

J.B. Carr Diamond Trophy

Tournament Rules 2026

R&A Rules of Golf Apply – Model Rule E-5 shall not be used in matches.

Rules 2026

The maximum combined Handicap Index is 30 (Based on lowest Handicap Index in the calendar year 2025. (01/01/25 to 31/12/25)).

Stroke allowances for matches will be 50% of the combined Handicap Index difference, rounded, plus courtesy shot to away team per pairing.

E.g. Home Team $12.3 + 14.8 = 27.1$.

Away Team $8.7 + 14.3 = 23.0$.

Difference 4.1 divided by $2 = 2$.

Shot Difference $2 - 1$. Courtesy = 1

The courtesy shot applies at both venues in home & away matches.

The draw determines Home Advantage. In 2 legged matches the team drawn first(top in the draw sheet) will play at home in the first leg. The team at the top of the draw in Single Leg Matches have home advantage & all matches to be played at the course of the team drawn at home.

Only players with a fully established handicap index (20 scores) at 31/12/25 are eligible to compete.

Player`s Scoring Record and lowest Handicap Index for the period can be verified by reference to Golf Ireland Clubhouse Report “Member Score Count”

Format

The competition format will be **SCOTCH FOURSOMES MATCHPLAY** for male competitors who have reached their 60th birthday on or before 1st January 2026. A team with an underage player will be disqualified.

Pairings

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

Combined Handicaps

Please note that the combined handicap index limit is 30. Pairings with a combined handicap index in excess of 30 are allowed, but they are limited to a maximum combined handicap index of 30. An incorrect **upper** handicap index means automatic disqualification of that pairing.

Postponements

All matches must be played by the date specified. Sorry, but no extensions can be permitted. Unplayed matches shall be scratched, unless one of the clubs has received a walkover. Unfortunately, we must strictly adhere to this in the interest of equity and competition efficiency.

Exchange of Pairings

Prior to the commencement of a team match, the respective team managers shall simultaneously interchange the names of their teams, their handicap index and the order of play. It is the responsibility of each Team Manager to check with the opposing Team Manager to ensure ALL team players are over 60 years on or before 1st January 2026 before the match commences.

Tees

All matches are to be played off the weekly summer competition tees. All matches to be played to a finish until an overall result has been obtained. There are no halved matches.

Play Offs

In the event that 2 legged matches finish with each team having won 5 matches a sudden death play off will be necessary. Each Manager shall nominate a pairing from the 5 pairings that have already participated in the days matches to contest the play off. The Away Team will receive a courtesy shot in such play offs.

Buggies

Buggies are allowed only with appropriate medical certificate.

Meals / Drinks

After match meals and drinks costs shall be shared equally between home and visiting Clubs.

Results

Results of the matches must be communicated by the winning team within three days. Contact WOODENBRIDGE GOLF CLUB TEL: 0402 35202 - (from Republic) .If calling from Northern Ireland, use 00353 402 35202. Email: admin@woodenbridge.ie

Finals

The Provincial Champions shall play the All Ireland semi-finals and finals at Woodenbridge Golf Club on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th September 2026.

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.