HANDICAP CERTIFICATE

A Certificate that the requirement of the Handicap Clause has been complied with will be the responsibility of the Player and the Certificate must be forwarded with his Entry Form in the form of:

(a) A computer printout signed by the Handicap/Club Secretary showing the record of the player for the previous twelve months up to and including the 31st day of December of the year preceding year of the Championship.

Or

(b) A photocopy of or the relevant sections of the player's record from the Handicap Register for the twelve months, up to and including the 31st day of December of the year preceding year of the Championship, signed by the Handicap/Club Secretary.

Or

(c) Any Player who holds a GUI GOLFnet Number and enters Online shall be deemed to have complied as the Online Entry Software shall check the Player's handicap on closing date.

Any breach of the condition will entail immediate Dis-qualification.

Signed……..
(Competitor)

ENTRIES CLOSE
On Thursday March 8, 2012 at 5.00pm.

Return Entry Form with Entry Fee of **€50.00 (Stg£45.00)** and Handicap Certificate to:
Please make cheques Payable to – "*Connacht Branch GUI*"

Enda J. Lonergan, General Secretary, Connacht Branch GUI, Breaffy Business Centre, Breaffy, Castlebar, Co. Mayo.

On/or Before - Thursday March 8, 2012 at 5.00pm.

up to and including 31st Day of December of the year prior to the Championship.

Or

(b) A photocopy of the relevant sections of the player's record from the Handicap Register for the previous twelve months up to and including 31st December of the year prior to the Championship, signed by the Handicap/Club Secretary.
For those entering Online the Entry Software will take care of the Handicap Certificate.

27. The Winner of the Tournament will be the 'West of Ireland Amateur Open Championship Golfer' for the year.
28. A Championship Trophy will be awarded to the Winner. The Championship Trophy will be held until the commencement of the Championship in the following year by the Club from which the Winner shall have entered, but in the event of the Winner being a Member of the Irish Golfing Association, the Trophy will be held by The Club to which his section is attached, or in the event of the Winner being entered from a Country outside of Ireland, the Trophy will be held by the Provincial Council.
29. The Winner will also receive a Medal and Prize, and Prizes will be awarded to the Runner-up, and defeated Semi-Finalists, defeated Quarter-Finalists, and to the Leading Qualifier.
30. The Championship is one of the Tournaments qualifying for the points in the "Willie Gill Award".
31. The Penalty of Breach of Rule 1, 3, 5, 16, 17, 22, 23, 25, & 26, is disqualification.
32. All previous Winners of the West of Ireland Amateur Open Championship who enter, shall have a place reserved for them in the field so long as they meet the qualification requirements of Rule 15 (8 Card Rule) and hold a current Handicap at the closing date for entries, which is within one full stroke of the Handicap Cut-off Point for the Championship.
33. The Championship Committee reserves the right of entry; this includes consideration for those who are unable to meet the requirements of Clause 25 on Medical grounds
34. A full list of all entries received by the closing date shall be posted on the 'News' section of the Connacht Branch Website.

NOTE –
These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

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WEST OF IRELAND
Amateur Open Championship

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On
FRIDAY, April 6, 2012
And the following days

Entries Close at 17.00hrs
On Thursday March 8, 2012

Entry Fee: **€50 or £45.00Stg**

The Championship is open to any Male Amateur Golfer subject to the following:

1. The entrant must be:
(a) Of Amateur status defined by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrew's;
(b) The holder of an Official handicap under the Council of National Golf Unions Handicapping Scheme, or similar standard;
(c) A member of the Club from which he elects to enter, but an Honorary Member must have been, at some time, a fee paying member of the club for a period of two years.
2. In the alternative to 1.c above, he must be a Member of the Irish Artisan's Golfers Association.
3. The Club of Association from which he enters must be affiliated to the recognised authority controlling golf in the Country concerned.
4. Entries may be made on the special entry form to be obtained from the General Secretary, Connacht Branch, or the Honorary Secretary, Co. Sligo Golf Club, or they may be made Online.
5. Competitors must conform in all respects with the Rules of Amateur Status and sign the declaration to that effect contained in the entry form.
6. An intending Competitor who is a member of a Golf Club in Ireland or Great Britain shall submit his entry in the prescribed manner to that effect contained in the entry form.
7. An intending Competitor who is a Member of the Irish Artisan' Golfers Association shall submit his entry on the prescribed form through the Secretary of that Association.
8. Other entries shall, if required be submitted through the Secretaries of the recognised Authorities controlling golf in the Countries concerned, and in each case shall be accompanied by the declaration signed by the Secretary of the recognised Authority controlling Golf, that the intending Competitor is an Amateur Golfer as defined by the Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews.
9. The Entrance Fee shall be decided from time to time by the Council of the Connacht Branch, and cheques should be made payable to "*Connacht Branch GUI*".
10. Entries will not be accepted by letter, telephone, fax or e-mail, unless Entry Form is fully completed and signed by the Entrant, and signed by the Entrants Home Club.
11. Entrance Fees will not be refunded unless intimation of scratching is received before the closing time and date for entries (March 8, 2012). All entries are to be directed to the General Secretary, Connacht Branch, G.U.I.
12. Entries will be:
(a) Limited to the **138** Competitors (inclusive of Exemptions) with the ***lowest exact Handicaps at the Closing Date for Entries***. Unsuccessful applicants will be informed forthwith, but given an opportunity to compete if scratchings occur.
(b) At the discretion of the Connacht Branch, the Championship Committee may invite up to six Players who are within 1.0 Stroke of the Handicap Cut-off Point for the Playing Field, and are under 25 years of age on the first day of the Tournament.
13. Competitors are requested to register at the Club immediately on arrival.
14. The Championship Committees shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship; its decision shall be final in all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries.
15. Only a Member of the Championship Committee or a person appointed by such Committee will be authorised to give a decision on any question or dispute arising during the course of play.
16. The championship will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf and the Special Rules for Stroke Play as approved by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews and in accordance with the Local Rules of the host club as approved by the Championship Committee.
17. It shall be obligatory for all competitors in the Championship to play with a golf ball, which is named on the current list of conforming golf balls.
18. Any competitor who is not on the First Teeing Ground when his name is called, at or after the time fixed for his starting is liable to disqualification by the Starter. The Championship Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter the times of starting.
19. Each Competitor will play one Stroke Round of 18 holes on the first and second days of the Championship, the 64 Competitors who return the lowest Gross Scores over the 36 holes shall qualify for Match Play.
20. In the event of a tie for sixty-fourth place, the decision will be the best gross score over the last 18 holes, 9 holes, 6 holes and so on as set out in the Official Handbook.
21. Each match shall consist of one round of 18 holes. In the event of a halved match the competitors shall continue to play until one or the other shall have gained a hole.
22. Competitors are notified that they may be tested for drugs, which, if positive, it will lead to automatic disqualification.
23. Motorised buggies may be utilised only by person in possession of a current medical certificate of disability and then only if the host club permits such machines. The buggy may be used only by the person named on the certificate and may carry only his equipment and caddy during the course of play.
24. The Day prior to the Championship shall be the Official Practice Day, and a Timesheet (specified hours) will be in operation for that day. Contact Co. Sligo on 071-9177134.
25. To be eligible a Competitor must have submitted a MINIMUM of Eight Single Qualifying Competition returns to his Home Club during the twelve months up to and including the 31st day of December of the year preceding year of the Championship.
26. HANDICAP CERTIFICATE:
For Persons entering in writing using an Entry Form -
A Handicap Register that the requirement of the Handicap Clause has been complied with will be the responsibility of the player and the Handicap Register must be forwarded with his Entry Form in the form of -
(a) A computer printout signed by the Handicap/Club Secretary showing the record of the player for the previous twelve months

ENTRY FORM

To the Championship Committee,

I wish to enter the 2012 West of Ireland Championship for which I enclose my Handicap Register/Record and Entrance Fee of –

€50.00 (£45.00Stg)

Cheques payable to: -

"*Connacht Branch GUI*"

Name……
(Block Letters)

Address……

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…….

Telephone…… (Daytime)

Email ……..

***GOLFnet 8-Digit No.:** | | | | | | | | |

This is the Number on the Back of your GUI Member Card
Overseas Entrants must provide paperwork in accordance with Tournament Condition, under Clause 26 **(a or b)**

Club…… **H'cap** (exact)……
(Note: It is the Player's responsibility to advise of any Handicap Adjustments up to the closing date)

Signature…….

HANDICAP CERTIFICATE

To be eligible a Competitor must have submitted a MINIMUM of EIGHT Single Qualifying Competition Returns to his Home Club during the twelve months up to and including the 31st day of December of the year preceding year of the Championship