

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.

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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.

