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Mary McKenna Diamond Trophy Tournament 2024

Date: December 1st 2023

Dear Lady Captain/Hon. Secretary

The Mary McKenna Diamond Trophy was launched by the ladies of Woodenbridge Golf Club in 2014, only 9 years ago and this year we had our largest entry to date 89 teams. This competition runs in the same format as the very successful JB Carr Trophy for men also hosted by Woodenbridge G.C. Although we can only have four teams at the All Ireland Finals weekend we want to acknowledge every ladies section in the country that did enter this year, as every team has played their part in developing and promoting this prestigious competition for ladies, of a certain age.

September gone Woodenbridge G.C hosted Malone G.C, Tramore G.C, Athenry G.C and Powerscourt G.C. who emerged as eventual winners on what was a very special weekend for all involved. It is with pleasure that we invite the ladies of your Club aged 60 and over, to enter the Mary McKenna Diamond Trophy 2024, a team competition promoting competitive golf and camaraderie for players in this category. Enclosed is the entry form for 2024 for completion and return not later than 29th February 2024, together with the Entry Fee of €180 using (ref.MK22), payable to Woodenbridge Golf Club

The competition format will be Scotch Foursomes. The teams will consist of 5 pairings each with a combined handicap limit of 50. The first round of the competition and the regional final both are two leg matches home and away. A core founding value of the Mary McKenna Diamond Trophy is the collective coming together of 2 large teams after every match, no splitting of teams, this is really important to our Patron Mary McKenna MBE. A courtesy shot does apply for the away team at single leg matches. On the completion of each round, the teams progressing will be required to reference the draw on the Woodenbridge G.C website to ascertain home or away status for the next round. For round 1 only, the team on top of the draw shall have the choice of venue for the first of the two legs.

- Full competition details (including draw when completed) will be on the website www.woodenbridge.ie/diamond-trophy
- The four provincial champions will play the All-Ireland semi-final and final in Woodenbridge Golf Club over the weekend of the 7th & 8th September 2024.

We very much look forward to receipt of your club's entry in the MARY MCKENNA DIAMOND TROPHY 2024. If you have any queries or need clarification on any matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Hilary Gale

Hon Sec. Mary McKenna Committee 2024



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RULES 2024

R & A RULES OF GOLF APPLY – MODEL LOCAL RULE E-5 SHALL NOT BE USED IN MATCHES



1. FORMAT

The Competition format will be **SCOTCHFOURSOMES MATCHPLAY** for female competitors who have reached their 60th birthday on or before 31st December 2023.

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 and the order of play. The team manager must provide a handicap report of their player's current handicap on the date of the match. 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 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 Lowest Course Handicap+40% of the Highest Course Handicap) and then determines their strokes based on the full difference between their Playing Handicap and the opposing pair's.

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

SHOT CALCULATION EXAMPLES

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

HOME TEAM

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

OPPOSITION TEAM (example A)

Pair:	H. Cap Index (H.I.)	Course H. Cap (C.H.)	% of C.H.	Pair's Playing H. Cap
Player 1 (lowest)	14.5	16	60% (9.6)	24
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:	H. Cap Index (H.I.)	Course H. Cap (C.H.)	% of C.H.	Pair's Playing H. Cap
Player 1 (lowest)	23.4	26	40% (10.4)	24
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 C.H. = 22 ✓ Opposition Team C.H. = 24 → Opposition **GET 2** shots

On single leg matches make the courtesy shot adjustment at this point.

Courtesy shot applies to the away team on single leg matches ONLY.

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.

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 exact same shots apply as per first 18 holes played, inclusive of the courtesy shot adjustment where applicable.

8. HOME & AWAY LEGS

For 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 anyone of the said pairings for the play off. Stroke Allowance will apply.

9. HOME & AWAY STATUS

Home and away status for teams progressing 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).
- From Northern Ireland 00353 402 35202
- Email: admin@woodenbridge.ie

14. DISPUTES

Good sportsmanship should be evident, if a dispute arises we encourage managers to settle at the time of the match. 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.

15. FINALS

The Provincial Champions shall play the All-Ireland Semi-Finals and Finals at Woodenbridge Golf Club on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th of 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.



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Mary McKenna MBE, one of Ireland’s greatest ever female golfers, is the Patron of this prestigious All-Ireland Senior Club Championship for women over 60 years of age.

Launched by the Ladies of Woodenbridge Golf Club in September 2014 to provide the lady golfers throughout Ireland with a competition similar to the long running and very popular JB Carr Tournament for men, the competition has proved a huge success.

One of the great features of this competition is that it brings together clubs that might not ordinarily meet. It is growing to be one of the largest inter club golf competitions in the country for senior lady golfers.

The competition is run at regional level and ultimately the successful finalists from each region come together to play the All-Ireland semi-finals and Finals on the second week-end in September in Woodenbridge Golf Club, County Wicklow.

Our Patron, Mary McKenna MBE loves to come to Woodenbridge. Over the entire weekend she attends to welcome the teams, make lots of new friends and present the prizes to the winning teams. The presence of our wonderful golfing legend is always appreciated by all participants.

We wish to express our appreciation to our major sponsor again this year Nurse On Call. Nurse On Call has over 500 client Hospital/Organizations on their books and provide Nurses and Carers country wide. We also acknowledge and thank Woodenbridge Hotel and Lodge, Cassidy Wines who have been supporting this competition for the last 7 years. There are beautiful prizes for all four Provincial winning teams and we acknowledge the hard work of each of the team managers also with a prize for their leadership.

All the members of Woodenbridge Golf Club are looking forward to welcoming the Provincial winners to the All-Ireland Finals this year, and to an exciting and competitive weekend of golf on the 7th and 8th September 2024.

ROLL OF HONOUR

YEAR	WINNER	RUNNER UP	3 RD PLACE	4 TH PLACE
2023	Powerscourt Golf Club Leinster	Athenry Golf Club Connaught	Tramore Golf Club Munster	Malone Golf Club Ulster
2022	Portumna Golf Club Connaught	Donabate Golf Club Leinster	Cahir Park Golf Club Munster	Banbridge Golf Club Ulster
2019	Newlands Golf Club Leinster	Co Sligo Golf Club Connaught	Tralee Golf Club Munster	Malone Golf Club Ulster
2018	Slade Valley Golf Club Leinster	Ballinrobe Golf Club Connaught	Malone Golf Club Ulster	East Clare Golf Club Munster
2017	Royal Tara Golf Club Leinster	Belvoir Park Golf Club Ulster	Tuam Golf Club Connaught	Thurles Golf Club Munster
2016	Slade Valley Golf Club Leinster	Belvoir Park Golf Club Ulster	Clonmel Golf Club Munster	Tuam Golf Club Connaught
2015	Woodenbridge Golf Club Leinster	Malone Golf Club Ulster	Roscommon Golf Club Connaught	Cahir Park Golf Club Munster