MARY MCKENNA DIAMOND TROPHY
RULES 2022
R & A Rules of Golf apply – Model Local Rule E-5 shall not be used in matches

1. FORMAT
The Competition format will be SCOTCH FOURSOMES MATCHPLAY for female competitors who have reached their 60th birthday on or before 31st December 2021

2. PAIRINGS
Teams will consist of 5 pairings. Players on the team may be changed throughout the tournament. A player may only represent one club.

3. EXCHANGE OF PAIRINGS
Pairings may play in any handicap order. Prior to the commencement of a team match, the respective team managers shall simultaneously interchange team sheets with the names of the team members, their handicaps (certified by the team manager) and the order of play. A team with an underage player will be disqualified.

4. COMBINED HANDICAPS
The maximum combined handicap is 50. The current handicaps of each pairing shall be combined. Pairings with a combined handicap in excess of 50 are allowed, but they are limited to the maximum combined handicap. Each player is responsible for her own handicap which should be verified to her opponent on the first tee box. An incorrect higher handicap means automatic disqualification of that pairing. (See Rule 3.2C–Rules of Golf).

5. HANDICAP ALLOWANCE (PLAYING HANDICAPS)
Under the rule of handicapping, in Matchplay, side's first work out their Playing Handicaps and then take their full shots from each other as follows: 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.

6. TEES
All matches are to be played off red tees. All matches to be played to a finish until an overall result has been obtained. There are no halved matches. However, a match "called in" is recorded as a half.

7. HOME & AWAY LEGS
In Home & Away legs, the team on the top of the draw shall have the choice of venue for the first of the two legs. The result will be based on the cumulative total of match wins from the two fixtures. If the overall result produces a draw, the result will be decided that day by a sudden death playoff, commencing on the 1st hole. Each Team Manager shall nominate any one of the said pairings for the playoff. Stroke Allowance will apply.

8. TEAM MANAGERS
If a Team Manager is a player, she should appoint a Substitute Manager who may give advice. (Rule 24.4).

9. BUGGIES
Buggies are only permitted with appropriate medical certificate and are subject to availability.

10. POSTPONEMENTS
All matches must be played by the date specified, no extensions can be permitted. Matches not played shall be scratched, unless one of the clubs has received a walkover.

11. RESULTS
Results of the matches must be communicated by the winning team within three days.
Contact WOODENBRIDGE GOLF CLUB,
Tel. 0402 35202 ext. 3 (from ROI).
If calling from Northern Ireland 00353 404 35202.
Email: admin@woodenbridge.ie

12. DISPUTES
In all disputes, the decision of the Woodenbridge Golf Club shall be final. Woodenbridge Golf Club reserves the right to alter and revise the Competition Rules as it sees fit.

13. FINALS
The Provincial Champions shall play the All Ireland Semi-Finals and Finals at Woodenbridge Golf Club on Saturday and Sunday, 10th and 11th September 2022

14. PRACTICE ROUNDS
Course facilities to be provided to opponents for a practice round without charge.

NOTE: MEALS/DRINKS
Each team shall be responsible for the cost of their own after match refreshments.

NOTE: RULE CHANGES IN 2022

The World Handicapping System is adopted for this tournament. Therefore there will be no courtesy shots awarded as in previous years.

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Additional information for Team Managers.

HANDICAPS (we are embracing the WHS).

➢ Your players current **Handicap Index** (H.I.) must be used and then their **Course Handicap** can be calculated depending on the **Slope Rating** of the course you are playing at. It is the team manager's responsibility to have up to date information on their players. Please refer to the **Golf Ireland App** to find Golf Courses and their slope rating or you can find them here: https://www.randa.org/worldhandicapsystem/Lookup

COMBINED HANDICAPS.

➢ The maximum combined handicap of a pair is 50, meaning both players **course handicaps** when added together **cannot exceed 50.** The current course handicap on the day of play applies. Pairings with a combined course handicap in excess of 50 are allowed, but the **higher handicap player** would need to be **reduced** to meet the requirement of max. 50 combined (example A). It may then occur that the higher handicap player becomes the lower and 60% applies to her (example B).

COMPETITION FORMAT.

➢ **Scotch Foursomes Match Play**: the Team Manager, in conjunction with their players, determines the pair's individual course handicaps, (*making sure they do not exceed 50 when combined*).
Get 60% C.H. of the lowest player, round to nearest unit.
Get 40% C.H. of the highest player, round to nearest unit.
Add C.H.s together, the amount of strokes given or received is then determined by the full difference between the opposing pairs. *See example below:*

Example → **Venue = Woodenbridge Golf Club.** **Slope Rating Female = 126**

HOME TEAM

Pair:	HCap Index. (H.I.)	Course HCap (C.H.)	% of C.H.	Pair's C.H.
Player 1 (lowest)	15.4	**17**	60% (10.2) 10	**22**
Player 2 (highest)	28.2	**31**	40% (12.4) 12	
		17 + 31 = 48 ✓	*Add C.H.s*	*C.H. for the Match*

OPPOSITION TEAM (example A)

Pair:	HCap Index. (H.I.)	Course HCap (C.H.)	% of C.H.	Pair's C.H.
Player 1 (lowest)	14.5	**16**	60% (9.6) 10	**24**
Player 2 (highest)	32.4	36 (too high – 2) = **34**	40% (13.6) 14	
		16 + 36 = 52 ✗	*Add C.H.s*	*C.H. for the Match*
		16 + 34 = 50 ✓		

OPPOSITION TEAM (example B)

Pair:	HCap Index. (H.I.)	Course HCap (C.H.)	% of C.H.	Pair's C.H.
Player 1 (lowest)	23.4	**26**	40% (10.4) 10	**24**
Player 2 (highest)	26.2	29 (too high – 5) = **24**	60% (14.4) 14	
		26 + 29 = 55 ✗	*Add C.H.s*	*C.H. for the Match*
		26 + 24 = 50 ✓		

As you can see from calculations in examples above we can conclude:

Home Team C.H. = **22** V Opposition Team C.H. = **24** → Opposition **GET** **2** *shots*

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MANAGERS TEAM SHEET

- This Managers Team Sheet needs to be prepared in advance of the managers meeting.
- Both managers swap team sheets and then complete the **Match Team Sheet** together (sheet provided).
- Please indicate exact handicap index and check what your course handicap is if you are playing AWAY.

MATCH VENUE: _____   COURSE SLOPE RATING: _____

ROUND: _____   MATCH LOCATION (please circle):   HOME   OR   AWAY

	Name of Player	Handicap Index	Course Handicap	60% Lowest C.H. 40% Highest C.H.	Combined Course Handicaps
Match 1					
Player 1 (Lowest)					
Player 2 (Highest)					
Match 2					
Player 1 (Lowest)					
Player 2 (Highest)					
Match 3					
Player 1 (Lowest)					
Player 2 (Highest)					
Match 4					
Player 1 (Lowest)					
Player 2 (Highest)					
Match 5					
Player 1 (Lowest)					
Player 2 (Highest)					

	Name of Player	Handicap Index	Course Handicap
Reserves			
Player 1			
Player 2			

Club Name: _____   Team Manager: _____

Contact Number: _____   Signed Manager: _____

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GOLF CLUB VENUE: _____   **COURSE SLOPE RATING:** _____   **ROUND:** _____

- Each Manager needs to complete their **Manager Team Sheet** in advance of the managers meeting.
- Both Managers then complete the **Match Team Sheet** together (This sheet).

	Name of Golf Club:	Combined Course Handicaps	Shots Given OR Received	Match Result		Name of Golf Club:	Combined Course Handicaps	Shots Given OR Received
Match 1					**Match 1**			
Player 1 (Lowest)					Player 1 (Lowest)			
Player 2 (Highest)					Player 2 (Highest)			
Match 2					**Match 2**			
Player 1 (Lowest)					Player 1 (Lowest)			
Player 2 (Highest)					Player 2 (Highest)			
Match 3					**Match 3**			
Player 1 (Lowest)					Player 1 (Lowest)			
Player 2 (Highest)					Player 2 (Highest)			
Match 4					**Match 4**			
Player 1 (Lowest)					Player 1 (Lowest)			
Player 2 (Highest)					Player 2 (Highest)			
Match 5					**Match 5**			
Player 1 (Lowest)					Player 1 (Lowest)			
Player 2 (Highest)					**Player 2** (Highest)			

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