

IRISH INTERVARSITY GOLF HARD CARD

Local Rules, Tournament Conditions & Player's Notes

Local Rules

* The following local rules, *together with any additions or amendments as published by the Golfing Union of Ireland at the tournament venue*, will apply to all championships and international matches run by the GUI.

1. Distance Measuring Devices (Rule 14-3): A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used. (Penalty for breach of DMD local rule = disqualification)

2. Out of Bounds (Rule 27-1)

- (a) Beyond any wall, fence or line of white stakes defining the boundary of the course.
- (b) On or beyond any white line defining the boundary of the course. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies on or over such a line.
- (c) In or beyond any hedge or ditch defining the boundary of the course.

Note: Where out of bounds is defined by white stakes or fence posts (excluding angled supports), the out of bounds line is determined by the nearest inside points at ground level of such stakes or posts. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies on or over such a line.

3. Water Hazards (including Lateral Water Hazards) (Rule 26): Water hazards are defined by yellow stakes or yellow lines. Lateral water hazards are defined by red stakes or red lines. When a water hazard or lateral water hazard is bounded by out of bounds, the hazard margin extends to and coincides with the boundary.

Note: Dropping Zones for Water Hazards: Where there are dropping zones for water hazards, a ball may be played under Rule 26 or a ball may be dropped in the dropping zone nearest to where the original ball last crossed the margin of the hazard under penalty of one stroke. For provisions relating to dropping or re-dropping a ball in a dropping zone, see the Note on page 136 in the Rules of Golf.

4. Ground Under Repair (Rule 25-1)

- (a) Any area encircled by a white line or so otherwise marked as GUR as per an on-site Local Rule made by the GUI Championship Committee.
- (b) Any area of damaged ground (e.g. caused by crowd or vehicle movement) that is considered by a rules official to be abnormal.

5. Immovable Obstructions (Rule 24-2)

- (a) White lined areas adjoining any areas defined as immovable obstructions are to be regarded as part of the obstruction and not ground under repair.
- (b) Landscaped garden areas surrounded by an obstruction are part of that obstruction.

6. Integral Parts of the Course

- (a) Any cables or advertising boards closely attached to an object defining the boundary of the course.
- (b) Wires, cables, wrappings or other objects where they are closely attached to trees or other permanent objects.
- (c) Retaining artificial walls and pilings when located in water hazards.

7. Bunker Faces: The face of a bunker consisting of stacked turf is deemed not to be a "closely-mown area" (Rule 25-2).

8. Sprinkler Heads: All fixed sprinkler heads are immovable obstructions and relief from interference by them may be obtained under Rule 24-2. In addition, if such an obstruction on or within two club-lengths of the putting green of the hole being played intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may obtain relief, without penalty, as follows:-

If the ball lies off the putting green but not in a hazard and is within two club-lengths of the intervening obstruction it may be lifted, cleaned and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay which (a) is not nearer the hole (b) avoids such intervention and (c) is not in a hazard or on a putting green.

**Where the Rules of Golf do not provide, the penalty for breach of Local Rules (except No.1) is as follows:
Stroke Play = 2 strokes; Match Play = Loss of Hole**

Conditions

1. General

All Interschool Championships and Competitive Matches will be held under the Rules of Golf and Amateur Status as defined by R&A Rules Ltd, and administered jointly by the Irish Colleges Golf Association, the Irish Ladies Golf Union and the Golfing Union of Ireland, who shall appoint a Championship Committee to administer the event. Only persons appointed by the Championship Committee shall be authorised to give a decision on any question or dispute arising during the course of play.

2. Eligibility

In order to be eligible to compete, each competitor must:

- (a) be of Amateur Status as defined by the R&A Rules Ltd.
- (b) be the holder of an official handicap under the CONGU Unified Handicapping System (or similar standard);
- (c) be a member of the club from which they elect 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.
- (d) be a fully registered student and the holder of a student card for the institution with which they are internally registered
- (e) be pursuing a course of study that is equivalent to 60 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) credits per annum in Ireland or 120 UK Academic credits per annum in Northern Ireland or that leads to an award ranked at a minimum of Level 6 on the NQAI Framework (National Qualification Authority of Ireland) **or** have obtained their academic qualification in such a course of study in the calendar year preceding the event.

Note: Any competitor who is currently disqualified from participating in any Championship administered by the Golfing Union of Ireland, Irish Ladies Golf Union, or their area authorities, shall not be eligible to compete in the Championship during the period of their disqualification.

PENALTY FOR BREACH = DISQUALIFICATION

3. Entry

- a) Entries will only be accepted from students who are affiliated to an institution that has fulfilled the registration requirements of the Irish Colleges Golf Association.
- b) Entries must be made on the prescribed form.
- c) Entries will not be accepted after the deadline for each event.
- d) The Championship Committee reserves the right of entry into the Championship.

PENALTY FOR BREACH = DISQUALIFICATION

4. Format

MEN: The Championship will be decided by three rounds of 18 holes medal play. Each competitor will play two stroke rounds of 18 holes on the first day of the Championship, and one round of 18 holes on the second day.

LADIES: The Championship will be decided by two rounds of 18 holes medal play. Each competitor will play one stroke round of 18 holes on each day of the Championship.

5. Decision of Ties: Ties will be decided in the manner prescribed on page 92 of the Golfing Union of Ireland's Tournament Conditions Booklet unless otherwise stated.

6. Time of Starting and Groups: The Championship Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter the times of starting.

7. Transportation: Motorised buggies may be utilised only by persons in possession of a medical certificate of disability issued in the current Calendar Year, and then only if the host club permits the use of such machines. In such circumstances it is the responsibility of the persons concerned to provide a buggy, not the Golfing Union of Ireland, Irish Ladies Golf Union or Irish Colleges Golf Association. The buggy may be used only by the person named on the certificate and may carry only his equipment and caddy. **PENALTY FOR BREACH = DISQUALIFICATION**

8. Conforming Golf Balls: It shall be obligatory for all competitors to play with a golf ball which is named on the current list of conforming golf balls. **PENALTY FOR BREACH = DISQUALIFICATION**

9. Anti-Doping: Competitors submit to the Doping Control Bye Laws of the GUI and ILGU and to drug testing thereunder. A copy of the Doping Control Bye Laws is available on request. The Irish Sports Council Wallet Card will be made available to players prior to the Championship.

10. Non-appearance: Players withdrawing/not appearing without reasonable notice may incur disqualification from entering subsequent events, up to and including the corresponding Championship in the following year.

11. Undue Delay (Rule 6-7)

Each hole of the Championship Course is given a maximum completion time based upon the length and difficulty of the hole. The maximum time allotted for the completion of each hole will be available prior to play from the starter.

Any Group which finds itself Out of Position will be liable to timing by a Referee. The first group and any group after a two-interval gap on the draw sheet will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, the group's cumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes completed. Any following group will be considered out of position if it is more than the starting interval behind the group in front and has exceeded the time allowed for the number of holes played.

If a decision is taken to time the group, each player will be subject to individual timing by a referee. Each player in the group will be advised that they are "out of position" and are being timed. The maximum time allocated per shot is 40 seconds. Ten extra seconds will be allowed for the first player to play on a par-three hole, on an approach shot and on a chip or putt. The timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach his ball, it is his turn to play and he is able to play without interference or distraction. On the putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his ball, repair ball marks and move loose impediments. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the hole will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

Timing will cease when a group is back in position and players will be advised accordingly.

Note: In some circumstances, an individual player, or two players within a group of three, may be timed instead of the entire group.

Penalty for breach of condition:

First bad time	Players will be warned by the referee and told that he will be penalised if they have a further bad time.
Second bad time	Penalty of one stroke / Loss of hole
Third bad time	Penalty of a further two strokes / Loss of a further hole
Fourth bad time	Disqualification

If a group is "Out of Position" more than once during a round, the above procedure will apply on each occasion. Bad times and the application of penalties in the same round will be carried forward until the round is completed. A player will not be penalised if he has a second bad time before being advised of his earlier bad time.

12. Disabilities: The Rules Modifications, as outlined in the Rules of Golf for Golfers with Disabilities are operative in Union Championships.

13. Distance Measuring Devices: A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature etc.) the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.

14. Registration: Competitors should register with the Championship Office at least 30 minutes prior to their tee time in the first round of the championship.

15. Photographs: It is usual for photographs to be taken during championships and these may be used in the promotion of the game. However, individuals have the right to refuse the use of their picture and should report any concerns to the Chairman of the Championship Committee/Tournament Director. Those intending to take photographs at the championship will be asked to register at the GUI Mobile Office/Championship Office.

❖ SUSPENSION OF PLAY:

Suspension of play will be signalled by **ONE** blast on the klaxon.

Resumption of play will be signalled by **TWO** blasts on the klaxon. No competitor may resume play until this signal is given.

Suspension of Play in the case of Thunder and Lightning

When play is suspended due to potential or actual thunder/lightning storm, everybody should proceed immediately to the nearest wooden shelter or the clubhouse if nearer. Metallic shelters should not be used. The following safety measures should also be adhered to:-

- (i) Deposit clubs in golf bag.
- (ii) Do not shelter under trees.
- (iii) Do not put up umbrella under any circumstances.
- (iv) Do not use mobile phones or radios.
- (v) Avoid passing under trees if possible on way to shelter.
- (vi) Maintain as low a profile as possible by avoiding high ground or crouching in bunkers.

Resumption of Play

Resumption of play will be given by **two** blasts of the klaxon, and no competitor may resume play until this signal is given. [Rule 6-8b].

Penalty for breach of Rule – disqualification. Competitors will be duly notified about resumption of play and they will be given sufficient time to arrive at the point of resumption before the signal to restart is given.

❖ STANDARD OF DRESS

Course and Clubhouse

The following Items of Dress are **unacceptable at all times**:

- Denim jeans and jackets.
- Singlets, sleeveless or collarless shirts
- Untailored shorts.
- Sweaters without shirts.
- Garments displaying slogans.
- Track or Leisure suits.
- Trainer shoes or runners.
- Trouser legs must never be tucked into socks.
- Shirts must be tucked inside trousers

Smart casual dress is essential in the Clubhouse. It must be clean, neat and tidy and in keeping with the high standards of the Clubhouse. Any type of footwear worn on the course is not acceptable in the Clubhouse.