



## **Competition Regulations 2021**

## Revision History

Please note that due to COVID-19, in addition to the considerable task of combining two complex set of regulations, this document will be subject to review and revision at regular intervals during the 2021 season. Revisions may include format changes that may be required due to COVID-19 restrictions. Where a revision is made to the document, details of the revision will be included below:

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## Terminology

Competitions, Tournaments and Championships	<p>Throughout these Regulations, reference will be made to 'Competitions', 'Tournaments' and 'Championships'. For clarity, the word 'Competition' will be used to describe <u>all</u> such competitive events covered by these Regulations. In addition, two specific types of 'Competition' will be referred to throughout –</p> <p>'Tournament' applies to any Inter-Club, Schools and Colleges Competition where a team of players participates on behalf of a Club, School or College.</p> <p>'Championship' applies to any Golf Ireland Competition which have been so designated because of their competitive nature. These are normally staged for individuals but also occasionally pairs competitions.</p> <p>In addition to these two types of Competitions, other Competitions legislated for include national competitions for club golfers and representative matches.</p>
Handicaps and Home Clubs	<p>The term 'Home Club' will always mean the club which controls the player's Handicap Index in accordance with Rule 1.4b of the Rules of Handicapping</p> <p>All references to the term 'Handicap Index' mean the value that is calculated as per Rule 5.2 of the Rules of Handicapping. This means that a Handicap Index as referred to throughout these Rules is always rounded to one decimal point, rather than a whole number and the Course Handicap is always rounded to a whole number before the Playing Handicap adjustment is applied</p>
Hard Card	<p>Golf Ireland's Hard Card consists of the Regulations of play that govern all championships and other designated events. It consists of the additional local rules and the Terms of Competition that apply to all such competitions except Inter-Club. An electronic copy of the Hard Card will be available online in the information section for each competition on <a href="http://www.golfireland.ie">www.golfireland.ie</a>.</p>
Team Captains	<p>When reference is made to a 'Team Captain' in the below Regulations and Terms of Competition, this will also refer to individuals delegated to discharge such administrative duties for which the Team Captain is responsible in the Regulations and Terms, including the submission of teams, reporting of results and making claims. This includes individuals delegated to act on the Team Captain's behalf at one of the venues when matches in a round are played in two different venues.</p>

**Part One**  
**GENERAL REGULATIONS**  
**(Including mandatory Local Rules)**

## SECTION A: ELIGIBILITY (Regulations 1-5)

These Regulations cover all aspects of eligibility that will apply to all Golf Ireland competitions or a large specified number. In addition to these Regulations, prospective competitors, Team Captains etc. must also check the specific Terms of Competition (listed in Part Two of these Regulations) for additional eligibility criteria.

### Reg. 1. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY FOR ALL GOLF IRELAND COMPETITIONS

(a)	Each competitor must be of Amateur Status as defined by The R&A Rules Ltd.
(b)	Each competitor must be the holder of an official Handicap Index attained in accordance with the Rules of Handicapping.
(c)	In all Championships and Inter-Club competitions, a competitor must be a member of the club from which they elect to enter.
(d)	Any competitor who is currently disqualified from participating in any National or Regional Competition shall not be eligible to compete in any Competition conducted by Golf Ireland during the period of their disqualification.
(e)	Overseas competitors entering Golf Ireland Championships must be members of their Federation/Union/ Association or equivalent, or the Club/Association of which they are a member and elect to enter from must be affiliated to the recognised authority in the country concerned.

### Reg. 2. AGE ELIGIBILITY FOR ALL GOLF IRELAND COMPETITIONS

(a)	<u>Girls (Under-19)</u> : Under-19 at 00:00:01hrs on 1 <sup>st</sup> January in the year of the competition.
(b)	<u>Girls &amp; Boys (Under 18)</u> : Under-18 at 00:00:01hrs on 1st January in the year of the competition.
(c)	<u>Under 16</u> : Under-16 at 00:00:01hrs on 1st January in the year of the competition.
(d)	<u>Under 14</u> : Under-14 at 00:00:01hrs on 1st January in the year of the competition.
(e)	<u>Other Under-Ages</u> : The above criteria will also determine underage eligibility in all other underage categories defined in the Conditions of National and Regional Events. These age eligibility terms will also be applied to underage team competitions in the same way.
(f)	<u>Mid-Amateur</u> : 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.
(g)	<u>Seniors</u> : A Player who turns 50 years on or before the first day of the Championship in the year of the event is eligible to compete. * <u>Exception</u> : In the Irish Men's Seniors

	Amateur Open Championship, the applicable age will be 55 instead of 50. The Committee may at its discretion seek the provision of a Birth Certificate at any time prior, during or after the Championship.
(h)	<u>Overage limits in Team Events</u> : Where an overage limit (e.g. 18 and over in the case of the Pierce Purcell Shield and the Irish Mixed Foursomes, 30 and over in the case of the All-Ireland Men's Four-Ball and 55 and over in the case of the Fred Perry Trophy) is specified in the Terms, a player will only be considered eligible if they have turned the specified age, or is over that age by 00:00:01hrs on 1st January <u>in the year of the event</u> .

### Reg. 3. CLOSE CHAMPIONSHIP ELIGIBILITY

(a)	To be eligible to play in an Irish Close Championship, a player must either have been born on the island of Ireland, have one parent or grandparent born on the island of Ireland or prove principal permanent residency on the island of Ireland for a period of not less than five years.
(b)	A player must not have played for any other country's International team with the exception of having played for another country's International team at under-18 level or another underage category below this as long as they meet all other eligibility criteria as listed.
(c)	A player must not have played in the Close championship of another country other than as a [boy/girl as applicable] i.e. under 18 years of age on 1st January in the year of that closed championship.
(d)	To confirm eligibility under the residency rule above, the entrant must provide proof of residency to Golf Ireland's National Headquarters, Carton Demesne, Maynooth, Co Kildare.

### Reg. 4. GENDER ELIGIBILITY FOR ALL GOLF IRELAND COMPETITIONS

(a)	Gender eligibility is set out in the specific Terms of each Competition.
(b)	For the avoidance of doubt, Golf Ireland reserves the right to carry out a confidential case-by-case evaluation at any time either prior to or after the Championship/Tournament if in its reasonable opinion such an evaluation is or becomes necessary. (See Golf Ireland's Gender Policy – Policy No. 7 in these Regulations – for further details.)

### Reg. 5. ELIGIBILITY FOR INTER-CLUB TOURNAMENTS

(a)	Participating Golf Clubs in Inter-Club events must be affiliated to Golf Ireland. Clubs may only enter one team in each Inter-Club event unless otherwise stated in the specific Terms of Competition.
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(b)	An individual who is an honorary member of a club may represent their club in Inter-Club competitions without restriction. However, in the Inter-Club competitions covered in F-1, F-2, F-3, F-4, F-5, F-6, F-7, F-8, F-9, F-11, F-12, F-20, F-22, and F-23 of these Rules, honorary members wishing to represent their club must have been fee-paying members of the club they are representing for at least two years prior to the conferral of honorary membership.
(c)	Whilst the players on a team may be changed no player shall play for more than one club in a single specific Tournament during the season. A team/panel may change for each round/leg. (See additional restrictions which apply to Women's Inter-Club competitions in F-1).

## **SECTION B: CONTROL AND CONDUCT OF COMPETITIONS (Regs 6–12)**

These regulations explain tournament governance as well as the specifics of prizes, entries, the course conditions in Inter-Club matches where Golf Ireland Officials are not present, and competition draws.

### **Reg. 6. COMPETITION COMMITTEES**

(a)	All Competitions shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by The R&A Rules Ltd.
(b)	The controlling body for all national competitions is the National Rules and Championships Committee, and decisions on matters relating to the competition other than on site management will be made by this Committee. In the case of Regional competitions (including the regional/area stage of national Inter-Club competitions), the Regional Championships Committee will act in this capacity in each Region. Hereafter, ‘the Committee’ will be used to refer to either the National Rules and Championships Committee, or the Regional Championships Committee, as applicable.
(c)	The date and the venue of all National competitions will be determined by Golf Ireland’s Rules and Championships Committee, which will be responsible to the Board of Golf Ireland for its actions. The date and venue of all Regional competitions will be determined by the Regional Championships Committee in each Region, which will be responsible to the Regional Executive Committee for its actions.
(d)	For all National competitions and for Regional Championships, the on-site control and management of competitions will be vested in a three-person Tournament Committee, which should include the Competition Director, Chief Referee and a third member, who will Chair the Committee. Competition Directors will be appointed by the Director of Championships. In the case of National competitions, the Chief Referee and the Chairperson will be appointed by the National Rules and Championships Committee. In the case of Regional competitions, the Chief Referee for each event will be appointed by the Regional Rules Committee and the Chairperson will be appointed by the Regional Championships Committee. The on-site management of all other events staged at Regional Level will be a matter in each Region for the Regional Championships Committee working with the Regional Manager.
(e)	All members of such Tournament Committees shall have the power to vote.
(f)	The Tournament Committee reserves the right to alter times of starting and groups.
(g)	The Tournament Committee reserves the right to alter the number and value of prizes.
(h)	The Tournament Committee reserves the right to refuse/withdraw an entry.
(i)	In the event of adverse weather conditions or other such extenuating circumstances, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to alter the Terms of the Competition to achieve a result.

(j)	<i>Exception to this Regulation: Events run jointly by Golf Ireland and Golf Clubs (e.g. East, North, South and West of Ireland Men's Amateur Open, Women's Scratch Cup Series, Mullingar Men's Scratch Trophy, etc). Committees in these circumstances will consist of such numbers and representation as are agreed between Golf Ireland and the Club.</i>
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## **Reg. 7. PRIZES**

(a)	All Golf Ireland Championship trophies are perpetual and must be returned to the Headquarters of Golf Ireland on or before 31 March in each year. The Golf Ireland Inter-Club Tournament Trophies must be returned on or before 1 August in the following year by the winning Club.
(b)	Trophies may not be taken out of the island of Ireland.
(c)	Regional Trophies must be returned to the Regional Office by the date specified in relevant Championship/Tournament Regulations.
(d)	A competitor may win one voucher only, but it will be a matter for the specific Terms of Competition whether a competitor may win more than one trophy.
(e)	In competitions which are primarily played off scratch, gross prizes will take precedence over net prizes. In net competitions, net prizes will take precedence over gross prizes.

## **Reg. 8. CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRIES**

(a)	Entry fees shall be determined by Golf Ireland.
(b)	Entries will not be accepted following the entry deadline under any circumstance save for that covered by Regulation 8 (c) below.
(c)	All Championships will close for online entry 28 days before the commencement of the competition, except where the field size has not been filled (in which case entries may remain open for a further period at the absolute discretion of the Committee, with the proviso that entries are not extended beyond the time the draw is published).
(d)	The draw for all Championships will be released seven days before the Championship, after which time no refunds will be given in any circumstances.
(e)	Submission of an entry does not guarantee entry in any Championship.
(f)	All entries shall be subject to the approval of the Committee.
(g)	Where Handicap Index is used to determine the field, the exact Handicap Index at closing date of entry will be used for administration purposes.
(h)	Data Protection: Golf Ireland will only store and use personal information in relation to current or future events, in adherence to the General Data Protection Regulation.



## **Reg. 9. ENTRIES INTO & PARTICIPATION IN INTER-CLUB TOURNAMENTS**

(a)	Entrance fees for Inter-Club competitions will be decided from time to time by the Board of Golf Ireland, which at all times reserves the right to refuse entry into Inter-Club competitions run under its auspices. Entry, accompanied by the fee, must be sent to the authorised official of Golf Ireland. In the event that a club does not pay its annual subscription in accordance with the Memorandum, Articles and Regulations of Golf Ireland CLG, acceptance of an entry fee from said club shall not confer the right to compete.
(b)	Where matches are played on a home/away basis, both teams may, at their discretion, make reciprocal complimentary practice available to the away teams, including two substitutes in competitions with team sizes of seven or less, or including four substitutes in competitions with team sizes of in excess of this. Due notice must be given by teams intending to practise in these circumstances.
(c)	It will be a condition of entry that participating clubs will provide the facilities of the course and clubhouse to the running of the competitions at reasonable intervals by arrangement with the Regional or National Offices of Golf Ireland. A reasonable interval is not necessarily annual, although it may be by agreement between the club and Regional/National Office; but it is, in any event, sufficiently regular to ensure the smooth running of Golf Ireland's competitions. Regional Offices may, from time to time, further define these intervals for the avoidance of doubt.
(d)	<p>Deadlines for Home/Away Matches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Matches must be arranged and completed on or before the deadline date for each round.</li> <li>ii) It is recommended that the club drawn at home should contact the opposing club to arrange the time and date for the next match as soon as possible after the result of the previous round has been posted. It is also recommended that, where possible, a choice of at least two dates – one of which should be a weekend day – should be offered by each Team Captain. Finally, it is recommended that, where possible, matches should be played at the same time.</li> <li>iii) If the two teams cannot mutually agree a date for the match, the match date is automatically designated as the date on which the deadline falls. In any event, if the match has not concluded by the deadline date and where a walkover has not been given, both teams are eliminated, with the sole exception to this provided for in v) below.</li> <li>iv) Only in the event of failing light, a flooded course, or danger to life from lightning, or the reinstatement of a team due to the late disqualification of their opponents in the previous round, matches not begun or not completed must be concluded within the following 48 hours. For matches which had started, on the suspension of play, players shall mark the spot of the ball and lift the ball. Play shall recommence from the spot where the balls were marked, when play was suspended (see Rule 5.7d).</li> <li>v) If one venue is rendered unplayable, this does not mean the other venue also discontinues play. i.e. that portion of the match shall continue regardless of playing conditions at the other venue.</li> <li>vi) In the event of a course not being suitable for play in any round due to more than two temporary greens at an 18-hole course or more than one at a nine-hole course, or in the opinion of the Regional Championships Committee, abnormal</li> </ul>

	<p>course conditions, home advantage must be conceded unless prior approval of the relevant Regional Office is obtained.</p> <p>vii) In the event of both courses being unplayable prior to the deadline for the completion of the round, the provisions of Regs. 9 (d) iv and 9 (d) v above apply. Contact must be made with the Regional office to confirm the activation of this contingency.</p> <p>viii) Participating clubs are responsible for their own expenses.</p>
(e)	In the case of Tournaments which have both Regional and National stages, Regions may, at their discretion, publish additional administrative requirements, fines and penalties for the purpose of assisting with the smooth running of the Tournament in each region.

### Reg. 10. STRUCTURE OF ALL-IRELAND INTER-CLUB COMPETITIONS

(a)	Unless otherwise stated in the specific Terms of Competition, All-Ireland Inter-Club competitions will consist of national and regional sections.																																																																																												
(b)	The regional section will be administered by the four regions of Golf Ireland, and will, unless otherwise stated, consist of eight Competition Areas (one in Connacht, two in Munster, two in Ulster and three in Leinster). Where entries received in any Competition Area are fewer than four, Golf Ireland will modify the Tournament structure in the manner deemed most equitable.																																																																																												
(c)	The winner of each Competition Area will advance to the national section, which will consist of three rounds – a quarter-final, semi-final and final.																																																																																												
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### Reg. 11. COURSES/WEATHER

(a)	All participating clubs are required to have a golf course with a current Course Rating and Slope Rating, where length and normal playing difficulty is maintained at a consistent level and in accordance with Appendix G of the Rules of Handicapping.
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(b)	Clubs with more than two temporary greens (or in the case of a nine-hole course more than one temporary green) must contact the applicable Regional Office before any Golf Ireland Inter-Club match.
(c)	If preferred lies are in operation they must comply with the Model Local Rule (MLR) E-2 and/or E-3 in the Committee Procedures of the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf. 'Rake and Place' or other local rules not authorised in the Committee Procedures of the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf are not permitted.
(d)	Portable mats are prohibited in all Regional and National Inter-Club competitions.
(e)	The use of Model Local Rule E5 (alternative to stroke and distance) is not permitted.
(f)	<p>When play is suspended, a team/player(s) that has/have already commenced play must resume play of the re-scheduled match.</p> <p>i) Any player(s) who is/are unable to resume play in the re-scheduled match must concede their match.</p> <p>ii) A team/player(s) who have/has not commenced play may be substituted even if team sheets have already been exchanged prior to the re-scheduling of the match.</p> <p>iii) When a team has commenced play and play is suspended, the provisions governing substitution as set out in Regulation 20 of these Rules apply to those players who had not commenced their match only.</p> <p>iv) Every effort should be made to agree a suitable date.</p> <p>v) Only in the exceptional circumstances set out in Regulation 9 (d) iv above, a short extension to accommodate a re-scheduled match may be granted by the Committee.</p>
(g)	Team Captains do not have the authority to modify the Local Rules of the host club or to introduce Local Rules unless permission is sought from the relevant Regional Office. In exceptional circumstances the Committee may authorise an alteration to Local Rules.

## Reg. 12. DRAWS

(a) **Individual Championships:** Unless otherwise stated in the specific Terms of Competition, when qualifying rounds are held to determine the players who shall take part in the ensuing Match Play, then the draw for the match is carried out according to the automatic draw and the number given to each qualifier is determined by the score returned, e.g. the lowest score returned will be No. 1; the second No. 2, etc:

Upper Half	Lower Half	Upper Half	Lower Half
<b>64 qualifiers</b>		<b>32 qualifiers</b>	
1 v 64	2 v 63	1 v 32	2 v 31
32 v 33	31 v 34	16 v 17	15 v 18
16 v 49	15 v 50	8 v 25	7 v 26
17 v 48	18 v 47	9 v 24	10 v 23
8 v 57	7 v 58	4 v 29	3 v 30
25 v 40	26 v 39	13 v 20	14 v 19
9 v 56	10 v 55	5 v 28	6 v 27
24 v 41	23 v 42	12 v 21	11 v 22
4 v 61	3 v 62	<b>16 qualifiers</b>	

		29 v 36	30 v 35	1 v 16	2 v 15
		13 v 52	14 v 51	8 v 9	7 v 10
		20 v 45	19 v 46	4 v 13	3 v 14
		5 v 60	6 v 59	5 v 12	6 v 11
		28 v 37	27 v 38	<b>8 qualifiers</b>	
		12 v 53	11 v 54	1 v 8	2 v 7
		21 v 44	22 v 43	4 v 5	3 v 6
(b)	In Stroke Play championships, the draw for the initial rounds of Championships will be conducted at the discretion of the Committee. The draw for subsequent rounds will, where possible, be conducted in reverse order of scores.				
(c)	Wherever a cut is imposed at a certain stage of a competition, qualification for subsequent rounds will take the leading scores in the specified number <i>that are available to compete</i> . Therefore, wherever an individual whose score is inside the cut withdraws prior to the closure of the final qualifying round, they, when withdrawn, will be removed from consideration.				
(d)	<b><u>Team (Inter-Club) Competitions:</u></b> In all draws conducted for Inter-Club competitions, the team that appears first in the draw will have home advantage in the preliminary round and/or round 1. However, thereafter, home advantage will be determined by number allocated to each team, which will be drawn at random prior to the commencement of the competition.				

## SECTION C – HANDICAPS (Regulations 13–15)

These Regulations cover Golf Ireland’s approach to the application of handicaps in its Inter-Club competitions, specifically in the matters of handicap allowances (which will be in accordance with Appendix C of the Rules of Handicapping), verification of handicaps and the presentation of handicap information on team sheets.

### Reg. 13. HANDICAP ALLOWANCES (PLAYING HANDICAPS)

The following applies to competitions which are played off a handicap (net) as set out in the specific terms of competition.

(a)	<p>Playing Handicaps in Stroke Play as prescribed by the Rules of Handicapping:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Individual Stroke Play, Stableford, Par/Bogey, and Maximum Score: 95% of Course Handicap</li> <li>ii) Four-Ball Stroke Play &amp; Stableford: 85% of Course Handicap</li> <li>iii) Foursomes: 50% of the combined Course Handicap of a Pair</li> <li>iv) Scotch Foursomes/ Greensomes: 60% of the Low Course Handicap + 40% of the High Course Handicap</li> </ul>
(b)	<p>Under the Rules of Handicapping, in each form of Match Play where the Terms of Competition prescribe strokes to be given/received, sides first work out their Playing Handicaps and then take their full shots from each other, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Individual Match Play – 100% of Course Handicaps.</li> <li>ii) Four-Ball Match Play – All players take 90% of their Course Handicap as their Playing Handicap and players receive the difference between their own Playing Handicap and that of the player with the lowest Playing Handicap.</li> <li>iii) Foursomes Match Play – Each pair determines their side’s Playing Handicap (50% of the combined Rounded Course Handicaps of a Pair) and then determines the strokes given or received based on the full difference between their Playing Handicap and the opposing pair’s.</li> <li>iv) Scotch/Greensomes Foursomes – Each pair determines their side’s Playing Handicap (60% of the Low Course Handicap + 40% of the High Course Handicap) and then determines their strokes based on the full difference between their Playing Handicap and the opposing pair’s.</li> </ul>
(c)	<p>Where strokes are to be given or received, strokes must be taken based on the indices prescribed for the course on the club scorecard. If the scorecard has a set of indices for match play and stroke play, strokes taken in matches must be based on the match play indices.</p>

### Reg. 14. HANDICAP VERIFICATION

(a)	<p>To verify handicaps for Competitions, prospective entrants/competitors will be requested to provide all information necessary for this purpose, including CDH number or handicap certification.</p>
(b)	<p><b>Championship Ballots in 2021:</b> Following the recent introduction of the World Handicap System, in addition to the curtailment of playing opportunities due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Committee reserves the right, when assessing the ballot for all events, to revise the standing of any player due to any observed anomalies of the</p>

	system. This may include a player whose Handicap Index may qualify him/her for the field of an event but whose handicap scoring record is not fully established (ie, falls well below 20 scores on their record at the close of entries, spanning the current year and the previous two years). Decisions on these matters will be at the Committee's discretion.
(c)	The final responsibility for playing off the correct Course Handicap rests with the player, who will be subject to penalties in accordance with Rule 3.3b(4) of the Rules of Golf.
(d)	It will be Golf Ireland's responsibility to verify that individuals meet any Handicap Index eligibility criteria specified in the Terms of Competitions, EXCEPT in any round of an Inter-Club competition where a Golf Ireland official is not in attendance. As per Regulation 20 below, in this circumstance, the controlling body is empowered to devolve the verification of Handicap Indexes to the Captains of teams about to engage in a match. Where responsibility is so devolved, the two Team Captains MUST exchange team sheets and handicap information of their players 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the match. Any claims or protests lodged regarding this information are subject to the same timeline as set out in Section E of the General Regulations below.
(e)	<p>A report will be available from <a href="http://www.golfireland.ie/">http://www.golfireland.ie/</a> to help facilitate the process outlined in Reg 14 (d) above. In addition to its use along with the exchange of team sheets, clubs should note the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) As a result of the transition from the CONGU Unified Handicapping System to the World Handicapping System on 2 November 2020, a number of clubs have required adjustments to be applied to members after 1 January 2021, due to the resolution of course mapping issues and other related transitional matters.</li> <li>ii) Where this has happened, it is possible that the impact of an adjustment may change a player's qualifying Handicap Index as it appears on their record on 1 January 2021.</li> <li>iii) To ensure that any such adjustments have been made for legitimate reasons in this circumstance, a flag will appear beside any player on the report who has had an adjustment applied to their Handicap Index after 1 January 2021.</li> <li>iv) It is strongly recommended that a Team Captain or Club Official downloads this report at least 10 days prior to their team's first match in a Tournament. Should a flag appear beside the name of any player, it is further recommended that the Team Captain or Club Official refers the flagged player to the Regional Office, so that confirmation can be obtained that the adjustment made to the player's handicap was legitimately required.</li> <li>v) Legitimate reasons here include the resolution of course remapping issues, the cancellation of general play scores input in the system in error during the closure of golf courses, and other transitional matters related to the introduction of WHS. However, the late application of the annual review of handicaps in a club after 1 January in the year of the event is not a legitimate reason for the adjustment of a player's handicap.</li> <li>vi) Where a Team Captain or Club Official has referred any flagged players to the Regional Office at least 10 days in advance of the club's first round in a Tournament, the Regional Office will issue written confirmation of the player's handicap on 1 January of the year of the tournament, for the purposes of clarifying the flag on the report beside the player's name. A copy of this should then be appended to the report when exchanging team sheets and handicapping information with the opposing Team Captain.</li> <li>vii) Where a Team Captain or Club Official has not downloaded the report and referred any flagged players to the Regional Office at least 10 days in advance of</li> </ul>

	<p>the club's first match in a Tournament, this does not mean that flagged players are ineligible, but confirmation of their eligibility and the correctness of their handicap as it appears on the report is still pending. Following the conclusion of the match, the opposing team may refer to the Regional Office any flagged players for whom written confirmation of their handicap has not already been obtained from the Regional Office. In the event that the Regional Office determines that an adjustment has been made without cause under v) above, and this results in a player either being found to be ineligible or playing off a higher handicap than they were entitled to, a penalty of disqualification will be applied to the player/pair involved. Please note that this only applies where the handicap declared affects strokes given or received – if the declaration does not affect the number of strokes given or received and the players fielded are eligible to compete in the competition, there is no penalty.</p>
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### Reg. 15. HANDICAPS ON TEAM SHEETS

(a)	<p>In all circumstances, the information submitted on the Team Sheet shall be the sole determinant of Handicap Indexes where matches are played off scratch. In handicap (net) events where an Order of Play is prescribed, it is the Playing Handicap which determines the order of play. The final responsibility for playing off the correct playing handicap and for knowing the holes where strokes are given or received rests with the player in accordance with rule 3.2c (1)/2 of the Rules of Golf.</p>
(b)	<p>In accordance with this, 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. <b><i>Please note that this only applies where the handicap declared affects strokes given or received – if the declaration does not affect the number of strokes given or received and the players fielded are eligible to compete in the competition, there is no penalty.</i></b> Penalties assessed under this Regulation do not apply if wrong handicapping information on the team sheet is corrected before the commencement of play in the match(es) concerned in accordance with Regulation 20 (j) of these Rules.</p>
(c)	<p>Where a handicap order is prescribed in the specific Terms of Competition, and a player/pair play out of handicap order the pair/player shall be disqualified from that match and their opponent awarded the match. There is no further penalty provided the remaining players play in order of handicap.</p>
(d)	<p><u>Penalty for breach of Regulation 15:</u> Unless otherwise stated and where the Rules of Golf do not provide, the penalty for breach of Regulations 13-15 is <u>Disqualification of player/pair involved</u>.</p>



## **SECTION D – RULES OF PLAY (Regulations 16–24)**

The Regulations in this Section cover matters that arise during the playing of the game, and include Local Rules that will apply to all Golf Ireland competitions unless otherwise stated.

### **Reg. 16. CADDIES**

(a)	Caddies are not permitted in any Golf Ireland events in 2021.
(b)	Penalty for breach of Regulation 16: The player gets the General Penalty for each hole during which there is a breach of this Policy. If the breach occurs between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole.

### **Reg. 17. ADVICE IN TEAM COMPETITIONS**

(a)	Each team may name one advice giver whom players on the team may ask for advice and receive advice from during the round. The team must identify each advice giver to the Committee before any player on the team begins his or her round. NOTE – In the case of Inter-Club matches where a number of matches are taking place simultaneously at two venues (e.g. three at home and two away or vice-versa), teams may appoint an advice-giver at each venue. (Rule 24.4)
(b)	The team may change its advice-giver during a round, but must tell the Official in Charge when doing so. For matches where an official is not present, the team must inform their opposing Team Captain or person in charge before doing so.
(c)	The advice giver must not point out a line of play on the Green or walk on the Green when the ball of a team player lies on the putting green.
(d)	In Team events where the age limit is under 18 or below, Professional golfers are not permitted to be advice givers.
(e)	Penalty for breach of Regulation 17 – The player gets the General Penalty for each hole during which he or she is helped by an advice giver/non-sanctioned individual contrary to the provisions of this Regulation. If the breach happens or continues between two holes, the player gets the General Penalty for the next hole.

### **Reg. 18. ORDER OF PLAY IN MEN’S BARTON SHIELD & BOYS FOURSOMES**

(a)	In both of these competitions where Match Play is used, the full round of 18 holes is played with the overall result being determined by the aggregate of holes up deciding the winning team. If, in such a circumstance, the aggregate score of a match is all square after both games complete 18 holes, the second match as selected shall continue and the pairs contesting tie holes must maintain the way in which they have alternated strokes throughout the round in accordance with Rule 22.3 of the Rules of Golf. In a home/away match where one game is played at each participating club, in the event of a tie, the match played at the club drawn first/top will continue to play sudden death one hole at a time until there is a winner.
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## Reg. 19. ORDER OF PLAY IN IRISH MIXED FOURSOMES

(a)	An enforced alternation of strokes is prescribed with the male player playing first from the teeing area of the first hole of the round and every second hole thereafter. The penalty for making a stroke in any other order will be aligned with the penalty for breach of Rule 22.3 (General Penalty). In Stroke Play, the side must correct the mistake in accordance with the procedure set out in Rule 22.3; otherwise the side is disqualified.
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## Reg. 20. SUBMISSION OF TEAMS / SUDDEN ILLNESS & OTHER EMERGENCIES

(a)	<b>Regional:</b> Where a Regional Official is present, Team Captains must hand their team sheets complete with the required details to the Regional Official in Charge not less than 30 minutes before the start of play. Where no Regional Official is present, Team Captains of the two teams about to engage in a match must exchange, simultaneously, their team sheets complete with required details, including proof of eligibility not less than 30 minutes before the start of the match. In the Regional Stage of competitions where matches are played simultaneously in two venues, the order of play and handicap information must be exchanged in each venue. In order to ensure compliance with this requirement at Regional level, the Committee is empowered to disqualify teams who do not fulfil these requirements.
(b)	<b>National:</b> The order of play for the All-Ireland quarter-finals, with the names of reserves, must be handed to the Golf Ireland official in charge at the time designated in advance, and for the Semi-Final or Final not later than one hour after play in the particular semi-final has concluded.
(c)	No alteration may be made in the list handed in except in case of sudden illness or other emergency deemed justification for such an alteration by the on-site Tournament Committee.
(d)	In a competition where teams consist of no more than six players, whether singles or pairs in format, a Team Captain may nominate two reserves. In a pairs' competition (foursomes, four-ball, etc.) where teams consist of at least ten players, a Team Captain may nominate two reserve pairings.
(e)	Where the Terms of a specific Competition so state, teams must be listed in a prescribed order (e.g. Handicap Index).
(f)	In case of sudden illness or other emergency deemed justification for such an alteration by the Tournament Committee, and where a handicap order is prescribed (Handicap Index or Playing Handicap), the reserve shall play in order of the prescribed handicap. If any match has started, the reserve shall play in order of the prescribed handicap of the remaining players. If a reserve is not available the match concerned must be conceded. In Foursomes, if a reserve is substituted, pairings must play in order of the prescribed handicap. If the first match has started the remaining pairs must play in order of the prescribed handicap.

(g)	Where no such handicap order is prescribed 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. In competitions covered by this Regulation involving pairs, a Team Captain also has the option of placing a nominated reserve pair in the same position as that occupied by a pair where one member of that original pair has taken ill or been withdrawn with sufficient justification in the view of the Tournament Committee.
(h)	The Penalty for breach of any of the foregoing clauses in Regulation 20 is disqualification of the team, including where false representations have been made to provide sufficient justification for the substitution of players or the order of play.
(i)	See Section C of the General Regulations for when handicaps are 'declared' following the submission of team sheets.
(j)	Notwithstanding c) above, if an error is discovered in the information returned on the submitted team sheet, this error may be corrected up to the commencement of play of the match concerned. For the avoidance of doubt, an error in this context is only in the information recorded for a player. No alteration to the order of play can be made unless the error in information returned necessitates such a change (e.g. in a competition where the team must play in handicap order). Under no circumstances can this clause be used for the discretionary alteration of the order of play or changing personnel listed after the team has been submitted.
(k)	Where for any reason a team is rendered 'below strength' (e.g., where only four players can be fielded in a five player competition), the following will apply: i) <u>Before the team-sheet has been submitted</u> : Where the team is rendered 'below strength' before submitting a team-sheet, the final place on the team must be left blank (e.g. for a five-player competition, the no.5 slot should be left blank). ii) <u>After the team-sheet has been submitted</u> : Where the team-sheet has been submitted and circumstances cause one or more player(s) to withdraw without the team being able to field a reserve, the match(es) involving the withdrawn player(s) must be conceded and the remaining order of play stands.

## **Reg. 21. ANTI-DOPING**

(a)	Competitors who are on medication and in doubt as to their clinical status should seek advice from Sport Ireland. Please refer to <a href="http://www.sportireland.ie">www.sportireland.ie</a> for anti-doping education, medicines/TUE's & testing overview. Competitors may be tested for the use of drugs, which if positive, will lead to automatic disqualification.
(b)	Golf Ireland's Anti-Doping Rules are the Irish Anti-Doping Rules, underpinned by Sport Ireland's Anti-Doping Programme, as amended from time to time.

## **Reg. 22. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES**

(a)	DMD's are permitted but must conform to rule 4.3.
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## Reg. 23. TRANSPORTATION

(a)	During a round, a player must not ride on any form of motorized transportation unless they are subject to medical confirmation of a disability as defined by the statutes of the Republic of Ireland and of the United Kingdom.
(b)	Exception 1: A player who will play, or has played, under penalty of stroke and distance is always authorised to ride on motorized transportation to complete this procedure.
(c)	Exception 2: Where in-round shuttling has been organised by the Tournament Committee, players may ride on the shuttle between holes identified in advance.
(d)	Exception 3: This Regulation does <u>not</u> apply to the following events – Connacht Senior Women’s Competition; the Leinster Senior Women’s Competition; and the Munster Senior Women’s Competitions.
(e)	Penalty for Breach of Regulation 23: The player gets the General Penalty for each hole during which there is a breach of this Local Rule. If the breach occurs between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole.
(f)	Golf Ireland’s Transportation Policy sets out the manner governing the use of buggies.

## Reg. 24. PACE OF PLAY

(a)	A player must not unreasonably delay play, either when playing a hole or between two holes and must play in accordance with Golf Ireland’s Pace of Play Policy.
(b)	The procedure for timing and penalties set out in Golf Ireland’s Pace of Play Policy (see Policy No. 5) will be enforced at all events where a Referee is present.

## SECTION E – RESULTS AND DISPUTES (Regulations 25–28)

This Section deals with how results are determined and disputes resolved.

### Reg. 25. RESOLUTION OF TIES:

General Note: Please note that (a), (b) and (c) below apply to all tied situations unless the Terms of a specific Competition prescribe a method of playoff to resolve a tie (e.g. for first place or for a final qualifying place). Where such a playoff is prescribed, this will be governed in accordance with (d) below.

(a)	<p><u>Individual Stroke Play:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) 9 Holes: Decide on last 6, 3, 1. If still a tie decide on last 8, 7, 6, etc. If still a tie decide by lot.</li> <li>ii) 18 Holes: Decide on last 9, 6, 3, 1 holes. If still a tie decide on last 3, 6, 7, 8 of first 9 holes. If still a tie decide by lot.</li> <li>iii) 36 Holes: Decide on last 18. If still a tie decide as for 18 holes.</li> <li>iv) 54 Holes: Decide on last 36, last 18. If still a tie decide as for 18 holes.</li> <li>v) 72 Holes: Decide on last 54, 36, 18. If still a tie decide as for 18 holes.</li> <li>vi) In the case of handicap prizes, decide on the net score on the same basis.</li> <li>vii) In the case of a 36-hole Stroke Play competition in which 18 holes are played on two different courses, take the aggregate of the players' last 9 on the two courses, then last 6, 3, 1. If still tied, the procedure is repeated using the aggregate of the players' front nines on the two different courses.</li> </ul> <p>*In a case where two different courses are used for 36 holes of stroke play (e.g. North of Ireland Men's Amateur Open Championship), the back 9 of both rounds will be used in the first instance, followed by the front nine of both rounds.</p>
(b)	<p><u>Team Stroke Play:</u> Where the specific Terms of Competition provide, the counting card with the highest score is discarded (and remains discarded throughout the process) and the remaining counting cards are counted. This procedure is continued until only the best card of each team remains. The provisions of a) above will apply where only the best card of each team remains, and both cards are tied. (Exception: For breaking of ties in Nations Cup team competitions, see specific Terms of Competitions.)</p>
(c)	<p><u>Match Play:</u> The match is extended one hole at a time until there is a winner.</p>
(d)	<p><u>Playoffs:</u> Irrespective of the prescribed method of playoffs in the specific Terms of each Competition (i.e. sudden death or a three-hole stroke play playoff), where a playoff over designated holes results in a tie, play will continue one hole at a time over the same designated holes until there is a winner. Designated holes if required must be identified at the start of the tournament.</p>

### Reg. 26. RESOLVING ISSUES – NATIONAL/REGIONAL

(a)	<p>Before the result of the match is final (see Rule 20.1a of the Rules of Golf), if there is a rules issue which is not settled between the Team Captains, details must be sent in writing within 48 hours of the conclusion of the match to the applicable Regional</p>
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	Office or National Headquarters (where applicable). Each Team Captain is entitled to present their case. When a request for a ruling is being made after the result of the match is final please see Rules 20.1a & 20.1b of the Rules of Golf.
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## Reg. 27. RETURNING OF SCORE CARD

(a)	A scorecard is officially returned when the player has completed the recording process (i.e., handed their card to the recording official) and then exits the Recording Area with both feet.
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## Reg. 28. RESULT OF MATCH OR COMPETITION

(a)	<p><u>Team Match Play</u>: The winning team in team matches that are played without Golf Ireland Officials present must report the result to the Regional Office within 24 hours of the conclusion of the match, in the manner prescribed by said Regional Office.</p> <p>*Prior to the Area final, the result of a match in any team Match Play competition will be official 48 hours after the conclusion of the match.</p> <p>*At the Area final stage, the result will be official when it has been announced at the Prize Giving Ceremony.</p> <p>*Subsequent to the Area Final, the result of a match will be official when it is recorded by the Tournament Officials on <a href="http://www.golfireland.ie">www.golfireland.ie</a>.</p> <p>*<u>Note on Disqualification Penalties</u>: Where a winning player or pair is disqualified under the Rules of Golf or under these Regulations for a breach warranting such, their opponent(s) will be awarded the match unless the opponent has already won. The overall match score will be adjusted accordingly. In the specific scenario where this results in the overall state of the match being tied, the opposing team to that which included the disqualified player/pair will be awarded the overall match and will advance in the competition. For home/away rounds, it is recommended, in order to avoid such a scenario, that all matches are played out to their conclusion, even if the result of the overall result of the tie has been established.</p>
(b)	<u>Team Stroke Play (Qualifying)</u> : In Stroke Play qualifying followed by Match Play, the stroke play competition is treated as closed when the player has teed off in their first match.
(c)	<u>Team Stroke Play (Finals)</u> : The Competition is treated as closed when the result has been officially announced at the Prize Giving Ceremony.
(d)	<u>Individual Match Play</u> : The winner of the match must report the result to the nearest Referee/Official or the Championship Office as soon as possible. In many cases, match result cards may be used to facilitate this process. The result of a match is treated as having been officially announced when it has been recorded in the Championship Office.
(e)	<u>Individual Stroke Play</u> : The Competition is treated as closed when the result has been officially announced at the Prize Giving Ceremony.

## **SECTION F – COMPETITION POLICIES**

### **1 – MEDIA**

It is a condition of entry applying to all competitors that Golf Ireland, in line with the EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and similar such provisions as may apply from time to time, may use video, photographs and similar references to competitors, in practice and play, in the publicity arrangements prior to, during and after its Competitions.

### **2 – DRESS CODE**

Neat casual dress must be worn on the course and in the clubhouse for all Competitions. Attire must be clean, neat and tidy and in keeping with the high standards of the Clubhouse. Any type of footwear worn on the course is not acceptable in the Clubhouse.

### **3 – SAFEGUARDING**

Golf Ireland is fully committed to the guidelines contained in the Code of Ethics and Golf Practice for Children's Sport in Ireland and in the Code of Ethics for Golf for Young People, or the most up-to-date equivalents.

### **4 – SPECTATOR GUIDELINES**

Golf Ireland welcomes spectators to all of its Competitions. To ensure that all players feel comfortable on the course and enjoy their game these guidelines should be observed:

- i) Walk in rough & maintain a distance of at least 25 yards from players
- ii) Acknowledge good shots by all players equally
- iii) Do not give advice or interact with players
- iv) Do not give Rulings or call Penalties on players
- v) Do not disturb the play of others by moving or making noise
- vi) Be aware of the players in the groups behind
- vii) Do not move a player's bag as this may be construed as caddying. Breaches of these guidelines may be reported to the Tournament Office.
- viii) Always be alert to incoming ball flights, irrespective of positioning relative to the line of play. In this regard it is essential to be aware of play and activity in front of and behind.

Spectators attending Golf Ireland competitions assume full responsibility for all belongings carried onto the competition site, and for their personal safety with particular regard to 4 viii) above.

### **5 – PACE OF PLAY POLICY (Rule 5.6 of the Rules of Golf)**

- a) Time allowed: Each player is responsible for playing without unreasonable delay (Rule 5). Where a Referee is in attendance each hole will be given a maximum completion time based upon the length and difficulty of the hole. The maximum time allotted for the completion of 18 holes will be posted prior to play.
- b) Definition of 'Out of Position': The first group will be considered to be '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. Any following group will be considered 'out of position' if the group is greater than the starting interval behind the group in front.

- c) The Chief Referee at the event reserves the right to time a group when necessary. Further, if a player is determined by the Chief Referee to be unreasonably slow, they may be timed individually at the Chief Referee's discretion, regardless of whether their group is out of position.
- d) Procedure when group is Out of Position during a Round
  - i) If a decision is taken to time the group, each player in the group will be subject to Individual timing by the Official who will advise each player that they are 'out of position' and are being timed.
  - ii) The maximum time allocated per shot is 40 seconds. 10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play: 1) on a par three hole 2) their approach shot 3) a chip or putt.
  - iii) The timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach their ball, they have had a few seconds to select their club and they are able to play without distraction.
  - iv) Time spent determining yardage will count as time taken for the next stroke.
  - v) On the putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace their ball, repair ball marks and move loose impediments on their line of play. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.
  - vi) Timing ceases when a group is back in position and players will be advised accordingly.
  - vii) Penalties – First Bad Time = Verbal warning from referee; Second Bad Time = one Stroke; Third Bad Time = General Penalty; Fourth Bad Time = Disqualification
- e) Procedure when again 'Out of Position' during same round: If a group is 'out of position' more than once during a round, the above procedure will apply on each occasion. Bad times and application of penalties during the same round will be carried forward until the round is completed. A player will not be penalised if they have a second bad time before being advised of their earlier bad time.
- f) Ready Golf (Stroke Play only): Golf Ireland encourages players to play "Ready Golf". This is being introduced to improve Pace of Play and increase the enjoyment for all players. Simply put, "ready golf" means that each golfer within a group hits when ready. If you reach your ball and are ready to hit, while other members of your group are not yet prepared, then go ahead and hit – even if it is not your turn – provided it is safe to do so. Examples of Ready Golf include:
  - i) Hitting a shot when safe to do so if a player farther away faces a challenging shot and is taking time to assess their options.
  - ii) Shorter hitters playing first from the tee or fairway if longer hitters have to wait.
  - iii) Hitting a tee shot if the person with the honour is delayed in being ready to play.
  - iv) Hitting a shot before helping someone to look for a lost ball.
  - v) Putting out even if it means standing close to someone else's line.
  - vi) Hitting a shot if a person who has just played from a greenside bunker is still farthest from the hole but is delayed due to raking the bunker.
  - vii) When a player's ball has gone over the back of a green, any player closer to the hole but chipping from the front of the green should play while the other player is walking to their ball to assess their shot.
  - viii) Marking scores upon immediate arrival at the next tee, except that the first player to tee off marks their card immediately after teeing off.



## 6 - TRANSPORTATION POLICY

- a) Aims:
- i) The Transportation Policy of Golf Ireland as referred to in the relevant Competition Terms and Hard Card provides for Terms permitting players to use transport when playing golf.
  - ii) Golf Ireland wishes to encourage the participation in golf of all players including the participation of persons with disabilities whenever possible.
  - iii) It is recommended that other associations and golf clubs should take separate legal advice in the event that they wish to put in place a transportation policy appropriate to their specific needs.
- b) Definitions:
- i) 'Disability' has the same meaning as provided in the Irish Disability Act (2005) and UK Disability Discrimination Act (1995) which is as follows: A person has a disability if they have an enduring physical, sensory, mental health or intellectual impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.
  - ii) 'Golf Buggy' means any vehicle deemed by Golf Ireland to be a golf buggy.
  - iii) Valid medical confirmation of disability means a valid written confirmation obtained from a registered general practitioner or consultant registered with the Irish Medical Council or Medical Practitioners in Country of Residence of Competitor which certifies that the player suffers with a disability as defined by the aforesaid legislation and which necessitates the use of a buggy. This confirmation must be entered on the standardised certificate (ie, the Golf Ireland Buggy Certificate – **see Appendix 3**).
- c) Application for use at Designated Elite Events: All applications for use of a golf buggy in the following designated elite championships **MUST BE MADE AT LEAST 14 DAYS BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP**, and will be referred to the Committee for a final decision:
- i) Irish Women's and Men's Close Championships
  - ii) Irish Women's and Men's Amateur Open Championships
  - iii) Irish Girls' Close, Irish Girls' and Boys' Amateur Open Championships
  - iv) All Interprovincial Championships
  - v) All Regional Championships of the categories listed above in i) to iv)
  - vi) The Irish Senior Women's and Senior Men's Close Championships and the Irish Mid-Amateur Men's, and Irish Senior Women's and Senior Men's Amateur Open Championships.
- A player who presents a request form on the day without prior notice at one of the designated elite events will not be entitled to use motorised transportation.
- d) Application for Use at all other Golf Ireland Events: The Committee may require the submission of forms in advance of a competition. Where this requirement is not imposed, a player who presents a Golf Ireland Summary Medical Confirmation of Disability (see Appendix 3) signed and stamped by a registered medical practitioner will be permitted to use a buggy in all other Golf Ireland events, provided that such a buggy is available for use by a player and subject to the terms and conditions listed in f) and g) below. This form must be presented to a Golf Ireland Official in Charge or, on the day of matches which are played without the presence of such an Official, to the opposing Team Captain.



e) Persons who may use a Golf Buggy:

- i) Competitors: A Golf Buggy may be utilised only by a competitor in possession of a Golf Ireland Buggy Certificate, and then only if (a) the Host Club permits the use of such vehicles and (b) no Health & Safety considerations prevent the use of such vehicles. In such circumstances, it is the responsibility of the person concerned to source a buggy, not Golf Ireland. The buggy may be used only by the person named on the certificate and may only carry their equipment. Where the disability prevents the player from driving the buggy, they may nominate a third party to drive the buggy for them, who must be approved by the Committee.
- ii) Under 18 Competitors: Where a player is under the age of 18 years and has met the criteria 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.
- iii) Any individual intending on using a buggy on the grounds of medical disability must ensure they produce a Golf Ireland Buggy Certificate at any event in which they intend to use a buggy.
- iv) Team Captains/Others: Where applicable, the on-site Tournament Committee will, at its absolute discretion, decide on whether a Team Captain or other party may use a buggy.

f) Terms on the use of Golf Buggies

- i) A player who has been granted permission to use a golf buggy must accept full responsibility for any loss or injury sustained by anybody which results from the use of the golf buggy.
- ii) A player or any other person intending to use their own buggy (having been so permitted by Golf Ireland) must hold personal and third party insurance at all times and may be required to produce proof of said insurance policy to the Tournament Committee at any event if request to do so.
- iii) Penalty for breach of Transportation Policy: The player gets the General Penalty for each hole during which there is a breach of this Policy. If the breach occurs between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole.

g) Committee Discretion on the use of a Golf Buggy: Where the use of a buggy by a player, or third party is permitted, the Tournament Committee on site shall have regard to the following additional health and safety considerations before granting approval at a particular event:

- i) Any relevant weather conditions.
- ii) The condition of and suitability of the golf buggy.
- iii) The topography and ground conditions.
- iv) Any other relevant considerations which might affect the safe use of a golf buggy or impact on the safety of others.
- v) If at any particular time the Tournament Committee believes on grounds of Health and Safety a golf buggy should not be used by a player/relevant third party the Committee may:
  - o Refuse to grant permission for the use of a golf buggy, and shall inform the player or relevant third party.
  - o Revoke any permission to use a golf buggy already granted by Golf Ireland to a player /relevant third party by virtue of the consideration of any new Health and Safety issue by the Committee.

## 7 – GENDER POLICY

- a) Golf Ireland believes in and is committed to diversity, inclusion and gender equity among its competitors. As participation in Golf Ireland Championships provides golfers

a unique and positively powerful experience, the goal of this policy is to create opportunity for transgender golfers to participate in accordance with their gender identity while maintaining the relative balance of competitive equity within our events.

- b) Guiding Principles: The implementation and administration of this policy will consider a fair and equitable level of monitoring that is respectful, inclusive and respects a person's human rights.
- c) Definitions
  - i) Golfer: Any individual who seeks to participate as a player in any of Golf Ireland's events.
  - ii) Transgender: Transgender refers to individuals who have been assigned one gender (male or female) at birth but identifies with the other gender.
  - iii) Transgender Female: Someone who was born with a male body, but who identifies as a girl or a woman and who is being treated for gender reassignment.
  - iv) Transgender Male: Someone who was born with a female body, but who identifies as a boy or a man and who is being treated for gender reassignment.
  - v) Gender reassignment medically supervised programme of treatment to change a person's body to align with their gender identity, through hormone therapy and/or surgery.
  - vi) Medical Practitioner: A person licensed to practise medicine in the Republic of Ireland or the United Kingdom.
  - vii) For the purposes of this Policy any reference to a 'member of the Committee' shall refer to a member of Golf Ireland's Rules and Championships Committee with responsibility for taking decisions relating to a player's gender, after consultation with a medical expert.
  - viii) The following policy clarifies participation of a transgender Golfer in an event. For purposes of this Policy, any reference to an "event" refers to a Golf Ireland Championship event.
- d) Eligibility
  - i) A Golfer will be eligible to participate in an event, provided that they participate; a) Under their birth gender, OR
  - ii) For individuals who have undergone gender reassignment before puberty the following guidelines will be used:
  - iii) Individuals undergoing gender reassignment of male-to-female shall be regarded as female
  - iv) Individuals undergoing gender reassignment of female-to-male shall be regarded as male OR
  - v) For individuals who have undergone gender reassignment after puberty, the following guidelines will be used:
  - vi) Male-to-female transgendered persons, to compete as a female, must submit documentation from a medical practitioner that gender reassignment has been ongoing for at least one year
  - vii) Female-to-male transgendered persons, to compete as a male, must submit documentation from a medical practitioner that gender reassignment is ongoing.  
OR
  - viii) Any transgender Golfer who is not taking hormone treatment related to gender reassignment may participate in sex-separated events in accordance with his or her assigned birth gender.
- e) Application for Eligibility: The applicant will initiate the process by submitting by mail or email, the necessary documentation from a Medical Practitioner as outlined in above. The Member of the Committee will decide each case based upon the documentation provided and may, with reasonable cause, request additional

information. Upon review of the documentation provided and if it is deemed sufficient, the competitor will immediately be registered as their new gender and will continue to do so unless circumstances dictate that another gender declaration should be made. Drug testing procedures and prohibitions also apply to people who identify as transgender. A person receiving treatment involving a Prohibited Substance or Method, as described on the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Prohibited List, should apply for a standard Therapeutic Use Exemption.

- f) Confidentiality: The parties agree that they will not at any time disclose information identified by the other party as confidential to any person, corporation or third party and will make no use whatsoever of any information identified as confidential (other than in the ordinary and usual course of implementing this policy) without the written consent of the disclosing Party, unless required by law.

## 8 - CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

- a) Introduction: All competitors are bound by Golf Ireland's Code of Conduct Policy, which applies to instances of misconduct during play.
- b) Warnings and Penalties: The warning and penalty system outlined below will be applied by referees in accordance with the guidelines set out below. Behaviours listed are not exhaustive, and sanctions passed down on the course are final. In addition, the on site Tournament Committee reserve the right to further review any incidents reported following the round, and to pass any further sanctions, stroke penalties, or to disqualify the player under Rule 1.2, where such sanctions are deemed necessary.
- c) When a warning will apply in the first instance: Warnings for first breaches will apply in instances of behaviour which include or are analogous to the following. Competitors who receive a warning during a competition that is run over consecutive days will remain on that warning for the duration of the competition.
- A player entering a no play zone in which entry is strictly prohibited by on site local rule.
  - Failure to care for course (e.g. not raking bunkers, not replacing divots)
  - Unacceptable language
  - Abuse of clubs or the course
  - Violation of Golf Ireland's Dress Code
  - Other such behaviour that falls short of the standards of etiquette and behaviour outlined in Rule 1.2a of the Rules of Golf.
- d) When a player may be penalised without first receiving a warning: In a case where a first breach is analogous to or includes the following behaviour, a player may be penalised without receiving a warning:
- Disrespectful or abusive behaviour towards other players, referees or spectators;
  - Serious abuse of the golf course (e.g. physical abuse of putting green, course furniture, etc);
  - Single instances of issues referenced in Interpretation 1.2a/1 of the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf (click [here](#) for further details).
- e) Penalty Structure:
- If the player's first breach of the Code is for behaviour set out in c) above, the player will receive a warning. Any subsequent breaches under c) above during a competition will be subject to a one-stroke penalty applied to the hole being played. If the player is between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the

next hole. Any subsequent breach under d) above during the competition will be subject to the penalty structure outlined in e) ii. below.

- ii. The player's first breach of the Code for behaviour set out in d) above will be subject to a two-stroke penalty. The player is not entitled to avoid penalty with a warning if this is the player's first breach of the Code. Any subsequent breaches during a competition under c) above will be subject to an additional one-stroke penalty for each. Any subsequent breach under d) above during the competition will be subject to disqualification.

## 9 – SUSPENSION OF PLAY

The following signals will be used to suspend play and resume play:

Immediate stop for imminent danger	– one prolonged note of a siren
Stop of a non-dangerous situation	– three consecutive notes of a siren
Resumption of play	– two consecutive notes of a siren

When play is stopped for imminent danger, all practice areas will be closed.

## **CATEGORY A – IRISH CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **A-1) IRISH WOMEN’S AMATEUR CLOSE CHAMPIONSHIP**

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Female
c) Handicap Eligibility	Maximum Handicap Index of 12.0. A player with a Handicap Index of 12.1 or higher at close of entries is not eligible to compete.
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations.
e) Size of Field	72
f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index at the close of entries
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play (Qualifying) & Match Play
h) No. of Rounds	i) Two rounds of Stroke Play Qualifying on Day 1 ii) Five rounds of Championship Match Play for leading 32 players iii) Four rounds of Plate Match Play for next 16 players
i) Cut	Top 32 available players advance to the Championship Match Play Knockout Rounds; Next 16 players advance to the Plate Match Play Knockout Rounds
j) Ties	All in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations

### **A-2) IRISH MEN’S AMATEUR CLOSE CHAMPIONSHIP**

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap	No restrictions on entry
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	120
f) Ballot	i) Entrants in the top 20 on the 2020 Bridgestone Order of Merit and top 30 on the 2019 Bridgestone Order of Merit. Any places not filled in this way will be filled as per Places 51-110. ii) The remaining places filled in order of Handicap Index at the close of entries, up to 10 places short of the full field. iii) 10 places at the discretion of the Committee, leaving discretion to bring in entrants who in the view of the Committee should be in the field but have been omitted due to the vagaries of the new system. If no such evidence exists, use lowest remaining Handicap Index. The following criteria may be used to identify these players <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representation of province or country</li> <li>• Membership of a national panel</li> <li>• Past performance (including recent past winner of the championship)</li> <li>• World Ranking</li> <li>• Other extenuating circumstances</li> <li>• Handicap Index (in the absence of the above)</li> </ul>
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play (Qualifying) / Match Play
h) No. of Rounds	Four rounds of Stroke Play
i) Cut	Top 40 plus ties after two rounds

j) Ties	Ties for the Championship will be resolved by a 3-hole Stroke Play playoff immediately after the final card is returned, in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations.
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### A-3) IRISH WOMEN'S & GIRLS' AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

a) Age Group	General for Women's Championship. Girls – Under 18 as set out in Section A of the General Regulations.
b) Gender	Female
c) Handicap Eligibility	The maximum eligible Handicap Index of a Girl Competitor is 12.0. A player with a Handicap Index of 12.1 or higher at close of entries is not eligible to compete. The maximum eligible Handicap Index of all other competitors will be 9.0.
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	90 (if this number of entries is reached, a proviso that at least 40 under 18 players are included in the field will apply)
f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index at the close of entries with a proviso that a) At least 40 under 18 entrants are in the field b) Members of the teams selected to represent Ireland and the MGA in the Carey Cup matches are included
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play – Individual Championship and Nations Cup (At registration, any country may nominate a team/s of two or three players to represent their country, with the lowest two scores in each round counting for each team's total.)
h) No. of Rounds	Three
i) Cut	Top 50 plus ties after 36 holes with the proviso that at least 12 Under-18 players advance.
j) Ties	Ties for the Championship will be resolved by a 3-hole Stroke Play playoff immediately after the final card is returned, in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations. Ties in the Nations Cup will be resolved on the lowest individual score in the third round (ties will be broken in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations), then if tied repeat the same process for the lowest individual score in the second and first rounds if necessary.

### A-4) IRISH MEN'S AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap	No restrictions on entry
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	90
f) Ballot	i) Up to 50 players in order of World Amateur Golf Rankings at the close of entry (must be in the top 2000 on WAGR). If fewer than 50 players are ranked in the top 2000 on WAGR, the remaining places up to No.50 will be determined on Handicap Index. ii) Up to 30 further places will be filled by entrants who have not fulfilled the above ballot criteria but were placed in the top 20 on the 2019 and 2020 Bridgestone Orders of Merit. Places will be offered to entrants in order of their placings on these Orders of Merit, with the 2020 Order of Merit positions filling places in the first instance.

	iii) The remaining places in the field will be allocated to entrants at the discretion of the Committee.
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play – Individual Championship and Nations Cup (At registration, any country may nominate a team/s of two or three players to represent their country, with the lowest two scores in each round counting for each team's total.)
h) No. of Rounds	Three
i) Cut	Top 50 plus ties after 36 holes
j) Ties	Ties for the Championship will be resolved by a 3-hole Stroke Play playoff immediately after the final card is returned, in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations. Ties in the Nations Cup will resolve on lowest individual score in the fourth round in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations then if tied repeat the same process for the lowest individual score in the third, second and first rounds if necessary.

#### **A-5) IRISH SENIOR WOMEN'S AMATEUR CLOSE CHAMPIONSHIP**

a) Age Group	Seniors (over-50) as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Female
c) Handicap Eligibility	Maximum Handicap Index of 15.0. A player with a Handicap Index of 15.1 or higher at close of entries is not eligible to compete.
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	99
f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index at the close of entries
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play and Match Play
h) No. of Rounds	Two Stroke Play Qualifying rounds & four Knockout Match Play rounds (Championship and Plate)
i) Cut	Top 16 finishers in Stroke Play advance to Championship Match Play. The next 16 finishers advance to Plate Match Play.
j) Ties	See Section E of the General Regulations

#### **A-6) IRISH SENIOR MEN'S AMATEUR CLOSE CHAMPIONSHIP**

a) Age Group	Seniors (over-50) as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap	No restrictions on entry
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	90
f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index at close of entries
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play
h) No. of Rounds	Three – one on each day of the Championship
i) Cut	Top 40 plus ties after two rounds
j) Ties	Ties for the Championship will be resolved by a 3-hole Stroke Play playoff immediately after the final card is returned in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations.

#### **A-7) IRISH SENIOR WOMEN'S AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

a) Age Group	Seniors (over-50) as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Female



c) Handicap Eligibility	Maximum Handicap Index of 15.0. A player with a Handicap Index of 15.1 or higher at close of entries is not eligible to compete.
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	81
f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index at the close of entries
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play – Individual Championship and Nations Cup (At registration, any country may nominate a team/s of two or three players to represent their country, with the lowest two scores in each round counting for each team's total.)
h) No. of Rounds	Three – one on each of the three days of the Championship
i) Cut	Top 40 plus ties after two rounds
j) Ties	Ties for the Championship will be resolved by a 3-hole Stroke Play playoff immediately after the final card is returned, in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations . Ties in the Nations Cup will resolve on lowest individual score in the fourth round in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations, then if tied repeat the same process for the lowest individual score in the third, second and first rounds if necessary.

#### **A-8) IRISH SENIOR MEN'S AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

a) Age Group	Seniors (over-55) as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap	No restrictions on entry
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	132
f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index at close of entries
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play
h) No. of Rounds	Three – one on each day of the Championship
i) Cut	Top 54 plus ties after two rounds
j) Ties	Ties for the Championship will be resolved by a 3-hole Stroke Play playoff immediately after the final card is returned, in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations.

#### **A-9) IRISH MID-AMATEUR MEN'S AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

a) Age Group	Mid-Amateur (over-30) as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap	No restrictions on entry
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	66
f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index at the close of entries
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play
h) No. of Rounds	Three – two on the first day of competition and one on the second
i) Cut	30 plus ties after two rounds
j) Ties	Ties for the Championship will be resolved by a 3-hole Stroke Play playoff immediately after the final card is returned, in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations .



#### A-10) IRISH GIRLS' AMATEUR CLOSE CHAMPIONSHIP

a) Age Group	Girls as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Female
c) Handicap Eligibility	Maximum Handicap Index of 18.0. A player with a Handicap Index of 18.1 or higher at close of entries is not eligible to compete.
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	72
f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index at the close of entries
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play & Match Play
h) No. of Rounds	Two Stroke Play qualifying rounds on day 1 Four knock-out Match Play rounds on days 2 and 3
i) Cut	The top 16 scores in Stroke Play qualifying advance to the Championship Match Play stage. The next 16 scores advance to the Plate Match Play stage. A stableford competition will be run on day 2 for non-qualifiers.
j) Ties	See Section E of the General Regulations

#### A-11) IRISH BOYS' AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

a) Age Group	Boys as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap	No restrictions on entry
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	144
f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index at the close of entries
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play (individual and Nations Cup) (At registration, any country may nominate a team/s of two or three players to represent their country, with the lowest two scores in each round counting for each team's total.)
h) No. of Rounds	Four
i) Cut	Top 50 plus ties after three rounds
j) Ties	i) Ties for the Championship will be resolved by a 3-hole Stroke Play playoff immediately after the final card is returned, in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations. ii) Ties in the Nations Cup will resolve on lowest individual score in the fourth round in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations, then if tied repeat the same process for the lowest individual score in the third, second and first rounds if necessary.

#### A-12) IRISH UNDER-16 BOYS' AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

a) Age Group	Under-16 Boys as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap	No restrictions on entry
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	144
f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index at the close of entries
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play
h) No. of Rounds	Three – one on each of the three days of the Championship
i) Cut	Top 50 plus ties after two rounds

j) Ties	Ties for the Championship will be resolved by a three-hole Stroke Play playoff immediately after the final card is returned ,in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations.
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#### **A-13) IRISH UNDER-14 BOYS' AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

a) Age Group	Under 14 Boys as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap	No restrictions on entry
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	144
f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index at the close of entries
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play
h) No. of Rounds	Two – one on each of the two days of the Championship
i) Cut	None
j) Ties	Ties for the Championship will be resolved by a three-hole Stroke Play playoff immediately after the final card is returned in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations.

## **CATEGORY B – CONNACHT CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **B-1) CONNACHT WOMEN'S & GIRLS' AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

a) Age Group	General – with an under-18 category open to girls who meet the age eligibility requirements for under-18 girls set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Female
c) Handicap Eligibility	Section 1: – Handicap Index of 12.4 or under Section 2: – Handicap Index of 12.5 to 26.4, A player with a Handicap Index of 26.5 or higher at close of entries is not eligible to compete.
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	Section 1: Entries will be limited to 54 players. Section 2: Entries will be limited to 45 players.
f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index at the close of entries
g) Form of Play	Stroke play
h) No. of Rounds	Section 1: – 54 holes (36 on day 1 & 18 on day 2) Section 2: – 36 holes (18 on each of the two days of competition)
i) Cut	No
j) Ties	In the event of a tie for the Championship there will be a sudden-death playoff immediately after the final card has been returned in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations.
k) Prizes	Competitors may only win one voucher but may win more than one trophy. <u>Section 1:</u> Winner: Trophy & Voucher; 2nd, 3rd and 4th Gross: Voucher; Gross 1st 18, 2nd 18, 3rd 18: Voucher; 1st net, 2nd Net, 3rd Net: Voucher. Julie Conroy Cup: Best Gross U18: Winner: Trophy and Voucher. <u>Section 2:</u> Winner: Trophy & Voucher; 2nd and 3rd Gross: Voucher; Gross 1st 18, 2nd 18: Voucher; 1st Net, 2nd Net and 3rd Net: Voucher. Best Gross U18: Winner: Voucher.

### **B-2) WEST OF IRELAND MEN'S AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap	No restrictions on entry
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations.
e) Size of Field	The field size for both the Championship and the Qualifier will be fixed on an annual basis by the West of Ireland Committee. In 2021 the size of the Championship Field will be 75 players.
f) Ballot	<b><u>Championship:</u></b> The following automatically qualify: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entrants in the top-20 on the 2020 Bridgestone Order of Merit and top-30 on the 2019 Bridgestone Order of Merit</li> <li>• Any past winners of the Championship within 1.0 of the final cut.</li> <li>• Members of the Connacht Men's Interprovincial Team who enter the Championship.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The remaining places filled in order of Handicap Index at the close of entries, save for the normal provisos that apply in these competitions, up to 16 places short of the full field.</li> <li>• 10 places at the discretion of the Committee, leaving discretion to bring in entrants who in the view of the Committee should be in the field but have been omitted due to the vagaries of the new system. If no such evidence exists, use lowest remaining Handicap Index. The following criteria may be used to identify these players <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Representation of province or country</li> <li>◦ Membership of a national panel</li> <li>◦ Past performance (including recent past winner of the championship)</li> <li>◦ World Ranking</li> <li>◦ Other extenuating circumstances</li> <li>◦ Handicap Index (in the absence of the above)</li> <li>◦ At least the top-six players from the Qualifier.</li> <li>◦ Additional places will accrue where there are ties for the final place in the ballot (all tied will go into the qualifier and the number of places not filled in the field as a result will be added to the Qualifier)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Any players who gain a place in the Championship at the close of entries and withdraw before the start of the qualifier will have their place added to the number available from the Qualifier</li> <li>• Withdrawals from the Championship after the commencement of the qualifier will be filled by the leading players in the Qualifier who do not initially gain a place in the Championship (ties broken in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations)</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <p><b>Qualifier:</b> The top-90 players who do not qualify for the Championship at the close of entries will be allocated a place in the qualifier in order of lowest exact Handicap Index at the time of entries. If necessary, a waiting list for the Qualifier will be created in order of lowest exact Handicap Index at the close of entries, subject to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three Connacht (Home Club) entrants nominated by the Regional Boys' U18 Selection Committee who are under-18 on 1<sup>st</sup> January in the year of the Championship, eligible in accordance with Section A of the General Regulations, and within 1.0 of the qualifying Handicap Index for the Qualifier field, are exempt.</li> <li>• The Committee reserves the right to include further exemptions which it deems in the best interest of the Championship subject to such requests from a National Governing Body.</li> <li>• In the event of entrants on the same exact Handicap Index tying for the final places in the Qualifier field, then all such entrants shall be allocated a place in the Qualifier field.</li> </ul>
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play
h) No. of Rounds	<p><b>Qualifier:</b> one Stroke Play round</p> <p><b>Championship:</b> four Stroke Play rounds – two on the first day and two on the second day.</p>

i) Cut	The top 39 players plus ties after two rounds will qualify to play in the final two rounds.
j) Ties	<b><u>Qualifier:</u></b> The players tied for final qualifying positions will play sudden death over Holes 1, 2, 3, 4 & 18 in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations. <b><u>Championship:</u></b> Stroke Play Qualifying will be determined by countback as set out in Section E of the General Regulations. Match Play will be in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations until there is a winner, using Holes, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 18 in that sequence, repeated if necessary.
k) Prizes	To be determined by the Committee

### B-3) CONNACHT SENIOR WOMEN'S COMPETITION

a) Age Group	Seniors (over 50) as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Female
c) Handicap Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must hold a current Handicap Index of 36.4 or under on closing date. A player with a Handicap Index of 36.5 or higher at close of entries is not eligible to compete.</li> </ul>
d) Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be Home Club member of a golf club affiliated in the Connacht Region.</li> </ul>
e) Size of Field	Determined from year to year by the Championship Committee
f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index at the close of entries.
g) Form of Play	18 holes singles Stableford.
h) No. of Rounds	One
i) Cut	None
j) Ties	In accordance with Section E of the General Regulations
k) Prizes	1 <sup>st</sup> (Perpetual Trophy), 2nd, Net, Gross, 3rd, 4th, 5th Net; Front 9 & Back 9
l) Other	The Golf Ireland Buggy Transportation Policy (Regulation 23) is not in effect for this Championships.

### B-4) CONNACHT SENIOR MEN'S AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

a) Age Group	Seniors (over -50) as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap	No restrictions on entry
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	Determined from year to year by the Championship Committee
f) Ballot	<p>Lowest Handicap Index at the close of entries.</p> <p>In addition – 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.</p> <p>In the event of applications exceeding the allowable field size, a waiting list in Handicap Index order will be drawn up and decided by ballot. The Waiting List will not bestow any preferences to those aged over 65 years of age in the event of a withdrawal from those aged over 65, reducing the final number aged 65 and over to less than 30%, once the Draw has been made.</p>
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play
h) No. of Rounds	Two – one on each day of the tournament

i) Cut	No
j) Ties	See Section E of the General Regulations
k) Prizes	Determined by the Championship Committee

#### **B-5) CONNACHT UNDER-16 GIRLS' STABLEFORD COMPETITION**

a) Age Group	Girls (Under-16, Under-14 and Under-12) as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Female
c) Handicap Eligibility	Competitors must hold a Handicap Index of 35.4 or less on the closing date. A player with a Handicap Index of 35.5 or higher at close of entries is not eligible to compete.
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations.
e) Size of Field	Determined from year to year by the Championship Committee
f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index at the close of entries if oversubscribed.
g) Form of Play	Singles Stableford
h) No. of Rounds	One
i) Cut	None
j) Ties	See Section E of the General Regulations
k) Prizes	<u>Connacht Girls' Trophy:</u> Best Gross Under 16: Trophy and Voucher; 2nd Gross - Voucher. Bentley Plate: Best Net Under 16: Winner - Trophy and Voucher; 2nd Net - Voucher <u>Brenda Geraghty Trophy:</u> Best Gross Under 14: Winner - Trophy & Voucher; Best Net - Voucher Leonard Dodd Shield: Best Net Under 12: Winner: Trophy & Voucher

#### **B-6) CONNACHT BOYS' AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

a) Age Group	Boys (Under-18) as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap Eligibility	No restrictions on entry
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	Determined annually by the Championship Committee
f) Ballot	Lowest exact Handicap Index at the close of entries. In addition, up to six Connacht (Home Club) eligible players who entered but do not qualify may be invited to play by the Regional Boys' U18 Selection Committee.
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play
h) No. of Rounds	Three- one on each day of the championship
i) Cut	Top 45 plus ties after two rounds
j) Ties	Ties for the Championship will be resolved by a three-hole Stroke Play in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations.
k) Prizes	These shall be determined by the Championship Committee

#### **B-7) CONNACHT UNDER-16 BOYS' AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

a) Age Group	Boys (Under-16) as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Male

c) Handicap	No restrictions on entry
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	Determined annually by the Championship Committee
f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index at the close of entries. In addition, up to six Connacht (Home Club) eligible players who entered but do not qualify may be invited to play by the Regional Boys' Under 16 Selection Committee.
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play
h) No. of Rounds	Two – one on each day of the championship
i) Cut	Top 45 plus ties after one round
j) Ties	Ties for the Championship will be resolved by a three-hole Stroke Play playoff immediately after the final card is returned, in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations.
k) Prizes	These shall be determined by the Championship Committee

#### **B-8) CONNACHT UNDER-14 BOYS' AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

a) Age Group	Boys (Under-14) as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap Eligibility	No restrictions on entry
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	Determined annually by the Championship Committee
f) Ballot	Lowest exact Handicap Index at the close of entries. In addition, up to six Connacht (Home Club) eligible players who entered but do not qualify may be invited to play.
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play
h) No. of Rounds	One
i) Cut	None
j) Ties	See Section E of the General Regulations
k) Prizes	These shall be determined by the Championship Committee

#### **B-9) CONNACHT BOYS' CLOSE CHAMPIONSHIPS (U13, U15, U17)**

a) Age Group	Under-13, Under-15 and Under-17 as per Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap	All players must have a Handicap Index
d) Eligibility	As prescribed in Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	Unlimited
f) Qualifying	Any player entered for any of these Championships who is subsequently selected to represent their Region in the Interprovincial Championship if on the same week shall be exempted from Qualifying and receive a place in the finals, subject to him having entered the Championship. The number of entrants in each age Category to qualify through the Stroke Play qualifying phase shall be reduced accordingly from the Venue to which the player would have been assigned.
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play, noting that the Under 13s shall compete over nine holes only.
h) No. of Rounds	Two – one at the qualifier and one at the Area Finals
i) Cut	Top 25 in each Age Category on an entry pro rata basis between the two Qualifying Venues shall qualify for the Finals.



j) Ties	See Section E of the General Regulations
k) Prizes	These shall be determined by the Championship Committee

#### **B-10) CONNACHT MID-AMATEUR MEN'S AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

General Note	This is a biennial event, occurring in even years (ie, 2022, 2024, etc)
a) Age Group	Mid-Amateur (over-30) as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap	No restrictions on entry
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	66
f) Ballot	Lowest exact Handicap Index at the close of entries
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play
h) No. of Rounds	Three – two on the first day of competition and one on the second
i) Cut	Top 30 plus ties after 1 round
j) Ties	Ties for the Championship will be resolved by a 3-hole Stroke Play Playoff in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations.
k) Prizes	These shall be determined by the Championship Committee

#### **B-11) CONNACHT MEN'S STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP**

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap	No restrictions on entry
d) Eligibility	As set out in Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	75
f) Ballot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entrants in the top-20 on the 2020 Bridgestone Order of Merit and top-30 on the 2019 Bridgestone Order of Merit</li> <li>The remaining places filled in order of Handicap Index at the close of entries up to 10 places short of the full field.</li> <li>10 places at the discretion of the Committee, leaving discretion to bring in entrants who in the view of the Committee should be in the field but have been omitted due to the vagaries of the new system. If no such evidence exists, use lowest remaining Handicap Index. The following criteria may be used to identify these players <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Representation of province or country</li> <li>Membership of a national panel</li> <li>Past performance (including recent past winner of the championship)</li> <li>World Ranking</li> <li>Other extenuating circumstances</li> <li>Handicap Index (in the absence of the above)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play
h) No. of Rounds	Four – two on each day of the Championship
i) Cut	Top 39 plus ties after two rounds
j) Ties	Ties for the Championship will be resolved by a 3-hole Stroke Play playoff immediately after the final card is returned, in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations.
k) Prizes	These shall be determined by the Championship Committee



## **C – LEINSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **C-1) LEINSTER WOMEN’S AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Female
c) Handicap	Competitors must have a Handicap Index not exceeding 9.4. A player whose Index increases before start of play may be offered a place in the Duggan Cup should a place become available.
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	To be determined annually by the Championship Committee
f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index at the close of entry, if oversubscribed
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play and Match Play
h) No. of Rounds	Two Stroke Play qualifying rounds and four Match Play knock-out rounds. The round is 18 holes.
i) Cut	The 16 competitors available with the leading aggregate gross scores shall qualify for Match Play for the Leinster Championship.
j) Ties	See Section E of the General Regulations
k) Prizes	Prizes will be awarded to the winner, runner-up, semi-finalists, the top-three gross scores and top-two net scores in Stroke Play qualifying, and the best gross and net for the first and second rounds. Gross prizes always take precedence over net prizes.

### **C-2) EAST OF IRELAND MEN’S AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap	No restriction on entries
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	132
f) Ballot	Entrants in the top 20 on the 2020 Bridgestone Order of Merit and top 30 on the 2019 Bridgestone Order of Merit The remaining places filled in order of Handicap Index at the close of entries, up to 10 places short of the full field. 10 places at the discretion of the Committee, leaving discretion to bring in entrants who in the view of the Committee should be in the field but have been omitted due to the vagaries of the new system. If no such evidence exists, use lowest remaining Handicap Index. The following criteria may be used to identify these players Representation of province or country Membership of a national panel Past performance (including recent past winner of the championship) World Ranking Other extenuating circumstances Handicap Index (in the absence of the above)
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play
h) No. of Rounds	Four
i) Cut	Top 42 plus ties after two rounds
j) Ties	Ties for the Championship will be resolved by a 3-hole Stroke Play playoff immediately after the final card is returned, in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations.

k) Prizes	All prizes will be decided by the Championship Committee. No competitor will receive more than one of the 72-hole prizes.
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### **C-3) LEINSTER WOMEN'S DUGGAN CUP**

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Female
c) Handicap	Competitors must have a Handicap Index between 9.5 and 18.4. A player whose Handicap Index falls below 9.4 before start of play may be offered a place in the Leinster Championship where possible.
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	To be determined from year to year by the Championship Committee
f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index at the close of entry, if oversubscribed
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play and Match Play
h) No. of Rounds	One Stroke Play qualifying round and four Match Play knock-out rounds. The round is 18 holes.
i) Cut	The top-16 available entries from the qualifying round advance to Match Play
j) Ties	See Section E of the General Regulations
k) Prizes	Prizes will be awarded to the winner, runner-up, semi-finalists, the leading three gross and net scores in Stroke Play qualifying. Gross prizes take precedence over net prizes.

### **C-4) LEINSTER SENIOR WOMEN'S AREA COMPETITION**

a) Age Group	Seniors (over-50) as set out in A
b) Gender	Female
c) Handicap	Max Handicap Index 36.4.
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations. Only members of clubs in the same Competition Area as the venue may enter that Seniors competition.
e) Size of Field	To be determined by the Championship Committee
f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index at close of entries, if oversubscribed
g) Form of Play	18 holes Singles Stableford
h) No. of Rounds	One
i) Buggies	Note the Transportation Policy does not apply to this event
j) Ties	See Section E of the General Regulations
k) Prizes	Prizes will be awarded to the top-four finishers. Trophies will be awarded in each Competition Area as follows: Leinster Central – Joe McLoughlin Cup Leinster North – Sybil Moore Cup Leinster South – Mary Nowlan Cup

### **C-5) LEINSTER SENIOR MEN'S AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

a) Age Group	Seniors (over-50) as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap	Maximum Handicap Index is 10.4
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	90 with the proviso that at least 12 players in the Over-60s category and 10 players in the Over-65s category are included.

f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index at the close of entries
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play
h) No. of Rounds	Two
i) Cut	None – all players play both rounds
j) Ties	See Section E of the General Regulations
k) Prizes	All prizes will be determined by the Championship Committee.

#### **C-6) LEINSTER GIRLS' CHAMPIONSHIP – JUDY O'BRIEN-KENNEY TROPHY**

a) Age Group	Under-18 in accordance with Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Female
c) Handicap	Maximum Handicap Index of 20.4
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	To be determined by the Championship Committee
f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index at the close of entries, if oversubscribed
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play and Match Play.
h) No. of Rounds	i) Two rounds of Stroke Play qualifying on Day 1. The 16 available competitors with the leading gross scores shall qualify for Match Play for the Leinster Championship. The next eight available of the remaining players shall qualify for the Leinster Plate. ii) The round is 18 holes. If a match is tied after the final hole, the match is extended one hole at a time until there is a winner.
i) Ties	For Stroke Play, see Section E of the General Regulations
j) Prizes	Championship: winner, runner-up and semi-finalists. Plate: winner and runner-up. Top three gross scores and leading net score in 36-hole qualifying and for the best gross scores in the first and second qualifying rounds. Gross prizes take precedence.

#### **C-7) LEINSTER GIRLS' TROPHY – GARRYHINCH CUP**

a) Age Group	Under-18 in accordance with Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Female
c) Handicap	Handicap Index range 20.5-40.0. A player with a handicap of 40.1 or higher is not eligible to compete.
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	To be determined by the Championship Committee
f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index at the close of entries, if oversubscribed
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play and Match Play.
h) No. of Rounds	i) One qualifying round stableford from Ladies Medal tees. ii) The eight competitors available with the leading gross scores shall qualify for Match Play for the Leinster Junior Girls' Trophy. iii) The round is 18 holes. If a match is tied after the final hole, the match is extended one hole at a time until there is a winner.
i) Ties	For Stroke Play, see Section E of the General Regulations
j) Prizes	Awarded to the winner and runner-up, and the leading gross and net scores in Stroke Play qualifying. Gross prizes take precedence.

#### **C-8) LEINSTER UNDER-18 BOYS' AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

a) Age Group	Boys (Under 18) as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
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b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap	The maximum Handicap Index is 7.0 or below (players with a Handicap Index 7.1 or higher are not eligible to compete)
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	Determined annually by the Championship Committee
f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index at the close of entries. At the Committee's discretion, the field may include up to two members of Leinster Coaching Panels whose Handicap Index is within 1.0 of the cut-off.
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play
h) No. of Rounds	Three
i) Cut	Top 39 plus ties after two rounds
j) Ties	Three-hole playoff in the event of a tie for the Championship, in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations.
k) Prizes	All prizes shall be determined by the Championship Committee.

#### **C-9) LEINSTER UNDER-16 BOYS' AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

a) Age Group	Boys (Under 16) as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap	No restriction
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	132
f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index at the close of entries. At the Committee's discretion, the field may include up to two members of Leinster Coaching Panels whose Handicap Index is within 1.0 of the cut-off.
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play
h) No. of Rounds	Two
i) Cut	Top 45 plus ties after one round
j) Ties	Three-hole playoff in the event of a tie for the Championship, in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations.
k) Prizes	All prizes will be determined by the Championship Committee.

#### **C-10) LEINSTER UNDER-16 BOYS' AMATEUR CLOSE CHAMPIONSHIP**

a) Age Group	Boys (Under 16) as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap	No restriction
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	78.
f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index at the close of entries. At the Committee's discretion, the field may include up to two members of Leinster Coaching Panels whose Handicap Index is within 1.0 of the cut-off.
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play
h) No. of Rounds	One
i) Cut	None
j) Ties	See Section E of the General Regulations
k) Prizes	All prizes will be determined by the Championship Committee.

#### **C-11) LEINSTER UNDER-14 BOYS' AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

a) Age Group	Boys (Under 14) as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Male

c) Handicap	No restriction
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	90
f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index at the close of entries. At the Committee's discretion, the field may include up to two members of Leinster Coaching Panels whose Handicap Index is within 1.0 of the cut-off.
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play
h) No. of Rounds	One
i) Cut	None
j) Ties	See Section E of the General Regulations
k) Prizes	All prizes will be determined by the Championship Committee.

#### **C-12) WOMEN'S RIA KENNY TROPHY**

a) Age Group	Under 18 in accordance with Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Female
c) Handicap	The maximum eligible Handicap Index is 36.4.
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	To be determined by the Championship Committee
f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index at the close of entries, if oversubscribed
g) Form of Play	Singles Stableford
h) No. of Rounds	One
i) Ties	See Section E of the General Regulations
j) Prizes	1st, 2nd, 3rd Net: Voucher. Best Gross points: Trophy and voucher.

#### **C-13) LEINSTER MID-AMATEUR MEN'S AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

General Note	This is a biennial championship, occurring in odd years (ie, 2021, 2023, etc)
a) Age Group	Mid-Amateur (over-30) as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap	No restrictions on entry
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	78
f) Ballot	Lowest exact Handicap Index at the close of entries
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play
h) No. of Rounds	Three – two on the first day of competition and one on the second
i) Cut	Top 39 plus ties after two rounds
j) Ties	Ties for the Championship will be resolved by a three-hole playoff after the final round in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations.
k) Prizes	These shall be determined by the Championship Committee

#### **C-14) MULLINGAR MEN'S SCRATCH TROPHY**

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap	No restrictions on entry
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	90

f) Ballot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entrants in the top-20 on the 2020 Bridgestone Order of Merit and top-30 on the 2019 Bridgestone Order of Merit</li> <li>• The remaining places filled in order of WHS Handicap Index at the close of entries, up to 14 places short of the full field.</li> <li>• Four players who have entered and are within 1.0 of the cut-off.</li> <li>• 10 places at the discretion of the Committee, leaving discretion to bring in entrants who in the view of the Committee should be in the field but have been omitted due to the vagaries of the new system. If no such evidence exists, use lowest remaining Handicap Index. The following criteria may be used to identify these players               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Representation of province or country</li> <li>○ Membership of a national panel</li> <li>○ Past performance (including recent past winner of the championship)</li> <li>○ World Ranking</li> <li>○ Other extenuating circumstances</li> <li>○ Handicap Index (in the absence of the above)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play
h) No. of Rounds	Four
i) Cut	Top 51 after two rounds
j) Ties	In the event of a tie for the Championship, those tied will commence a three-hole playoff, in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations.
k) Prizes	Awarded for the leading five gross scores after 72 holes

## **D – MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **D-1) MUNSTER WOMEN’S & GIRLS’ SENIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

a) Age Group	General (for Girls’ Championship and over 39s, see Section A of the General Regulations)
b) Gender	Female
c) Handicaps	Handicap Index not exceeding 9.4.
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	To be determined by the Championship Committee.
f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index on the closing date for entry. A player whose Handicap Index increases before the start of play may be offered a place in the Munster Junior Championship if available
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play
h) No. of Rounds	The Championship shall consist of 54 holes Stroke Play, played over the round of 18 holes (36 holes on day one and 18 holes on day two).
i) Cut	There will be a cut off of 36 players (plus ties) after 36 holes.
j) Ties	In the event of a tie for the Championship there shall be a playoff in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations.
k) Prizes	Awarded to the winner of the Munster Senior Championship and best six scores in that Championship (women or girls), the leading over 39 player, the winner of the Girls’ Championship, the leading two net scores, and the best gross score in the first, second and third rounds. Players may win only one voucher but may win more than one trophy. Trophies are awarded for the Women’s Championship, Girls’ Championship, leading over 39 player and best net score.

### **D-2) MUNSTER WOMEN’S & GIRLS’ JUNIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

a) Age Group	General (see Section A of the General Regulations for Girls’ Under-18 Age Eligibility)
b) Gender	Female
c) Handicap	Handicap Index 9.5 to 18.4 at time of entry. A competitor who enters the Junior Championship and subsequently has her Handicap Index reduced to 9.4 or under at the time of the competition, may be offered a place in the Munster Senior Championship if space available
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	To be determined by the Championship Committee
f) Ballot	Handicap Index at close of entry.
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play & Match Play
h) No. of Rounds	One qualifying round of 18 holes Stroke Play, with four rounds of Match Play for the Championship and one round of Stableford for the Plate. The round is 18 holes. If a match is tied after the final hole, the match is extended one hole at a time until there is a winner.
i) Cut	The leading available 16 gross scores shall qualify for match play according to the automatic draw. There will be a plate competition consisting of 18 holes stableford for next available 24 non-qualifiers for Match Play, which will be run on the second day of the competition.
j) Ties	Ties for the last place(s) shall be resolved according to Section E of the General Regulations.



k) Prizes	Women's Junior Championship winner, runner-up, semi-finalists, leading two gross and two net scores in Stroke Play Qualifying, Girls' Junior Championship winner, leading over-18 qualifier in the Junior Championship, and leading under-18 qualifier. Competitors may only win one voucher but may win more than one trophy.
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### D-3) SOUTH OF IRELAND MEN'S AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap	No restrictions on entry
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	150
f) Ballot	<p>The following entrants will qualify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entrants in the top-20 on the 2020 Bridgestone Order of Merit and top-30 on the 2019 Bridgestone Order of Merit</li> <li>• Previous South of Ireland champions or ex-Walker Cup players who enter provided they hold a Handicap Index within 1.0 of the final cut</li> <li>• The remaining places filled in order of WHS Handicap Index at the close of entries, save for the normal provisos that apply in these competitions, up to 10 places short of the full field.</li> <li>• 10 places at the discretion of the Committee, leaving discretion to bring in entrants who in the view of the Committee should be in the field but have been omitted due to the vagaries of the new system. If no such evidence exists, use lowest remaining Handicap Index. The following criteria may be used to identify these players <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Representation of province or country</li> <li>○ Membership of a national panel</li> <li>○ Past performance (including recent past winner of the championship)</li> <li>○ World Ranking</li> <li>○ Other extenuating circumstances</li> <li>○ Handicap Index (in the absence of the above)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play (Qualifying) and Match Play (Knockout)
h) No. of Rounds	Two Qualifying rounds & six Knock-out rounds, all played over 18 holes
i) Cut	64 players advance based on Stroke Play qualifying, with ties resolved in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations, provided that any player on Senior International duty during the Official Practice Days or in the Qualifying Rounds may, at Committee's discretion, be exempted from qualifying and entitled to entry to the Match Play Stage.
j) Ties	See Section E of the General Regulations.
k) Prizes	Prizes will be determined by the Championship Committee

### D-4) MUNSTER BOYS' AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

a) Age Group	Boys (Under 18) as set out in Section A of the General Regulations.
b) Gender	Male



c) Handicap	No restrictions on entry
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	78
f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index at the close of entries. The Championship Committee may exempt, at their discretion, up to five entrants not otherwise qualified.
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play
h) No. of Rounds	Three rounds
i) Cut	Top 45 plus ties after two rounds
j) Ties	Ties for the Championship will be resolved by a 3-hole Stroke Play, in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations.
k) Prizes	Prizes will be determined by the Championship Committee

#### **D-5) MUNSTER UNDER-16 BOYS' AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

a) Age Group	Boys (Under 16) as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap	No restrictions on entry
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	132
f) Ballot	Lowest exact Handicap Index at the close of entries. At the discretion of the Committee, up to five players may be invited to play who may not have qualified under handicap cut off point but who must have entered the Championship.
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play
h) No. of Rounds	Three
i) Cut	Top 45 plus ties after 1 round
j) Ties	Ties for the Championship will be resolved by a three-hole playoff in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations.
k) Prizes	Prizes will be determined by the Championship Committee

#### **D-6) MUNSTER UNDER-14 BOYS' AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

a) Age Group	Boys (Under 14) as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap	No restrictions on entry
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	90
f) Ballot	Lowest exact Handicap Index at the close of entries. At the discretion of the Championships Committee, up to five players may be invited to play who may not have qualified under handicap cut of point but who must have entered the Championship.
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play
h) No. of Rounds	One
i) Cut	None
j) Ties	See Section E of the General Regulations
k) Prizes	Prizes will be determined by the Championship Committee

#### **D-7) MUNSTER UNDER-13 BOYS' AMATEUR CLOSE CHAMPIONSHIP**

a) Age Group	Boys (Under 13) as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Male

c) Handicap	No restrictions on entry
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	60 per venue
f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index at the close of entries. At the Championship Committee's discretion, up to five entrants may be exempted who did not otherwise qualify.
g) Form of Play	Gross Stableford Points
h) No. of Rounds	The Championship will be played over two stages (both 18 holes). Stage 1: Regional Qualifier. Stage 2: Top four players from each venue with the discretion of the Committee to add two more players from each venue to play on the same day as the Munster Under 15 Close Championship. While that Championship is Stroke Play, the winner of the Under-13 Close will be calculated on gross stableford score (scores not carrying from qualifying).
i) Cut	See Stage 2 above
j) Ties	See Section E of the General Regulations
k) Prizes	As determined by the Championship Committee

#### **D-8) MUNSTER UNDER-15 & UNDER-17 BOYS' AMATEUR CLOSE CHAMPIONSHIP**

a) Age Group	Boys (Under-15 and Under-17 as set out in Section A of the General Regulations)
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap	No restrictions on entry
d) Eligibility	A member of a Munster Club affiliated to Golf Ireland. The Munster Club must be the entrant's home club (for handicapping purposes). *A player cannot enter both Munster Boys' Under 15 and Munster Boys' Under 17 Amateur Close Championships as they are separate Championships held on the same day.
e) Size of Field	75
f) Ballot	Limited to the lowest 75 entrants in order of Handicap Index. In the event of oversubscription, a waiting list will be drawn up and decided on ballot. If withdrawals occur before 5pm on the day prior to the competition, entrants on this waiting list will be given the opportunity of competing. At 5pm on the day prior to the Championship, a Standby List will be established on a first-come, first-served basis of entrants who 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. At the Committee's discretion, up to five entrants may be exempted who did not otherwise qualify.
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play
h) No. of Rounds	One
i) Cut	None
j) Ties	See Section E of the General Regulations
k) Prizes	The winner of each Championship will receive a perpetual Trophy and a prize. Other prizes will be determined by the Championship Committee.

#### **D-9) EILEEN MURPHY WOMEN'S PERPETUAL MEMORIAL TROPHY**

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Female
c) Handicap	The maximum combined Playing Handicap in this competition is 30. Players with a combined Playing Handicap of higher than 30 is eligible to compete, but must play off 30 on the day of the competition.
d) Eligibility	Open to all clubs in the Munster Region
e) Size of Field	None
f) Ballot	None
g) Form of Play	Greensomes Stableford .(Net with a Gross points Prize – see below).
h) No. of Rounds	Two – A qualifying round at Club level and the Munster Final. The winning pair from each club will qualify for the Munster Final.
i) Cut	None
j) Ties	See Section E of the General Regulations
k) Prizes	Winners: Trophy & Memento Runners-Up, 3 <sup>rd</sup> and Gross Points: Voucher

#### **D-10) EILEEN ROUGHAN UNDER 18 GIRLS' TROPHY**

a) Age Group	Under 18 Girls as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Female
c) Handicap	The maximum Playing Handicap in this competition is 36. A player with a Playing Handicap of higher than 36 is eligible to compete, but must play off 36 on the day of the competition.
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	To be determined by the Championship Committee
f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index at the close of entries, if oversubscribed
g) Form of Play	Singles Stableford
h) No. of Rounds	One round
i) Cut	None
j) Ties	See Section E of the General Regulations
k) Prizes	Winner (trophy), Runner-Up, Gross Points (trophy), and best Lahinch Girl (trophy). Players may win more than one age group trophy but only one voucher.

#### **D-11) MUNSTER SENIOR WOMEN'S COMPETITIONS**

a) Age Group	Over - 50 as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Female
c) Handicap	No restriction
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	To be determined by the Championship Committee
f) Ballot	Entries on a first-come first-served basis.
g) Form of Play	Singles Stableford
h) No. of Rounds	One round of 18 holes
i) Buggies	Transportation Policy does not apply
j) Ties	See Section E of the General Regulations
k) Prizes	Overall Winner: 1st Prize; Runner up and Gross points; Silver: Winner, 2nd & 3rd Prize; Bronze: Winner, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Prize

	Prize Winners may only win one prize at each venue. More prizes may be awarded on the day based on the number of competitors.
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#### **D-12) MUNSTER GIRLS' TROPHY sponsored by O'Leary Insurances**

a) Age Group	Under 18 Girls in accordance with Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Female
c) Handicap	Championship – Maximum Handicap Index of 18.4
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	To be determined by the Championship Committee
f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index at the close of entries, if oversubscribed
g) Form of Play	Championship – Stroke Play.
h) No. of Rounds	One
i) Cut	None
j) Ties	See Section E of the General Regulations
k) Prizes	1st Gross: Trophy & Voucher; 2nd Gross: Voucher; Net: Voucher; Development Trophy: 1st Net: Trophy & Voucher; 2nd Net: Voucher.

#### **D-13) MUNSTER GIRLS' DEVELOPMENT TROPHY sponsored by O'Leary Insurances**

a) Age Group	Under 18 Girls in accordance with Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Female
c) Handicap	Players with a Handicap Index of 18.5 or higher are eligible to play. A player with a Playing Handicap on the day of competition of higher than 36 is eligible to compete but must play off 36.
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	To be determined by the Championship Committee
f) Ballot	None
g) Form of Play	Singles Stableford
h) No. of Rounds	One round of 18 holes
i) Ties	See Section E of the General Regulations
j) Prizes	Winner: 1st Net: Trophy & Voucher; Runner Up: Voucher.

#### **D-14) MUNSTER GIRLS' DEVELOPMENT 9-HOLE COMPETITION sponsored by O'Leary Insurances**

a) Age Group	Under 18 Girls in accordance with Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Female
c) Handicap	Handicap Index not lower than 36.5.
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	To be determined by the Championship Committee
f) Ballot	None
g) Form of Play	Singles Stableford
h) No. of Rounds	One round of 9 holes
i) Ties	See Section E of the General Regulations
j) Prizes	Winner: 1st Net

#### **D-15) MUNSTER UNDER-16 GIRLS' RYAN CUP**

a) Age Group	Under 16 Girls in accordance with Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Female
c) Handicap	The maximum playing handicap in the competition will be 36. A player with a Playing Handicap of higher than 36 is eligible to compete, but must play off 36 on the day of the competition.
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	To be determined by the Championship Committee
f) Ballot	None
g) Form of Play	Singles Stableford
h) No. of Rounds	One round of 18 holes
i) Ties	See Section E of the General Regulations
j) Prizes	Winner: 1st Net: Trophy & Voucher; Runner Up: Voucher

#### **D-16) MUNSTER MID-AMATEUR MEN'S OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

General Note	This is a biennial championship, played in odd years (ie, 2021, 2023 etc)
a) Age Group	Mid-Amateur (over-30) as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap	No restrictions on entry
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	78
f) Ballot	Lowest exact Handicap Index at the close of entries
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play
h) No. of Rounds	Three – two on the first day of competition and one on the second
i) Cut	Top 39 plus ties after two rounds
j) Ties	Ties for the Championship will be resolved by a 3-hole playoff in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations.
k) Prizes	These shall be determined by the Championship Committee

#### **D-17) MUNSTER SENIOR MEN'S OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

a) Age Group	Seniors (over-50) as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap	No restriction
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	120
f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index at the close of entries, with the proviso that at least 12 players in the over-60s category and 10 players in the over-65s category are admitted.
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play
h) No. of Rounds	Two
i) Cut	None
j) Ties	If a tie for the Championship, the players tied will play sudden death in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations.
k) Prizes	Prizes will be determined by the Championship Committee

## D-18) MUNSTER MEN'S STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap	No restrictions on entry
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	66
f) Ballot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entrants in the top-20 on the 2020 Bridgestone Order of Merit and top 30 on the 2019 Bridgestone Order of Merit</li> <li>• The remaining places filled in order of WHS Handicap Index at the close of entries, save for the normal provisos that apply in these competitions, up to 10 places short of the full field.</li> <li>• 10 places at the discretion of the Committee, leaving discretion to bring in entrants who in the view of the Committee should be in the field but have been omitted due to the vagaries of the new system. If no such evidence exists, use lowest remaining Handicap Index. The following criteria may be used to identify these players <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Representation of province or country</li> <li>○ Membership of a national panel</li> <li>○ Past performance (including recent past winner of the championship)</li> <li>○ World Ranking</li> <li>○ Other extenuating circumstances</li> <li>○ Handicap Index (in the absence of the above)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play
h) No. of Rounds	Four
i) Cut	Top 39 plus ties after two rounds
j) Ties	If a tie for the Championship, the players tied will play sudden death in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations.
k) Prizes	Prizes will be determined by the Championship Committee

## **E – ULSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **E-1) ULSTER WOMEN & GIRLS' OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

a) Age Group	General (Girls' competitors must be Under 18 as set out in Section A of the General Regulations)
b) Gender	Female
c) Handicaps and Format	<p><u>Ulster Women's Open Championship</u> The Ulster Women's Open Championships 1, 2 and 3 shall consist of 18 holes Stroke Play. Eligibility for the following categories using current Handicap Index are as follows Championship 1 (Teddy Morrison Trophy): not exceeding 8.0. Championship 2 (Sybil Meharg Salver) 8.1 - 15.0. Championship 3 (Mourne Cup) 15.1 - 21.4.</p> <p><u>Ulster Girls' Open Championship</u> Handicap Index 20.4 and under (on the day of competition) shall play 18 holes on Day 1. The eight competitors with the leading gross scores shall qualify for match play on Days 1 &amp; 2 for the Ulster Girls' Open Championship. The next eight competitors shall qualify for Match Play on Days 1 &amp; 2 for the Plate (McLeod Cup). Handicap Index 20.5 - 35.4 (on the day of competition) shall play 18 holes stableford on Day 1. The four competitors with the leading gross stableford point scores shall qualify for Match Play for the Murland Cup on Day 2. Non-qualifiers from both will play 18 holes stableford on Day 2 for the Clandeboye Goblet.</p>
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	As determined by the Championship Committee
f) Ballot	The Committee will have the right to limit entries to the lowest Handicap Index entered in each on the closing date. A waiting list of all other entries will be drawn up with final places decided by ballot.
g) Ties	In event of a tie for the championship, there shall be a sudden death playoff in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations.
h) Prizes	<p><u>Women's Championship</u> Winner: Scratch Cup &amp; Voucher 1: Handicap Index + - 8.4: Winner: Teddy Morrison Salver &amp; Voucher; Runner-up: Voucher; Best Net: Voucher 2: Handicap Index 8.5 - 15.4: Winner: Sybil Meharg Trophy &amp; Voucher; Runner up: Voucher; Best Net: Voucher 3: Handicap Index 15.5 - 21.4: Winner: Mourne Cup and Voucher; Runner up: Voucher; Best Net: Voucher Best Gross Senior (Over 50 years): Voucher Best Gross U18: Voucher</p> <p><u>Girls' Championship</u> Championship Winner: Cup &amp; Voucher; Runner-up: Voucher Girls' Plate Winner: Cup &amp; Voucher; Runner-up: Voucher Handicap Index 21 - 35.4: Winner: Cup &amp; Voucher; Runner-up: Voucher Best 18 holes Qualifying Gross: Voucher Best 18 holes Qualifying Net: Voucher Non-Qualifiers' Competition: Clandeboye Goblet &amp; Voucher No player may win a gross &amp; net prize but may win an age group prize in either. A player can also win a Match Play and Stroke Play prize. Gross always takes precedence over net.</p>



## E-2) NORTH OF IRELAND MEN'S AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap	No restrictions on entry
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	300
f) Ballot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entrants in the top 20 on the 2020 Bridgestone Order of Merit and top 30 on the 2019 Bridgestone Order of Merit</li> <li>The remaining places filled in order of Handicap Index at the close of entries, save for the normal provisos that apply in these competitions, up to 10 places short of the full field.</li> <li>10 places at the discretion of the Committee, leaving discretion to bring in entrants who in the view of the Committee should be in the field but have been omitted due to the vagaries of the new system. If no such evidence exists, use lowest remaining Handicap Index. The following criteria may be used to identify these players <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Representation of province or country</li> <li>Membership of a national panel</li> <li>Past performance (including recent past winner of the championship)</li> <li>World Ranking</li> <li>Other extenuating circumstances</li> <li>Handicap Index (in the absence of the above)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play (Qualifying) and Match Play (Knockout)
h) No. of Rounds	Two Qualifying rounds & six Knock-out rounds, all played over 18 holes
i) Cut	Any player who is on Senior International duty during the Official Practice Days or during Qualifying may, at the discretion of the Committee, be exempt from Qualifying and will be entitled to entry to the Match Play Stage. A total of 64 players will contest the Match Play stage – Exemptions, if any, from the qualifying rounds and players based on the 36-hole aggregate scores at Royal Portrush in the qualifying rounds, with ties being resolved in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations. The draw for the knockout rounds will be conducted in accordance with the automatic draw, except that the Committee will seed eight players from those making the cut and the remaining 56 will be in score order.
j) Ties	See Section E of the General Regulations
k) Prizes	Prizes and medals will be awarded to the winner, runner-up, semi-finalists, leading qualifier and best score from both courses and prizes to the quarter-finalists. In addition, the Championship Trophy will be presented to the winner.

## E-3) ULSTER WOMEN'S VETERANS' CUP

a) Age Group	Seniors (Over-50) as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Female
c) Handicap	No restrictions
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	As determined by the Championship Committee
f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index at the close of entries, if oversubscribed



g) Form of Play	Singles Stableford
h) No. of Rounds	One round of 18 holes
i) Ties	See Section E of the General Regulations
j) Prizes	Winner: Cup & Voucher; 2nd: Voucher; 3rd: Voucher; Gross: Voucher. No player may win more than one prize.

#### **E-4) ULSTER BOYS' AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

a) Age Group	Boys (Under 18) as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap	No restrictions on entry
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	120
f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index at the close of entries
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play
h) No. of Rounds	Three
i) Cut	45 plus ties after two rounds
j) Ties	Ties for the Championship will be resolved by a 3-hole Stroke Play playoff immediately after the final card is returned in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations.
k) Prizes	To be decided by the Championship Committee

#### **E-5) ULSTER UNDER-16 BOYS' AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

a) Age Group	Boys (Under 16) as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap	No restrictions on entry
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	150
f) Ballot	Lowest exact Handicap Index at the close of entries
g) Form of Play	Stroke play
h) No. of Rounds	Two
i) Cut	Top 45 plus ties after one round
j) Ties	Ties for the Championship will be resolved by a 3-hole Stroke Play, in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations.
k) Prizes	To be decided by the Championship Committee

#### **E-6) ULSTER UNDER-16 BOYS' AMATEUR CLOSE CHAMPIONSHIP**

a) Age Group	Boys (Under 16) as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap	No restrictions on entry
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations – also entrants' home club must be in Ulster.
e) Size of Field	16
f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index at the close of entries
g) Form of Play	Match Play
h) No. of Rounds	Four Knockout rounds over 18 holes. The Draw will be as per automatic draw with players seeded on Handicap Index at close of entries.
i) Ties	See Section E of the General Regulations
j) Prizes	16

#### **E-7) ULSTER UNDER-14 BOYS' AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

a) Age Group	Boys (Under 14) as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap	No restrictions on entry
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	90
f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index at the close of entries
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play
h) No. of Rounds	1
i) Ties	See Section E of the General Regulations
j) Prizes	To be decided by the Championship Committee

#### **E-8) ULSTER UNDER-14 BOYS' AMATEUR CLOSE CHAMPIONSHIP**

a) Age Group	Boys (Under 14) as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap	No restrictions on entry
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations – also entrants' home club must be in Ulster.
e) Size of Field	16
f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index at the close of entries
g) Form of Play	Match Play
h) No. of Rounds	Four Knockout rounds over 18 holes. The Draw will be as per automatic draw with players seeded on Handicap Index at close of entries.
i) Prizes	Winner (who also received the Trophy), runner up, & semi finalists.

#### **E-9) ULSTER MID-AMATEUR MEN'S OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP (\*Biennial)**

a) Age Group	Mid-Amateur (over-30) as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap	No restrictions on entry
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations.
e) Size of Field	78
f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index at the close of entries
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play
h) No. of Rounds	Three – two on the first day of competition and 1 on the second
i) Cut	Top 39 plus ties after two rounds
j) Ties	For the Championship: 3-hole playoff in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations.
k) Prizes	These shall be determined by the Championship Committee

#### **E-10) ULSTER SENIOR MEN'S AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

a) Age Group	Senior (over-50) as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap	No restrictions on entry
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	As decided by the Championship committee

f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index at close of entries. In addition a minimum of 30% of field shall be over 65 years of age of Day 1 of Championship.
g) Form of Play	Stroke play
h) No. of Rounds	Two
i) Cut	None
j) Ties	Ties for the Championship will be resolved by a 3-hole playoff in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations.
k) Prizes	To be decided by the Championship Committee

#### **E-11) ULSTER MEN'S SCRATCH FOURSOMES**

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap	No restrictions on entry
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	As decided by the Championship committee
f) Ballot	Lowest combined Handicap Index at the closing date
g) Form of Play	Foursomes/Stroke Play
h) No. of Rounds	Two
i) Cut	None
j) Ties	See Section E of the General Regulations
k) Prizes	To be decided by the Championship Committee

#### **E-12) ISPS HANDA ULSTER MEN'S & WOMEN'S OPEN STROKE PLAY**

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Male & Female
c) Handicap	No restrictions on entry
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	The Committee will allocate places in the field to both female and male competitors.
f) Ballot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lowest Handicap Index at the close of entries. The Committee shall decide the make-up of the field on the receipt of all entries with a minimum of 20 male and 20 female players accepted.</li> <li>• 10 places at the discretion of the Committee, leaving discretion to bring in entrants who in the view of the Committee should be in the field but have been omitted due to the vagaries of the new system. If no such evidence exists, use lowest remaining Handicap Index. The following criteria may be used to identify these players <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Representation of province or country</li> <li>○ Membership of a national panel</li> <li>○ Past performance (including recent past winner of the Championship)</li> <li>○ World Ranking</li> <li>○ Other extenuating circumstances</li> <li>○ Handicap Index (in the absence of the above)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play
h) No. of Rounds	Three
i) Cut	There will be a cut after 36 holes – minimum 54 players to include both genders made up as follows; 30% of the leading female and male competitors & ties will make the cut by right with the

	remaining 40% decided proportionately from the number of entries to the Championship.
j) Ties	Ties for the Championship will be resolved by a 3-hole Stroke Play playoff immediately after the final card, in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations.
k) Prizes	Prizes will be determined by the Championship Committee. in addition the top two men and the top woman will be given entry into the ISPS Handa World Invitational Tournament at Galgorm Castle. The Committee, in their discretion, may allocate a further place to a female competitor

#### **E-13) ULSTER UNDERAGE BOYS' CLOSE WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP**

a) Age Group	Boys (Under 18) as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap	No restrictions on entry
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations – also entrants' home club must be in Ulster.
e) Size of Field	To be determined by the Championship Committee for each venue
f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index at the close of entries
g) Form of Play	Stroke play
h) No. of Rounds	One at each venue
i) Ties	See Section E of the General Regulations
j) Prizes	Will include winner & runner-up in each age category (U18, U16, U14, U12 & U10) for each competition and in the overall event.

#### **E-14) ULSTER UNDERAGE BOYS' CLOSE REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

a) Age Group	Boys (Under 16) as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap	No restrictions on entry
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations – also entrants' home club must be in Ulster.
e) Size of Field	To be determined by the Championship Committee for each venue
f) Ballot	Lowest Handicap Index at the close of entries
g) Form of Play	Stroke Play
h) No. of Rounds	One at each venue
i) Ties	See Section E of the General Regulations
j) Prizes	Will include winner & runner-up in each age category (U16, U14, U12 & U10) for each competition and in the overall event.

#### **E-15) NMDC OPEN JUNIOR SUMMER TROPHY**

a) Age Group	Boys' & Girls (Under-12 to Under-18) as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Male & Female
c) Handicap	No restrictions on entry
d) Eligibility	See Section A of the General Regulations
e) Size of Field	120
f) Ballot	A minimum of 20% of the entries shall be under 12, a minimum 20% under 14, a minimum 20% under 16 and a minimum 20% under 18. In the event of applications exceeding this number, a waiting list in

	the exact order of Handicap Index will be drawn up and decided by ballot, if necessary in all age categories. If applications do not exceed this number within any age category, places to be filled in the same manner as elsewhere in these rules.
g) Form of Play	Net Stroke Play
h) No. of Rounds	Three
i) Cut	Top 20 players (minimum three females) after two rounds
j) Ties	See Section E of the General Regulations
k) Prizes	As decided by the Championship Committee

## F ALL-IRELAND INTER-CLUB COMPETITIONS

### F-1) Regulations which generally apply to Women's Inter-Club Competitions (competitions F-2 to F-9)

(a)	A player who is a member of more than one club may play for both clubs. However, she may not play Singles or Foursomes in both clubs. She may play Singles in one and Foursomes in the other. (Note: This rule does not apply to F-2 (Women's Senior Cup) or F-9 (Women's Four-Ball)).
(b)	<u>In all competitions, teams must be fielded in order of current Handicap Index.</u> Matches played on the basis of 2/3 at home and 1/2 away are to be played in current Handicap Index order at each venue – but clubs are free to choose any of their pairs to play at each venue. In the case of a four-ball or foursomes' tournament, it is the combined Handicap Index of a pair that is to be used to determine the order of play in this way.
(c)	For the first-round matches, the club on top of the draw has three/two matches at home and two/one matches away. For the second and subsequent rounds including the semi-final, the club whose number or letter appears first shall have 3/2 matches at home and 2/1 matches away.
(d)	All matches must be played to a finish unless an overall result is reached, in which case unfinished matches may be declared halved. A match is won when one side leads by a number of holes greater than the number remaining to be played. If there is a tie, the round is extended by as many holes as are required for a match to be won. A match must not be called in unless there is an overall result that is confirmed beyond doubt.

### F-2) SENIOR CUP (WOMEN'S)

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Female
c) Handicap	To be eligible, players must have a Handicap Index not exceeding 14.0 on 1st January 2021. All matches are played off scratch.
d) Eligibility	Open to all affiliated clubs. A club may enter only one team.
e) Size of Team	Five players
f) Competition Structure	i) There will be Regional and National sections organised in accordance with Reg. 10 of the General Regulations. ii) In the Regional Stage up to the Area Final, three matches will be played at one club and two matches at the other club. iii) Due to COVID-19 and the uncertainty surrounding dates of matches, previous arrangements on seeding based on handicap will be suspended in 2021.
g) Form of Play	Match Play

### F-3) SENIOR FOURSOMES (WOMEN'S)

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Female
c) Size of Team	Six players (three foursomes pairs)
d) Regulations	i) There will be Regional and National sections organised in accordance with Reg. 10 of the General Regulations.

	ii) In the Regional Stage up to the Area Final, two matches will be played at one club and one match at the other club.
e) Handicapping	i) To be eligible to play in this competition, players must have a Handicap Index of no higher than 14.0 on 1st January 2021. ii) For a pair to be eligible, their Handicap Indexes on 1st January, when added together, must not be lower than 12.0. Teams must play in order of current combined Handicap Index iii) All matches are played off scratch.

#### F-4) JUNIOR CUP (WOMEN'S)

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Female
c) Size of Team	Five players
d) Regulations	i) A team/panel may change for each round/leg. ii) All matches shall be played to a finish unless one team has already won. iii) There will be Regional and National sections organised in accordance with Reg. 10 of the General Regulations. iv) In the Regional Stage up to the Area Final, three matches will be played at one club and two matches at the other club.
e) Handicapping	To be eligible, players must have a Handicap Index no lower than 7.5 on 1st January 2021. All matches are played off scratch.

#### F-5) JUNIOR FOURSOMES (WOMEN'S)

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Female
c) Size of Team	Six players (three foursomes pairs)
d) Regulations	i) A team/panel may change for each round/leg. ii) All matches shall be played to a finish unless one team has already won. iii) A match is won when one side leads by a number of holes greater than the number remaining to be played. If there is a tie, the round is extended by as many holes as are required for a match to be won. A match must not be called in unless there is an overall result that is confirmed beyond doubt. iv) There will be Regional and National sections organised in accordance with Reg. 10 of the General Regulations. v) In the Regional Stage, up to the Area Final, there will be two matches at the club drawn at home, and one in the club drawn away.
e) Handicapping	i) To be eligible, players must have a Handicap Index of no lower than 13.0 on 1st January 2021. ii) All matches are played off scratch. iii) For a pair to be eligible, their Handicap Indexes on 1st January, when added together, must not be lower than 28.0.

#### F-6) INTERMEDIATE CUP (WOMEN'S)

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Female
c) Size of Team	5 players



d) Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) A team/panel may change for each round/leg.</li> <li>ii) All matches shall be played to a finish unless one team has already won.</li> <li>iii) A match is won when one side leads by a number of holes greater than the number remaining to be played. If there is a tie, the round is extended one hole at a time until there is a winner. A match must not be called in unless there is an overall result that is confirmed beyond doubt.</li> <li>iv) There will be Regional and National sections organised in accordance with Reg. 10 of the General Regulations.</li> <li>v) In the Regional Stage, up to the Area Final, there will be three matches at the club drawn at home, and two in the club drawn away.</li> </ul>
e) Handicapping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) To be eligible, players must have a Handicap Index not lower than <b>15.0</b> on 1st January 2021.</li> <li>ii) All matches are played off scratch.</li> </ul>

#### **F-7) MINOR CUP (WOMEN'S)**

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Female
c) Size of Team	5 players
d) Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) A team/panel may change for each round/leg.</li> <li>ii) All matches shall be played to a finish unless one team has already won.</li> <li>iii) A match is won when one side leads by a number of holes greater than the number remaining to be played. If there is a tie, the round is extended by as many holes as are required for a match to be won. A match must not be called in unless there is an overall result that is confirmed beyond doubt.</li> <li>iv) There will be Regional and National sections organised in accordance with Reg. 10 of the General Regulations.</li> <li>v) In the Regional Stage, up to the Area Final, there will be three matches at the club drawn at home, and two in the club drawn away.</li> </ul>
e) Handicapping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) To be eligible, players must have a Handicap Index no lower than <b>21.0</b> on 1st January 2021.</li> <li>ii) All matches are played off scratch.</li> </ul>

#### **F-8) CHALLENGE CUP (WOMEN'S)**

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Female
c) Size of Team	5 players
d) Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) A team/panel may change for each round/leg.</li> <li>ii) All matches shall be played to a finish unless one team has already won.</li> <li>iii) A match is won when one side leads by a number of holes greater than the number remaining to be played. If there is a tie, the round is extended by as many holes as are required for a match to be won. A match must not be called in unless there is an overall result that is confirmed beyond doubt.</li> <li>iv) There will be Regional and National sections organised in accordance with Reg. 10 of the General Regulations.</li> </ul>



	v) In the Regional Stage, up to the Area Final, there will be three matches at the club drawn at home, and two in the club drawn away.
e) Handicapping	i) To be eligible, players must have a Handicap Index not lower than <b>26.0</b> on 1st January 2021. ii) All matches are played off scratch.

#### **F-9) WOMEN'S ALL-IRELAND FOUR-BALL**

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Female
c) Size of Team	10 players (5 four-ball pairs).
d) Regulations	i) 18 holes Four-Ball Match Play. ii) A team may be chosen for each round. iii) There will be Regional and National sections organised in accordance with Reg. 10 of the General Regulations. iv) In the Regional Stage, up to the Area Final, there will be three matches at the club drawn at home, and two in the club drawn away.
e) Handicapping	i) <u>Eligibility</u> : To be eligible, players must have a Handicap Index on 1st January 2021. For a pair to be allowed to play together, their Handicap Indexes on 1st January 2021, when added together, must not be lower than 19.0 and must not higher than 46.0. ii) <u>Playing Handicap</u> : Notwithstanding the above, in this competition, current handicap Indexes on the day of each match will be used to determine Course Handicaps, from which Playing Handicaps and shots will be derived as follows: iii) 90% of each player's Course Handicap is applied to get their Playing Handicap. iv) Players receive the full difference between their own Playing Handicap and that of the player with the lowest Playing Handicap

#### **F-10) Regulation which generally applies to Men's Inter-Club Competitions (competitions F-11 to F-17)**

(a)	<p>Individuals representing clubs in Inter-Club events must be ordinarily resident in Ireland on and from 1st March in the year of the Tournament, or alternatively if not so resident be a member of a club affiliated to Golf Ireland which must be his home club. In this context a member is one who is included in the numbers returned to Golf Ireland by his club for the purposes of payment of the Annual Subscription. 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 competitions, students who are resident in Ireland for the duration of an academic year are eligible to compete on behalf of their school.)</p>
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### F-11) SENIOR CUP (MEN'S)

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Male
c) Size of Team	Five players
d) Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) There will be Regional and National sections organised in accordance with Reg. 10 of the General Regulations.</li> <li>ii) In the Regional Stage up to the Area Final, three matches will be played at one club and two matches at the other club.</li> <li>iii) Singles Match Play.</li> </ul>
e) Handicapping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) To be eligible, players must have a Handicap Index at the time of competing. All matches are played off scratch.</li> </ul>

### F-12) BARTON SHIELD (MEN'S)

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Male
c) Size of Team	Four players
d) Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) There will be Regional and National sections organised in accordance with Reg. 10 of the General Regulations.</li> <li>ii) In the Regional Stage, up to the Area Final, all rounds up to the Area Final will be played on the basis of one match in one club and the other match in the other club.</li> <li>iii) Foursomes Match Play. Each match shall be played over 18 holes, the aggregate of holes up to decide the winning team. 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. In the case of a tie, the second match as selected, shall immediately continue one hole at a time until there is a winner. The pairs contesting tie holes must maintain their respective orders of play in which they played from the start of the match.</li> <li>iv) See Regulation 18 for full details on the application of the rules in the event of an aggregate tie, and with regard to the order of play.</li> </ul>
e) Handicapping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) To be eligible, players must have a Handicap Index at the time of competing.</li> <li>ii) All matches are played off scratch.</li> </ul>

### F-13) JUNIOR CUP (MEN'S)

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Male
c) Size of Team	Five players
d) Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) There will be Regional and National sections organised in accordance with Reg. 10 of the General Regulations.</li> <li>ii) In the Regional Stage, up to the Area Final, there will be three matches at the club drawn at home, and two at the club drawn away.</li> <li>iii) Singles match play. All matches must be played to a finish unless an overall result is reached, in which case unfinished matches will be declared halved.</li> </ul>

	iv) A match is won when one side leads by a number of holes greater than the number remaining to be played. If there is a tie, the round is extended by as many holes as are required for a match to be won. A match must not be called in unless there is an overall result that is confirmed beyond doubt.
e) Handicapping	i) To be eligible, players must have a Handicap Index of no less than <b>2.5</b> on 1st January 2021. ii) All matches are played off scratch.

#### **F-14) JIMMY BRUEN SHIELD (MEN'S)**

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Male
c) Size of Team	10 players (5 x pairings)
d) Regulations	i) There will be Regional and National sections organised in accordance with Reg. 10 of the General Regulations. ii) In the Regional Stage, up to the Area Final, there will be three matches at the club drawn at home, and two at the club drawn away. iii) Foursomes Match Play. In match play, all matches must be played to a finish unless an overall result is reached, in which case unfinished matches will be declared halved. iv) A team/panel may change for each round/leg. v) All matches shall be played to a finish unless one team has already won. vi) A match is won when one side leads by a number of holes greater than the number remaining to be played. If there is a tie, the round is extended by as many holes as are required for a match to be won. A match must not be called in unless there is an overall result that is confirmed beyond doubt.
e) Handicapping	i) To be eligible, players must have a handicap Index of no less than 3.5 on 1st January 2021. ii) For a pair to be eligible, their Handicap Indexes on 1st January 2021, when added together, must not be lower than 14.0. iii) All matches are played off scratch.

#### **F-15) PIERCE PURCELL SHIELD (MEN'S)**

a) Age Group	18 and over as specified in Section A of the General Regulations.
b) Gender	Male
c) Size of Team	10 players (5 x pairings)
d) Regulations	i) There will be Regional and National sections organised in accordance with Reg. 10 of the General Regulations. ii) In the Regional Stage, up to the Area Final, there will be three matches at the club drawn at home, and two at the club drawn away. iii) Foursomes Match Play. In match play, all matches must be played to a finish unless an overall result is reached, in which case unfinished matches will be declared halved. iv) A team/panel may change for each round/leg. v) All matches shall be played to a finish unless one team has already won. vi) A match is won when one side leads by a number of holes greater than the number remaining to be played. If there is a tie, the

	round is extended by as many holes as are required for a match to be won. A match must not be called in unless there is an overall result that is confirmed beyond doubt.
e) Handicapping	i) To be eligible, players must have a Handicap Index of no less than <b>10.5</b> on 1st January 2021. ii) For a pair to be eligible, their Handicap Indexes on 1st January, when added together, must not be lower than <b>25.0</b> . iii) All matches are played off scratch.

#### **F-16) MEN'S ALL-IRELAND FOUR-BALL**

a) Age Group	30 years and over as per Section A of the General Regulations.
b) Gender	Male
c) Size of Team	10 players (5 x four-ball pairings)
d) Regulations	i) There will be Regional and National sections organised in accordance with Reg. 10 of the General Regulations. ii) In the Regional Stage, up to the Area Final, there will be three matches at the club drawn at home, and two at the club drawn away. iii) Four-Ball Match Play. In match play, all matches must be played to a finish unless an overall result is reached, in which case unfinished matches will be declared halved. iv) A team/panel may change for each round/leg. v) All matches shall be played to a finish unless one team has already won. vi) A match is won when one side leads by a number of holes greater than the number remaining to be played. If there is a tie, the round is extended by as many holes as are required for a match to be won. A match must not be called in unless there is an overall result that is confirmed beyond doubt.
e) Handicapping	i) To be eligible, players must have a Handicap Index of no less than <b>14.5</b> on 1st January 2021. ii) For a pair to be eligible, their Handicap Index on 1st January, when added together, must not be lower than <b>34.0</b> . iii) All matches are played off scratch.

#### **F-17) FRED PERRY TROPHY (MEN'S)**

a) Age Group	55 years and over as specified in Section A of the General Regulations.
b) Gender	Male
c) Size of Team	10 players (5 x four-ball pairings)
d) Regulations	i) There will be Regional and National sections organised in accordance with Reg. 10 of the General Regulations. ii) In the Regional Stage, up to the Area Final, there will be three matches at the club drawn at home, and two at the club drawn away. iii) Four-Ball Match Play. In match play, all matches must be played to a finish unless an overall result is reached, in which case unfinished matches will be declared halved. iv) A team/panel may change for each round/leg. v) All matches shall be played to a finish unless one team has already won.

	vi) A match is won when one side leads by a number of holes greater than the number remaining to be played. If there is a tie, the round is extended by as many holes as are required for a match to be won. A match must not be called in unless there is an overall result that is confirmed beyond doubt.
e) Handicapping	i) To be eligible, players must have a Handicap Index of no higher than <b>28.0</b> on 1st January 2021 (no dropping down allowed). A player with an index of 28.1 or higher is not eligible. ii) For a pair to be eligible, their Handicap Indexes on 1st January, when added together, must not be higher than <b>42.0</b> . iii) Players' Handicap Indexes on 1st January will be used to determine their Course Handicap, from which Playing Handicaps and strokes in matches will be based.

#### F-18) IRISH MIXED FOURSOMES

a) Age Group	18 and over as specified in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Female and male
c) Size of Team	10 players (5 x pairings, each of one male and one female player)
d) Regulations	i) There will be Regional and National sections organised in accordance with Reg. 10 of the General Regulations. ii) In the Regional Stage, up to the Area Final, there will be three matches at the club drawn at home, and two at the club drawn away. iii) Foursomes Match Play. In Match Play, all matches must be played to a finish unless an overall result is reached, in which case unfinished matches will be declared halved. iv) The male player must play first on first hole of the match and at every second hole thereafter (see Reg.19 <a href="#">above</a> ). v) Each side must play off the same set of tees on each hole – the standard set of male and female tees respectively where male and female players are to drive. vi) Teams may play in any combined handicap order. vii) A team/panel may change for each round/leg. viii) All matches shall be played to a finish unless one team has already won. A match must not be called in unless there is an overall result that is confirmed beyond doubt.
e) Handicapping	i) Eligibility: To be eligible, players must have a Handicap Index on 1st January 2021. This Handicap Index applies throughout the competition. For a pair to be eligible, their Handicap Indexes on the 1st of January, when added together, must not be lower than 19.0. ii) Playing Handicap: Each player uses their Handicap Index on 1st January to calculate their Course Handicaps. Male players must calculate their Course Handicaps using the Slope Rating of the tees prescribed for Male Players and Female players must do likewise using the Rating for the tees to be used by Female players. The pair then add their rounded Course Handicaps together and the pair's Playing Handicap is 50% of their combined Course Handicap. If a pair's Playing Handicap (when the two Course Handicaps are added together and reduced to 50%) exceeds 15, they must play off 15. In Match Play, the difference between the two pairs' Playing Handicaps determines strokes given and received.

	iii) Stroke Indexes: strokes given or received are based on the stroke index of the tees used by men.
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## F-19) THE NINE-HOLE CHALLENGE

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Female and Male
c) Size of Team	Two players – one male and one female – who qualify
d) Regulations	<p>i) Eligibility: Participants must be members of a Golf Club affiliated to Golf Ireland.</p> <p>ii) Entries: Participating clubs must submit an entry form to Golf Ireland.</p> <p>iii) The competition must be played on a course with a current Course and Slope Rating.</p> <p>iv) There are two rounds in the Irish Competition: Club Qualifying Competitions and Regional Finals</p> <p>v) The form of play in the Club Qualifiers and Regional Finals is 9-hole singles stableford. Ties will be broken in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations.</p> <p>vi) For qualifying competitions and regional finals, the provisions of Rule 5 of the Rules of Golf will apply, in addition to any restrictions imposed by the golf club or Golf Ireland. There will be no practice play allowed at The Open Championship venue but range and putting green access will be available on the morning of the final.</p> <p>vii) <u>Club Qualifier</u>: Each participating club shall hold a qualifier, which may be conducted in one of the following formats:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An individual men's competition and an individual women's competition in which the winner of each will form the club's team or</li> <li>A mixed team competition (one female, one male, both Stableford scores added together)</li> <li>In either circumstance, these competitions must be counting for handicapping purposes. Handicapping software must be used in any singles format run by the club.</li> <li>The winning female and male players or winning pair (depending on the format used for the Club Qualifier) will advance to the regional qualifier.</li> <li>There is no age limit for this competition; however, a pair may only include one player (male or female) who is under 18 years of age in the year of the event. Where a club runs separate competitions and both of the winners are under 18, the club will gain an extra team in the regional finals, with the U18 winners playing on separate teams.</li> <li>It will be at the discretion of participating golf clubs as to whether they award prizes for the leading places in their qualifying competition.</li> </ol> <p>viii) <u>Regional Finals (Golf Ireland)</u>: Four designated regional finals will take place at dates and times arranged in advance by Golf Ireland over a 9-hole course with a current Course and Slope Rating. The combined singles Stableford scores of each team member will count towards the team's total. The winner of</p>



	each regional final shall qualify for the grand final at the venue of The Open.
e) Handicapping	Players must have a Handicap Index.

#### **F-20) FRED DALY TROPHY (BOYS')**

a) Age Group	Under 18 as specified in Section A of the General Regulations.
b) Gender	Male
c) Size of Team	Five players
d) Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) A player must compete for his Home Club (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 Regional Office within four days of any request.</li> <li>ii) Singles Match Play</li> <li>iii) Team must play in order of current Handicap Index. In matches with three games at one club and two at the other, the lowest three players from each team must play in the venue with three matches.</li> </ul>
e) Handicapping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) To be eligible, players must have a Handicap Index at the time of competing.</li> <li>ii) All matches are played off scratch.</li> </ul>

#### **F-21) GIRLS' INTER-CLUB**

a) Age Group	Under-19 in accordance with Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Female
c) Size of Team	Three players
d) Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) The Trophy shall be played for annually between Golf Ireland affiliated clubs in each Region. Each club may enter a maximum of two teams. If two teams are entered they shall be named 'A Team' and 'B Team' respectively.</li> <li>ii) The Tournament shall be in the form of Singles Match Play played in the order of current Handicap Index. All matches shall be played to a result unless a team has already won. The round of 18 holes is extended by as many holes as are required for a match to be won.</li> <li>iii) Each team entered in the Tournament shall play in a Regional qualifier. The Regional qualifying competitions shall be run by the Connacht, Leinster, Munster and Ulster Regions. The winning Regional Club shall play in the All Ireland Semi-Final/Final.</li> <li>iv) In the event that more than 16 Clubs enter the Tournament in one Region, the following will apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Entries shall be limited to 32 teams.</li> <li>b) Entries will be on the basis, in the first instance, of one team per club.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



	<p>c) Clubs with second teams will fill any remaining spaces up to a maximum of 32 based on their lowest aggregate handicaps.</p> <p>d) There will be a preliminary round in which clubs will be drawn to play each other. The team that appears first in the draw shall have home advantage (ie, all three matches at home), and the winner of each preliminary round match will advance to the Regional Qualifying Competition, which will consist of 16 teams.</p> <p>v) In the event that 16 Clubs or fewer enter the Tournament in one Region, the following will apply:</p> <p>a) Entries shall be limited to 16 teams.</p> <p>b) Entries will be on the basis, in the first instance, of one team per club.</p> <p>c) Clubs with second teams will fill any remaining spaces up to a maximum of 16 teams based on their lowest aggregate handicaps. These 16 teams will play in the Regional Qualifying Competition.</p> <p>vi) A player must be a member of the club she represents. A player shall not play for more than one team throughout the competition. A competitor who is a member of more than one club shall only represent her nominated club throughout the Competition.</p> <p>vii) At each Regional qualifying competition, the Team Captains should submit the names of their teams, in Handicap Index order, at least 30 minutes before the match is due to start. A reserve, if any, should also be named on the team sheet. Should a player become incapacitated by illness, accident or other unavoidable occurrence, the reserve may be substituted up to the time a player is due to start from the first Tee. The reserve shall play in order of Handicap Index of the remaining players. If no reserve is available the match must be conceded.</p> <p>viii) For the National Semi-Final, the names for the morning matches must be submitted at the Tournament meeting with the Captains, while for the National Final matches they must be submitted as soon as the results of the Semi-finals are known.</p>
e) Handicapping	Players must have a Handicap Index at the time of playing. The maximum Playing Handicap is 36. Strokes apply based on playing handicaps calculated in accordance with Section C.

## F-22) BOYS INTER-CLUB

a) Age Group	Under 18 as specified in Section A of the General Regulations.
b) Gender	Male
c) Size of Team	Three - Five players
d) Regulations	<p>i) A player must compete for his Home Club (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</p>

	<p>Home Club must be forwarded to the opposing Team Captain and relevant Regional Office within four days of any request.</p> <p>ii) To determine the result in all stages, the aggregate of the best three out of up to five net stableford scores will count. If two or more teams are tied, see provisions in Section E of the General Regulations.</p> <p>iii) Teams must be submitted in order of current Playing Handicap.</p>
e) Handicapping	<p>i) Players must have a Handicap Index at the time of playing.</p> <p>ii) Players will not be eligible to play in this competition if their Handicap Index was lower than 5.0 on 1st January 2021. However, if a player's Handicap Index drops below 5.0 after 1st January, they will still be eligible and in this case, they must use their current Handicap Index on the day of competition.</p> <p>iii) If a player's Playing Handicap on the day of competing, when calculated using current Handicap Index, is higher than 24, the player must play off 24.</p>

### F-23) BOYS' JUNIOR FOURSOMES

a) Age Group	Under 18 as specified in Section A of the General Regulations.
b) Gender	Male
c) Size of Team	Four players
d) Regulations	<p>i) A player must compete for his Home Club (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 Regional Office within four days of any request.</p> <p>ii) Foursomes Medal Play / Match Play. Each match shall be played over 18 holes, the aggregate of holes up to decide the winning team.</p> <p>iii) 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.</p> <p>iv) In the case of a tie, the second match shall immediately continue one hole at a time until there is a winner. The pairs contesting tie holes must maintain their respective orders of play in which they played from the start of the match.</p> <p>v) *See Section D for notes on the application of the Regulations with regard to the order of play.</p>
e) Handicapping	<p>i) Players must have a Handicap Index at the time of playing that is not higher than 12.0 (ie, if a player's Handicap Index is higher than 12.0, they must use an index of 12.0 to calculate their Course Handicap).</p> <p>ii) To determine Strokes: Each player uses their current Handicap Index to calculate their Course Handicaps. (Any player with an index higher than 12.0 must use 12.0 as per the above.) The pair then add their rounded Course Handicaps together and the pair's Playing Handicap is 50% of their combined Course</p>

	Handicap. In Match Play, the difference between the two pairs' Playing Handicaps determines strokes given or received.
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## **G CONNACHT INTER-CLUB COMPETITIONS**

### **G-1) CONNACHT TROPHY (WOMEN'S)**

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Female
c) Size of Team	Five players. Throughout the competition, each club will be represented for the Match Play round by the original team of five players. However, a maximum of two substitutes may be permitted. No player shall play for more than one club in any one year.
d) Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Competitors must hold a Handicap Index. Maximum Playing Handicap is 36. A player with a Playing Handicap of higher than 36 is eligible to compete, but must play off 36 on the day of the competition.</li> <li>ii) Competition is open to all clubs affiliated in the Connacht Region.</li> <li>iii) Clubs may enter up to two teams, however both Teams must play at the same qualifying venue.</li> <li>iv) Each club may enter up to two teams. The number of Teams at each venue shall be capped at 24 (120 players). In the event of the tournament being oversubscribed places for second teams, only, will be decided by ballot.</li> <li>v) All teams shall play qualifying round of 18 holes Stableford at one of two venues. Teams to mark their venue preference on application form. Time sheet availability at each venue may result in clubs not getting first choice of venue.</li> <li>vi) The team from each venue with the leading score, determined by the aggregate of the three best scores from each team, shall qualify for the Final, a singles Match Play at a neutral venue at a later date.</li> <li>vii) In singles Match Play the players must play in order of current Handicap Index on the day of the Final. All matches shall be played to a finish unless a team has already won.</li> <li>viii) Prizes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Winning team: Trophy and Medals; Runners up: Medals</li> <li>b. The winning club shall be responsible for the safe custody of the trophy, which must be returned to the Connacht Regional Office when requested.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
e) Handicapping	Stroke allowances as per Section C of the General Regulations. Any player playing out of Handicap Index order shall be disqualified for that match and the opponent shall be awarded the match.

### **G-2) CONNACHT SHIELD (MEN'S)**

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Male
c) Size of Team	10 players (five foursomes pairings)
d) Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) The form of play is Foursomes Match Play, open to all clubs in the Connacht region.</li> <li>ii) 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 on their opponent's course.</li> </ul>

	<p>iii) Venue: All rounds shall be played Home and Away over One Leg, excluding the Area final which shall be played over two Legs; Each Leg of the final shall start no later than 13.00hrs;</p> <p>iv) Date: As prescribed in Draw; All rounds must be played by the date specified, no Extensions shall be granted.</p>
e) Handicapping	<p>i) Players must have a Handicap Index on 1st January, which will be used throughout the competition to determine eligibility and Playing Handicap.</p> <p>ii) Maximum individual Handicap Index is 20.0. A player with a Handicap Index of 20.1 or higher is not eligible.</p> <p>iii) There must be no more than 8.0 of a difference between the Handicap Indexes of any pair selected.</p> <p>iv) Each player uses his Handicap Index at the 1st of January to calculate his Course Handicap. The Playing Handicap is 50% of the combined Course Handicaps of the pair.</p>

### G-3) JACK O'SULLIVAN TROPHY (MEN'S)

a) Age Group	No player under 18 years of age in the year of the event is eligible to compete.
b) Gender	Male
c) Size of Team	10 players; Playing in five Four-Ball pairings.
d) Regulations	<p>i) Four-Ball Match Play; Clubs are drawn to play in four regional zones of knockout Match Play; The club drawn first shall have three singles matches at home with the remaining two Foursomes matches played on their opponent's course;</p> <p>ii) Venue: All rounds shall be played Home and Away over one round, excluding the Area Final which shall be played over two Legs; Each leg of the final shall start no later than 13.00hrs;</p> <p>iii) Date: As prescribed in Draw; All rounds must be played by the date specified. No extensions shall be granted.</p>
e) Handicapping	<p>i) Players must have a Handicap Index on 1<sup>st</sup> January, which will be used throughout the competition to determine eligibility and Playing Handicap.</p> <p>ii) Maximum individual Handicap Index is 20.0. A player with an index of 20.1 or higher is not eligible.</p> <p>iii) There must be no more than 8.0 of a difference between the Handicap Indexes of any pair selected.</p>

### G-4) CONNACHT UNDER-16 BOYS' INTER-CLUB

a) Age Group	Under-16 as per Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Male
c) Size of Team	Five players
d) Regulations	<p>i) Each member of the team must be a member of the Club from which he is selected to compete.</p> <p>ii) A player must compete for his Home Club (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</p>

	<p>Club. If required, a copy of the written permission from his Home Club must be forwarded to the opposing Team Captain and relevant Regional Office within four days of any request.</p> <p>iii) Form of Play: Singles Stableford (net)</p> <p>iv) Format: One Stableford round over 18 holes shall be played. The aggregate of the best four Stableford cards from those returned shall determine the order of the final placings. Ties shall be in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations</p>
e) Handicapping	<p>i) Team must compete in order of current Handicap Index.</p> <p>ii) The maximum Playing Handicap shall be 28. A player with a Playing Handicap of higher than 28 is eligible to compete, but must play off 28 on the day of the competition</p> <p>iii) Players shall compete using their Handicap Index on the day of the event up to the maximum permitted handicap limit.</p>

#### **G-5) CONNACHT MEN'S 9-HOLE COURSE INTER-CLUB**

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Male
c) Size of Team	10 players (four x Singles and three x Foursomes pairings)
d) Regulations	<p>i) Singles and Foursomes Match Play;</p> <p>ii) Team must be submitted in order of eligibility Handicap Index</p> <p>iii) Clubs are drawn to play in regional zones of knockout Match Play; The club drawn first shall have four singles matches at home with the remaining three foursomes matches played at their opponent's course;</p> <p>iv) Venue: All rounds shall be played Home and Away over one round, excluding the Area final which shall be played at a neutral venue appointed by the Connacht Regional Executive; The final shall start no later than 13.00;</p> <p>v) Date: As prescribed in Draw; All rounds must be played by the date specified, no extensions shall be granted.</p>
e) Handicapping	<p>i) Players must have a Handicap Index on 1<sup>st</sup> January, which will be used to determine eligibility and Playing Handicap.</p> <p>ii) Strokes will be given on the basis of the singles and foursomes allowances set out in Section C of the General Regulations.</p>

## H LEINSTER INTER-CLUB COMPETITIONS

### H-1) LEINSTER WOMEN'S AREA CLUB COMMITTEE TEAM EVENT

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Female
c) Size of Team	Three players
d) Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Club teams may only enter this event in the Venue in their respective Competition Area.</li> <li>ii) Teams shall be admitted on a first-come first-served basis. Each club may enter a maximum of two teams. If two teams are entered they shall be named 'A' Team and 'B' Team respectively.</li> <li>iii) In the event that the competition is oversubscribed, each club shall be entitled to one team entry and second teams will fill any remaining places by lot.</li> <li>iv) The form of play is Stableford – best two scores out of three to count over one round.</li> <li>v) Prizes: Winners, Runners-Up, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th.</li> </ul>
e) Handicapping	The maximum Playing Handicap allowed is 36. A player with a Playing Handicap of higher than 36 is eligible to compete, but must play off 36 on the day of the competition

### H-2) BARTON CUP (MEN'S)

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Male
c) Size of Team	10 players (five foursomes pairs)
d) Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Foursomes Match Play at home and away as per the draw. All matches must be played to a finish unless an overall result is reached, in which case unfinished matches will be declared halved.</li> <li>ii) In a situation where there is a first and second round, in both rounds, the club on top of the draw has three matches at home and two matches away. For the third and subsequent rounds including the semi-final, the club whose number or letter appears first shall have three matches at home and two matches away. For the final the club that letter appears first shall play at home in the first leg. The dates for the final are arranged by the Leinster Regional Executive in advance.</li> <li>iii) In the event of a tie after the second leg of the final, both Team Captains will have 15 minutes after the completion of the match to declare their pairings who shall play Match Play over three holes in sequence prescribed by the Regional before the final. If still tied, the same pairings shall extend the round over the same prescribed holes in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations.</li> </ul>
e) Handicapping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) To be eligible, players must have a Handicap Index on 1 January 2021. This Handicap Index applies throughout the competition.</li> <li>ii) Lowest combined Handicap Index of a pair – 14.0.</li> <li>iii) All matches played off scratch</li> </ul>



### H-3) LEINSTER BOYS' UNDER-15 INTER-CLUB

a) Age Group	Under-15 in accordance with Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Male
c) Size of Team	Five players
d) Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) The form of play is singles match play.</li> <li>ii) Teams shall be placed in order of current Handicap Index from highest to lowest – highest playing first; lowest playing last.</li> <li>iii) For the first-round matches, the club on top of the draw has home advantage – 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 second leg. In the event of a tie in the first or second round, the final pairing shall, as soon as practicable extend the round in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations.</li> <li>iv) In the second and subsequent rounds (except the final), the competing teams shall on the same day play three matches at home and two matches away.</li> <li>v) Note 1 – The three highest handicap players from each team will compete at the club that has home advantage. All matches must be played to a finish unless an overall result is reached, in which case unfinished matches will be declared halved.</li> <li>vi) Note 2 – Where a team is under strength (i.e. only able to field three or four players), the highest-handicapped matches will be forfeited (if a team can only field four players, then match 1 will be forfeit; if they can only field three players, matches 1 &amp; 2 will be forfeited).</li> <li>vii) In the Final (two legs) five matches shall be played at home and five matches away.</li> <li>viii) In the event of a tie after the second leg of the final, the final pairing that has played in the second leg shall as soon as practicable, and on the same day, engage in Match Play over three holes in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations.</li> </ul>
e) Handicapping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Players must have a Handicap Index on the day of the competition.</li> <li>ii) For Boys aged under 14: If a player's Playing Handicap on the day of competing, when calculated using the player's current Handicap Index, is higher than 18, the player must play off 18.</li> <li>iii) For all other competitors: If a player's Playing Handicap on the day of competing, when calculated using the player's current Handicap Index, is higher than 14, the player must play off 14.</li> </ul>

### H-4) METROPOLITAN TROPHY (MEN'S)

a) Age Group	None
b) Gender	Male
c) Size of Team	Seven players
d) Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) The Metropolitan Trophy is open to all clubs affiliated to Golf Ireland in the Leinster Region inside the Metropolitan area viz: a radius of 18 miles from the G.P.O. in Dublin.</li> <li>ii) Clubs compete by Singles Match Play at Home and Away as per the draw. All matches must be played to a finish unless an</li> </ul>

	<p>overall result is reached, in which case unfinished matches will be declared halved.</p> <p>iii) For the first round matches, the club on top of the draw has four matches at home and three matches away. For the second and subsequent rounds including the semi final, the club whose number or letter appears first shall have four matches at home and three matches away. For the final the club that letter appears first shall play at home in the first leg. The dates for the final are arranged by the Leinster Regional Executive in advance.</p> <p>iv) In the event of a tie after the second leg of the final, both Team Captains will have 15 minutes after the completion of the match to declare their pairings who shall play Match Play over three holes in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations.</p>
e) Handicapping	<p>i) To be eligible, players must have a Handicap Index on 1 January 2021. This Handicap Index applies throughout the competition.</p> <p>ii) Handicap Index must not be lower than 8.5.</p> <p>iii) All matches played off scratch</p>

#### H-5) PROVINCIAL TOWNS' CUP (MEN'S)

a) Age Group	None
b) Gender	Male
c) Size of Team	Seven players
d) Regulations	<p>i) Open to all clubs affiliated to the Golf Ireland situate in the Leinster Region outside the Metropolitan area.</p> <p>ii) Clubs compete by Singles Match Play at Home and Away as per the draw. All matches must be played to a finish unless an overall result is reached, in which case unfinished matches will be declared halved.</p> <p>iii) For the first round matches, the club on top of the draw has four matches at home and three matches away. For the second and subsequent rounds including the semi-final, the club whose number or letter appears first shall have four matches at home and three matches away. For the final the club that letter appears first shall play at home in the first leg. The dates for the final are arranged by Leinster Regional Executive in advance.</p> <p>iv) In the event of a tie after the second leg of the final, both Team Captains will have 15 minutes after the completion of the match to declare their pairings who shall play Match Play over three holes in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations.</p>
e) Handicapping	<p>i) To be eligible, players must have a Handicap Index on 1/1/2021.</p> <p>ii) This Handicap Index applies throughout the competition.</p> <p>iii) Handicap Index of a player must not be lower than 8.5.</p> <p>iv) All matches played off scratch</p>

## **I MUNSTER INTER-CLUB COMPETITIONS**

### **I-1) ELEANOR TIVY CUP (WOMEN'S)**

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Female
c) Size of Team	Each club to be represented by one team of three players.
d) Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) 18 holes singles stableford open to all clubs in the Munster Region. Winning team to be determined on the highest aggregate of the three net cards returned.</li> <li>ii) Team Prizes: Trophy Pennant &amp; Voucher; Runners-Up: Voucher;</li> <li>iii) Individual Prizes: 1st Net &amp; 2nd Net: Voucher.</li> <li>iv) No player may win more than one voucher. The winner is responsible for the safe custody of the trophy, which must be returned to the Munster Regional Office on request.</li> </ul>
e) Handicapping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Players must hold a Handicap Index of 20.1 or higher to be eligible.</li> <li>ii) A player with a Playing Handicap of higher than 32 is eligible to compete, but must play off 32 on the day of the competition.</li> </ul>

### **I-2) MUNSTER CUP (WOMEN'S)**

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Female
c) Size of Team	Each club to be represented by one team of three players.
d) Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) 18 holes singles Stroke Play open to all clubs in the Munster Region. Winning team to be determined on the highest aggregate of the three net cards returned.</li> <li>ii) Team Prizes: Trophy Pennant &amp; Voucher. Runners- Up: Voucher.</li> <li>iii) Individual Prizes: Gross: Voucher; Individual Net: Voucher.</li> <li>iv) No player may win more than one voucher. The winner is responsible for the safe custody of the trophy, which must be returned to the Munster Regional Office when requested.</li> </ul>
e) Handicapping	Players must hold a Handicap Index of 20.0 or under; players with a Handicap Index of 20.1 or higher will be ineligible.

### **I-3) MUNSTER COUNTRY CLUBS CUP (MEN'S)**

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Male
c) Size of Team	Seven players, playing singles match play
d) Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Open to all Clubs in the Region of Munster affiliated to Golf Ireland and whose courses are less than 18 holes.</li> <li>ii) Each Club shall be entitled to enter one team.</li> <li>iii) The team matches shall be played in accordance with the draw made by the Regional Executive. All matches must be played on or before the date fixed and printed on the Draw Sheet as circulated to all competing Clubs. The Regional Executive may at any time alter these dates to suit special circumstances.</li> </ul>
e) Handicapping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) To be eligible, players must have a Handicap Index on 1 January 2021. This Handicap Index applies throughout the competition.</li> <li>ii) Handicap Index of a player must not be lower than 9.5.</li> <li>iii) All matches played off scratch</li> </ul>

## **J ULSTER INTER-CLUB COMPETITIONS**

### **J-1) BELFAST & DISTRICT CUP (MEN'S)**

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Male
c) Size of Team	Seven players
d) Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Open to all clubs affiliated to the Golf Ireland in the Region of Ulster which are situated within a radius of 30 miles of Belfast City Hall. Each club shall be entitled to enter one team.</li> <li>ii) Singles Match Play off scratch, seven matches with home and away draw with top team in the draw at home. Teams that reach the semi-final in the previous calendar year, shall be seeded into the Draw the following year. Any Byes will be allocated as follows; Winner, Runner-Up, Beaten Semi-Finalists, by lot if necessary, from the previous year with any further byes decided by lot.</li> </ul>
e) Handicapping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) To be eligible, players must have a Handicap Index on 1/1/2021.</li> <li>ii) This Handicap Index applies throughout the competition.</li> <li>iii) Lowest permitted Handicap Index of a player is 9.5.</li> <li>iv) All matches played off scratch.</li> </ul>

### **J-2) NELLIE GARRETT CUP (WOMEN'S)**

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Female
c) Size of Team	Two players (one foursomes pair)
d) Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Open to all members of clubs affiliated in the Ulster Region.</li> <li>ii) Foursomes, Stableford</li> <li>iii) Two Rounds – a Club Qualifier and a Regional Final. The winning pair from each club or 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> pair etc. will qualify to play in the final. The pair must have played together in the qualifying round.</li> <li>iv) Prizes: Winner: Cup &amp; Vouchers; Runners-up: Vouchers; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Vouchers. The winning club to hold the Cup for one year.</li> </ul>
e) Handicapping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Eligibility: Maximum Handicap Index per pair of 56.0 at the time of the club qualifying</li> <li>ii) Playing Handicap 50% of the combined Course Handicap with a maximum playing Handicap of 28</li> </ul>

### **J-3) DAISY FERGUSON WOMEN'S TROPHY**

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Female
c) Size of Team	Two players (one Greensomes pair)
d) Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) The Competition shall be open to all Golf Ireland affiliated members in the Ulster Region.</li> <li>ii) Two Rounds – Club Qualifier and Regional Final. The winning pair from each club shall qualify to play in the final. If, on the day of the final, the winning pair is not available, then the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> pair etc. may play. Pairs must have played together in the qualifying round.</li> </ul>

	iii) Greensomes, Stableford iv) Winner: Trophy & Voucher; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Voucher; 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Voucher.
e) Handicapping	i) Maximum Combined Handicap Index per pair of 56 at the time of the club qualifying ii) Playing Handicap 60% of the lower Course Handicap and 40% of the higher Course Handicap iii) Maximum Playing Handicap of 28 in the final

#### J-4) PEGGY NELSON WOMEN'S TROPHY

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Female
c) Size of Team	A team of three players will represent each club.
d) Regulations	<p>i) Competition shall be open to all Golf Ireland affiliated members in the Ulster Region.</p> <p>ii) Stableford – Singles in Stage 1 and 3-person team in Stage 2</p> <p>iii) Two rounds of 18 holes – the Club Qualifier and the Final</p> <p><b>Club Qualifier:</b></p> <p>iv) Each club will hold an 18 holes stableford competition and send the winning qualifiers in each of the classes listed in e) below to the Regional Final.</p> <p>v) If a Club has no class (a) player, an extra class (b) player may be substituted but must use a handicap Index of 15.9</p> <p>vi) If a qualifying player reduces her handicap after qualifying, she may still compete in the final, using her current Handicap Index in the class in which she qualified.</p> <p>vii) If a qualifying player increases her handicap after qualifying, which results in her moving to another class, she may still compete in the final, using the maximum Handicap Index in the class in which she qualified.</p> <p><b>Final:</b></p> <p>viii) The Final will be an 18 holes stableford team competition.</p> <p>ix) If a qualifying player reduces her handicap index after qualifying, she may still complete in the final, playing off her current handicap index in the class in which she qualified.</p> <p>x) If a Player increases her handicap index after qualifying, she may still complete in the final, playing off the maximum handicap index in the class in which she qualified.</p> <p>xi) Best TWO scores to count at each hole and all THREE scores to count at par 3s.</p> <p>xii) In the event of a tie in the final, the 3<sup>rd</sup> card shall count.</p> <p>xiii) Prizes: Winner: Trophy &amp; Voucher; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Voucher; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Voucher.</p>
e) Handicapping	<p>i) There are three classes for handicap purposes:</p> <p>a. Index 15.9 and under</p> <p>b. Index 16.0–23.9</p> <p>c. Index 24.0–36.0</p>

#### J-5) ULSTER CUP (MEN'S)

a) Age Group	Over 30 as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Male
c) Size of Team	Seven players

d) Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) The Tournament is open to all clubs affiliated to Golf Ireland in the Region of Ulster. Each club shall be entitled to enter one team.</li> <li>ii) The form of play is Singles scratch Match Play.</li> <li>iii) Home and Away draw with top team in the draw at home first. Should a match be all-square after 18 holes, that match will be declared a half. In the case of a tie, after the second leg, overall holes up will apply, being calculated on each individual result (e.g. a 4/3 win would be four holes). If still a tie the No.7 player on each Team Sheet will play tie holes in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations.</li> </ul>
e) Handicapping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) To be eligible, players must have a Handicap Index on 1 January 2021. This Handicap Index applies throughout the competition.</li> <li>ii) Lowest permitted Handicap Index of a player is 9.5.</li> <li>iii) All matches played off scratch</li> </ul>

## K National Competitions for Club Golfers

### K-1) WOMEN'S SILVER AND BRONZE MEDALS

a) Age	No Restriction
b) Gender	Women
c) Handicap	Silver Medal – Handicap Index up to and including 20.0 Bronze Medal – Handicap Index of 20.1 and higher
d) Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) A player belonging to more than one affiliated club may compete in Golf Ireland Medal competitions held at each of these clubs and may play for two medals on the same day, provided they are not played on the same course.</li> <li>ii) Under no circumstances may any player compete twice in the same Golf Ireland Medal Competition.</li> </ul>
e) Qualifying	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Club – The qualifiers will be those who return the lowest aggregate of two Net Scores in the Silver and Bronze Golf Ireland Medal Competitions from 1st March to 31st July. The winning of a Silver Medal supersedes the winning of a Bronze Medal in any club in the same year.</li> <li>ii) Regional – Only club medal winners are eligible to play in Regional Finals. If this is not possible then a club will not be represented. Exception: In the event of a player winning the medal at both her home and away club, the player will represent her home club in the Regional final and her away club may be represented by the runner-up. Note: Not all clubs will be assigned to the final in their region in order to fairly distribute playing numbers,</li> <li>iii) National – The Silver and Bronze players with the six best net scores will qualify to play in the National Medal Final. Substitutes, in score order, will be permitted.</li> </ul>
f) Form of Play	<p>Club – A minimum of two 18-hole Stroke Acceptable Score competitions designated as Golf Ireland Medal competitions</p> <p>Regional &amp; National – 18-hole Stroke Acceptable Score competition off current Handicap Index in the category in which the player qualified subject to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. A player whose Handicap Index reduces before the Regional or National final shall play in the category in which she qualified off her lower Handicap Index.</li> <li>ii. A player whose Handicap Index increases before the Regional or National final shall continue to play in the category in which she qualified off the maximum permitted Handicap Index for that category</li> </ul>
g) Regulations – Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) The Committee must select a minimum of three Stroke Play club competitions in the period up to 31st July 2021 which will be designated as Golf Ireland Medal competitions. The maximum score form of Stroke Play is permitted.</li> <li>ii) The dates at each affiliated club shall be fixed by the beginning of the calendar year.</li> <li>iii) The date may only be altered should the course be pronounced unavailable by the Club Committee, or if the Committee or its authorised representative considers that, for any reason, the course is not in a playable condition, or that there are circumstances which render the proper playing of the game impossible.</li> </ul>



	<p>iv) The new date must be within two calendar months of the date originally fixed. A change of date may be applied to a Main or an Alternate Day separately.</p> <p>v) If the Main Day is cancelled and cannot be re-arranged, the player in each category with the best Net Score on the Alternate Day, is the winner of that Medal Competition. Similarly, if the Alternate Day is cancelled, the Main Day results stand.</p> <p>vi) There shall be no compulsory draw or entry fee for players competing in the Golf Ireland Medal Competitions. The Committee may make its own terms regarding draws, starting times and entry fees for any competitions played in conjunction with the Golf Ireland Medal Competition.</p> <p>vii) Should only one player enter the competition her score must be recorded and count for Golf Ireland Medal purposes</p> <p>viii) Where a club has more than one course, the Golf Ireland Medal Competitions need not all be played on the same course provided that, all competitors in the Silver category play the same course in any one competition and all the competitors in the Bronze category play the same course in any one competition.</p>
h) Regulations - Player	<p>i) A player must register her intention to compete on the day of the competition by ensuring that her entry has been inserted in the competition entry list, manually or by computer as required by the Committee in the Terms of Competition.</p> <p>ii) For the Silver Medal all three scores must be returned whilst the player has a Handicap Index of 20.0 or under,</p> <p>iii) For the Bronze Medal, all three scores must be returned whilst the player has a Handicap Index of 20.1 or above.</p>
i) Ties	<p>Club - If two or more competitors tie, the winner shall be decided on the Net Score of the last 9, 6, 3 or 1 hole(s) of all three cards added together. If still a tie playoff in accordance with Section E of the General Regulations.</p> <p>Regional &amp; National – as per Schedule E.</p>
j) Prizes	<p>Club – Net Winners: Silver and Bronze Medal</p> <p>National – Silver and Bronze Categories</p> <p>Net Winners: Gold Medal, Vouchers</p> <p>Net Runner's Up: Vouchers</p>

## K-2) AUSTRALIAN SPOONS (FOR WOMEN)

a) General	Presented to the LGU in 1967 by the Australian Ladies Golf Union to support players representing Ireland at International Competitions.
b) Age Group	No restrictions
c) Gender	Women
d) Eligibility	Players must hold a valid Handicap Index
e) Qualifying	<p><b>Regional:</b> The winning pair (net) from each club will qualify to play in the Regional competition area final.</p> <p>The best gross pair from each club will qualify to play in the Regional competition area final provided that at least 10 pairs have entered the competition at club level.</p> <p><b>National:</b> The winners, runners-up, gross, 3rd best pairs from each Regional venue will qualify to play in the National Final, Substitutes, In score order, will be permitted.</p>
f) Form of Play	Greensomes (Scotch) Foursomes, Stableford

g) Regulations	The Entry Form must be sent to the nominated Regional Official with the entry fees paid by all competitors by a date to be decided by the relevant Regional Executive Committee
h) Handicaps	Greensomes , Playing Handicap calculated by adding .6 of the lower Course Handicap to .4 of the higher Course Handicap (No handicap limit)
i) Prizes	Regional: Net Winners, Gross Winners, Net Runners-Up & Third: Vouchers National: The Spoons will be held for one year by the club from which the winning Net pair enters. Net Winners: Australian Spoons, Memento Spoons & Vouchers Gross Winners: Memento Spoons and Vouchers Net Runners-Up, Third & Fourth: Vouchers.

### K-3) GIRLS' JUNIOR MEDAL COMPETITIONS

a) Age	Girls under 18 as per Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Female
c) Handicap	Must hold a valid Handicap Index
d) Eligibility	Players must registered on Golf Ireland clubhouse as a Junior/Juvenile - Under 18 member. Scores, without restriction on number, must be returned in Acceptable Score competitions and may be played in conjunction with a club competition (except v Par) as authorized by the Committee. Only one score in June, July and August will count.
d) Qualifying - Club	The Club Junior Medal is awarded to the player with the lowest aggregate of three net score differentials, one in June, July and August.
e) Qualification - National Final	The 10 girls who have reduced their Handicap Index by the greatest margin in the period March 1 – August 31, irrespective of recording an Acceptable Score in each month, will be the first to qualify for the National Final. Ties for the top 10 will be determined by the greatest number of Acceptable Score competitions recorded over the period, followed by the lowest aggregate score recorded in the period. In addition, the lowest 50 (+ties) aggregate of Acceptable Scores will also qualify for the final.
f) Form of Play	<b>Club</b> - 18-Hole Acceptable Score Stroke or Stableford Competitions <b>National</b> - 18-Hole Stableford
g) Ties	<b>Club</b> - If two or more competitors tie, the winner shall be decided according to Section E of the General <b>National</b> – According to Section E of the General Regulations
h) Prizes	<b>Club:</b> Net Winner: Junior Medal <b>National Final</b> Net Winner: Gold Medal & Voucher Gross Winner: Silver Medal & Voucher Net: Handicap Indexes + to 20.0: Silver Medal & Voucher Net: Handicap Index 20.1 to 54.0: Bronze Medal & Voucher Net :Second & Third: Vouchers

#### K-4) MEN'S CLUB CHALLENGE

a) General	<p>The Gold Medals are played for annually in three categories, which are determined by the player's Handicap Index in the first stage of the competition. The three categories are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) 9.0 and below</li> <li>ii) 9.1-17.0</li> <li>iii) 17.1 and above.</li> </ul>
b) Format	Net singles stableford, at all stages of the competitions.
c) Eligibility	<p>Each competitor must be an amateur golfer as defined by R&amp;A Rules Ltd, and must hold a Handicap Index.</p> <p>Any competitor currently disqualified from participation in any National or Regional individual Championship cannot represent a Club in the Regional or All-Ireland sections of any of these competitions.</p> <p>Where the player's Home Club has entered the competition, the player is confined to competing for that Club. Otherwise players may represent their away club</p>
d) Stages of the Competition	<p>There are three stages of the competition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) The Club Qualifier</li> <li>ii) The Club Final</li> <li>iii) The Grand Final</li> </ul>
e) Handicaps	<p>There shall be three handicap categories:</p> <p>Handicap Indexes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) 9.0 and below,</li> <li>ii) 9.1 - 17.0</li> <li>iii) 17.1 and above.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) A player whose Handicap Index reduces after the club qualifier shall play in the section in which they qualified but off their lower Handicap Index.</li> <li>ii) A player whose Handicap Index increases shall play off the maximum Handicap Index permitted for section in which he entered.</li> <li>iii) Current Handicap Index applies in all stages of the competition.</li> <li>iv) At all stages of the competition, all players in a category must play from the same set of tees.</li> </ul>
f) Club Qualifier Stage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Every participating club will run the Club Qualifier between the beginning of April and the end of July. All such designated competitions MUST count for handicapping purposes.</li> <li>ii) The best net Stableford score by a player in each category will be declared the club champions in each handicap band.</li> </ul>
g) Club Final Stage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) The best score in each of three Handicap Index categories on the day of the Club Qualifier will qualify for one of four Club Finals, each played over 18 holes.</li> <li>ii) Clubs will not necessarily play in the Club Final which takes place in their Region; they are assigned a regional final venue after the full list of entrant clubs is established with due regard paid to ensuring as far as possible a similar number of competitors in each Club Final.</li> <li>iii) The top-three in each category at the Club Finals will qualify for the Grand Final.</li> </ul>
h) Grand Final Stage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) The Grand Final will be held over 18 holes on one day.</li> <li>ii) Every qualifier will receive a bronze medal on the day of the Grand Final, and the winner of each category in the Grand Final will receive a Gold Medal.</li> </ul>

## **L REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES**

### **L-1) WOMEN'S INTERPROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

a) Age Group	General
b) Gender	Female
c) Handicap Eligibility	No strokes will be conceded. Competitors must hold a Handicap Index, and the order of play for each match must be in order of current Handicap Index from lowest to highest.
d) General Eligibility	A player may declare for the Province in which she was born or the Province in which she resides or has resided, the Province in which her club is situated, or the Province in which her father, mother or grandparents were born.
e) Size of Team	Each team shall consist of seven players and a non-playing Captain.
f) Submission of Team, Withdrawals and Draw	<div><div>i.</div><div>ii.</div><div>iii.</div><div>iv.</div><div>v.</div></div> <div>The names of the players and of the Captain should be submitted to Golf Ireland at least two weeks prior to the Tournament.</div> <div>The team list for each morning match should be submitted to the Tournament Office no later than 18.00hrs on the day prior to the match and the team list for each afternoon match should be submitted 30 minutes before play is scheduled to commence.</div> <div>Should any player whose name has already been submitted be incapacitated by illness, accident or other unavoidable occurrence, a reserve may be submitted up to the time the player is due to start from the first tee. The reserve shall replace the named unavailable player.</div> <div>If a player retires before completion of a match, she loses the remaining holes to be played subject to a maximum result of 10 &amp; 8. If a player concedes prior to the start of a match or is disqualified, the result is 10 &amp; 8.</div> <div>The Draw for the Championship to be in the following format:<div><div>Round 1</div><div>Round 2</div><div>Round 3</div><div>A v B</div><div>D v B</div><div>B v C</div><div>C v D</div><div>C v A</div><div>A v D</div></div>Draw for Team A, B, C &amp; D rotate annually.</div>
g) Form of Play	Each Province shall play each other by Match Play which will consist of three Foursomes matches and five Singles matches. The round is 18 holes, with matches all-square after 18 holes being deemed tied. A team win shall count as one point. A halved match shall count as a half point. A lost match shall count as zero points.
h) Practice	Practice outside the official practice round will be at the expense of the competitor.
i) Ties	In the event of a tie between Provinces the aggregate number of individual matches won including halved matches shall determine the winning Province. If still a tie, the result shall be determined on holes up. If still a tie the trophy shall be held for an equal period of time by each of the tied Provinces.
j) Prizes	Trophy and Memento (8)

### **L-2) MEN'S INTERPROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

a) Age Group	General
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b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap Eligibility	All competitors must hold a Handicap Index
d) General Eligibility	A player must be eligible to play in the Irish Amateur Close Championship and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) be born in the Province or born of parents one of whom was born in the Province, or</li> <li>ii) be 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 1<sup>st</sup> January in the year of the Championship</li> </ul>
e) Size of Team	Eight players, a Team Captain and a Manager
f) Submission of Team, Withdrawals and Draw	The team list for each morning match must be submitted to the Tournament Office no later than 18.00hrs on the day prior to the match and the team list for each afternoon match must be submitted 30 minutes before play is scheduled to commence.
g) Form of Play	Match Play – Four foursomes and seven singles games, with foursomes being played first. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The draw for the first match will be between the Provinces placed first and fourth in the previous year's Series, with the second and third-placed teams then playing each other.</li> <li>ii. In the second series of matches the winning Province from match 1 will play the losing Province from match 2. In the event of a tie, the higher-placed team in the previous year's Series shall have preference.</li> <li>iii. For the third series of matches, 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 of its matches off the first tee, unless it has lost its opening two matches.</li> </ul>
h) Practice	Practice outside the official practice round will be at the expense of the competitor.
i) Ties	The team with the highest number of individual points (including half points) will 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.
j) Prizes	Trophy for the winning team and Medals for each winning team member

### L-3) GIRLS (UNDER-18) INTEPROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

a) Age Group	Girls as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Female
c) Handicap	No shots will be conceded. Teams must play in order of current Handicap Index.
d) Eligibility	In addition to Section A of the General Regulations:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. A player may declare for the Province in which she was born or the Province in which she resides or has resided, the Province in which her club is situated, or the Province in which her father, mother or grandparents were born.</li> <li>ii. Competitors must hold a Handicap Index.</li> </ul>
e) Size of Team	Each team shall consist of seven players and a non-playing Captain and Manager.

f) Submission of Team, Withdrawals and Draw	<p>i. The names of the players and of the Captain should be submitted to Golf Ireland at least two weeks prior to the Tournament.</p> <p>ii. The team list for each morning match must be submitted to the Tournament Office no later than 18.00hrs on the day prior to the match and the team list for each afternoon match must be submitted 30 minutes before play is scheduled to commence. The girls' team must play in Handicap Index and combined Handicap Index order. Should any player whose name has already been submitted be incapacitated by illness, accident or other unavoidable occurrence, a reserve may be submitted up to the time the player is due to start from the first tee. The reserve shall play in order of Handicap Index. If any match has started, the reserve shall play in order of handicap of the remaining players. If no reserve is available the match concerned must be conceded. In Foursomes if a reserve is substituted, pairings must play in order of combined current Handicap Index. If the first match has started the remaining pairs must play in order of combined Handicap Index. If a reserve is not available the match concerned must be conceded.</p> <p>iii. If a player retires before completion of a match, she loses the remaining holes to be played subject to a maximum result of 10 &amp; 8. If a player concedes prior to the start of a match or is disqualified, the result is 10 &amp; 8.</p> <p>iv. The Draw for the Championship to be in the following format:</p> <table><tr><td>Round 1</td><td>Round 2</td><td>Round 3</td></tr><tr><td>A v B</td><td>D v B</td><td>B v C</td></tr><tr><td>C v D</td><td>C v A</td><td>A v D</td></tr></table> <p>Draw for Team A, B, C &amp; D rotate annually.</p>	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	A v B	D v B	B v C	C v D	C v A	A v D
Round 1	Round 2	Round 3								
A v B	D v B	B v C								
C v D	C v A	A v D								
g) Form of Play	Each Province shall play each other by Match Play which will consist of three Foursomes matches and five Singles matches. The round is 18 holes, with matches all-square after 18 holes being deemed tied. A team win shall count as one point. A halved match shall count as a half point. A lost match shall count as zero points.									
h) Practice	Practice outside the official practice rounds will be at the expense of the competitor who should not request additional complimentary practice rounds.									
i) Ties	In the event of a tie between Provinces the aggregate number of individual matches won including halved matches shall determine the winning Province. If still a tie, the result shall be determined on holes up. If still a tie the trophy shall be held for an equal period of time by each of the tied Provinces.									
j) Prizes	Trophy and Memento (9)									

#### L-4) UNDER-18 BOYS' INTERPROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

a) Age Group	Under-18 Boys in accordance with Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap Eligibility	All competitors must hold a Handicap Index
d) General Eligibility	<p>A player must be eligible to play in the Irish Amateur Close Championship and</p> <p>i) be born in the Province or born of parents one of whom was born in the Province, or</p>



	ii) be 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 1 <sup>st</sup> January in the year of the Championship
e) Size of Team	Seven players, a Team Captain and a Manager
f) Submission of Team, Withdrawals and Draw	<p>i. The team list for each morning match must be submitted to the Tournament Office no later than 18.00hrs on the day prior to the match and the team list for each afternoon match must be submitted 30 minutes before play is scheduled to commence.</p> <p>ii. 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.</p> <p>iii. 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. Reserves must be members of the Team as set out in B1 above.</p> <p>iv. Where a withdrawal places a team below playing strength, this will result in forfeiture of the match without amendment to the Order of Play submitted.</p>
g) Form of Play	<p>Match Play – three foursomes and seven singles games, with foursomes being played first.</p> <p>i) The draw for the first match will be between the Provinces placed first and fourth in the previous year's Series, with the second and third-placed teams then playing each other.</p> <p>ii) In the second series of matches the winning Province from match 1 will play the losing Province from match 2. In the event of a tie, the higher-placed team in the previous year's Series shall have preference.</p> <p>ii) For the third series of matches, 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 of its matches off the first tee, unless it has lost its opening two matches.</p>
h) Practice	Practice outside the official practice round will be at the expense of the competitor.
i) Ties	The team with the highest number of individual points (including half points) will 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.
j) Prizes	Trophy for the winning team and Medals for each winning team member

#### **L-5) UNDER-16 BOYS' INTERPROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

a) Age Group	Under-16 Boys in accordance with Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap Eligibility	All competitors must hold a Handicap Index
d) General Eligibility	<p>A player must be eligible to play in the Irish Amateur Close Championship and</p> <p>i) be born in the Province or born of parents one of whom was born in the Province, or</p>



	ii) be 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 1 <sup>st</sup> January in the year of the Championship
e) Size of Team	Six players, a Team Captain and a Manager
f) Submission of Team, Withdrawals and Draw	<p>i. The team, in order of play, with the names of the reserves, must be submitted to the Golf Ireland Official in charge not later than 17.00hrs on the day prior to the first match and 1800hrs for the second and third day matches.</p> <p>ii. 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.</p> <p>iii. 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. Reserves must be members of the Team as set out in B1 above.</p> <p>iv. Where a withdrawal places a team below playing strength, this will result in forfeiture of the match without amendment to the Order of Play submitted.</p>
g) Form of Play	<p>Match Play – one foursomes and four singles games, with foursomes being played first. No player plays more than one game of foursomes in the Championship.</p> <p>i. The draw for the first match will be between the Provinces placed first and fourth in the previous year's Series, with the second and third-placed teams then playing each other.</p> <p>ii. iii. In the second series of matches the winning Province from match 1 will play the losing Province from match 2. In the event of a tie, the higher-placed team in the previous year's Series shall have preference.</p> <p>iii. iv. For the third series of matches, 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 of its matches off the first tee, unless it has lost its opening two matches.</p>
h) Practice	Practice outside the official practice round will be at the expense of the competitor.
i) Ties	The team with the highest number of individual points (including half points) will 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.
j) Prizes	Trophy for the winning team and Medals for each winning team member

#### **L-6) UNDER-14 BOYS' INTERPROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

a) Age Group	Under-14 Boys in accordance with Section A of the General Regulations
b) Gender	Male
c) Handicap Eligibility	All competitors must hold a Handicap Index
d) General Eligibility	A player must be eligible to play in the Irish Amateur Close Championship and

	<p>i) be born in the Province or born of parents one of whom was born in the Province, or</p> <p>ii) be 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 1<sup>st</sup> January in the year of the Championship</p>
e) Size of Team	Six players, a Team Captain and a Manager
f) Submission of Team, Withdrawals and Draw	<p>i. The team, in order of play, with the names of the reserves, must be submitted to the Golf Ireland Official in charge not later than 17.00hrs on the day prior to the first match and 1800hrs for the second and third day matches.</p> <p>ii. 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.</p> <p>iii. 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. Reserves must be members of the Team as set out in B1 above.</p> <p>iv. Where a withdrawal places a team below playing strength, this will result in forfeiture of the match without amendment to the Order of Play submitted.</p>
g) Form of Play	<p>Match Play – one foursomes and four singles games, with foursomes being played first. No player plays more than one game of foursomes in the Championship.</p> <p>i) The draw for the first match will be between the Provinces placed first and fourth in the previous year's Series, with the second and third-placed teams then playing each other.</p> <p>ii) In the second series of matches the winning Province from match 1 will play the losing Province from match 2. In the event of a tie, the higher-placed team in the previous year's Series shall have preference.</p> <p>iii) iv. For the third series of matches, 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 of its matches off the first tee, unless it has lost its opening two matches.</p>
h) Practice	Practice outside the official practice round will be at the expense of the competitor.
i) Ties	The team with the highest number of individual points (including half points) will 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.
j) Prizes	Trophy for the winning team and Medals for each winning team member

## **M ORDERS OF MERIT**

### **M-1) Women's Order of Merit**

a) Eligibility	In accordance with Close Championship Eligibility as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Points distribution	Points will be awarded automatically to players competing in the nominated events. Points are awarded based on finishing positions.
c) Decisions on Ties	In the event of a tie, the player with the highest number of points from the Irish Women's Close Championship shall be declared the winner. If the players are still tied, the Order of Merit shall be decided upon by the player with the highest number of points from the Irish Stroke Play Championship, followed by the British Amateur Championship.
d) Prizes	The winner shall receive the Order of Merit trophy together with a voucher. Vouchers will also be awarded to the 2nd and 3rd-placed players.
e) Qualifying Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• US College Order of Merit</li> <li>• US Amateur Championship</li> <li>• British Amateur Championship</li> <li>• European Individual Championships</li> <li>• Spanish Amateur Championship</li> <li>• Irish Women's Amateur Close Championship</li> <li>• Irish Women's Amateur Open Championship</li> <li>• Scratch Cup Circuit Final Positions</li> </ul> <p>MAX of TWO of the following events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Portuguese Amateur</li> <li>• Helen Holm</li> <li>• Welsh Open Stroke Play</li> <li>• St. Rule</li> <li>• English Open Stroke play</li> </ul> <p>MAX of THREE of the following events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Munster Women's Championship</li> <li>• Ulster Open Stroke Play Championship</li> <li>• Connacht Women's Championship</li> <li>• Leinster Women's Championship</li> </ul> <p>MAX of ONE of the following events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leinster Women's Championship</li> <li>• Ulster Women's Championship</li> </ul>

### **M-2) Bridgestone Tour (Men's Order of Merit)**

a) Eligibility	In accordance with Close Championship Eligibility as set out in Section A of the General Regulations				
b) Points distribution	Points will be awarded automatically to players competing in the nominated events. Points are awarded based on finishing positions as follows:				
Category A	Irish Amateur Open	Winner	425	17th	105
		2nd	300	18th	100
		3rd	250	19th	95

		4th	225	20th	90		
		5th	195	21st	85		
		6th	180	22nd	82		
		7th	165	23rd	80		
		8th	150	24th	78		
		9th	145	25th	76		
		10th	140	26th	74		
		11th	135	27th	72		
		12th	130	28th	70		
		13th	125	29th	68		
		14th	120	30th	66		
		15th	115	31st	64		
		16th	110	32nd	62		
					Make Cut	60	
		Category B	Irish Amateur Close	Winner	325	Q-Final	121
				R-up	225	Last 16	83
	S-Final		175	Last 32	58		
				Make Cut	40		
Category C	East of Ireland	Stroke Play					
	North of Ireland	Winner	250	17th	48		
	South of Ireland	2nd	160	18th	46		
	West of Ireland	3rd	130	19th	45		
<p>*In the case of the West of Ireland, points will be awarded on the following basis:</p> <p>50<sup>th</sup> &amp; ties up to 33<sup>rd</sup> &amp; ties in Stroke Play qualifying – 30 points as per the Stroke Play Formula</p> <p>32<sup>nd</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> in Stroke Play Qualifying – As per the Stroke Play Formula</p> <p>Last 16, Quarter-Finalists, Semi-Finalist, Runner-up and Winner as per the Match Play Formula</p>		4th	100	20th	44		
		5th	90	21st	43		
		6th	80	22nd	42		
		7th	75	23rd	41		
		8th	70	24th	40		
		9th	65	25th	39		
		10th	63	26th	38		
		11th	62	27th	37		
		12th	60	28th	36		
		13th	58	29th	35		
		14th	56	30th	34		
		15th	54	31st	33		
		16th	50	32nd	32		
					Make Cut	30	
		Match Play					
		Winner	250	Q-Final	78		
		Runner-up	160	Last 16	58		
		S-Final	115	Last 32	42		
					Make Cut	30	
		Category D	Connacht S' Play	Winner	150	9th	42
Mullingar Scratch	2nd		100	10th	41		
Munster S' Play	3rd		80	11th	40		
Ulster S' Play	4th		75	12th	39		
		5th	58	13th	38		
		6th	57	14th	37		
		7th	56	15th	36		
		8th	55	16th	35		
c) Decisions on Ties	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.						

### M-3) Girls' Order of Merit

a) Eligibility	In accordance with the Age provisions as they relate to Under-18s and the Close Championship Eligibility provisions, both set out in Section A of the General Regulations
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b) Points distribution	Points will be awarded automatically to players competing in the nominated events. Points are awarded based on finishing positions.
c) Decisions on Ties	In the event of a tie, the player with the highest number of points from the Irish Girls Close Championship shall be declared the winner. If the players are still tied, the Order of Merit shall be decided upon by the player with the highest number of points from the British Girls Amateur Championship, followed by the Irish Women's Close Championship.
d) Prizes	The winner shall receive the Junior Order of Merit trophy together with a voucher. Voucher will also be awarded to the 2nd placed player.
e) Qualifying Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Irish Girls Close Championship</li> <li>• Irish Girls Open Stroke Play Championship</li> <li>• British Girls Amateur Championship</li> <li>• Munster Girls Championship</li> <li>• Ulster Girls Championship</li> <li>• Connacht Girls Championship</li> <li>• Leinster Girls Championship</li> <li>• Irish Women's Amateur Close Championship</li> <li>• Irish Women's Amateur Open Championship</li> <li>• Leinster Women's Championship</li> <li>• Scratch Cup Circuit (Final position in standings, based on U18s players only)</li> </ul>

#### M-4) Under-14 Boys' Order of Merit

a) Eligibility	In accordance with Close Championship Eligibility and Under-14 age eligibility, both set out in Section A of the General Regulations		
b) Points distribution	Points will be awarded automatically to players competing in the nominated events. Points are awarded based on finishing positions as follows:		
		Regional Championship	Irish Championship
	1st	100	130
	2nd	95	120
	3rd	90	110
	4th	85	100
	5th	80	90
	6th	75	80
	7th	70	75
	8th	65	70
	9th	60	65
	10th	55	60
	11th	50	55
	12th	45	50
	13th	40	45
	14th	35	40
	15th	30	35
	16th	25	30
	17th	20	25
	18th	15	20
	19th	10	15

	20th	5	10
c) Decisions on Ties	<p>In the event of a tie for first place in any of these Orders of Merit, the winner shall be decided in the following sequence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) The player who wins the Irish Championship, or if he is not involved in the tie</li> <li>ii) The winner of three of the Regional Championships, or if not involved</li> <li>iii) The winner of two of the Regional Championships, or if not involved or still tied</li> <li>iv) The winner of one of the Regional Championships, or if not involved or still tied</li> <li>v) The player gaining the most points in the Irish Championship.</li> </ul>		

### M-5) Under-16 Boys' Order of Merit

a) Eligibility	In accordance with Close Championship Eligibility and Under-16 age eligibility, both set out in Section A of the General Regulations		
b) Points distribution	Points will be awarded automatically to players competing in the nominated events. Points are awarded based on finishing positions as follows:		
		Regional Championship	Irish Championship
	1st	100	130
	2nd	95	120
	3rd	90	110
	4th	85	100
	5th	80	90
	6th	75	80
	7th	70	75
	8th	65	70
	9th	60	65
	10th	55	60
	11th	50	55
	12th	45	50
	13th	40	45
	14th	35	40
	15th	30	35
	16th	25	30
	17th	20	25
	18th	15	20
	19th	10	15
	20th	5	10
c) Decisions on Ties	<p>In the event of a tie for first place in any of these Orders of Merit, the winner shall be decided in the following sequence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) The player who wins the Irish Championship, or if he is not involved in the tie</li> <li>ii) The winner of three of the Regional Championships, or if not involved</li> <li>iii) The winner of two of the Regional Championships, or if not involved or still tied</li> <li>iv) The winner of one of the Regional Championships, or if not involved or still tied</li> </ul>		

	v) The player gaining the most points in the Irish Championship.
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#### **M-6) Under-18 Boys' Order of Merit**

a) Eligibility	In accordance with Close Championship Eligibility and Under-18 age eligibility, both set out in Section A of the General Regulations		
b) Points distribution	Points will be awarded automatically to players competing in the nominated events. Points are awarded based on finishing positions as follows:		
		Regional Championship	Irish Championship
	1st	100	130
	2nd	95	120
	3rd	90	110
	4th	85	100
	5th	80	90
	6th	75	80
	7th	70	75
	8th	65	70
	9th	60	65
	10th	55	60
	11th	50	55
	12th	45	50
	13th	40	45
	14th	35	40
	15th	30	35
	16th	25	30
	17th	20	25
	18th	15	20
	19th	10	15
	20th	5	10
c) Decisions on Ties	<p>In the event of a tie for first place in any of these Orders of Merit, the winner shall be decided in the following sequence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) The player who wins the Irish Championship, or if he is not involved in the tie</li> <li>ii) The winner of three of the Regional Championships, or if not involved</li> <li>iii) The winner of two of the Regional Championships, or if not involved or still tied</li> <li>iv) The winner of one of the Regional Championships, or if not involved or still tied</li> <li>v) The player gaining the most points in the Irish Championship.</li> </ul>		

#### **M-7) Boys' International Order of Merit**

a) Eligibility	In accordance with Close Championship Eligibility and Under-18 Age Eligibility, both as set out in Section A of the General Regulations
b) Points distribution	Points will be awarded automatically to players competing in the nominated events. Points are awarded based on finishing positions as follows:



Category A	Boys' Amateur Ch'p	Winner	200	Last 16	80
		Runner-Up	150	Last 32	60
		Semi-Final	125	Last 64	40
		Q-Final	100	Prelim Round	20
Category B	Peter McEvoy Tr	Winner	90	21st	21
	Fairhaven Trophy	2nd	75	22nd	20
	Henry Cooper	3rd	70	23rd	19
	German Boys	4th	65	24th	18
		5th	60	25th	17
		6th	55	26th	16
		7th	53	27th	15
		8th	50	28th	14
		9th	45	29th	13
		10th	40	30th	12
		11th	31	31st	11
		12th	30	32nd	10
		13th	29	33rd	9
		14th	28	34th	8
		15th	27	35th	7
		16th	26	36th	6
		17th	25	37th	5
		18th	24	38th	4
		19th	23	39th	3
		20th	22	40 <sup>th</sup> / Cut	3
Category C	Euro Boys' Team Ch'p	1st	150	8th	55
		2nd	135	9th	50
		3rd	120	10th	45
		4th	105	Singles Win	20
		5th	90	Singles Half	5
		6th	75	4somes Win	10
		7th	60	4somes Half	3
Category D	Boys' Home Ints	Singles Win	15	4somes Win	8
	GB&I Team	Singles Half	5	4somes Half	3
Category E	Match v France	Singles Win	10	4somes Win	5
	Match v Wales	Singles Half	5	4somes Half	3
Category F	Euro Boys' Division 2	1st	150	8th	55
		2nd	135	9th	50
		3rd	120	10th	45
		4th	105	Singles Win	20
		5th	90	Singles Half	5
		6th	75	4somes Win	10
		7th	60	4somes Half	3
c) Decisions on Ties	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.				

## M-8) Mid-Amateur Men's Order of Merit

a) Eligibility	In accordance with Close Championship Eligibility and Mid-Amateur age eligibility, both set out in Section A of the General Regulations		
b) Points distribution	Points will be awarded automatically to players competing in the nominated events. Points are awarded based on finishing positions as follows:		
		Regional Championship	Irish Championship
	1st	100	130
	2nd	95	120
	3rd	90	110

	4th	85	100
	5th	80	90
	6th	75	80
	7th	70	75
	8th	65	70
	9th	60	65
	10th	55	60
	11th	50	55
	12th	45	50
	13th	40	45
	14th	35	40
	15th	30	35
	16th	25	30
	17th	20	25
	18th	15	20
	19th	10	15
	20th	5	10
c) Decisions on Ties			
In the event of a tie for first place in any of these Orders of Merit, the winner shall be decided in the following sequence:			
i) The player who wins the Irish Championship, or if he is not involved in the tie			
ii) The winner of three of the Regional Championships, or if not involved			
iii) The winner of two of the Regional Championships, or if not involved or still tied			
iv) The winner of one of the Regional Championships, or if not involved or still tied			
v) The player gaining the most points in the Irish Championship.			

### M-9) Senior Women's Order Of Merit

a) Eligibility	Open to all players who are over 50 years of age. To be awarded points from any tournament, the player must be over 50 years of age at 00.00 hours on the first day of the tournament. Declaration at time of entry (particularly at Scratch Cups) will ensure inclusion in the Order of Merit.
b) Points distribution	Points will be awarded automatically to players competing in the nominated events. Points from a maximum of FIVE of these events to count. For Scratch Cups, points are awarded for scores less than or equal to 10 strokes above the Competition Scratch Score. A minimum of 20 players must finish the 36 holes for points to be awarded.
c) Decisions on Ties	In the event of a tie, the player with the highest number of points from the Irish Ladies' Senior Open Stroke Play Championship shall be declared the winner. If the players are still tied, the Order of Merit shall be decided upon by the player with the highest number of points from the Irish Senior Close Match Play Championship, followed by the British Senior Ladies' Stroke Play Championship.
d) Prizes	The winner and runner-up will receive vouchers.
e) Qualifying Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>British Seniors' Open Amateur Championship, from the preceding year</li> <li>Irish Senior Ladies' Open Stroke Play Championship</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Irish Senior Ladies' Close Match Play Championship</li> </ul> <p>Best performance from any TWO of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carlow Scratch Cup</li> <li>• Woodbrook Scratch Cup</li> <li>• Mabel Harrison Scratch Cup</li> <li>• Royal Co. Down Ladies' Scratch Salver</li> <li>• Cork Scratch Cup</li> <li>• Lahinch Scratch Cup</li> <li>• Hermitage Scratch Cup</li> <li>• Zara Bolton Scratch Cup</li> </ul> <p>Best performance from ONE of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• British Women's Match Play Championship</li> <li>• British Women's Stroke Play Championship</li> <li>• Irish Ladies' Close Match Play Championship</li> <li>• Irish Ladies' Open Stroke Play Championship</li> <li>• European Seniors Individual Stroke Play</li> <li>• Ulster Women's Championship</li> <li>• Ulster Women's Stroke Play Championship</li> <li>• Munster Women's Championship</li> <li>• Leinster Women's Championship</li> <li>• Connacht Women's Championship</li> </ul>
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#### M-10) Senior Men's Order of Merit

a) Eligibility	In accordance with Close Championship Eligibility and Seniors (Over-50) age eligibility, both set out in Section A of the General Regulations		
b) Points distribution	Points will be awarded automatically to players competing in the nominated events. Points are awarded based on finishing positions as follows:		
		Regional Ch'ships	Irish Seniors Close Ch'ship
	1st	100	130
	2nd	95	120
	3rd	90	110
	4th	85	100
	5th	80	90
	6th	75	80
	7th	70	75
	8th	65	70
	9th	60	65
	10th	55	60
	11th	50	55
	12th	45	50
	13th	40	45
	14th	35	40
	15th	30	35
	16th	25	30
	17th	20	25
	18th	15	20
	19th	10	15
	20th	5	10

c) Decisions on Ties	<p>In the event of a tie for first place in any of these Orders of Merit, the winner shall be decided in the following sequence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) The player who wins the Irish Seniors Amateur Close Championship, or if he is not involved in the tie</li> <li>ii) The winner of three of the Regional Championships, or if not involved</li> <li>iii) The winner of two of the Regional Championships, or if not involved or still tied</li> <li>iv) The winner of one of the Regional Championships, or if not involved or still tied</li> <li>v) The player gaining the most points in the Irish Championship.</li> </ul>
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## Appendix 1 – Schedule of Prizes awarded at Irish Championships

<b>Irish Women's Amateur Op</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>5th</b>	
Overall Gross	Medal + Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	
+ U18 winner	Medal + Voucher					
+ Nations Cup	Medal + Voucher					
<b>Irish Men's Amateur Open</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>5th</b>	
Overall Gross	Medal + Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	
+ Nations Cup	Medal + Voucher					
<b>Irish Women's Amateur Clse</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner-Up</b>	<b>Semi-Finalist</b>			
Overall	Medal + Voucher	Medal + Voucher	Medal + Voucher			
+ Plate Match Play	Medal + Voucher	Medal + Voucher	Voucher			
+ U18 winner	Medal					
+ Leading Q	Medal + Voucher					
<b>Irish Men's Amateur Close</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner-Up</b>	<b>Semi-Finalist</b>			
Overall	Medal + Voucher	Medal + Voucher	Medal + Voucher			
+ Leading Q	Medal + Voucher					
<b>Irish Men's Mid-Amateur Op</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>5th</b>	
Overall	Medal + Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	
<b>Irish Senior Women's Open</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>6th</b>
Overall	Medal + Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	Voucher
+ Over 60 winner	Medal + Voucher					
+ Best net	Medal + Voucher	Voucher				
+ Best net Over 60	Medal + Voucher	Voucher				
+ Nations Cup	Vouchers x 3					
<b>Irish Senior Men's Am Open</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>5th</b>	Note – no player can win more than one prize
Overall	Medal + Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	
+ Over-60 winner	Medal + Voucher					
+ Over-65 winner	Medal + Voucher					
+ Over-70 winner	Medal + Voucher					
<b>Irish Senior Women's Close</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner-Up</b>	<b>Semi-Finalist</b>			
Overall	Medal + Voucher	Medal + Voucher	Medal + Voucher			
+ Plate Match Play	Medal + Voucher	Medal + Voucher	Voucher			
+ Leading Q	Medal + Voucher	Voucher	Voucher			
+ Best net	Medal + Voucher					
+ Over 60 winner	Medal + Voucher					
<b>Irish Senior Men's Close</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>5th</b>	Note – no player can win more than one prize
+ Over-60 winner	Medal + Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	
+ Over-65 winner	Medal + Voucher					
+ Over-70 winner	Medal + Voucher					
<b>Irish Girls' Amateur Open</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>5th</b>	
Overall	Medal + Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	
+ Nations Cup	Medal + Voucher					
+ Best net	Medal + Voucher					
+ U16 winner	Medal					
<b>Irish Girls' Amateur Close</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner-Up</b>	<b>Semi-Finalist</b>			
Overall	Medal + Voucher	Medal + Voucher	Medal + Voucher			
+ Plate Match Play	Medal + Voucher	Medal + Voucher	Voucher			
+ Leading Q	Medal + Voucher	Voucher				
+ Best net	Medal + Voucher					
+ U16 Leading Q	Medal + Voucher					
+ Stableford winner	Medal + Voucher	Voucher				
<b>Irish Boys' Amateur Open</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>5th</b>	Note: The overall winner is precluded from winning the U17 trophy
Overall	Medal + Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	
+ Nations Cup	Medal + Voucher					
+ Under-17 Trophy	Medal + Voucher					
<b>Irish Under-16 Boys' Open</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>5th</b>	Note: The overall winner is precluded from winning the U15 trophy
Overall	Medal + Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	
+ Under-15 Trophy	Medal + Voucher					
<b>Irish Under-14 Boys' Open</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>5th</b>	Note: The overall winner is precluded from winning the U13 medal
Overall	Medal + Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	Voucher	
+ Under-13 Medal	Medal + Voucher					

## Appendix 2 – Schedule of Medals awarded for All-Ireland Inter-Club Competitions

	Players			Team Captains		
	Winner (Silver Gilt Medal/ Brooch)	R-up (Silver Medal/ Brooch)	S-Final (Bronze Medal/ Brooch)	Winner (Silver Gilt Medals)	R-up (Silver Medals)	S-Final (Bronze Medals)
Women's Senior Cup	7 (B)	7 (B)	14 (B)	1	1	2
Men's Senior Cup	7 (M)	7 (M)	14 (M)	1	1	2
Men's Barton Shield	6 (M)	6 (M)	12 (M)	1	1	2
Women's Sen. Foursomes	8 (B)	8 (B)	16 (B)	1	1	2
Women's Junior Cup	7 (B)	7 (B)	14 (B)	1	1	2
Men's Junior Cup	7 (M)	7 (M)	14 (M)	1	1	2
Women's Jun. Foursomes	8 (B)	8 (B)	16 (B)	1	1	2
Women's Int'm. Cup	7 (B)	7 (B)	14 (B)	1	1	2
Men's Jimmy Bruen Shield	14 (M)	14 (M)	28 (M)	1	1	2
Men's Pierce Purcell Shield	14 (M)	14 (M)	28 (M)	1	1	2
Women's Minor Cup	7 (B)	7 (B)	14 (B)	1	1	2
Women's Challenge Cup	7 (B)	7 (B)	14 (B)	1	1	2
Men's Four-Ball	14 (M)	14 (M)	28 (M)	1	1	2
Mixed Foursomes	7 (B) + 7 (M)	7 (B) + 7 (M)	14 (B) + 14 (M)	1	1	2
Women's Four-Ball	14 (B)	14 (B)	28 (B)	1	1	2
Men's Fred Perry Trophy	14 (M)	14 (M)	28 (M)	1	1	2
Girls' Inter-Club	5 (B)	5 (B)	10 (B)	1	1	2
Boys' Inter-Club	7 (M)	7 (M)	14 (M)	1	1	2
Fred Daly Trophy	7 (M)	7 (M)	14 (M)	1	1	2
Boys' Junior Foursomes	6 (M)	6 (M)	12 (M)	1	1	2
Boys' Schools Senior	7 (M)	7 (M)	14 (M)	1	1	2
Boys' Schools Junior	5 (M)	5 (M)	10 (M)	1	1	2
Girls' Schools Senior Cup	5 (B)	5 (B)	10 (B)	1	1	2
Girls' Schools Junior Cup	5 (B)	5 (B)	10 (B)	1	1	2

### Appendix 3 – Medical Confirmation of Disability



#### Medical Confirmation of Disability (Buggy Cert)

Reg. 23 of Golf Ireland's General Competition Regulations states that

'During a round, a player must not ride on any form of motorized transportation unless they are subject to medical confirmation of a disability as defined by the statutes of the Republic of Ireland and of the United Kingdom'.

The following confirmation is thereby required by applicants for use of a buggy or other motorised transportation during Golf Ireland competitions. The terms and conditions which apply to the use of this confirmation are set out in Regulation 23, and in Competition Policy No.6 (Transportation Policy) both of which should be read very closely by applicants. Where these rules require, prior submission of certification must be made no later than 10 days in advance of a championship.

The following confirmation must be filled out by a Doctor registered with the Irish Medical Council or UK Health Professions Council (as applicable):

In my capacity as a Doctor registered with the appropriate abovementioned body, I certify that

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

has a Disability which meets the definition of the Irish Disability Act of 2005 and the UK Disability Discrimination Act of 1995, and as a result of this Disability they may require a buggy to compete in golf tournaments.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact No: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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