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Dear Hon. Secretary,

It is with pleasure that we invite the ladies of your Club aged 60 and over, to enter the

MARY MCKENNA DIAMOND TROPHY TOURNAMENT 2020, a team competition promoting competitive golf and camaraderie for players in this category.

We are delighted to inform you that the fifth year 2019 of this prestigious competition was a resounding success. The tournament winners were Newlands GC (Leinster), 2nd Co. Sligo GC (Connacht), 3rd Tralee GC (Munster), 4th Malone GC (Ulster).

Please find enclosed your Entry Form for 2020 for return not later than 1st March 2020 with the Entry Fee of €180.00 (ref. MK20) 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.

Home & Away Matches: One Courtesy Shot in away pairings 1,3,5 and Two Courtesy shots to pairings 2 & 4

Single Leg Matches: One Courtesy Shot in away pairings 1,3,5 and Two Courtesy shots to pairings 2 & 4.

In so far as possible, the draw will be designed to alternate home advantage in the single leg rounds.

The Rules of the 2020 Tournament will be available on www.woodenbridge.ie/marymckenna together with the Provincial draws sheet.

The four Provincial Winners will be hosted by Woodenbridge Golf Club for the Finals Weekend on the 12th and 13th September 2020. This includes two nights B&B in the Woodenbridge Hotel and a Gala Dinner and presentation of prizes by Mary McKenna MBE in the Clubhouse on Sunday evening. We are delighted to announce our new Sponsor this year; **Nurse On Call**.

We very much look forward to receipt of your club's entry in the **MARY MCKENNA DIAMOND TROPHY 2020**. If you have any queries or need clarification on any matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Liz Elkinson,

Hon Sec, Mary McKenna Committee

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RULES 2020

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 2019.

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 a maximum combined handicap of 50. 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. STROKE ALLOWANCE

Stroke allowance is based on half the difference of the COMBINED HANDICAPS (maximum 50- see above). Stroke allowances are rounded up to the nearest whole number.

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. COURTESY SHOTS

Home & Away Matches:- One Courtesy Shot in away pairings 1,3,5 and Two Courtesy shots to pairings 2 & 4.

Single Leg Matches: One Courtesy Shot in away pairings 1,3,5 and Two Courtesy shots to pairings 2 & 4.

First, calculate the normal shot differential between the Stroke Allowances of the two pairings and then credit the extra courtesy shot(s) to the visiting pair.

8. 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. Courtesy shot(s) do not apply for play-off pairings.

9. TEAM MANAGERS

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

10. BUGGIES

Buggies are only allowed with appropriate medical certificate.

11. 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. Unfortunately, we must strictly adhere to this in the interest of equity and competition efficiency.

12. 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

13. 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.

Any dispute must be communicated by the Team Manager within 24 hours of completion of play, by email to admin@woodenbridge.ie.

14. FINALS

The Provincial Champions shall play the All Ireland Semi-Finals and Finals at Woodenbridge Golf Club on the Saturday and Sunday, 12th and 13th September 2020.

15. 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 2020

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The purpose is to address/eliminate the perceived advantage to home team.





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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.

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 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.

The 2020 campaign will commence in mid-January. 2020 marks the sixth year of this competition, which no doubt will build again on the success of 2019, our best year to date.

We wish to express our appreciation to our new major sponsor this year Nurse On Call. Nurse On Call has over 500 client Hospital/Organizations on their books and provide Nurses and Carers countrywide. We also acknowledge and thank Woodenbridge Hotel and Lodge and Cassidy Wines who have been supporting this competition for the last 5 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 11th, 12th & 13th September 2020.

ROLL OF HONOUR

YEAR	WINNER	RUNNER UP	3 RD PLACE	4 TH PLACE
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