the twelve months prior to closing date of entry into the Championship. Penalty for breach = Disqualification

3. Entries

- a) Entries must be made online through GUI website www.golfnet.ie.
- b) The entrance fee payable will be as decided from time to time by the Championship Committee. The decision of the Committee will be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries.
- c) It is compulsory to enter the Championship with competitors *Golfnet* card.

4. Format: a) The Championship comprises of 4 rounds of stroke play over 2 days, 36 holes being played each day. After the first 36 holes, the leading 39 competitors plus ties, will play a further 36 holes on the second day.

5. Breaking of Ties

- a) In the event of a tie for the Championship, the players concerned will immediately play one or more holes by stroke play over the 1st, 17th and 18th holes until a decision is reached by sudden death.
- b) Ties for second or third or other places in the Championship, will be decided as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.

6. Prizes

- a) The winner of the Championship will be the Munster Stroke Play Champion Golfer for the year and he will receive a perpetual Trophy as well as a prize. He must return the Trophy in time for the following year's Championship to the General Manager, Cork Golf Club.
- b) Prizes will be determined by the Championship Committee.

7. Practice: a) Official practice day is the day prior to the commencement of the Championship at the discretionary times as arranged with General Manager of Cork Golf Club.

8. Time of Starting & Groups

- a) Players will commence play at the time laid down by the Championship Committee as per 6-3 Rules of Golf. It may be necessary to change times/dates listed at the discretion of the Championship Committee.
- b) If a competitor fails to show at the tee without notification, entry may be refused the following year at the discretion of the Championship Committee.

9. Other

- a) Players shall play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines which may be laid down by the Championship Committee.

MUNSTER STUDENTS AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

- a. These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.
- b. This Championship will be jointly conducted by the Golfing Union of Ireland and Irish Ladies Golf Union.

2. Eligibility

- a. A male or female player who turns at least 18 and no more than 21 years of age on 1st day of January or at any time thereafter in the year of the Championship is eligible to compete.
- b. A male or female player of any age is eligible to represent a College in the Championship, provided that the entrant:
 - i. is a fully registered student and the holder of a student card for the institution with which they are internally registered

ii. is pursuing a course of study that is equivalent to 60 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) credits per annum in Ireland or 120 UK Academic credits per annum in Northern Ireland or that leads to an award at a minimum of Level 6 on the NQAI Framework (National Qualification Authority of Ireland).

Note 1: Any individual eligible to compete under the International University Sports Federation (FISU) Rules under the “year of grace” rule is eligible to compete.

Note 2: Any student who has been accepted and is due to enrol in an applicable course as set out in ii. above in the forthcoming academic semester, and commencing study not later than 1 October in the year of the event shall be eligible to compete provided that this is confirmed by his/her college administrator.

c. Students eligible to compete in the BUCS Student Tour, and enrolled in overseas third-level institutions who are invited to participate by the GUI and ILGU are eligible to represent a College.

d. The Penalty for Breach of the foregoing clauses of Rule 2 is Disqualification.

3. Entries

a) The field for the Championships shall consist of:

i) The field will consist of 90 entrants who are eligible under Condition 2 a) above, to include up to 12 female entrants where such entries are received. Where entries are oversubscribed, a waiting list shall be drawn up in order of exact handicap at close of entries.

ii) In the team competition all participating colleges are entitled to be represented by up to two three-person teams (any combination of male and female) – but only where such players have entered the tournament prior to the closing time for entries. Team entry sheets must be submitted by 1600hrs the day prior to the Championship commencing. Should a college have less than three representatives in the starting field as per 3 a) i above, representative entrants from the waiting list shall be added to the field in order of handicap, but only to bring the total representation of a college up to three players (one team).

4. Format

Individual Male and Female Championships:

a) The Championship will be determined by three rounds of medal play.

b) Each competitor will play one round of 18 holes on the first two days of the Championship.

c) The lowest 30 male competitors and 6 female competitors, including ties, will play the final round of 18 holes on the third day of the Championship.

Team Championship:

d) In the team event, the best two gross scores in each round will count towards each college team score. Where less than two players from a participating college make the cut, the college team shall miss the cut.

5. Breaking of Ties

a) In the event of a tie for the Championship, the players concerned shall immediately play three holes of stroke play, in such sequence as prescribed by the Championship Committee. The best aggregate score will determine the winner. Those still tied for the Championship shall engage in sudden death stroke play over the same hole sequence.

b) All other ties, including for the leading team, will be determined as set out in Appendix I.

6. Caddies

a) Professional Golfers and individuals who do not meet the age eligibility criteria for this competition are prohibited from caddying (penalties to be applied in accordance with Condition 13 of the General Rules for National and Provincial Championships).

7. Advice

- a) Colleges participating may appoint a Team Captain, but no advice may be given by such individuals (Penalty – 2 strokes for every hole on which the breach occurs to a maximum of 4 strokes). Any further infringement will lead to disqualification of the player(s).

8. Prizes

- a. The leading male and female players, respectively, shall be the Munster Students Amateur Open Champion Golfers for the year and the Trophies will be held until the commencement of the Championship in the following year by the Club from which the winner shall have entered but in the event of the winner being a member of the Irish Artisan Golfers' Association the Trophy will be held by the Club to which his Section is attached.
- b. Prizes will be determined by the Championship Committee.

MUNSTER BOYS UNDER 14 AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**1. General**

- a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.
- b) This Championship will be called the Munster Boys U14 Amateur Open Championship to be played annually under the control the Championship Committee which will consist of Officials appointed by the Munster Provincial Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland through its Junior Committee.
- c) This Committee will be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship.

2. Eligibility

- a) A player who turns 14 on 1st January in the year of the event or at any time thereafter is eligible to compete.
- b) Penalty for breach is disqualification.

3. Entries

- a) Entries must be made online through GUI website www.golfnet.ie
- b) Entries may be limited from time to time by the Junior Committee.
- c) The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without stating any reason for so doing and may call for a certificate of birth from any competitor before or during the Championship.

4. Format

- a) The Championship will be over 18 holes stroke play.

5. Handicaps

- a) At the discretion of the Junior Committee of Munster Golf, up to 5 players may be invited to play who may not have qualified under handicap cut off point but who must have entered the Championship.

6. Breaking of Ties

- a) All ties to be decided as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.

7. Prizes

- a) The winner of the Championship will be the Under 14 Amateur Champion of Munster and will receive a perpetual trophy as well as a prize. Trophy should be held until the commencement of the Championship in the following year by the Club from which the winner of the Trophy shall have entered. In the event of the winner not being a member of a Club affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland or having entered from a Country outside Ireland the Trophy will be held by Munster Golf. He must return the Trophy in time for the following year's Championship to the Executive Officer, GUI Munster Golf.
- b) Prizes will be determined by the Championship Committee.

8. Practice

- a) Official practice day is generally the day prior to the commencement of the Championship at the discretionary times as arranged with the Secretary/Manager of the Housing Club.

9. Caddies

- a) Professional Golfers and individuals who do not meet the age eligibility criteria for this competition are prohibited from caddying (penalties to be applied in accordance with Condition 13 of the General Rules for National and Provincial Championships).

10. Time of Starting & Groups

- a) Players will commence play at the time laid down by the Championship Committee as per 6-3 Rules of Golf.
- b) It may be necessary to change times/dates listed at the discretion of the Championship Committee with the approval of hosting Club.
- c) If a competitor fails to show at the tee without notification, entry may be refused the following year at the discretion of the Provincial Council.

11. Other

- a) Players shall play without undue delay and in accordance with any guidelines laid down by the Committee.

ULSTER BOYS AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**1. General**

- a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union & Provincial Championships.
- b) The Cup shall be called the 'Ulster Boys Amateur Open Championship Cup' and shall be competed for annually.
- c) The Championship Committee shall consist of officials appointed by the Ulster Provincial Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland who shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries.

2. Eligibility

- a) A Player who turns 18 years on 1st January in the year of the event or at any time after that date is eligible to compete
- b) The Championship Committee may call for the production of a Birth Certificate of any competitor either before or during the Championship.
- c) The penalty for breach of this rule shall be disqualification.

3. Entries

- a) Entry to the Championship can either be made online at www.golfnet.ie.
- b) Entry will be limited to the 150 competitors or such number as the Championship Committee shall from time to time decide, with the lowest exact handicap at the closing date for the receipt of entries. In the event of entries exceeding this number a Waiting List in exact handicap order will be drawn up. For all entrants whose Home Club is on the island of Ireland, the handicap used to determine the draw and the waiting list shall be that recorded on Golfnet at the specified closing time for entries into the Championship. It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that handicap recorded on Golfnet is correct. Should this not be the case, it is the entrant's responsibility to advise the Branch Office.
- c) Any entrant from outside the island of Ireland must provide proof of handicap when entering the Championship and provide details of any changes to this information prior to the closing date. Any entrant who is not offered a place in the draw will have his entry refunded. Any entrant who has a place in the draw and subsequently withdraws shall not be entitled to a refund.
- d) The Championship Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without stating the reason for so doing.

4. Format

- a) The Championship will be decided by three rounds of 18 holes medal play with gross scores to count. Each competitor will play one round of 18 holes on each of the first and second days of the Championship. The 45 competitors + ties who return the lowest gross scores over the first 36 holes shall be entitled to play a further 18 holes on the third day of the Championship.

5. Breaking of Ties

In the event of a tie or ties for the Championship itself:

- a) The competitors concerned will immediately play a stipulated three holes as determined by the Championship Committee.
- b) If still tied they shall continue play over the stipulated holes in sudden death stroke play format. Other ties will be decided as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.

6. Prizes:

- a) Prizes will be determined by the Championship Committee. The winner of the Championship will be the Ulster Boys Amateur Open Champion and shall return the cup to the Branch Office in time for the following year's Championship.

7. Practice

- a) The official practice day is the day before the commencement of the Championship at times determined by the host club – the host club reserves the right to prohibit intending competitors from playing the course on any other day, even with the payment of green fee, if it considers it desirable so to do.
- b) All practice times to be booked with the Ulster Branch Office in accordance with the Player Pack and NOT with the host club.

8. Caddies

- a) Professional Golfers and individuals who do not meet the age eligibility criteria for this competition are prohibited from caddying (penalties to be applied in accordance with Condition 13 of the General Rules for National and Provincial Championships).

9. Time of Starting & Groups

- a) The time of starting for Rounds 1, 2 & 3 shall be determined by the Championship Committee.
- b) The Championship Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter Times of Starting at its discretion.

10. Other

- a) A competitor who fails to show at the tee for rounds 1, 2 or 3 without providing a prior reason which is acceptable to the Championship Committee may, at the sole discretion of the Championship Committee, have his entry refused to any Provincial Championship in the following year.
- b) The GUI Transportation Policy with respect to the use of Motorised Golf Buggies is also to be found in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.

ULSTER BOYS UNDER 16 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

- a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union & Provincial Championships.
- b) The Cup shall be called the Ulster Boys Under 16 Open Championship Cup, played for annually.
- c) The Championship Committee shall consist of officials appointed by the Ulster Provincial Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland who shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries.

2. Eligibility

- a) A Player who turns 16 years on 1st January in the year of the event or any time thereafter is eligible to compete.
- b) The Championship Committee may call for the production of a certificate of birth of any competitor either before or during the Championship. The penalty for breach of this Rule is disqualification.

3. Entries

- a) Entry to the Championship can either be made online at www.golfnet.ie.
- b) Entry will be limited to the 150 competitors or such number as the Championship Committee shall from time to time decide, with the lowest exact handicap at the closing date for the receipt of entries. In the event of entries exceeding this number a Waiting List, in exact handicap order will be drawn up. For all entrants whose Home Club is on the island of Ireland, the handicap used to determine the draw and the waiting list shall be that recorded on Golfnet at the specified closing time for entries into the Championship. It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that handicap recorded on Golfnet is correct. Should this not be the case, it is the entrant's responsibility to advise the Branch Office. Any entrant from outside the island of Ireland must provide proof of handicap when entering the Championship and provide details of any changes to this information prior to the closing date. Any entrant who is not offered a place in the draw will have his entry refunded. Any entrant who has a place in the draw and subsequently withdraws shall not be entitled to a refund.
- c) The Championship Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without stating any reason for so doing.

4. Format

- a) The Championship will be decided by two rounds of 18 holes medal play with gross scores to count. Each competitor will play one round of 18 holes on day 1 of the Championship. The 45 competitors + ties who return the lowest gross score over the first 18 holes shall be entitled to play a further 18 holes on the second day of the Championship.

5. Breaking of Ties

In the event of a tie or ties for the Championship itself:

- a) The competitors concerned will immediately play a stipulated 3 holes as determined by the Committee.
 - b) If still tied they shall continue play over the stipulated holes in sudden death stroke play format.
- Other ties will be decided as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.

6. Prizes

- a) The winner of the Championship will be the Ulster Under 16 Amateur Open Champion and shall return the cup to the Branch Office in time for the following year's Championship. Prizes will be awarded to the leading four players with the best gross scores and the player with the best nett score. The player with the best gross score at Under 15 will also receive a prize.

7. Practice

- a) The official practice day is the day before the commencement of the Championship at times set by the host club – the host club reserves the right to prohibit intending competitors from playing the course on any other day, even with the payment of green fee, if it considers it desirable so to do.
- b) All practice times to be booked with the Ulster Branch Office in accordance with the Player Pack and NOT with the host club

8. Caddies:

- a) Professional Golfers and individuals who do not meet the age eligibility criteria for this competition are prohibited from caddying (penalties to be applied in accordance with Condition 13 of the General Rules for National and Provincial Championships).

9. Time of Starting & Groups

- a) The time of starting for both Rounds 1 & 2 shall be determined by the Championship Committee.
- b) The Championship Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter Times of Starting at its discretion.

10. Other

- a) A competitor who fails to show at the tee for either rounds 1 or 2, without providing a prior reason which is acceptable to the Championship Committee, may, at the sole discretion of the Championship Committee have his entry refused to any Provincial Championship in the following year.
- b) The GUI Transportation Policy with respect to the use of Motorised Golf Buggies is also to be found in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.

ULSTER BOYS UNDER 14 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

- a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.
- b) The Cup shall be called the Ulster Boys Under 14 Open Championship Cup, played for annually.
- c) The Championship Committee shall consist of officials appointed by the Ulster Provincial Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland, who shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries.
- d) Only a member of the Championship Committee or a person appointed by such Committee will be authorised to give a decision on any question or dispute arising during the course of play.

2. Eligibility

- a) A Player who turns 14 years on 1 Jan in the year of the event or any time after that date is eligible.
- b) All entrants must hold an official CONGU Handicap.
- c) The Championship Committee may call for the production of a Birth Certificate of any competitor either before or during the Championship.
- d) The penalty for breach of this rule shall be disqualification.

3. Entries

- a) Entry to the Championship can either be made online at www.golfnet.ie.
- b) The Championship Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without stating the reason for so doing.
- c) The handicap used to determine the entry and the waiting list will be that recorded on Golfnet for players from the island of Ireland, unless the player advises to the contrary prior to the closing date. Any entrant from outside the island of Ireland must provide proof of handicap when entering the Championship and provide details of any changes to this information prior to the closing date.
- d) Any entrant who is not offered a place in the draw will have his entry refunded. Any entrant who has a place in the draw and subsequently withdraws shall not be entitled to a refund.
- e) If a competitor fails to show at the tee without notification, entry may be refused to any Provincial Championship in the following year, at the discretion of the Championship Committee.

4. Format

- a) The Championship will be decided over 18 holes stroke play with Gross scores to count.

5. Breaking of Ties

In the event of a tie or ties for the Championship itself:

- a) The competitors concerned will immediately play a stipulated three holes as determined by the Championship Committee.
- b) If still tied they shall continue play over the stipulated holes in sudden death stroke play format. Other ties will be decided as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.

6. Caddies

- a) Caddies are prohibited. Penalties will be applied in accordance with Condition 13 of the General Rules for National and Provincial Championships.

7. Prizes

- a) Prizes will be determined by the Championship Committee.
- b) The winner of the Championship will be the Ulster Under 14 Amateur Open Champion and shall return the cup to the Branch Office in time for the following year's Championship

8. Time of Starting & Groups

- a) The time of starting for both Rounds 1 & 2 shall be determined by the Championship Committee.
- b) The Championship Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter Times of Starting at its discretion.

9. Other

- a) A competitor who fails to show at the tee for either rounds 1 or 2, without providing a prior reason which is acceptable to the Championship Committee, may, at the sole discretion of the Championship Committee have his entry refused to any Provincial Championship in the following year.
- b) The GUI Transportation Policy with respect to the use of Motorised Golf Buggies is also to be found in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.

ULSTER MID-AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**1. General**

- a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union & Provincial Championships.
- b) The Cup shall be called the 'Ulster Boys Amateur Open Championship Cup' and shall be competed for annually.

- c) The Championship Committee shall consist of officials appointed by the Ulster Provincial Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland who shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries.
- d) Only a member of the Championship Committee or a person appointed by such Committee will be authorised to give a decision on any question or dispute arising during the course of play.

2. Eligibility: a) All entrants must be 30 years of age or over on the first day of the Championship. The penalty for breach of this Rule shall be disqualification.

3. Entries

- a) Entry to the Championship can either be made online at www.golfnet.ie.
- b) Entry will be limited to such number of competitors, with the lowest exact handicap at the closing date for the receipt of entries, as the Championship Committee shall from time to time decide. In the event of entries exceeding this number a Waiting List, in exact handicap order will be drawn up. The handicap used to determine the entry and the waiting list will be that recorded on Golfnet for players from the island of Ireland, unless the player advises to the contrary prior to the closing date. Any entrant from outside the island of Ireland must provide proof of handicap when entering the Championship and provide details of any changes to this information prior to the closing date. Any entrant who is not offered a place in the draw will have his entry refunded. Any entrant who has a place in the draw and subsequently withdraws shall not be entitled to a refund.

4. Format

- a) The Championship will be decided over 54 holes Medal Play.
- b) All competitors shall play 36 holes on the first day.
- c) The 30 competitors + ties with the lowest total gross scores on Day 1 shall play a further 18 holes on Day 2.

5. Breaking of Ties

In the event of a tie or ties for the Championship itself:

- a) The competitors concerned will immediately play a stipulated 3 holes as determined by the Committee.
 - b) If still tied they shall continue play over the stipulated holes in sudden death stroke play format.
- Other ties will be decided as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.

6. Prizes

- a) The winner of the Championship shall be the Ulster Mid-Amateur Open Champion of the year and shall return the cup to the Branch Office in time for the following year's Championship.
- b) The following prizes will be awarded: Championship 1st to 5th; Best Nett 54 holes; Best Gross & Best Nett each round. NB: No player can win more than 1 prize.

7. Practice

- a) The official practice day is the day before the commencement of the Championship at times set by the host club – the host club reserves the right to prohibit intending competitors from playing the course on any other day, even with the payment of green fee, if it considers it desirable so to do.
- b) All practice times to be booked with the Ulster Branch Office in accordance with the Player Pack and NOT with the host club

8. Time of Starting & Groups

- a) The time of starting for Rounds 1, 2 & 3 shall be determined by the Championship Committee.
- b) The Championship Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter Times of Starting at its discretion.

9. Other

- a) A competitor who fails to show at the tee for either rounds 1, 2 or 3 without providing a prior reason which is acceptable to the Championship Committee, may, at the sole discretion of the Championship Committee, have his entry refused to any Provincial Championship in the following year.
- b) The GUI Transportation Policy with respect to the use of Motorised Golf Buggies is also to be found in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.

ULSTER SCRATCH FOURSOMES OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

- a) The Cup shall be called the Malone Open Scratch Foursomes Perpetual Challenge Cup and shall be competed for annually at Malone Golf Club.
- b) The Championship Committee shall consist of officials appointed by the Ulster Provincial Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland who shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries.

2. Entries

- a) Entry to the Championship can either be made online at www.golfnet.ie.
- b) Entry will be limited to such number of pairings, with the lowest exact combined handicap at the closing date for the receipt of entries, as the Championship Committee shall from time to time decide. In the event of entries exceeding this number a waiting List, in exact combined handicap order will be drawn up. For all entrants whose Home Club is on the island of Ireland, the handicap used to determine the draw and the waiting list shall be that recorded on Golfnet at the specified closing time for entries into the Championship. It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that handicap recorded on Golfnet is correct. Should this not be the case, it is the entrant's responsibility to advise the Branch Office prior to the closing date.
- c) Any entrant from outside the island of Ireland must provide proof of handicap when entering the Championship and provide details of any changes to this information prior to the closing date. Any entrant who is not offered a place in the draw will have his entry refunded. Any entrant who has a place in the draw and subsequently withdraws shall not be entitled to a refund.

3. Format

- a) The Championship shall be decided by two rounds of 18 holes Foursomes played on one day, in accordance with the Rules of Golf and special rules for stroke play as approved by the R&A Rules Ltd. and in accordance with the Local Rules as approved by the Championship Committee.

4. Eligibility

- a) The maximum combined handicap of each pair shall not be higher than 12, in order to compete in this Championship.

- 5. Breaking of Ties:** a) Ties will be decided as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.

6. Prizes

- a) The winners of the Championship shall be the Ulster Scratch Foursomes Champions for the year and shall return the Cup to the Branch Office in time for the following year's Championship.
- b) Prizes shall be awarded to the leading six pairings in the Championship.
- c) A gross prize shall be awarded for the best score in round 2. No competitor will receive more than 1 prize.

7. Practice

- a) Practice is at the discretion of the host club – Green Fee will be payable

8. Caddies

- a) Caddies are permitted in this Championship

9. Time of Starting & Groups

- a) The time of starting for both Rounds 1 & 2 shall be determined by the Championship Committee.
- b) The Championship Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter Times of Starting at its discretion.

10. Other

- a) A competitor who fails to show at the tee for either rounds one or two without providing a prior reason which is acceptable to the Championship Committee may, at the sole discretion of the Championship Committee have his entry refused to any Provincial Championship in the following year.
- b) The GUI Transportation Policy with respect to the use of Motorised Golf Buggies is also to be found in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.
- c) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union & Provincial Championships.

ULSTER SENIORS AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**1. General**

- a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union & Provincial Championships.
- b) The Championship Committee shall consist of officials appointed by the Ulster Branch Provincial Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland who shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries.
- c) Only a member of the Championship Committee or a person appointed by such Committee will be authorised to give a decision on any question or dispute arising during the course of play.

2. Eligibility

- a) All entrants must be 55 years of age or over, on the first day of the Championship. The penalty for breach of this Rule shall be disqualification.

3. Entries

- a) Entry to the Championship can either be made online at www.golfnet.ie.
- b) Entry will be limited to such number of competitors as the Championship Committee shall from time to time decide. Entry to the field will be based on the lowest exact handicap at the closing date for the receipt of entries, with the proviso that the field must include such a proportion of entrants of 65 years of age or over on the first day of the Championship as the Championship Committee shall decide from time to time. In the event of entries exceeding this number a Waiting List, in exact handicap order will be drawn up. The handicap used to determine the entry and the waiting list will be that recorded on Golfnet for players from the island of Ireland, unless the player advises to the contrary prior to the closing date.
- c) Any entrant from outside the island of Ireland must provide proof of handicap when entering the Championship and provide details of any changes to this information prior to the closing date. Any entrant who is not offered a place in the draw will have his entry refunded. Any entrant who has a place in the draw and subsequently withdraws shall not be entitled to a refund.

4. Format

- a) The Championship will be decided over 36 holes Stroke Play using Gross Scores played over two days.
- b) All competitors shall play 18 holes on each day of the championship.

5. Breaking of Ties

- a) In the event of a tie for the Championship, the players concerned shall immediately play three holes of stroke play, in such sequence as prescribed by the Championship Committee. The best aggregate score will be the winner. Those still tied shall engage in sudden death stroke play over the same hole sequence.
- b) All other ties, including ties for the leading team, will be determined on the basis set out in Appendix 1.

6. Prizes

- a) The winner of the Championship shall be the Ulster Seniors Amateur Open Champion of the year. The following prizes will be awarded: Championship 1st to 3rd, Best Nett 36 Holes; 1st to 3rd, Best Gross & Best Nett for each round. No competitor may win more than 1 prize.

7. Practice

- a) The official practice day is the day before the commencement of the Championship at times set by the host club – the host club reserves the right to prohibit intending competitors from playing the course on any other day, even with the payment of green fee, if it considers it desirable so to do.
- b) All practice times to be booked with the Ulster Branch Office in accordance with the Player Pack and NOT with the host club

8. Time of Starting & Groups

- a) The time of starting for both Rounds 1 & 2 shall be determined by the Championship Committee.
- b) The Championship Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter Times of Starting at its discretion.

9. Other

- a) A competitor who fails to show at the tee for either rounds 1 or 2, without providing a prior reason which is acceptable to the Championship Committee may, at the sole discretion of the Championship Committee have his entry refused to any Provincial Championship in the following year.
- b) The GUI Transportation Policy with respect to the use of Motorised Golf Buggies is also to be found in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet

ULSTER STUDENTS AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

- a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.
- b) This Championship will be jointly conducted by the Golfing Union of Ireland and Irish Ladies Golf Union.

2. Eligibility

- a) A male or female player who turns at least 18 and no more than 21 years of age on 1st day of January or at any time thereafter in the year of the Championship is eligible to compete.
- b) A male or female player of any age is eligible to compete, provided that the entrant:
 - i. is a fully registered student and the holder of a student card for the institution with which they are internally registered
 - ii. is pursuing a course of study that is equivalent to 60 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) credits per annum in Ireland or 120 UK Academic credits per annum in Northern Ireland or that leads to an award ranked at a min. of Level 6 on the NQAI Framework (National Qualification Authority of Ireland).
 - iii. Note 1: Any individual eligible to compete under the International University Sports Federation (FISU) Rules under the “year of grace” rule is eligible to compete.

- iv. Note 2: Any student who has been accepted and is due to enrol in an applicable course as set out in ii. above in the forthcoming academic semester, and commencing study not later than 1 October in the year of the event shall be eligible to compete provided eligibility is confirmed by his/her college administrator.
- c) Students eligible to compete in the BUCS Student Tour, and enrolled in overseas third-level institutions who are invited to participate by the GUI and ILGU are eligible to represent a College.
- d) The Penalty for Breach of the foregoing clauses of Rule 2 is Disqualification.

3. Entries

- a) The field for the Championships shall consist of:
 - i) The field will consist of 132 entrants who are eligible under Condition 2 a) above, to include up to 20 female entrants where such entries are received. Where entries are oversubscribed, a waiting list shall be drawn up in order of exact handicap at the closing time of entries.
 - ii) In the team competition all participating colleges are entitled to be represented by up to two three-person teams (any combination of male and female) – but only where such players have entered the tournament prior to the closing time for entries. Team entry sheets must be submitted by 1600hrs the day prior to the Championship commencing. Should a college have less than three representatives in the starting field as per 3 a) i above, representative entrants from the waiting list shall be added to the field in order of handicap, but only to bring the total representation of a college up to three players (one team).

4. Format

Individual Male and Female Championships:

- a) The Championship will be determined by three rounds of medal play.
- b) Each competitor will play one round of 18 holes on the first two days of the Championship.
- c) The lowest 50 male competitors and 9 female competitors, including ties, will play the final round of 18 holes on the third day of the Championship.

Team Championship:

- d) In the team event, the best two gross scores in each round will count towards each college team score. Where less than two players from a participating college make the cut, the college team shall miss the cut.

5. Breaking of Ties

- a) In the event of a tie for the Championship, the players concerned shall immediately play three holes of stroke play, in such sequence as prescribed by the Championship Committee. The best aggregate score will determine the winner. Those still tied for the Championship shall engage in sudden death stroke play over the same hole sequence.
- b) All other ties, including ties for the leading team, will be determined on the basis set out in Appendix I of the GUI Tournament Conditions Book.

6. Caddies

- a) Professional Golfers and individuals who do not meet the age eligibility criteria for this competition are prohibited from caddying (penalties to be applied in accordance with Condition 13 of the General Rules for National and Provincial Championships).

7. Advice

- a) Colleges participating may appoint a Team Captain, but no advice may be given by such individuals (Penalty – 2 strokes for every hole on which the breach occurs to a maximum of 4 strokes). Any further infringement will lead to disqualification of the player(s).

CONNACHT GENERAL RULES FOR INTER-CLUB TOURNAMENTS

1. All Inter Club Matches shall be played over a Club's recognised No.1 competition course;
2. In all Matches which are tied after 18 Holes and are played under conditions, which allow for shots to be given or received, the Match shall continue in Sudden Death format from the Hole on which the Match began.
3. The Tournaments are open to all Clubs in the Province of Connacht affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland. Each Club shall be entitled to enter one team in each Tournament.
4. Each team member must be -
 - (a) Of Amateur status as defined by R&A Rules Ltd.
 - (b) A member of the Club from which he is selected but an Honorary Member must have been, at some time, a fee paying member of the Club for a period of two years.
 - (c) The holder of an official handicap under CONGU UHS or of similar standard.
 - (d) Each team member must be ordinarily resident in Ireland on and from the 31st day of March in the year of the Tournament or alternatively if not so resident be a Full Member of a club affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland which shall be his Home Club.
5. The Tournaments shall be under the control of the Connacht Branch of the Golfing Union of Ireland.
6. The Provincial Council shall appoint an Inter Club Tournament Committee, which shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Tournaments and the decision of the Committee shall be final on all matters relating thereto.
7. Only persons appointed by the Inter Club Tournament Committee shall be authorised to give a decision on any question or dispute arising during the course of play.
8. The Golfing Union of Ireland or Provincial Council shall decide the entrance fee payable from time to time and entry accompanied by the appropriate fee must be made to the Executive Officer on or before the prescribed date.
9. All matches shall be played by or on dates specified and no extensions will be granted.
10. It shall be obligatory for competitors in all Tournaments to play off their official handicap as prescribed under conditions of handicap eligibility.
11. In order to be eligible to compete in the AIG Junior Cup, Jimmy Bruen, Pierce Purcell, Mixed Foursomes, Connacht Shield, Jack O'Sullivan, GUI All-Ireland Four-Ball Inter-Club Championship, the Connacht 9-hole Course Inter-Club, and Seniors Inter Club, a Player shall have, in the previous Calendar Year prior to the event, returned a minimum of four Cards in Qualifying Competitions, all of which must be recorded on the handicap Records of the Players Home Club on or before December 31st in the year immediately preceding the year of the Event.
 Note: If a Player changes his Home Club during the previous calendar year, it is his responsibility to produce evidence of having competed in a minimum of four qualifying competitions.
12. (a) In all match play rounds of these Tournaments if a match is all square after 18 holes, the competitors shall immediately continue to play tie holes until a decision is reached.
 (b) In the event of failing light, a flooded course, or danger to life from lightening, or the reinstatement of a Team due to the late disqualification of their opponents in the previous round only, Matches not begun or not completed must be concluded within the following 48 hours. For Matches which had begun, on the suspension of play, golf balls shall be marked where they lie, and play shall recommence from where the balls were marked, when the match or matches were suspended.
 (c) In matches played in the 'Home & Away' format conditions under Clause 12 (b) above which may render one Venue unplayable does not mean the other Venue also discontinues play. i.e. that portion of the match goes ahead regardless of playing conditions at the other venue.

13. Whilst the players on each team may be changed, no person shall play for more than one Club in any of those Tournaments during the same year.

14. Submission of Teams

Provincial Section:

- a) Where a Branch Official is present, Team Captains must hand their team sheets, complete with required details, to the Branch Official in Charge not less than 30 minutes before the start of play.
- b) Where no Branch Official is present, Team Captains of the two teams about to engage in a match shall exchange, simultaneously, their team sheets complete with required details not less than 30 minutes before the start of the match.
- c) In both the provincial and national stages, for the purposes of Rule 6-2, the information submitted on the Team Sheet shall be the sole determinant of handicaps and handicap allowances, where this applies. In accordance with Rule 6-2, the penalty for recording on the Team Sheet a higher handicap than that to which the player is entitled shall be disqualification of the player/partnership. Where a lower handicap than that to which the player is entitled is recorded on the Team Sheet, the player/partnership must play off the declared handicap.
- d) Penalty for failure to use an "Official Branch Team Sheet" shall be DISQUALIFICATION of the Team concerned.

15. Sudden Illness

- a) No alteration may be made in the list handed in – either in the matter of players or the order of play – except in the case of sudden illness or other emergency deemed sufficient justification for such an alteration by the Championship Committee.
- b) A Team Captain may nominate two reserves. Reserves taking the place of players after the team has been submitted, shall be placed in the same position in the team as that occupied by the player who has taken ill or has been withdrawn. Alternatively, in competitions covered by this rule involving pairs, a nominated reserve pair may be placed in the same position in the team as that occupied by the pair, one of whom has taken ill or has been withdrawn.
- c) Any competitor who is unable to continue a match will forfeit the remaining holes to be played.
- d) Penalty for Breach of Rule 15 = Disqualification of the team concerned.

16. In the case of the absence of any member of a partnership, after the expiration of 30 minutes from the time arranged for the start of the first match, the player shall be deemed to be absent and the opposing players shall be credited with the match, except in the case of the Jack O'Sullivan Trophy, the All-Ireland Four-Ball Inter-Club Championship, the Connacht 9-hole Course Inter-Club and the Seniors Inter Club Cup, where Rule of Golf 30-3a applies.

17. The finals of the Connacht Shield, GUI All-Ireland Four-Ball Inter-Club Championship, Jack O'Sullivan Trophy and Senior Inter Club Cup shall be played on a Home and Away basis in accordance with the draw. In the event of the Overall Result of an Inter Club Final Match finishing Tied at its conclusion, each Team Captain shall be given 15mins to nominate a Player/Pairing who had played on the day to compete over sudden death to determine the outcome of the match.

Note: All such Finals must commence no later than 14.00hrs.

18. In the event of a Course not being suitable for play in any round due to temporary greens or in the opinion of the Tournament Committee, abnormal ground conditions, home advantage must be conceded unless prior approval of the Tournament Committee obtained.

19. Protests or complaints must be lodged in Writing with the Executive Officer, or his representative within 24 hours of the match in question.

20. A team Captain is permitted to give advice to his team during the course of play, with the exception of giving advice on the putting green, or pointing out a line for putting. (Penalty: Stroke Play – 2 Strokes & Match Play – Loss of Hole).

21. Clubs who fail to notify the Executive Officer of their withdrawal in writing at least three days prior to the day of a Tournament or Match may be fined €200.00, in the case of Junior Events this shall be revised downwards to €100.00. Failure to pay the fine shall mean non-participation in all Provincial & National Inter Club Tournaments for the following year. In the event of a Club being a 'No Show' at an event the applicable fine shall be doubled.
22. Motorised buggies may be utilised only by a Player or Caddie in possession of a valid medical certificate of disability. (Penalty - disqualification of the offending player/s). See GUI Policy on the Use of Golf Buggies (Appendix 2).
23. Any competitor who is currently disqualified from participation in any Union or Branch individual Championship cannot represent a Club in any of these Tournaments.
24. Team members are notified that they may be tested for the illegal use of drugs, which, if positive, will lead to automatic disqualification of the team concerned.
25. Winning Team Captains must notify the Branch Office within 24 hours with complete results following playing of the match, and return within 72 hours, each of the 'Official Branch Team Sheets' exchanged by both Team Captains.
26. The Shield / Trophy / Cup shall be held for one year by the winning Club and such Club shall engrave their name thereon and shall be responsible for its safe custody and return to the Executive Officer of the Branch one month before the day of the Final the following year.
27. A Provincial Pennant will be awarded to the Winning Team in the Final and a Provincial Plaque to the Runners-up.
28. The use of Caddies is prohibited for the Jimmy Bruen Shield, Pierce Purcell Shield, Jack O'Sullivan Trophy; Connacht Shield Foursomes; GUI All-Ireland Four-Ball Inter-Club Championship; and Seniors Over 55's Inter Club; The Penalty for breach of this Rule by a Player(s) is in accordance with Condition 10 of the General Rules for Cups and Shields.
29. A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.
30. The penalty for breach of rules 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24 & 29 shall be disqualification of the team concerned, whichever is appropriate to the particular rule.
31. In home/away matches, a Practice Session free of charge is permitted as follows –
 When 2 Pairs drawn Away – 6 Players
 When 3 Pairs Drawn Away – 8 Players
 When 2/3 Singles Drawn Away – 4 Players
 When 4/5 Singles Drawn Away – 6 Players
 When 5 Pairs Drawn Away – 14 Players
 Note: These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups and Shields.

AIG Senior Cup: One Stroke Play Qualifying Round over 18 holes shall be played from which four Clubs shall qualify for knockout Match Play. The aggregate of the best four cards from those returned shall determine the order of the qualifiers. In the event of a tie for any placing 1st through 4th the Team Qualifying method shall be as prescribed in the GUI's Tournament Conditions Booklet. The qualifying teams shall compete in an automatic draw as follows: 1 v 4; 2 v 3.

AIG Barton Shield: One Stroke Play Qualifying Round over 18 holes shall be played from which four Clubs shall qualify for knockout Match Play. The aggregate of the two Foursomes pairings of each Club shall determine the order of qualifiers. In the event of a tie for any placing 1st through 4th the Team Qualifying method shall be as prescribed in the GUI's Tournament Conditions Booklet. The qualifying teams shall compete in an automatic draw as follows: 1 v 4; 2 v 3.

AIG Junior Cup: One Stroke Play Qualifying Round shall take place at two Qualifying Venues (North & South) from which eight teams shall qualify for knockout match play the following day and at the same venue. The aggregate of the best 4 gross cards from those returned by each Club shall determine the order of the Qualifiers. In the event of a tie for 1st through 8th, the Team Qualifying method shall be as prescribed in the GUI's Tournament Conditions booklet in the year of the Championship. The qualifying teams shall compete in the automatic draw as follows: 1 v 8; 4 v 5; 2 v 7; 3 v 6.

AIG Jimmy Bruen Shield: Clubs are drawn to play in four regional Zones of knockout Match Play. The Club Drawn first shall have three matches at Home with the remaining two matches played at their opponents' Course.

AIG Pierce Purcell Shield: Clubs are drawn to play in four regional Zones of knockout Match Play. The Club Drawn first shall have three matches at Home with the remaining two matches played at their opponents' Course.

GUI All-Ireland Four-Ball Inter-Club Championship: Clubs are drawn to play in four regional Zones of knockout Match Play. The Club drawn first shall have three matches at Home with the remaining two matches played over their opponents' Course.

CONNACHT BOYS U16 INTER-CLUB (MICHAEL P O'DONOGHUE CUP)

1. The Cup shall be called the 'Under 16 Inter Club Boys Cup'.
2. The Tournament shall be played for annually in accordance with the General Rules as laid down by the Connacht Branch, GUI (see the Connacht Annual or the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet).
3. A Club may enter one Team only.
4. Eligibility: Each Team shall consist of five players and a Team Captain may nominate two Reserves. Play shall be in Medal Play and Players must play in Handicap order.
5. Handicap Allowance: Current Official CONGU Handicap on the day and the handicap playing limit shall be 28.
6. Age Qualification: U16 years of age on 1st January in the year of the Tournament.
7. Entries: The closing date for entries shall be set by the Provincial Council. The Entry Fee shall be fixed by the Provincial Council.
8. Caddies: Professional Golfers and individuals who do not meet the age eligibility criteria for this competition are prohibited from caddying (Penalty for breach in accordance with Rule 28 of the Connacht Inter Club General Rules and Rule 10 of the GUI General Rules for Cups and Shields.).
9. Format: Play shall be in Stableford and the aggregate of the Best four Stableford Scores returned shall determine team placings.
10. Practice: a) One Practice Session free of charge at the nominated Venue for a Club Team & two Reserves for Singles Matches is allowed. Due notification must be given of all intended sessions to the Host Club of the Event. Note: The Provincial Council recommends that Full Green Fees be charged should the permitted number of Players be exceeded. b) Players must not play more than one ball from tee to green during a practice round.
11. Clubs who fail to notify the Provincial Branch Office of their withdrawal in writing, at least three days prior to the day of a Tournament may be fined €100. Failure to pay the Fine shall mean non-participation in all Provincial Tournaments for the following year. In the event of a Club being a 'No Show' at an event the applicable fine shall be doubled.
12. Penalty for Breach of Rules 2, 4, & 6 above shall be disqualification of the Player(s) concerned.

CONNACHT CLOSE U12, U14, U16 & U18 CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. The Championships shall be played for annually in accordance with the General Rules as laid down by the Connacht Branch, GUI (see the Connacht Annual or the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet).
2. The Closing Date for Club's to enter and the entry fee shall be fixed by the Connacht Provincial Council.
3. Players may play at one Venue only and as directed by the Championship Committee, i.e. only at the Venue where their Club has been scheduled to play.
4. Eligibility: Entrants may only come from Players whose Home Club in accordance with the CONGU UHS is in the Province of Connacht.
5. Handicap Qualification: Current Official CONGU Handicap on the day.
6. Age Qualification:
 U12: A Player who turns 12 years on 1 Jan in year of event or any time thereafter is eligible to compete.
 U14: A Player who turns 14 years on 1 Jan in year of event or any time thereafter is eligible to compete.
 U16: A Player who turns 16 years on 1 Jan in year of event or any time thereafter is eligible to compete.
 U18: A Player who turns 18 years on 1 Jan in year of event or any time thereafter is eligible to compete.
7. Format:
 a) Play shall be in Stroke Play with Gross Scores counting for Qualification in all age Groups. Note: U12s shall play their Qualifying Round from the RED Tees over 9 Holes and the Finals round in a similar fashion.
 b) Twenty players shall qualify from each age Group for the Connacht Close Finals. The number of players to qualify from each Venue shall be proportional to the Entry Field at that Venue with respect to the overall Entry.
8. Exemptions: Any player entered for the Under 14, Under 16 or Under 18 Close Championships who is subsequently selected for a Connacht Boys U14, U16 or U18 Interprovincial Championship team shall be exempted from the Qualifying phase and guaranteed a place in the finals in his relevant age category, subject to him having entered the Close Championship. The number of entrants to that age Category to qualify through the Stroke Play qualifying phase shall be reduced accordingly.
9. Prizes: At the Provincial Close Finals prizes shall be awarded to the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Best Gross Scores returned in each Category and the Winners shall be presented with a Perpetual Trophy.
10. Caddies: Professional Golfers and individuals who do not meet the age eligibility criteria for this competition are prohibited from caddying (Penalty for breach in accordance with Rule 28 of the Connacht Inter Club General Rules and Rule 10 of the GUI General Rules for Cups and Shields)
11. Practice:
 a) Each Competitor shall be entitled to a single free of charge Practice Round on the Official Practice Day & Times set down by the Committee, normally the day prior to the Championship. Practice at any other time is a matter between the Entrant and the Host Club regarding availability and rates.
 b) Players must not play more than one ball from tee to green during a practice round.
 c) Failure to observe this directive may lead to the Championship Committee withdrawing a competitor from the Championship.
12. Penalty for Breach of Rules 1, 4, 5 and 6 above shall be disqualification of the Player(s) concerned.

CONNACHT SENIORS INTER-CLUB

1. The Cup shall be called the 'Senior Inter Club Cup'.
2. The Tournament shall be played for annually in accordance with the General Rules as laid down by the GUI (see Connacht Annual or GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet in the year of the Event).
3. Each Team shall consist of 10 members and a team Captain may nominate two pairs as reserves.

4. Play shall be in Four-Ball Match Play.
5. Age Qualification: No person who is under the age of 55 years at 00.00hrs on January 1st in the year of the Tournament shall be eligible to play in this tournament.
6. Handicap Qualification: Each Match shall be played under handicap and the individual handicap limit shall be 28. Members of competing teams must play off the lowest handicap held by them in the preceding calendar year.
- Match Play Allowance: Lowest Player(s) goes back to scratch, 90% difference is given to other player(s).
7. The Connacht Provincial Council shall fix the Dates for the individual knock-out Rounds of the Event.
8. In each round, except the Provincial Final, competing teams shall on the same day, play three matches on the course of the Club drawn first in each round, and two matches on the course of the other team. It will be the responsibility of the team with the three matches at home to arrange a suitable time on the date specified. If the home club fails to contact their opponents, the opposition will have the right to fix a time for the match. In each leg of the Provincial Final the matches must start no later than 13.00 hours
9. Team Captains shall exchange Team Lists using the "Official Branch Team Sheet" prior to the start of the match. Penalty for failure to use an "Official Branch Team Sheet" shall be disqualification.
10. All rounds must be played by the date specified and no extensions will be granted.
11. Practice: One Practice Session free of charge is permitted as follows –
 - When 2 Pairs drawn Away – 6 Players
 - When 3 Pairs Drawn Away – 8 Players
 - When 2/3 Singles Drawn Away – 4 Players
 - When 4/5 Singles Drawn Away – 6 Players
 - When 5 Pairs Drawn Away – 14 Players
- Note: The Provincial Council recommends that full green fees be charged should the permitted number of players be exceeded.
12. Clubs who fail to notify the Provincial Branch Office of their withdrawal in writing at least three days prior to the day of a tournament may be fined €200. Failure to pay the fine shall mean non-participation in all Provincial Tournaments for the following year. In the event of a Club being a 'No Show' at an event the applicable fine shall be doubled.
13. Winning Team Captains must notify Branch Office within 24 hours with complete results following playing of the match, (Tel: 094 9028141) and return within 72 hours, each of the 'Official Branch Team Sheets' exchanged by both Team Captains.
14. The use of Caddies is prohibited for this event. Penalty for breach in accordance with Rule 28 of the Connacht Inter Club General Rules and Rule 10 of the GUI General Rules for Cups and Shields.
15. Penalty for breach of Rule 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 & 10 above shall be disqualification of the Team concerned.

CONNACHT SHIELD

1. The Shield shall be called the 'Connacht Shield'.
2. The Tournament shall be played for annually in accordance with the General Rules as laid down by the GUI (see Connacht Annual or GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet in the year of the event).
3. Each Team shall consist of 7 members and a Team Captain may nominate one pair and one single as reserves. Note General Rule 4 & 11 also apply.
4. Play shall be both in Foursomes Match Play (2 pairs) and Singles Match Play (3 Singles).
5. Members of competing Teams must play off the lowest handicap held by them in the preceding calendar year. The upper handicap Limit of any individual player shall be 20 and the maximum handicap difference between the players playing in the foursomes pairings shall be 8, based on the players' lowest handicap in

the preceding calendar year, not current year. Dropping down in handicap to comply with this clause is not permissible.

Match Play Allowances:

Singles – Full difference between the players;

Foursomes – Half the difference between the aggregate handicaps on either side.

6. The Connacht Provincial Council shall fix the Dates for the individual knock-out rounds for the event.

7. In each round, except the final, competing teams shall on the same day, play three Singles matches on the course of the Club drawn first in each round, and two Foursomes matches on the course of the other team. It will be the responsibility of the team with the three matches at home to arrange a suitable time on the date specified. If the home club fails to contact their opponents, the opposition will have the right to fix a time for the match. In each leg of the Provincial Final the matches must start no later than 13.00 hours

8. All rounds must be played by the date specified and no extensions will be granted.

9. Team Captains shall exchange Team Lists using the “Official Branch Team Sheet” prior to the start of the match. Penalty for failure to use an “Official Branch Team Sheet” shall be disqualification.

10. Practice: One Practice Session free of charge is permitted as follows –

When 2 Pairs drawn Away – 6 Players

When 3 Pairs Drawn Away – 8 Players

When 2/3 Singles Drawn Away – 4 Players

When 4/5 Singles Drawn Away – 6 Players

When 5 Pairs Drawn Away – 14 Players

Note: The Provincial Council recommends that full green fees be charged should the permitted number of players be exceeded.

11. Clubs who fail to notify the Provincial Branch Office of their withdrawal in writing at least three days prior to the day of a tournament may be fined €200. Failure to pay the fine shall mean non-participation in all Provincial Tournaments for the following year. In the event of a Club being a ‘No Show’ at an event the applicable fine shall be doubled.

12. Winning Team Captains must notify Branch Office within 24 hours with complete results following playing of the match, (Tel: 094 9028141) and return within 72 hours, each of the ‘Official Branch Team Sheets’ exchanged by both Team Captains.

13. The use of Caddies is prohibited for this event. Penalty for breach in accordance with Rule 28 of the Connacht Inter Club General Rules and Rule 10 of the GUI General Rules for Cups and Shields.

14. Penalty for breach of Rule 2, 4, 5, 7 & 9 above shall be disqualification of the Team concerned.

JACK O’SULLIVAN TROPHY

1. The Trophy shall be called the ‘Jack O’Sullivan Trophy’.

2. The Tournament shall be played for annually in accordance with the General Rules as laid down by the GUI (see Connacht Annual or GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet for the year of the Event).

3. Each Team shall consist of 10 members and a team Captain may nominate two pairs as reserves.

4. Play shall be in Four-Ball Match Play.

5. Handicap Qualification: The upper handicap limit for any individual player shall be 20, and the maximum handicap difference between the pair shall be 8.

Note: Dropping in handicap from a higher handicap to meet either of these requirements shall not be permitted. Members of competing teams must play off their Lowest Handicap held in the preceding calendar year.

Match Play Allowance: Lowest Player(s) goes back to scratch, 90% difference is given to other player(s).

6. Age Qualification: No player, who is under 18 years of age on the first day of January of the year of the Tournament, is eligible to compete.
7. The Dates for the individual knock-out rounds of the Event shall be fixed by the Connacht Provincial Council.
8. In each round, except the final, competing teams shall on the same day, play three matches on the course of the Club drawn first in each round, and two matches on the course of the other team. It will be the responsibility of the team with the three matches at home to arrange a suitable time on the date specified. If the home club fails to contact their opponents, the opposition will have the right to fix a time for the match. In each leg of the Provincial Final the matches must start no later than 13.00 hours
9. Team Captains shall exchange Team Lists using the "Official Branch Team Sheet" prior to the start of the match. Penalty for failure to use an "Official Branch Team Sheet" shall be disqualification.
10. All rounds must be played by the date specified and no extensions will be granted.
11. Practice: One Practice Session free of charge is permitted as follows –
 When 2 Pairs drawn Away – 6 Players
 When 3 Pairs Drawn Away – 8 Players
 When 2/3 Singles Drawn Away – 4 Players
 When 4/5 Singles Drawn Away – 6 Players
 When 5 Pairs Drawn Away – 14 Players
 Note: The Provincial Council recommends that full green fees be charged should the permitted number of players be exceeded.
12. Clubs who fail to notify the Provincial Branch Office of their withdrawal in writing at least three days prior to the day of a tournament may be fined €200. Failure to pay the fine shall mean non-participation in all Provincial Tournaments for the following year. In the event of a Club being a 'No Show' at an event the applicable fine shall be doubled.
13. Winning Team Captains must notify Branch Office within 24 hours with complete results following playing of the match, (Tel: 094 9028141) and return within 72 hours, each of the 'Official Branch Team Sheets' exchanged by both Team Captains.
14. The use of Caddies is prohibited for this event. Penalty for breach in accordance with Rule 28 of the Connacht Inter Club General Rules and Rule 10 of the GUI General Rules for Cups and Shields.
15. Penalty for breach of Rule 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 & 9 above shall be disqualification of the Team concerned.

FRED DALY PLATE (CONNACHT)

1. The Trophy shall be called the Fred Daly 'PLATE'.
2. The Tournament shall be played for annually in accordance with the General Rules as laid down by the GUI (see Connacht Annual or GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet for the year of the event).
3. Eligibility:
 - a) The Championship is open to all Clubs affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland in the province of Connacht with each Club entitled to entry following their elimination from the 1st and/or 2nd Round of the Fred Daly Trophy in that year. Each applicable Club may enter one team only. Clubs shall not be permitted to bypass the Trophy Rounds and go directly into the Plate Draw.
 - b) The eligibility criteria of each Team member must be as is prescribed for the Fred Daly Trophy in that year.
 - c) Each Team shall consist of five (5) Players and each Team Captain may nominate up to two (2) reserves".
4. Format
Strokeplay Qualifying

a) The teams finishing in placings 5, 6, 7 & 8 following the Fred Daly Trophy Strokeplay Qualifiers shall go forward to contest the Fred Daly Plate;

b) In the event of ties in any of these positions the Break of Ties as recommended by the GUI shall be used to separate them. Card 5 shall not be used to break the tie unless all other cards fail to break the tie, if still tied then the tie shall be broken by lot.

Match Play Semi-finals and Final:

a) The respective semi-finals and the final shall be played over 2-Legs (Home & Away) at dates to be fixed by the Connacht Golf Rules & Competitions Committee;

b) Matches shall be played in Singles Scratch Match Play over 18 Holes.

c) Teams must be submitted in order of current lowest playing handicap.

5. Age Qualification: A Player who turns 18 years on 1st January in the year of the event or at any time after that date is eligible to compete.

6. Practice:

a) One Practice Session free of charge is permitted as follows –

When 2 Pairs drawn Away – 6 Players

When 3 Pairs Drawn Away – 8 Players

When 2/3 Singles Drawn Away – 4 Players

When 4/5 Singles Drawn Away – 6 Players

When 5 Pairs Drawn Away – 14 Players

Due notification must be given of all intended sessions to the Host Club of the Event.

Note: The Provincial Council recommends that Full Green Fees be charged should the permitted number of Players be exceeded.

b) Players must not play more than one ball from tee to green during a practice round.

7. Clubs who fail to notify the Provincial Branch Office of their withdrawal, in writing, at least three days prior to the first day of the Tournament may be fined €100.00, failure to pay the fine, shall mean non-participation in all Provincial Tournaments for the following year. In the event of a Club being a 'No Show' at an event the applicable fine shall be doubled.

8. Caddies: Professional Golfers and individuals who do not meet the age eligibility criteria for this competition are prohibited from caddying (Penalty for breach in accordance **with Rule 28 of the Connacht Inter Club General Rules and Rule 10 of the GUI** General Rules for Cups and Shields).

9. All Matches must be played to a Finish, this is to ensure a complete set of Match Results should a dispute arise, resulting in the disqualification of a Player in accordance with Rule 8 above.

10. Penalty for Breach of Rules 3, 4, & 5, above, shall be Disqualification of the Player(s) concerned.

CONNACHT 9 HOLE COURSE INTER-CLUB

1. General

a) The Event shall be called the "Connacht 9 Hole Course Inter Club".

b) The Tournament shall be played for annually in accordance with the General Rules for Cups and Shields as laid down by the GUI, and with the conditions for the Provincial Qualifying Section as determined by the Connacht Branch.

2. Team

a) Each team shall consist of "Ten Players". Each Team Captain may nominate four Reserves. Note, General Rules 4 & 11 shall apply with respect to Team selection.

3. Format

(a) Matches shall consist of four Singles and three Foursomes;

(b) Play shall be in Match Play;

- (c) The respective Players and Pairings selected to play Singles and Foursomes shall play in order of Handicap/Aggregate handicap;
- (d) The Team Drawn first shall play the four Singles matches at their Home venue and the three Foursomes matches shall play Away in each Round up to the provincial semi-finals;
- (e) The Provincial Final shall be played at a nominated 9 Hole Venue to be chosen by the Provincial Council through the venues & Fixtures Committee of Connacht Golf;

4. Handicaps

- a) No player shall be eligible to compete in this Tournament who was not in possession of a CONGU Handicap during the preceding calendar year.
- b) There are no Upper or Lower handicap limit restrictions on those who may be chosen to play other than for the Foursomes the two Players may not have more than an 8 shot variance between their respective event eligibility handicaps. Dropping down in handicap is not permitted to meet the foursomes maximum 8 shot variance requirement.
- c) A player shall have, in the calendar year prior to the event, returned a minimum of four returns in qualifying competitions (Supplementary Scores are not included) all of which must be recorded on the handicap records of the player's home club on or before 31st December in the calendar year prior to the event. Note: If a player changes his club during the previous calendar year, it is his responsibility to produce evidence of having competed in a minimum of four Qualifying Competitions.
- d) Penalty for breach of Handicap Rules = Disqualification of the team concerned.

5. Match handicap allowances

- a) All Singles Matches shall provide for shots to be given/recived based on the full variance between the respective opponents;
- b) All Foursomes Matches shall provide for shots to be given/received based on half of the variance in the combined handicaps of the respective pairings;
- c) There are no Upper or Lower restrictions on what Players may be selected other than those prescribed under 4(b);
- d) Penalty for breach of Rule = Disqualification of the team concerned.

6. Sudden illness/other emergency

- a) A Team Captain may nominate two Singles Reserves and one Pair of Foursomes Reserves.
- b) Ref General Rule 6, alternatively, a nominated reserve player/pair may be placed in the same position in the team as that occupied by the pair, one of whom has taken ill or has been withdrawn.
- c) Penalty for breach of Rule 6.b) = Disqualification of the team concerned.

7. Fixing of Match dates

- a) The Connacht Provincial Council shall fix match dates for the event.
- b) Round 1 is set for Easter Monday, Round 2 is set for the May Bank Holiday Monday with Round 3 set for the June Bank Holiday Monday annually.
- c) All Rounds must be played on/or by the date specified and no extensions shall be granted. It is a matter for the Clubs to mutually agree the date for the match and if they cannot agree then the match shall be played on the date set by which it must be played and the before option is withdrawn.
- d) It shall be the responsibility for the Club with the four Home Singles matches to arrange a suitable time for the matches. If the Home Club fails to contact their opponents, then the opposition shall have the right to fix a time for the match.

8. Age Limit: There are no Upper or Lower age restrictions for the event.

9. Caddies: The use of Caddies is prohibited for this event. Penalty for breach in accordance with Rule 28 of the Connacht Inter Club General Rules and Rule 10 of the GUI General Rules for Cups and Shields.

10. Practice: One Practice Session free of charge is permitted as follows – When 2 Pairs drawn Away – 6 Players

When 3 Pairs Drawn Away – 8 Players

When 2/3 Singles Drawn Away – 4 Players

When 4/5 Singles Drawn Away – 6 Players

When 5 Pairs Drawn Away – 14 Players

Note: The Provincial Council recommends that Full Green Fees be charged should the permitted number of players be exceeded.

11. Team Captains Shall exchange Team Lists using the “Official Branch Team Sheet” prior to the start of the match. Penalty for failure to use an “Official Branch Team Sheet” shall be disqualification.

12. Withdrawals: Clubs who fail to notify the Provincial Branch Office of their withdrawal in writing at least three days prior to the day of a tournament may be fined €200. Failure to pay the fine shall mean non-participation in all Provincial Tournaments for the following year. In the event of a Club being a ‘No Show’ at an event the applicable fine shall be doubled.

13. Match Results: Winning Team Captains must notify Branch Office within 24 hours with complete results following playing of the match, (Tel: 094 9028141) and return within 72 hours, each of the ‘Official Branch Team Sheets’ exchanged by both Team Captains.

LEINSTER GOLF CONDITIONS FOR CUPS & SHIELDS

These conditions must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups and Shields and the specific conditions of each tournament.

Cups & Shields Handicap Report –

AIG Junior Cup, AIG Jimmy Bruen, AIG Pierce Purcell

Where a Branch Official is present, Team Captains must hand their team sheets, complete with required details, to the Branch Official in Charge not less than 30 minutes before the start of play.

In addition, a copy of the “Cups & Shields Handicap Report” generated from Golfnet which provides evidence of the lowest handicap held and the number of qualifying scores for each member of the team, in the previous calendar year, must be exchanged with the team sheet between the team managers. If the report is not available at the start of play, it must be presented at the latest at close of play that day.

Failure to comply with this rule will lead to the disqualification of the team concerned.

Irish Mixed Foursomes, GUI All Ireland Fourball, Barton Cup, Metropolitan Trophy, Provincial Towns

The respective Captains of the two teams about to engage in a match shall interchange simultaneously the names of members of their teams in their order of play, together with the names of reserves, not less than 30 minutes before the start of the match. In addition, a copy of the “Cups & Shields Handicap Report” generated from Golfnet which provides evidence of the lowest handicap held and the number of qualifying scores for each member of the team, in the previous calendar year, must be exchanged with the team sheet between the team managers. If the report is not available on the day of the match, it must be forwarded to the opposing Team Captain and Branch Office within one working day. Failure to comply with this rule will lead to the disqualification of the team concerned.

The following conditions must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups and Shields

Fred Daly Trophy – Leinster Qualifying

1. Teams to consist of 5 players (Male). Competitors who turn 18 on 1st January in the year of the event or at any time after that date are eligible to compete.
 2. Players must compete for their 'Home' club if required to do so-the conditions in this respect have been clarified to the effect that a player may only compete for another club under one of the following scenarios:
 - a) His Home Club has not entered the tournament;
 - b) The Player receives written permission bearing his Home Club's letterhead and signed by a Club Official confirming that such written permission is authorised by the Club.
- NOTE – IN LEINSTER- the written permission must be submitted to the Leinster Golf Office at least 4 days in advance of the competition day and a copy presented to the opposing team Captain on the day of the match.
3. Players play off scratch and must play in current lowest playing handicap order.
 4. In each round of the Provincial section, except the final, the competing teams shall on the same day play three matches at home and two matches away.
The three lowest handicap players from each team will compete at the club that has home advantage.
 5. If an individual match is all square after 18 holes the competitors shall continue to play tie holes until a result is reached unless an overall result in the team match has already been decided.
 6. Any match not played by the final date for each round will result in both teams being eliminated. If agreement on the date of the match cannot be reached the match must be played on the last day. In the quarter and semi-finals, the team whose number or letter appears first in the sequence will have home advantage.
 7. Match results must be reported to Leinster Golf office by email to results@leinster.gui.ie on the first working day after the match by the winning Team Captain.

Fred Daly Plate (Leinster)

The Plate shall be played annually in accordance with the conditions laid down by the GUI for the Fred Daly Trophy.

1. Eligibility

- a) The "Plate" competition is only for clubs eliminated in the Preliminary and 1st Rounds of the Fred Daly Trophy.
 - b) Clubs will not be permitted to bypass the Fred Daly Trophy competition and enter the Plate.
 - c) Any club that withdraws from the Fred Daly Trophy competition will not be permitted enter the Plate.
2. Draw: The draw for the Plate will be made on completion of the First Round of the Fred Daly Trophy competition.

BARTON CUP

1. General

- a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups and Shields.
- b) The Tournament shall be under the control of Leinster Golf.
- c) The Provincial Council of Leinster Golf shall appoint a Championship Committee which shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Tournaments and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries. The Championship Committee shall have authority to make a decision in equity when it is impossible to complete a match in accordance with the Rules of Golf.

2. Eligibility

- a) The Tournament is open to all Clubs situate in the Province of Leinster and affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland.
- b) Each Club shall be entitled to enter one team.
- c) In order to be eligible to compete in the tournament, a player shall have, in the calendar year prior to the event, returned a minimum of four returns in qualifying competitions all of which must be recorded on the handicap records of the player's home club on or before 31st December in the calendar year prior to the event.

Note: If a player changes his club during the previous calendar year, it is his responsibility to produce evidence of having competed in a minimum of four Qualifying Competitions.

Penalty for Breach of (b) = Disqualification of the team concerned.

3. Format

- a) Each team shall consist of ten members and play shall be by Foursomes match play. All matches shall be played off scratch.
- b) The matches shall be played in accordance with the draws made by the Provincial Council.
- c) In each round, except in the final, the competing teams shall on the same day, play three matches on the course of one of the teams and two matches on the course of the other team. The course on which the three matches shall be played shall be on the course of the club drawn first in each round.
- d) The result of the matches shall be determined by matches won and each match shall be played to a finish unless an overall result has been determined.
- e) The final shall be played as a home and away match on dates to be arranged by the Provincial Council.
- f) In the event of a tie after the second leg of the final, the number one pairing that has played in the second leg shall immediately play match play over three holes in sequence prescribed by the Branch before the final. If still tied shall engage in a sudden death play-off over the same prescribed holes.
- g) In the event of any round falling on or near a date fixed for any other Union Tournament, the Provincial Council may alter the dates for the playing of those rounds and the Clubs concerned must abide by its decision.

4. Handicaps

- a) The combined handicap of any pair shall not be lower than 14.
- b) For the purpose of this Tournament the handicap applicable shall be deemed to be the lowest playing handicap held by a player during the preceding calendar year.

5. Submission of Teams

- a) The respective Captains of the two teams about to engage in a match shall interchange simultaneously the names of members of their teams in their order of play, together with the names of reserves, not less than 30 minutes before the start of the match.
- b) A copy of the "Cups & Shields Handicap Report" generated from Golfnet which provides evidence of the lowest handicap held and the number of qualifying scores for each member of the team, in the previous calendar year, must be exchanged with the team sheet between the team managers. If the report is not available on the day of the match, it must be forwarded to the opposing Team Captain and Branch Office within one working day.

Penalty for Breach of (b) = Disqualification of the team concerned.

6. Sudden Illness / Other Emergency

- a) No alteration may be made in the list handed in – either in the matter of players or the order of play – except in the case of sudden illness or other emergency deemed sufficient justification for such an alteration by the Championship Committee.
- b) A Team Captain may nominate two reserves. Reserves taking the place of players after the team has been submitted, shall be placed in the same position in the team as that occupied by the player who has taken ill or has been withdrawn. Alternatively, a nominated reserve pair may be placed in the same position in the team as that occupied by the pair, one of whom has taken ill or has been withdrawn.
- c) Any competitor who is unable to continue a match will forfeit the remaining holes to be played.
- d) Penalty for Breach = Disqualification of the team concerned.

7. Prizes

- a) The Cup shall be called the “Barton Inter-Club Challenge Cup” and shall be competed for annually.
- b) The Cup shall be held for one year by the winning club and such club shall be responsible for its safe custody and return to the Leinster Golf Office before the final in the following year. The winning club shall also receive a Pennant and the runner-up shall receive a Plaque. All other prizes shall be determined by the Championship Committee.

8. Results

The winning club in each round must notify the results to the Branch Office not later than one working day after the conclusion of the match.

9. The penalty for breach of Rules 2, 4, 5 and 6 shall be disqualification of the team concerned.

LEINSTER U13 BOYS SERIES

1. General

- a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.
- b) The Championship shall be under the control of Leinster Golf and competed for annually.
- c) The Provincial Council of the Branch shall appoint a Championship Committee which shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Series and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto.
- d) Only a member of the Championship Committee or a person appointed by such Committee will be authorised to give a decision on any question or dispute arising during the course of play.

2. Eligibility

- a) A Competitor who turns 13 years on 1st January in the year of the event or at any time after that date is eligible to compete.
- b) It is not a requirement for competitors to be a member of a Club or to have an official handicap but the competitor must be resident in Leinster.
- c) If a competitor is a member of a club, it must be affiliated to Leinster Golf and this club must be his Home Club.

3. Entries

- a) In the event of entries exceeding the available time at each venue, places will be awarded to those with the lowest handicaps on Golfnet and a waiting list will be drawn up. If withdrawals occur, entrants on the waiting list will be given the opportunity of competing.
- b) The entrance fee payable shall be as decided from time to time by the Leinster Provincial Council.

c) The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without stating any reason for so doing and may call for the production of a certificate of birth of any competitor either before or during the Tournament.

4. Format

a) The format of play will be Gross Stableford played over 18 holes.

5. Handicaps

It is not a requirement for competitors to have an official handicap to compete.

6. Prizes

All prizes shall be determined by the Championship Committee

7. Practice

- a) Official practice is only arranged by the Branch for the Leinster Final.
- b) Players must not play more than one ball from tee to green during a practice round.
- c) Failure to observe this may lead the Championship Committee to withdraw a competitor from the Series.

8. Caddies

a) No caddies are allowed. The penalty provisions of the General Rules for Cups and Shields will apply.

9. The penalty for breach of Rules 2 and 8 shall be disqualification of the player.

LEINSTER U16 BOYS CLOSE CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

- a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.
- b) The Championship shall be under the control of Leinster Golf.
- c) The Provincial Council of the Branch shall appoint a Championship Committee which shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto.

2. Eligibility

- a) Competitors must be members of a Leinster Club affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland.
- b) A Player who turns 16 years on 1st January in the year of the event or at any time after that date is eligible to compete.

Penalty for breach = Disqualification.

3. Entries

- a) Entry will be limited to the 78 competitors with the lowest exact handicaps at the closing date for entries. In the event of entries exceeding this number a waiting list in the exact handicap order will be drawn up. If withdrawals occur, entrants on the waiting list will be given the opportunity of competing. Any entrant who is not offered a place in the draw will have his entry refunded. Any entrant who has a place in the draw and subsequently withdraws shall not be entitled to a refund.
- b) Entries may be limited from time to time by the Committee.
- c) The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without stating any reason for so doing and may call for production of a certificate of birth of any competitor either before or during the Championship.

4. Format

- a) The Championship will be decided by one round of 18 holes medal play.

5. Breaking of Ties

- a) In the event of a tie or ties, these will be decided as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet and breaking of ties.

6. Practice

- a) Each Competitor shall be entitled to a single free of charge Practice Round on the Official Practice Day & Times set down by the Committee, normally the day prior to the Championship. Practice at any other time is a matter between the Entrant and the Host Club regarding availability and rates. The host club reserves the right to prohibit intending competitors from playing the course on any other day even with the payment of green fees if it considers it desirable that it should do so.
- b) Players must not play more than one ball from tee to green during a practice round.
- c) Failure to observe this directive may lead to the Championship Committee withdrawing a competitor from the Championship.

7. Caddies

- a) No professional golfer or person whose age exceeds the age limit for the Championship may act as caddie. Penalties will be applied in accordance with Condition 13 of the General Rules for National and Provincial Championships.

8. Prizes

- a) The winner of the Championship will be the Leinster Boys U16 Close Champion for the year and will receive the Trophy. All other prizes shall be determined by the Championship Committee.
- b) No player may be awarded more than one prize.
- c) The Trophy will be held until the commencement of the Championship in the following year by the club from which the winner shall have entered, but in the event of the winner being a member of the Irish Artisan Golfers' Association the Trophy will be held by the Club to which his Section is attached or in the event of the winner being entered from a Country outside Ireland or is not a member of a club the Trophy will be held by Leinster Golf.

- 9. The penalty** for breach of Rule 2 shall be disqualification of the player.

LEINSTER UNDER 15 INTER-CLUB MATCH PLAY

[To be read in conjunction with Golfing Union of Ireland Tournament Conditions 2018.]

1. The Tournament shall be under the control of Leinster Golf and is open to all clubs in Leinster affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland.
2. Each team shall consist of five members who must be:
 - a) a member of the club from which he is selected with an official CONGU handicap registered on Golfnet.
 - b) be ordinarily resident in Ireland on and from 31st day of March in the year of the Tournament. For the purpose of this Rule absence from Ireland on the relevant date for education purposes, secondment or temporary employment shall not disqualify.
3. A player who turns 15 years on or after 1st January in the year of the Tournament is eligible to compete.

4. No player may play for more than one club in this competition during the season. **Penalty: Disqualification of the team.**

5. In cases of doubt, eligibility shall be decided by the Leinster Provincial Council.

6. The format shall be Singles Match Play as follows:

a) Teams shall be placed in order of current official handicap from highest to lowest – highest playing first; lowest playing last. **Penalty for breach - Disqualification of team.**

b) Preliminary and First Round - Five matches played at home and five matches away.

The result of the matches shall be determined by the aggregate of matches won and each match shall be played to a finish in each leg, until an overall result has been determined.

In the event of a tie in the preliminary or first round, the final pairing shall as soon as practicable engage in sudden death, from the 1st hole, until a result is achieved.

c) Second and Subsequent Rounds (except the final), the competing teams shall on the same day play three matches at home and two matches away. The three highest handicap players from each team will compete at the club that has home advantage.

d) The final shall be played with five matches played at home and five matches away.

e) In the event of a tie after the second leg of the final, the final pairing that has played in the second leg shall immediately play match play over three holes in sequence prescribed by Leinster Golf before the final. If still tied shall engage in a sudden death play-off over the same prescribed holes.

7. All matches shall be played off current handicap subject to the following:

i) boy under 15 years on 1st January whose handicap exceeds 14 shall play off 14.

ii) boy under 14 years on 1st January whose handicap exceeds 18 shall play off 18.

8. Refer to the draw sheet to determine who has initial home advantage in each round.

9. The respective Team Captains (Managers) of the 2 teams about to engage in a match shall interchange simultaneously, 30 minutes before each match commences, the names of the members of their team which shall indicate the order of play, official handicap and handicap for eligibility and date of birth of each player.

10. Results of matches must be reported, by the winning team, to the Leinster Golf office not later than one working day after the conclusion of the match. **No extensions will be granted.**

11. No caddies are permitted. Penalties for breach of this rule will be applied in accordance with Condition 10 of the General Rules for Cups and Shields.

12. The final shall be played on a home and away basis on dates arranged by the Provincial Council. In the event of a tie after the second leg of the final, the final pairing that played in the second leg shall immediately play match play over three holes in such sequence as shall be prescribed by Leinster Golf before the final. If still tied shall engage in a sudden death play-off over the same prescribed holes.

13. A Team Captain is permitted to give advice to his team members during the course of play, with the exception of giving advice on the putting green, or pointing out a line for putting. A Team Captain playing in the competition may not give advice to a team-mate, until after completion of his match.

Penalty: Loss of each hole at which the infringement occurs, to a maximum of two holes.

Any further breach will lead to the disqualification of the player(s).

14. A PGA Professional *may* act as Team Captain.

15. The penalty for breach of Rules 2 or 3 shall be disqualification of the player(s) concerned.

METROPOLITAN TROPHY & PROVINCIAL TOWNS CHALLENGE CUP

I. General

a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups and Shields.

b) The Tournament shall be under the control of Leinster Golf.

c) The Provincial Council of Leinster Golf shall appoint a Championship Committee which shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Tournaments and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries. The Committee shall have authority to make a decision in equity when it is impossible to complete a match in accordance with the Rules of Golf.

2. Eligibility

- a) The Metropolitan Trophy is open to all clubs affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland in the Province of Leinster inside the Metropolitan area viz: a radius of 18 miles from the G.P.O. in Dublin.
- b) The Provincial Towns (Leinster) Challenge Cup is open to all clubs affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland situate in the Province of Leinster outside the Metropolitan area.
- c) Each club is entitled to enter one team.
- d) In order to be eligible to compete in the tournament, a player shall have, in the calendar year prior to the event, returned a minimum of four returns in qualifying competitions all of which must be recorded on the handicap records of the player's home club on or before 31st December in the calendar year prior to the event.

Note: If a player changes his club during the previous calendar year, it is his responsibility to produce evidence of having competed in a minimum of four Qualifying Competitions.

3. Format

- a) Each team shall consist of 9 members and play shall be by singles match play.
- b) All matches to be played off scratch.
- c) The team matches shall be played in accordance with the draws made by the Provincial Council.
- d) In each round, with the exception of the final, 5 matches shall be played on the course of the club drawn first and the remaining four matches on the course of the club drawn second on the same day. In the event of any round falling on or near a date fixed for any other Union Tournament, the Provincial Council may alter the dates for the playing of those rounds and the Clubs concerned must abide by its decision.
- e) All matches must be played on the same day.
- f) The final shall be played on a home and away basis and in the event of a tie after the second leg the number one pairing that have played in the second leg shall immediately play match play over three holes in such sequence as shall be prescribed by the Branch before the final. If still tied shall engage in sudden death play-off over the same prescribed holes.

4. Handicaps

- a) For the purpose of this Tournament the handicap eligibility shall be that the player's lowest playing handicap in the preceding calendar year shall not have been less than nine.

5. Submission of Teams

- a) The respective Captains of the two teams about to engage in a match shall interchange simultaneously the names of members of their teams in their order of play, together with the names of reserves, not less than 30 minutes before the start of the match.
- b) A copy of the "Cups & Shields Handicap Report" generated from *Golfnet* which provides evidence of the lowest handicap held and the number of qualifying scores for each member of the team, in the previous calendar year, must be exchanged with the team sheet between the team managers. If the report is not available on the day of the match, it must be forwarded to the opposing Team Captain and Branch Office within one working day. **Penalty for Breach of (b) = Disqualification of the team concerned.**

6. Sudden Illness / Other Emergency

- a) No alteration may be made in the list handed in – either in the matter of players or the order of play – except in the case of sudden illness or other emergency deemed sufficient justification for such an alteration by the Championship Committee.
- b) A Team Captain may nominate two reserves. Reserves taking the place of players after the team has been submitted, shall be placed in the same position in the team as that occupied by the player who has taken ill or has been withdrawn.
- c) Any competitor who is unable to continue a match will forfeit the remaining holes to be played.
- d) Penalty for Breach of Rule 6 = Disqualification of the team concerned.

7. Prizes

- a) The Trophies shall be called the 'Metropolitan Trophy' and the 'Provincial Towns (Leinster) Challenge Cup' and shall be competed for annually.
- b) Each Trophy shall be held for one year by the winning club and such club shall be responsible for its safe custody and return to the Leinster Golf Office before the final in the following year. The winning club shall also receive a Pennant and the runner-up shall receive a Plaque. All other prizes shall be determined by the Championship Committee.

8. Results

- a) The winning club in each round must notify the results to the Branch Office not later than one working day after the conclusion of the match.

9. The penalty for breach of Rules 2, 4, 6, shall be disqualification of the team concerned.

LEINSTER INTER SCHOOLS LEAGUE MATCH PLAY TROPHY

1. The Competition will be known as the "Leinster Inter Schools League Match Play Trophy".
2. Every School in Leinster may enter one team of four boys who must be Under 19 years of age on 1st September in the year the tournament commences.
3. The entry fee will be as decided from time to time by Leinster Golf.
4. Competition shall be match play Four-Ball, off scratch, over a full round of 18 holes. The winning team will be the team whose combined aggregate of 'holes up' is the greater. If there is a tie in a match the second pair plays on until a decision is reached by one side winning a hole.
5. The initial stages of the competition will be on a league basis after the entry has been divided into groups by Leinster Golf.
6. In the league matches two points will be awarded for a win.
7. All matches played on a win/loss basis only.
8. In the event of a two-way tie after the league section is completed the winner of the original match between the two teams concerned will proceed to the match play stages.
9. In the event of more than two teams in a tie after the league section is completed the team with most holes up from matches played between the teams concerned will advance. If two teams still tie, then result of the original match between the two teams will apply. If still a tie between three or more teams, Leinster Golf will set a date and venue at which all teams will compete on a Four-Ball Stableford basis to determine a group winner.
10. The school whose letter appears first as set out in the league draw will have choice of venue.
11. Schools who have not completed their league matches by the appointed date will be liable for disqualification.
12. The semi-final and final will be played on one day on a date and at a venue to be decided by Leinster Golf.
13. The winning school will receive a Perpetual Trophy and Pennant Replica.
14. Leinster Medals will be awarded to the Winners and Runners-up.
15. Any boy attending the school is eligible for team selection, subject to Rule 2. Boys remain eligible for the remainder of the competition if they leave the school after the league matches have been completed.
16. Leinster Golf reserves the right to refuse any entry without stating any reason.
17. The decision of Leinster Golf on any point arising out of the competition or interpretation of these conditions shall be final.
18. After each match, the winning school must inform the Leinster Golf office of the result within one working day.

19. Professional Golfers and individuals who do not meet the age eligibility criteria for this competition are prohibited from caddying (penalties to be applied in accordance with Condition 10 of the General Rules for Cups and Shields).

MUNSTER GOLF CONDITIONS FOR CUPS AND SHIELDS

These conditions must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups and Shields and the specific conditions of each tournament. Penalties for clubs who cause disruption under the following headings:

- (i) Handicap irregularities (team member/s played off incorrect handicap or insufficient qualifying returns).
- (ii) Clubs failing to show up without giving any notice.
- (iii) Clubs giving very short notice of inability to field a team.
- (iv) Breach of Age Qualification.

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On breach of any of the above, the offending club/s will have the option to pay a fine of €250 or not compete in that tournament the following year. Minimum time for notice of withdrawal to Branch Office or Hon Match & Handicap Secretary: 3 days.

AIG Senior Cup

Format: singles match play off scratch. Teams will be divided into four sections, north, south, east and west with one venue in each section. An open draw will be made for each venue with matches being played over 2 consecutive days (except for some first round matches) leaving 1 winning team at each venue who will qualify for Munster semi-finals and final. Venues and dates set by the Branch (except for some first round matches).

AIG Barton Shield

Format: foursomes match play off scratch. Teams will be divided into four venues. An open draw will be made for each venue with the matches being played over 2 consecutive days (except for some first round matches), leaving 1 winning team at each venue who will qualify for Munster semi-finals and final. Venues and dates set by the Branch (except for some first round matches).

AIG Jimmy Bruen Shield

Format: Foursomes match play off scratch. Teams will be divided into four sections, north, south, east and west with two venues in each section. An open draw will be made for each venue with the matches being played over 2 consecutive days (except for some first round matches) leaving 1 winning team at each venue. Following each section area final 4 teams will qualify for Munster semi-finals and final. Venues and dates set by the Branch (except for some first round matches).

AIG Pierce Purcell Shield

Format: Scotch" Foursomes match play. Teams will be divided into four sections, north, south, east and west with two venues in each section. An open draw will be made for each venue with the matches being played over 2 consecutive days (except for some first round matches) leaving 1 winning team at each venue. Following each section area final 4 teams will qualify for Munster semi-finals and final. Venues and dates set by the Branch (except for some first round matches).

AIG Junior Cup

Format: singles match play off scratch. Teams will be divided into four sections, north, south, east and west with two venues in each section. An open draw will be made for each venue with the matches being played over 2 consecutive days (except for some first round matches) leaving 1 winning team at each venue. Following each section area final 4 teams will qualify for Munster semi-finals and final. Venues and dates set by the Branch (except for some first round matches).

Irish Mixed Foursomes

Format: qualifying round of Foursomes match play over eight venues. Top teams from each venue engage in a match play play-off, reducing teams to four, who qualify for match play Munster semi-finals and final. Venues and dates set by Branch.

Fred Daly Trophy

Format: match play off scratch. Teams will be divided into four sections, north, south, east and west with matches being played over 2 or 3 qualifying rounds culminating in area semi-finals and final in each section. One team from each section will qualify for Munster semi-finals and final. Venues and dates set by the Branch.

Irish Junior Foursomes

Format: qualifying round of Foursomes stroke play over eight venues. Top two teams from each venue engage in a match play play-off, reducing teams to eight. Further match play play-offs of these eight teams resulting in reduction to four teams for match play Munster semi-finals and final. Venues and dates set by the Branch.

Fred Daly Plate

Clubs must first enter the Fred Daly Trophy competition. Clubs defeated in their first match played in the Fred Daly Trophy competition would then be eligible to compete in the Fred Daly Plate competition. Clubs must inform Munster Golf Office if they want the Club's entry to be included in Fred Daly Plate draw immediately after loss of first match in the Fred Daly Trophy in order to secure place in the draw by emailing info@munster.gui.ie

- a) Match play over 18 holes, result after 18 holes to be recorded.
- b) Each Team shall consist of five (5) Players and each Team Captain may nominate two (2) Reserves.
- c) The early rounds to be played on a home and away basis. Team drawn First (top of the draw) shall be considered to be the Home team in first Leg.
- d) Order of Play - highest handicap to play first, followed by next highest and so on till lowest handicap plays in match.
- e) Match Fixtures: - The home team in leg one are to contact the away team and agree the first leg date, the away team prior to playing the first leg should arrange the 2nd leg date.
- f) The quarter-final, semi-final and final to be played as one-off matches at a neutral venue, with each match played to a conclusion.
- g) All match results should be notified to the Munster Golf Office and Competition Convenor.
- h) Away club to act as Referee in case of Dispute when no official referee appointed.
- i) Penalty for breach = Disqualification of the Player(s) concerned.

GUI All Ireland Inter Club Four-Ball Championship – Provincial Section known as Michael Cashman Munster Club Four-Ball

Format: - Four-Ball, Match Play off scratch, home & away with top team in the draw at home Re-draw after second round. Each team to consist of five pairings. No referees until Munster Semi Final & Final

which will be held at venues and on such dates as set by the Provincial Council. Team Captains of the two teams about to engage in a match shall exchange, simultaneously, their team sheets complete with required details not less than 30 minutes before the start of the match.

FRED DALY PLATE (MUNSTER)

1. General

- a) The Trophy shall be called the Fred Daly 'PLATE' played annually under the control the Championship Committee which will consist of Officials appointed by the Munster Provincial Council through its Junior Committee. This Committee is responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship.
- b) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups & Shields.

2. Eligibility

- a) A Player who turns 18 years on 1st January in the year of the event or at any time after that date and is the holder of an official CONGU handicap is eligible to compete.
- b) Penalty for breach = Disqualification of the Player(s) concerned.

3. Entries

Clubs must first enter the Fred Daly Trophy competition. Clubs defeated in their first match played in the Fred Daly Trophy competition would then be eligible to compete in the Fred Daly Plate competition. Clubs must email info@munster.gui.ie if they wish the Club's entry to be included in Fred Daly Plate draw immediately after loss of 1st match in the Fred Daly Trophy to secure place in the draw.

4. Format

- a) Match play over 18 holes, result after 18 holes to be recorded.
- b) Each Team shall consist of five (5) Players and each Team Captain may nominate two (2) Reserves.
- c) The early rounds to be played on a home and away basis. Team drawn First (top of the draw) shall be considered to be the Home team in first Leg.
- d) Order of Play - highest handicap plays first, followed by next highest and so on till lowest plays in match.
- e) Match Fixtures: - The home team in leg one are to contact the away team and agree the first leg date, the away team prior to playing the first leg should arrange the 2nd leg date.
- f) The quarter-final, semi-final and final to be played as one-off matches at a neutral venue, with each match played to a conclusion.
- g) All match results should be notified to the Munster Golf Office and Competition Convenor.
- h) Away club to act as Referee in case of Dispute when no official referee appointed.
- i) Penalty for breach = Disqualification of the Player(s) concerned.

5. Breaking of Ties

Matches level after 18 are to be noted as tied and half (1/2) point awarded to each player. If there is a tie after both legs are played – tie holes to be played by players of Match 5 (players with the lowest handicap) until a result.

6. Practice

One Practice Session free of charge at nominated venues for a Club Team and two Reserves for Singles Matches is allowed. Due notification must be given to the Host Club.

7. Caddies

a) Professional Golfers and individuals who do not meet the age eligibility criteria for this competition are prohibited from caddying (penalties to be applied in accordance with Condition 10 of the General Rules for Cups and Shields).

8. Sudden Illness/other emergency

Reserves taking the place of players after the team has been submitted shall be placed in the same position in the team as that occupied by the player taken ill or withdrawn irrespective of handicap.

9. Advice: No professional golfer may act as Team Captain (Penalty – disqualification of team)

10. Other

Clubs who fail to notify the Munster Golf Office of their withdrawal at least three working days prior to the first day of the match will not be allowed to compete in the tournament the following year.

MUNSTER COUNTRY CLUBS CUP

1. General

- a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups and Shields.
- b) The Cup shall be known as the “Munster Country Clubs Cup” to be played annually under the control and management of Munster Golf.

2. Eligibility

- a) The Tournament is open to all Clubs in the Province of Munster affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland and whose courses are less than 18 holes.
- b) Each Club shall be entitled to enter one team.
- d) No player shall be eligible to compete in this Tournament whose handicap was less than ten (10) during the calendar year prior to the Tournament. For the purpose of this Tournament the handicap eligibility shall be deemed to be the lowest playing handicap held by a player during the calendar year prior to the year of this Tournament.
- e) While the players on each team may be changed, no person shall play for more than one Club in this Tournament during the year.
- f) In cases of doubt, eligibility shall be decided by the Provincial Council whose decision shall be final.

3. Entries

- a) The entrance fee shall be as decided from time to time by the Munster Provincial Council.
- b) Entry, accompanied by the fee, must be sent to the Executive Officer of Munster Golf in conjunction with the entries being submitted for all Union and Branch Tournaments.

4. Format

- a) Each team shall consist of seven male members and play shall be by singles match play off scratch.
- b) The result of team matches shall be determined by matches won and each match shall be played to a finish unless an overall decision has already been achieved.
- c) The team matches shall be played in accordance with the draw made by the Provincial Council. All matches must be played on or before the date fixed and printed on the Draw Sheet as circulated to all competing Clubs. The Provincial Council may at any time alter these dates to suit special circumstances.

5. Prizes

The Cup shall be held for one year by the winning club and such Club shall be responsible for its safe custody and return to the Executive Officer of Munster Golf before the day of the final in the following year. The winning club shall also receive a Pennant.

6. Other

a) Players shall play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines which may be laid down by the Championship Committee.

MUNSTER BOYS UNDER 13 AMATEUR CLOSE CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

- a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.
- b) The Championship shall be called the Munster Boys Under 13 Amateur Close Championship and shall be competed for annually under the control of the Championship Committee which will consist of Officials appointed by the Munster Provincial Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland through its Junior Committee.
- c) This Committee will be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship.

2. Eligibility

- a) A member of a Munster Club affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland. The Munster Club must be the entrant's home club (for handicapping purposes).
- b) A Player who turns 13 years on 1st January in the year of the event or at any time thereafter is eligible.
- b) Penalty for breach = Disqualification of the Player(s) concerned.
- c) The Championship Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry and may call for the production of a certificate of birth of any competitor before or during the Championship.

3. Entries

- a) Entries must be made online through www.golfnet.ie
- b) The entrance fee payable shall be as decided from time to time by the Championship Committee.
- c) Entry will be limited to 60 competitors per Location with the lowest exact handicaps at the closing date for entries. In the event of entries exceeding this number, a waiting list in the exact handicap order will be drawn up. If withdrawals occur entrants on the waiting list will be given the opportunity of competing.
- d) Entries may be limited from time to time by the Committee.
- e) At the discretion of the Junior Committee of Munster Golf, up to 5 players may be invited to play who may not have qualified under handicap cut off point, but who must have entered the Championship.
- f) Any entrant who is not offered a place in the draw will have his entry refunded. Any entrant who has a place in the draw and subsequently withdraws shall not be entitled to a refund.

4. Format

The Championship will be played over two stages.

Stage 1: Regional Qualifier consisting of 18 Holes Gross Stableford Competition.

Stage 2: Top 4 players from each venue to play in the Munster U14 Open Championship. This is as a stroke competition and the Winner of the U13 CLOSE Championship will be calculated on their gross stableford score, by the Officials on the day. Scores from the qualifying rounds will not be carried forward.

5. Breaking of Ties: Ties will be decided as set out in the Tournament Conditions Booklet.

6. Prizes

- a) The winner of the Championship will be the U13 Close Champion of Munster and shall return the Trophy to the Munster Golf Office in time for the following years Championship.
- b) Prizes will be determined by the Championship Committee.

7. Practice

- a) The official practice day is the day before the commencement of the Championship at times determined by the host club – the host club reserves the right to prohibit intending competitors from playing the course on any other day, even with the payment of green fee, if it considers that it desirable to do.

8. Caddies

- a) Professional Golfers and individuals who do not meet the age eligibility criteria for this competition are prohibited from caddying (penalties to be applied in accordance with Condition 10 of the General Rules for Cups and Shields).

9. Other

- a) The Junior Committee / Provincial Council shall have the power to make changes to the tournament as the need may arise.
- b) Players shall play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines which may be laid down by the Championship Committee.

MUNSTER BOYS UNDER 15 AMATEUR CLOSE CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

- a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.
- b) This Championship will be called the Munster Boys U15 Amateur Close Championship to be played annually under the control of the Championship Committee which will consist of Officials appointed by the Munster Provincial Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland through its Junior Committee.
- c) This Committee will be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship.

2. Eligibility

- a) A member of a Munster Club affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland. The Munster Club must be the entrant's home club (for handicapping purposes).
- b) A player who turns 15 on 1st January in the year of the event or any date thereafter is eligible to compete. (Penalty for breach disqualification.)
- c) The Championship Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry and may call for the production of a certificate of birth of any competitor before or during the Championship.

3. Entries

- a) Entries must be made online through GUI website www.golfnet.ie.
- b) Entries will be limited to the lowest 75 entrants handicap order. In the event of oversubscription, a waiting list in exact handicap order will be drawn up and decided on ballot if necessary. If withdrawals occur before 5pm on the day prior to the competition, entrants on this waiting list will be given the opportunity of competing.
- c) At 5pm on the day prior to the Championship, a Standby List will be established on a first-come, first-serve basis of eligible players who, having entered the Championship, have registered at the Venue. Should withdrawals occur after this time, players on this list will be allocated a place in the field in order of registration, irrespective of handicap or age.

- d) Any entrant who is not offered a place in the draw will have his entry refunded. Any entrant who has a place in the draw and subsequently withdraws shall not be entitled to a refund.
- e) At the discretion of the Junior Committee of Munster Golf, up to 5 players may be invited to play who may not have qualified under handicap cut off point but who must have entered the Championship.
- f) A player cannot enter both Munster Boys Under 15 and Munster Boys U17 Amateur Close Championships as they are separate Championships held on the same day.

4. Format: The Championship will be decided by one round of 18 holes stroke play.

5. Breaking of Ties

- a) All Ties shall be decided as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.

6. Prizes

- a) The winner of the Championship will receive a perpetual Trophy and a prize. Trophy will be held until the commencement of the Championship in the following year by the Club from which the winner of the Trophy shall have entered. In the event of the winner not being a member of a Club affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland or having entered from a Country outside Ireland the Trophy will be held by Munster Golf. He must return the Trophy in time for the following year's Championship to the Executive Officer, GUI Munster Golf.
- b) Prizes will be determined by the Championship Committee.

7. Practice

- a) Official practice day is generally the day prior to the commencement of the Championship at the discretionary times as arranged with the Secretary/Manager of the Host Club.

8. Caddies

- a) Professional Golfers and individuals who do not meet the age eligibility criteria for this competition are prohibited from caddying (penalties to be applied in accordance with Condition 10 of the General Rules for Cups and Shields).

9. Time of Starting & Groups

- a) Play will commence at the time laid down by the Championship Committee as per 6-3 Rules of Golf.
- b) It may be necessary to change times/dates listed at the discretion of the Championship Committee with the approval of Host Club.
- c) If a competitor fails to show at the tee without notification, entry may be refused the following year at the discretion of the Provincial Council.

10. Other

- a) Players shall play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines which may be laid down by the Championship Committee.

MUNSTER BOYS UNDER 17 AMATEUR CLOSE CHAMPIONSHIP

I. General

- a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

- b) This Championship will be called the Munster Boys U17 Amateur Close Championship to be played annually under the control of the Championship Committee which will consist of Officials appointed by the Munster Provincial Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland through its Junior Committee.
- c) This Committee will be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship.

2. Eligibility

- a) A member of a Munster Club affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland. The Munster Club must be the entrant's home club (for handicapping purposes).
- b) A player who turns 17 on 1st January in the year of the event or any date thereafter and is the holder of an official CONGU handicap is eligible to compete. (Penalty for breach disqualification.)
- c) The Championship Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry and may call for the production of a certificate of birth of any competitor before or during the Championship.

3. Entries

- a) Entries must be made online through GUI website www.golfnet.ie.
- b) Entries will be limited to the lowest 75 entrants in order of handicap. In the event of oversubscription, a waiting list in the exact handicap order will be drawn up and decided on ballot if necessary. If withdrawals occur before 5pm on the day prior to the competition, entrants on this waiting list will be given the opportunity of competing.
- c) At 5pm on the day prior to the Championship, a Standby List will be established on a first-come, first-serve basis of eligible players who, having entered the Championship, have registered at the Venue. Should withdrawals occur after this time, players on this list will be allocated a place in the field in order of registration, irrespective of handicap or age.
- d) Any entrant who is not offered a place in the draw will have his entry refunded. Any entrant who has a place in the draw and subsequently withdraws shall not be entitled to a refund.
- e) At the discretion of the Junior Committee of Munster Golf, up to 5 players may be invited to play who may not have qualified under handicap cut off point but who must have entered the Championship.
- f) A player cannot enter both Munster Boys Under 15 and Under 17 Amateur Close Championships.

4. Format

The Championship will be decided by one round of 18 holes stroke play.

5. Breaking of Ties: a) All Ties shall be decided as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.

6. Prizes

- a) The winner of the Championship will receive a perpetual Trophy and a prize. Trophy will be held until the commencement of the Championship in the following year by the Club from which the winner of the Trophy shall have entered. In the event of the winner not being a member of a Club affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland or having entered from a Country outside Ireland the Trophy will be held by Munster Golf. He must return the Trophy in time for the following year's Championship to the Executive Officer, GUI Munster Golf.
- b) Prizes will be determined by the Championship Committee.

7. Practice

- a) Official practice day is generally the day prior to the commencement of the Championship at the discretionary times as arranged with the Secretary/Manager of the Host Club.

8. Caddies

a) Professional Golfers and individuals who do not meet the age eligibility criteria for this competition are prohibited from caddying (penalties to be applied in accordance with Condition 10 of the General Rules for Cups and Shields).

9. Time of Starting & Groups

- a) Play will commence at the time laid down by the Championship Committee as per 6-3 Rules of Golf.
- b) It may be necessary to change times/dates listed at the discretion of the Championship Committee with the approval of Host Club.
- c) If a competitor fails to show at the tee without notification, entry may be refused the following year at the discretion of the Provincial Council.

10. Other

- a) Players shall play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines which may be laid down by the Championship Committee.

ULSTER BRANCH CONDITIONS FOR PROVINCIAL CUPS & SHIELDS

These conditions must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups and Shields and the specific conditions of each tournament.

AIG Senior Cup: One stroke play qualifying round will be played at four selected venues. Four teams from each venue will qualify for the match play stage. Four cards from five will count; any ties to be decided as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet. The qualifying teams will return to their respective qualifying venues and based on the qualifying totals play a match using 1 v 4 and 2 v 3 with the winners playing each other on the same day. The winning team from each venue will, following an open draw, play the semi-final and final at a venue and date set by the Branch.

AIG Barton Shield: The teams will be divided into four venues. An open draw will be made for each venue with the matches being played on 2 dates set by the Ulster Branch, leaving 1 winning team at each venue. These four teams will, following an open draw, play the semi-finals and final at a venue and date set by the Branch.

AIG Junior Cup, AIG Jimmy Bruen Shield, AIG Pierce Purcell Shield and Irish Mixed

Foursomes: One stroke play qualifying round will be played at eight venues. The leading four teams at each venue will qualify for the match play stage. Four cards from five will count; any ties to be decided as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet. The qualifying teams will return to their respective qualifying venues and based on the qualifying totals play a match using 1 v 4 and 2 v 3. If the home team qualifies they will play their match at a neutral venue. After completion of the first round matches an open draw will be made and the Branch will set dates and venues for the remaining matches.

In the Irish Mixed Foursomes qualifying competition Men shall tee off from the first tee (Penalty: 2 strokes and the error must be corrected before the pair tees off from the next tee otherwise the Penalty is the disqualification of the side)

Evidence of each player's eligibility to compete must be produced, a minimum of 30 mins before the club's allocated tee time on the day of the qualifying and must be exchanged simultaneously between Team Captains a minimum of 30mins prior to the commencement of any match. If evidence is not available on the day it must be forwarded in the case of the qualifying round to the Branch Office or in the case of a match to the opposing Captain and/or Branch Office within four days. Failure to comply may lead to the disqualification of the team concerned.

GUI All-Ireland Four-Ball Inter-Club Championship: Five matches will be played at home and Five matches will be played away. Should a match be all square after 18 holes, that match will be declared a half. In the case of a tie, holes up will apply, being calculated on each individual result e.g. a 4/3 win would be 4 holes. If still a tie, after the second leg, the no. 5 pairing will play tie holes until result is known.

Fred Daly Trophy: An open draw will be made and all matches will be played home and away on or before dates set by the Branch. Teams will consist of five players.

Five matches will be played at home and Five matches will be played away. Should a match be all square after 18 holes, that match will be declared a half. In the case of a tie, holes up will apply, being calculated on each individual result e.g. a 4/3 win would be 4 holes. If still a tie, after the second leg, the no. 5 pairing will play tie holes until result is known.

The semi-final and final will be played at a neutral venue and on one day set by the Ulster Branch.

In the semi-final and final if a match is all square after 18 holes the competitors shall immediately continue to play tie holes until a decision is reached unless an overall result on matches won has already decided the event. All other conditions are as set out for the National Fred Daly Trophy Competition.

Fred Daly Plate: This event will consist of seven-man teams. Any club not in the third round of the Fred Daly Trophy will be invited to enter this Competition. A zoned draw will then be made and the playing conditions will be the same as for the Provincial Section of the Fred Daly Trophy - see above. The semi-final and final will be played at a neutral venue and on one day set by the Ulster Branch. In the semi-final and final if a match is all square after 18 holes, the competitors shall immediately continue to play tie holes until a decision is reached, unless an overall result on matches won has already decided the event.

BELFAST AND DISTRICT CUP

1. The Cup shall be called the 'Belfast and District Cup' and shall be competed for annually.
2. The Tournament shall be under the control and management of the Ulster Branch of the Golfing Union of Ireland.
3. The Tournament is open to all clubs affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland in the Province of Ulster which are situated within a radius of 30 miles of Belfast City Hall. Each club shall be entitled to enter one team.
4. Only a member of the Match & Handicapping Committee or a person appointed by such Committee will be authorised to give a decision on any question or dispute arising during the course of play.
5. The entrance fee shall be as decided from time to time by the Ulster Branch. Entry, accompanied by the fee, must be made with the Secretary of the Branch.
6. Each team shall consist of seven male members and play shall be by singles match play.
7. In cases of doubt, eligibility shall be decided by the Provincial Council whose decision shall be final.
8. No person shall play for more than one club during the season.
9. All matches shall be played off scratch.
10. No player whose playing handicap is 10 or more on the day of the match can take part in this competition.
11. All members of a team shall play on the same day. In the case of the absence of any member of a team his opponent shall be credited with the match and one point. Any player who is not present after the expiration of 30 minutes from the time arranged by the clubs concerned for the start of the first match shall be deemed to be absent.
12. The respective captains shall simultaneously exchange the names of their teams in the order of play, together with the reserves, a minimum of 30 mins before the commencement of play. This order of play so notified shall not be altered after it has been handed over.

13. Reserves taking the place of players after the team list has been handed in shall be placed in the same position in the team as that occupied by the player who has taken ill or has been withdrawn.
 14. Each team shall play a home and away match (18 holes), the first match to be played on the course of that club which is drawn first in each tie. Each individual match shall count one point to the winner. A half point shall be awarded to each player in the event of a halved match.
 15. Each individual match shall terminate when a winning position has been reached. Halved matches to be treated as such for the purpose of results.
 16. The balance of the match play results shall be carried forward to the return leg, and should the overall result be a tie as regards matches then the number seven players shall play a tie hole or holes to decide the result
 17. Teams reaching the quarter finals in the preceding year will be seeded into round three in the current year's tournament.
 18. Protests must be made to the Executive Officer or his representative immediately on the completion of the match in question.
 19. The Cup shall be held for a year by the winning club and such club shall be responsible for its safe custody and return to the Secretary of the Branch before the day of the final in the following year.
 20. A team Captain is permitted to give advice to his team during the course of play, with the exception of giving advice on the putting green, or pointing out a line for putting. A Team Captain whilst playing in the competition may not give advice to a team member. (Penalty: Match Play - Loss of hole)
 21. Any competitor who is currently disqualified from participation in any Union or Branch individual championship is not eligible to compete in this event.
 22. Competitors are notified that they may be tested for the use of drugs which test, if positive, will lead to automatic disqualification.
 23. The penalty for breach of Rules 8, 10, 21 and 22 shall be the disqualification of the team concerned. The penalty for breach of Rules 12 & 13 shall be the disqualification of the player concerned and a match score of 10 & 8.
- Note: These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups and Shields.

ULSTER CUP

1. The Cup shall be called the 'Ulster Cup' and shall be competed for annually.
2. The Tournament shall be under the control and management of the Ulster Branch of the Golfing Union of Ireland.
3. Only a member of the Match & Handicapping Committee or a person appointed by such Committee will be authorised to give a decision on any question or dispute arising during the course of play.
4. The Tournament is open to all clubs in the Province of Ulster affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland. Each club shall be entitled to enter one team.
5. Each team shall consist of seven male members and play shall be by singles match play and all matches shall be played off scratch.
6. a) Each member of the team must be aged 30 or over on 1st January in the year of the Tournament.
b) No player shall be eligible to compete in this Tournament whose playing handicap was less than 10 in the preceding calendar year.
c) A player shall have, in the calendar year prior to the event, returned a minimum of four returns in qualifying competitions (Supplementary Scores are not included) all of which must be recorded on the handicap records of the player's home club on or before 31st December in the calendar year prior to the event. Note: If a player changes his club during the previous calendar year, it is his responsibility to produce evidence of having competed in a minimum of four Qualifying Competitions.

- d) In cases of doubt, eligibility shall be decided by the Provincial Council whose decision shall be final.
7. The entry fee payable shall be as decided from time to time by the Ulster Branch Provincial Council. Entry, accompanied by the fee, must be made with the Executive Officer of the Ulster Branch.
8. All members of a team shall play on the same day. In the case of the absence of any member of a team his opponent shall be credited with the match and with 10 holes. Any player who is not present after the expiration of 30 mins from the time arranged by the clubs concerned for the start of the first match shall be deemed to be absent.
9. The respective captains of the two teams about to engage in a match shall interchange simultaneously the following: 1) the names of the members of their teams in order of play, 2) the names of any reserves, 3) evidence of each player's eligibility to compete in the competition. Such information shall be exchanged a minimum of 30mins prior to the agreed start time of any match. The order of playing so notified shall not be altered after it has been handed over as specified above. If handicap evidence is not available on the day it must be forwarded to the opposing Team Captain and/or Branch Office within four days. The penalty for a breach of this rule shall be the disqualification of the player concerned and a match score of 10 & 8.
10. Reserves taking the place of players after the team list has been handed in shall be placed in the same position in the team as that occupied by the player who has been taken ill or who has been withdrawn.
11. Protests must be made to the Provincial Secretary, or his representative, immediately on the completion of the match in question.
12. Each team shall play a home and away match (18 holes), the first match to be played on the course of that club which is drawn first in each tie. Each individual match shall count one point to the winner. A half point shall be awarded to each player in the event of halved match.
13. Each individual match will terminate when a winning position is reached. Holes up will be that number of holes up at the end of the match. Halved matches to be treated as such for the purpose of results.
14. The balance of the match play results and also of holes up in the first match as set out in Rule 13 shall be carried forward to the return match, and should the result be a tie as regards the matches then the winning team shall be that which is most holes up on the aggregate for the two matches. In the event of a further tie the last player of each team shall play a tie hole or holes to decide the result.
15. The team for return matches need not necessarily consist of the same players.
16. The Cup shall be held for a year by the winning club and such club shall be responsible for its safe custody and return to the Secretary of the Branch before the day of the final in the following year.
17. A team Captain is permitted to give advice to his team during the course of play, with the exception of giving advice on the putting green, or pointing out a line for putting. A Team Captain playing in the competition may not give advice to a team member. (Penalty: Match Play - Loss of hole)
18. Any competitor who is currently disqualified from participation in any Union or Branch individual Championship is not eligible to compete in this event.
19. Competitors may be tested for the use of drugs which test, if positive, will lead to automatic DQ.
20. The penalty for breach of Rules 6, 18 and 19 shall be the disqualification of the team concerned.
- N.B. These Conditions must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups and Shields.

ULSTER UNDER 14 BOYS CLOSE CHAMPIONSHIP

I. General

- a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union & Provincial Championships.
- b) The Cup shall be called the Ulster Boys U14 Close Championship Cup and shall be played for annually.
- c) The Championship Committee shall consist of officials appointed by the Ulster Provincial Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland who shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries.

2. Eligibility

- a) A member whose home club, as defined by the CONGU Unified Handicapping Scheme, is situated in Ulster and is affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland. (Penalty for breach disqualification)
- b) A player who turns 14 on 1st January in the year of the event or any date thereafter and is the holder of an official CONGU handicap is eligible to compete. (Penalty for breach disqualification.)
- c) The Championship Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry and may call for the production of a certificate of birth of any competitor before or during the Championship.

3. Entries

- a) Entry to the Championship must be made online at www.golfnet.ie
- b) Entry will be limited to the 120 competitors or such number as the Championship Committee shall from time to time decide, with the lowest exact handicap at the closing date for the receipt of entries. In the event of entries exceeding this number a Waiting List, in exact handicap order will be drawn up. For all entrants whose Home Club is on the island of Ireland, the handicap used to determine the draw and the waiting list shall be that recorded on Golfnet at the specified closing time for entries into the Championship. It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that handicap recorded on Golfnet is correct. Should this not be the case, it is the entrant's responsibility to advise the Branch Office. Any entrant who is not offered a place in the draw will have his entry refunded. Any entrant who has a place in the draw and subsequently withdraws shall not be entitled to a refund.
- c) The Championship Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without stating any reason for so doing.

4. Format

- a) The Championship will be decided by one round of 18 holes medal play, the competitors who return the 16 best gross scores shall qualify for Match Play stage of the Championship.
- b) On the second day 8 pairs shall play off in the morning and the Quarter-Finals shall be played in the afternoon. On the third day the Semi-Finals shall be played in the morning and the Final in the afternoon.

5. Breaking of Ties

- a) All Ties will be decided as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.
- b) In the event of the final being all square after 18 holes the players shall continue to play sudden death on holes to be decided upon by the Championship Committee.

6. Prizes

- a) The winner of the Championship will be the Ulster U14 Close Champion. Prizes will be awarded to players in the semi-final as well as the best qualifying scores including the best U13 player.

7. Practice

- a) The official practice day is the day before the commencement of the Championship at times set by the host club – the host club reserves the right to prohibit intending competitors from playing the course on any other day, even with the payment of green fee, if it considers that it desirable so to do.
- b) All practice times to be booked with the Ulster Branch Office in accordance with the Player Pack and NOT with the host club

8. Caddies

a) Professional Golfers and individuals who do not meet the age eligibility criteria for this competition are prohibited from caddying (penalties to be applied in accordance with Condition 13 of the General Rules for National and Provincial Championships).

9. Time of Starting & Groups

- a) The time of starting for both the stroke play qualifying rounds and the Match Play stage shall be determined by the Championship Committee.
- b) The Championship Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter times of starting at its discretion.

10. Other

- a) A competitor who fails to show at the tee without providing a prior reason which is acceptable to the Championship Committee, may, at the sole discretion of the Championship Committee, have his entry refused to any Provincial Championship in the following year.
- b) The GUI Transportation Policy with respect to the use of Motorised Golf Buggies is in force a copy of which can be found elsewhere in the GUI Tournament Conditions Book.

ULSTER UNDER 16 BOYS CLOSE CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General

- a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union & Provincial Championships.
- b) The Cup shall be called the Ulster Boys U16 Close Championship Cup and shall be played for annually.
- c) The Championship Committee shall consist of officials appointed by the Ulster Provincial Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland who shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries.

2. Eligibility

- a) A member whose home club, as defined by the CONGU Unified Handicapping Scheme, is situated in Ulster and is affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland. (Penalty for breach: disqualification)
- b) A player who turns 16 on 1st January in the year of the event or any date thereafter and is the holder of an official CONGU handicap is eligible to compete. (Penalty for breach: disqualification.)
- c) The Championship Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry and may call for the production of a certificate of birth of any competitor before or during the Championship.

3. Entries

- a) Entry to the Championship MUST be made online at www.golfnet.ie
- b) Entry will be limited to the 120 competitors or such number as the Championship Committee shall from time to time decide, with the lowest exact handicap at the closing date for the receipt of entries. In the event of entries exceeding this number a Waiting List, in exact handicap order will be drawn up. For all entrants whose Home Club is on the island of Ireland, the handicap used to determine the draw and the waiting list shall be that recorded on Golfnet at the specified closing time for entries into the Championship. It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that handicap recorded on Golfnet is correct. Should this not be the case, it is the entrant's responsibility to advise the Branch Office. Any entrant who is not offered a place in the draw will have his entry refunded. Any entrant who has a place in the draw and subsequently withdraws shall not be entitled to a refund.
- c) The Championship Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without stating any reason.

4. Format

- a) The Championship will be decided by one round of 18 hole medal play, the competitors who return the 16 best gross scores shall qualify for Match Play stage of the Championship.
- b) On the second day 8 pairs shall play off in the morning and the Quarter-Finals shall be played in the afternoon. On the third day the Semi-Finals shall be played in the morning and the Final in the afternoon.

5. Breaking of Ties

- a) All Ties will be decided as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.
- b) In the event of the final being all square after 18 holes the players shall continue to play sudden death on holes to be decided upon by the Championship Committee.

6. Prizes

- a) The winner of the Championship will be the Ulster U16 Close Champion. Prizes will be awarded to players in the semi-final as well as the best qualifying scores including the best U15 player.

7. Practice

- a) The official practice day is the day before the commencement of the Championship at times set by the host club – the host club reserves the right to prohibit intending competitors from playing the course on any other day, even with the payment of green fee, if it considers that it desirable so to do.
- b) All practice times to be booked with the Ulster Branch Office in accordance with the Player Pack and NOT with the host club

8. Caddies

- a) Professional Golfers and individuals who do not meet the age eligibility criteria for this competition are prohibited from caddying (penalties to be applied in accordance with Condition 10 of the General Rules for Cups and Shields).

9. Time of Starting & Groups

- a) The time of starting for both the stroke play qualifying rounds and the matchplay stage shall be determined by the Championship Committee.
- b) The Championship Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter times of starting at its discretion.

10. Other

- a) A competitor who fails to show at the tee without providing a prior reason which is acceptable to the Championship Committee, may, at the sole discretion of the Championship Committee, have his entry refused to any Provincial Championship in the following year.
- b) The GUI Transportation Policy with respect to the use of Motorised Golf Buggies is in force, a copy of which can be found elsewhere in the GUI Tournament Conditions Book.

ULSTER UNDERAGE CLOSE WINTER SERIES**1. General**

- a) These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union & Provincial Championships.
- b) The Championship Committee shall consist of officials appointed by the Ulster Provincial Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland who shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto, including acceptance of entries.

2. Eligibility

- a) A member whose home club, as defined by the CONGU Unified Handicapping Scheme, is situated in Ulster and is affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland. (Penalty for breach: disqualification)
- b) A player who turns 18 on 1st January in the year of the event or any date thereafter and is the holder of an official CONGU handicap is eligible to compete. (Penalty for breach: disqualification.)
- c) The Championship Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry and may call for the production of a certificate of birth of any competitor before or during the Championship.

3. Entries

- a) Entry to any competition within the Series MUST be made online at www.golfnet.ie
- b) The Championship Committee will publish the number of entries to be accepted for each event on the closing date for the receipt of entries. Entries will be listed in 3 age categories namely; Boys (U18), U16 Boys & U14 Boys, as at 00.01 hrs on 1 January in the year of the competition, and will be limited by handicap in each, to the lowest exact handicap at the closing date for the receipt of entries. In the event of entries exceeding this number a Waiting List, in exact handicap order will be drawn up in each age category. For all entrants, the handicap used to determine the draw and the waiting list shall be that recorded on Golfnet at the specified closing time for entries into the Championship. It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that handicap recorded on Golfnet is correct. Should this not be the case, it is the entrant's responsibility to advise the Branch Office. Any entrant who is not offered a place in the draw will have his entry refunded. Any entrant who has a place in the draw and subsequently withdraws shall not be entitled to a refund.
- c) The Championship Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without stating any reason for so doing.

4. Format

- a) Each competition in the series will be decided by one round of 18 hole medal play.
- b) The series winner in each age category shall be the player who, having played in all competitions making up the series, returns the best total gross score. As well as winning his individual age category, the player with the best total gross score will also be the overall winner of the series.

5. Breaking of Ties

- a) All Ties will be decided as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.
- b) In the event of a tie for the series winner, in any age category, the last 36 holes shall be the last two competitions played and for 18 holes shall be the last competition played.

6. Prizes:

- a) Prizes will be awarded as the Series Committee shall from time to time decide, including Leading Score, in each age category, for each competition in the series. Overall Winner and Runner-Up in each Age Category.

7. Practice:

- a) No practice day has been set aside for this series. Any practice prior to the competition is at the discretion of the host club for which a green fee, at the rate pertaining on the day, will be payable.

8. Caddies

a) Professional Golfers and individuals who do not meet the age eligibility criteria for this competition are prohibited from caddying (penalties to be applied in accordance with Condition 10 of the General Rules for Cups and Shields).

9. Time of Starting & Groups

- a) The time of starting shall be determined by the Series Committee.
- b) The Series Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter times of starting at its discretion.

10. Other

- a) A competitor who fails to show at the tee without providing a prior reason which is acceptable to the Series Committee, may, at the sole discretion of the Committee, have his entry refused to any Provincial Championship in the following year.
- b) The GUI Transportation Policy with respect to the use of Motorised Golf Buggies is in force, a copy of which can be found elsewhere in the GUI Tournament Conditions Book.

APPENDIX I – BREAKING OF TIES

Method for the breaking of ties where it is not practical to have a play-off:

18 Holes

- Decide on last 9 - 6 - 3 - 2 - 1
- If still a tie decide on last 3 - 6 - 7 - 8 of first 9
- If still a tie decide by lot.

36 Holes

- Decide on last 18
- If still a tie decide as for 18 holes

54 Holes

- Decide on last 36 - last 18
- If still a tie decide as for 18 holes

72 Holes

- Decide on last 54 - last 36 - last 18
- If still a tie decide as for 18 holes

Team Events:

Where a competition prescribes a Stroke Play Round for Teams comprising 2, 3, 4, 5 or more competitors:

- a) Discard the card which has the highest score and take the remaining cards.
- b) If still a tie continue this procedure, if necessary until only the best card of each team remains.
- c) Then proceed as for 18 holes above.

Note – In all cases in which the above tie-breaking method is used, ties will be broken with universal reference to the scorecard (ie, irrespective of a player's starting position on the course in circumstances where a multiple-tee start is used by the Committee).

APPENDIX 2 – TRANSPORTATION POLICY

I. Introduction

- 1.1 It is a condition of all competitions conducted by the Golfing Union of Ireland and its Provincial Branches that all competitors must walk unless they are in the possession of valid medical confirmation of disability as defined below.
- 1.2 This Policy is the Transportation Policy of the Golfing Union of Ireland as referred to in the relevant Tournament Conditions and the Golfing Union of Ireland Hard Card.
- 1.3 The Union wishes to encourage the participation in golf of all players regardless of disabilities, in accordance with its responsibilities under the Irish Disability Act (2005) and the UK Disability Discrimination Act (1995).
- 1.4 Other associations and golf clubs should take separate legal advice in the event that they wish to put in place a transportation policy different to this policy or appropriate to their specific needs.

2. Definitions

- 2.1 “Disability” shall carry the same meaning as that of the Irish Disability Act (2005) and UK Disability Discrimination Act (1995). **A person has a disability if he/she has a physical or intellectual impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his/her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.**
- 2.2 “Golf Buggy” shall mean any vehicle deemed to be a golf buggy by the Championship Committee.
- 2.3 “Championship Committee” shall refer to the controlling authority for championships run under the auspices of the Golfing Union of Ireland.
- 2.4 “Valid medical confirmation of disability” shall mean the Certificate contained in Appendix I entitled “Medical Confirmation of Disability”.

3. Persons who may use a golf buggy

- 3.1 **Competitors:** As per the General Rules for Union Championships, a Golf Buggy may be utilised only by a competitor in possession of valid medical confirmation of disability, and then only if (a) the Host Club permits the use of such machines and (b) no Health & Safety considerations prevent the use of such machines. In such circumstances, it is the responsibility of the person concerned to provide a buggy, not the Golfing Union of Ireland. The buggy may be used only by the person named on the certificate and may only carry his equipment and caddie. Where the disability prevents the player from driving the buggy, he/she may nominate a third party to drive the buggy for them who must be approved by the Committee.
- 3.2 **Caddies:** A person in possession of valid medical confirmation of disability who intends to caddie for an able-bodied competitor may utilise a golf buggy on the same conditions as 3.1 above. The able-bodied competitor – in such circumstances – may not use the buggy.
- 3.3 **Under 18 Competitors:** Where a player is under the age of 18 years and has met the criteria in 3.1 above, the Committee shall reserve the right to specify that the golf buggy is driven by a person having

parental responsibility for the player, or, in the case that such a person is unable or not competent or qualified to do so, another person of the Committee's choice. Any restrictions regarding caddies specified in the Event Conditions must be adhered to in this process.

3.4 Team Captains / Others: The Championship Committee will, in its absolute discretion, decide on whether a Team Captain or other party may use a buggy. Due regard will be paid to the Acts specified above in such decisions.

3.5 Any individual intending on using a buggy must ensure they carry a copy of the Certificate of Disability at any event in which they apply for use of a buggy, and that, subsequent to the acceptance of such an application, they continue to retain the Certificate for production at the request of a tournament official.

4. Committee discretion on the use of a golf buggy

4.1 Where the use of a buggy by a player or where appropriate a caddie or third party is permitted, the Committee shall have regard to the following additional health and safety considerations before granting approval:

- (a) Any relevant weather conditions;
- (b) The topography and ground conditions;
- (c) The condition of and suitability of the golf buggy; and
- (d) Any other relevant considerations which could impede the safe use of a golf buggy or impact on the safety of others.

4.2 In the event that the Committee believes that for reasons of health and safety a golf buggy should not be used by players, caddies or third parties at a particular time he/they may:

- (a) Refuse to grant permission for the use of a golf buggy, and shall inform the player, caddie or third party of this decision; or
- (b) Revoke any such permission in the event of new health and safety considerations having come to light since the granting of the initial permission to use a golf buggy

4.3 The Championship Committee may require any player, caddie or other third party granted permission to use a buggy to complete and sign a Transportation Policy Consent prior to use.

5. Conditions on the use of golf buggies

5.1 Where a player, caddie or other third party is permitted to use a golf buggy by the Championship Committee, the user must agree to the terms and conditions of use:

- (a) Any person operating a golf buggy must do so with the utmost courtesy, care and consideration for the safety and convenience of others and in accordance with any relevant golf buggy operating guidelines;
- (b) The golf buggy must be open-sided;

- (c) The golf buggy shall be for the sole use of the player or caddie, unless a member of the Committee has deemed that for reason of age or disability a third party is required to drive the golf buggy;
- (d) A golf buggy must not impede or interfere with normal pedestrians or vehicular traffic flow on roadways, ramps and pavements;
- (e) A player who has been granted permission to use a golf buggy (or any caddie or other third party who has been permitted to drive the golf buggy) must always remain seated while in the golf buggy when the vehicle is in motion;
- (f) Drivers of golf buggies must comply with directional signs and not use prohibited areas;
- (g) A player who has been granted permission to use a golf buggy (or any caddie or other third party who has been permitted to drive the golf buggy) must accept responsibility for any losses or injury sustained as a result of his or her fault whilst using a golf buggy; and
- (h) A player, caddie or any other person intending to use his/her own buggy must – having been so permitted by the Championship Committee – have adequate personal and third party insurance. The Championship Committee may require the buggy owner to stipulate to this in writing.

5.2 Use of a golf buggy at a GUI event, under any circumstances, is conditional on conformity with all preceding clauses of 5.1 unless otherwise required by the Championship Committee. The allowance of a buggy will be withdrawn at any time should the competitor, caddie or other party so allowed be found to be in breach of this policy.

*Appendix I: Medical Confirmation of Disability***Medical Confirmation of Disability**

In my capacity as a Doctor registered with the Irish Medical Council or UK Health Professions Council (as applicable), I certify that

Name: _____

has a disability as defined by the Irish Disability Act (2005) and the UK Disability Discrimination Act (1995), and that he/she may require a buggy to compete in golf tournaments as a result.

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Contact Tel. No: _____

Date: _____

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APPENDIX 3 – EXEMPTION LIST, 2018

Performance Criteria

For the 2018 season the Rules and Competitions Committee of the GUI have agreed new performance criteria that will be used to determine exemptions into the following championships:

- Irish Amateur Open
- Irish Amateur Close
- West of Ireland
- East of Ireland
- North of Ireland
- South of Ireland
- Connacht Stroke Play
- Munster Stroke Play

In the above Championships, the following criteria will apply where there is an oversubscription in entries:

1. Entrants who are on the exemption list will be granted a place in the field provided that they enter.
2. Once all entrants in the exemption list are catered for, entrants in order of WAGR ranking (applies to all events except the Connacht Stroke Play and Munster Stroke Play; in the case of all other events with the exception of the Irish Amateur Close Championship, only entrants up to 1500 on WAGR are admitted in this manner).
3. Once the above two criteria have been exhausted, the remaining places in the field will be determined by handicap at the close of entries.

Determining the Exemption List

From 2018 onwards, the above events alone will be the counting events for the Willie Gill Award. It is the intention in future that players who achieve a certain number of points, to be determined from time to time by the Rules and Competitions Committee, will be placed on the exemption list and will be allocated a place in all of the above Championships, always provided that they have entered.

For these Championships in 2018, the Rules and Competitions Committee have retrospectively applied the new points system for the Order of Merit to the 2017 season, and determined that all players gaining what would amount to 100 points on the new Order of Merit will be placed on the exemption list. (The full system is available to view in the Tournament Conditions Book.)

It should be noted that this means that a greater number of players will be exempt in the 2018 season through a greater number of performance routes – ie, players who achieve consistent performances over a number of Championships will be exempt in addition to players who achieve one particularly noteworthy performance in a Championship.

For 2018, the following players, listed below in alphabetical order, have been placed on the exemption list and are effectively granted a “Championship Card” for the 2018 season.

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| 1. Barry Anderson (Royal Dublin) | 11. Robin Dawson (Faithlegg/MU) |
| 2. Reece Black (Hilton T’patrick) | 12. Luke Donnelly (Kilkenny) |
| 3. Stuart Bleakley (Shandon Park) | 13. Ross Dutton (Tandragee) |
| 4. David Brady (Co. Sligo) | 14. Colin Fairweather (Knock) |
| 5. Robert Brazill (Naas) | 15. Evan Farrell (Ardee) |
| 6. Cathal Butler (Kinsale) | 16. Cian Feeney (Co. Sligo) |
| 7. Colm Campbell (Warrenpoint) | 17. Jamie Fletcher (Warrenpoint) |
| 8. Robert Cannon (Balbriggan) | 18. Hugh Foley (Royal Dublin) |
| 9. Darragh Coghlan (P’arnock) | 19. TJ Ford (Co. Sligo) |
| 10. Paul Coughlan (Castleknock) | 20. James Fox (Portmarnock) |

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| 21. Alex Gleeson (Castle) | 39. Marc Norton (Belvoir Park) |
| 22. Eanna Griffin (Waterford) | 40. Gary O'Flaherty (Cork) |
| 23. Stephen Healy (Royal Dublin) | 41. Peter O'Keeffe (Douglas) |
| 24. Allan Hill (Athenry) | 42. Conor O'Rourke (Naas) |
| 25. Ross Kelly (Tuam) | 43. Jack Pierse (Portmarnock) |
| 26. Peter Kerr (Royal Portrush) | 44. Robbie Pierse (Grange) |
| 27. David Kitt (Athenry) | 45. Mark Power (Kilkenny) |
| 28. Geoff Lenehan (Portmarnock) | 46. Caolan Rafferty (Dundalk) |
| 29. Rowan Lester (Hermitage) | 47. William Russell (Clandeboyne) |
| 30. Eddie McCormack (Galway Bay) | 48. Michael Ryan (New Ross) |
| 31. Jack McDonnell (F'st Little) | 49. William Small (Tandragee) |
| 32. Ryan McKinstry (Cairndhu) | 50. James Sugrue (Mallow) |
| 33. Tiarnan McLarnon (M'reene) | 51. Jack Walsh (Castle) |
| 34. Robert Moran (Castle) | 52. Jake Whelan (Newlands) |
| 35. Ronan Mullarney (Galway) | 53. Rory Williamson (Holywood) |
| 36. John Murphy (Kinsale) | 54. Colin Woodroffe (Dun Laoghaire) |
| 37. Paul Murphy (Rosslare) | 55. Jonathan Yates (Naas) |
| 38. Pat Murray (Clontarf) | |

APPENDIX 4 – STANDARD TOURNAMENT LOCAL RULES

The following local rules, together with any additions or amendments as published by the Golfing Union of Ireland at the tournament venue, will apply to all championships and international matches run by the GUI.

1. The Exception to Rule 6-6d is modified as follows: “If a competitor returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken due to failure to include one or more penalty strokes that, before returning his score card, he did not know he had incurred, he is not disqualified. In such circumstances, the competitor incurs the penalty prescribed by the applicable Rule, but there is no additional penalty for a breach of Rule 6-6d. This Exception does not apply when the applicable penalty is disqualification from the competition.”

2. Distance Measuring Devices: A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses such a device to gauge or measure other conditions that may affect his play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), he is in breach of **Rule 14-3**.

3. Modification of Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1: When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1. This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

Note: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.

4. Stones in Bunkers: Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions (Rule 24-1 applies).

5. Immovable Obstructions (Rule 24-2)

(a) White lined areas adjoining any areas defined as immovable obstructions are to be regarded as part of the obstruction and not ground under repair.

(b) Landscaped garden areas surrounded by an obstruction are part of that obstruction.

6. Sprinkler Heads: All fixed sprinkler heads are immovable obstructions and relief from interference by them may be obtained under Rule 24-2. In addition, if such an obstruction on or within two club-lengths of the putting green of the hole being played intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may obtain relief, without penalty, as follows:- If the ball lies off the putting green but not in a hazard and is within two club-lengths of the intervening obstruction it may be lifted, cleaned and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay which (a) is not nearer the hole (b) avoids such intervention and (c) is not in a hazard or on a putting green.

7. Ground Under Repair (Rule 25-1)

(a) Any area encircled by a white line or so otherwise marked as GUR as per an on-site Local Rule made by the GUI Championship Committee.

(b) Any area of damaged ground (e.g. caused by crowd or vehicle movement) that is considered by a rules official to be abnormal.

8. Bunker Faces: A bunker face consisting of stacked turf is not a “closely-mown area” (Rule 25-2).

9. Water Hazards (including Lateral Water Hazards) (Rule 26): Water hazards are defined by yellow stakes or yellow lines. Lateral water hazards are defined by red stakes or red lines. When a water hazard or lateral water hazard is bounded by out of bounds, the hazard margin extends to and coincides with the boundary.

Note: Dropping Zones for Water Hazards: Where there are dropping zones for water hazards, a ball may be played under Rule 26 or a ball may be dropped in the dropping zone nearest to where the original ball last crossed the margin of the hazard under penalty of one stroke. For provisions relating to dropping or re-dropping a ball in a dropping zone, see the Note on page 136 in the Rules of Golf.

10. Out of Bounds (Rule 27-1)

(a) Beyond any wall or fence defining the boundary of the course.

(b) On or beyond any white line or the most inside point of any line of stakes defining the boundary of the course. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies on or over such a line.

(c) In or beyond any hedge or ditch defining the boundary of the course.

Note: Where out of bounds is defined by white stakes or fence posts (excluding angled supports), the out of bounds line is determined by the nearest inside points at ground level of such stakes or posts. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies on or over such a line.

11. Integral Parts of the Course

(a) Any cables or advertising boards closely attached to an object defining the boundary of the course.

(b) Wires, cables, wrappings or other objects where they are closely attached to trees or other permanent objects.

(c) Retaining artificial walls and pilings when located in water hazards.