

# MARY MCKENNA DIAMOND TROPHY

## Rules 2023



*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 2022.

### 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. HANDICAP ALLOWANCE (PLAYING HANDICAPS)

Under the rule of handicapping, in Matchplay, side's first work out their Combined Playing Handicaps and then take their full shots from each other as follows.

1. Record each players Handicap Index as per World Handicap System.
2. Calculate each players Course Handicap as per World Handicap System
3. Calculate Scotch Foursomes/Greensomes for the pair – calculate 60% of the Lowest Course Handicap and 40% of the Highest Course Handicap.
4. Add the two handicaps together (60% & 40% calculation) = Combined Playing Handicap.

The Managers Team Sheet will assist with these calculations available from <https://www.woodenbridge.ie/diamond-trophy>

### 5. 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 (see example A). It may then occur that the higher handicap player becomes the lower and 60% applies to her (see example B). An incorrect higher handicap means automatic disqualification of that pairing. (See Rule 3.2C–Rules of Golf).

### 6. COURTESY SHOT

The away team in a single leg match gets 1 courtesy shot per pairing/match. The courtesy shot adjustment is completed after the shots have been confirmed as above.

E.g. Match 1: Home team calculated to get 4 shots now they get 3.

E.g. Match 2 calculated as a flat match, away pairing now gets 1 shot.

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### 7. 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. If a match continues down the 19th, 20th etc. the stroke allowance i.e. the exact same shots apply as per first 18 holes played, inclusive of the courtesy shot adjustment where applicable.

### 8. HOME & AWAY LEGS

For the preliminary round and round 1 the team on top of the draw is deemed as the home team and 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.

### 9. HOME & AWAY STATUS

Home and away status for teams proceeding from round 1 and any subsequent rounds will be confirmed on the Woodenbridge G.C. website in the draw section once all results are received.

### 10. TEAM MANAGERS

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

### 11. BUGGIES

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

### 12. 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.

### 13. RESULTS

Results of the matches must be communicated by the winning team within two days of the match.

- Contact WOODENBRIDGE GOLF CLUB,
- Tel. 0402 35202 ext. 3 (from ROI).
- If calling from Northern Ireland 00353 402 35202. Email: [admin@woodenbridge.ie](mailto:admin@woodenbridge.ie)

### 14. 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.

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### 15. FINALS

The Provincial Champions shall play the All Ireland Semi-Finals and Finals at Woodenbridge Golf Club on Saturday and Sunday, 9th and 10th September 2023

### 16. 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.

### SHOT CALCULATION EXAMPLES

Example → Venue: Woodenbridge Golf Club. Slope Rating Female = 127

#### HOME TEAM

Pair:	Handicap Index. (H.I.)	Course Handicap (C.H.)	% of C.H.	Pair's Playing Handicap (P.H.)
Player 1 (lowest)	15.4	17	60% (10.2) 10	<b>22</b>
Player 2 (highest)	27.4	31	40% (12.4) 12	
		17 + 31 = 48 ✓	Add C.H.s	P.H. for the Match

#### OPPOSITION TEAM (example A)

Pair:	Handicap Index. (H.I.)	Course Handicap (C.H.)	% of C.H.	Pair's Playing Handicap (P.H.)
Player 1 (lowest)	14.5	16	60% (9.6) 10	<b>24</b>
Player 2 (highest)	32.4	36 (too high - 2) = 34	40% (13.6) 14	
		16 + 36 = 52 ✗ 16 + 34 = 50 ✓	Add C.H.s	P.H. for the Match

#### OPPOSITION TEAM (example B)

Pair:	Handicap Index. (H.I.)	Course Handicap (C.H.)	% of C.H.	Pair's Playing Handicap (P.H.)
Player 1 (lowest)	23.4	26	40% (10.4) 10	<b>24</b>
Player 2 (highest)	26.2	29 (too high - 5) = 24	60% (14.4) 14	
		26 + 29 = 55 ✗ 26 + 24 = 50 ✓	Add C.H.s	P.H. for the Match

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

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

**NOTE: On single leg matches make the courtesy shot adjustment at this point. Courtesy shot applies to the away team on single leg matches ONLY.**