To: All Competitors 19th April, 2012

RE: IRISH AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP 2012

Gentlemen,

Please consult the following documents, which are individually available on the Irish Amateur Open Championship Page (www.gui.ie/home/events-results/championships/irish-amateur-open.aspx), concerning vital information regarding the above event:

1. Draw and Waiting List for the Irish Amateur Open Championship
2. Accommodation List
3. GUI Hard Card
4. 2012 Brief Guide to Medicines in Sport (see separate document issued by Irish Sports Council)

You are strongly urged to familiarise yourself with all aspects of the GUI Hard Card, which contains the GUI's standard local rules in addition to the General Conditions for GUI Championships and notes on Health and Safety and Dress Regulations. Additional Local Rules may be circulated at the Championship venue should the Championship Committee deem it necessary.

If for any reason you have to withdraw from the above Championship please inform **Pamela Carroll** at National Headquarters as soon as possible so that those on the Waiting List have the opportunity to compete.

Practice:

Please note that the practice days are Wednesday 9th May (2.00p.m. to 5.00p.m.) and Thursday 10th May (8.00a.m. to 3.00p.m.). Competitors must contact the Club's Administration Office to reserve practice times in advance:-
From 26 Counties 01-8336346 or +3531-8336346

Practice Round – One Ball only!

Players must not play more than one ball from tee to green during a practice round.
Failure to observe this directive may lead to the Championship Committee withdrawing your entry from the Championship.

Therapeutic Use Exemption Forms:

If you are on medication it is your responsibility to ask your G.P. to check MIMS to see if you are required to complete a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) form, which can be downloaded from: www.irishsportscouncil.ie or www.healthhub.ie

Completed forms, if required, must be sent direct to:
TUE Secretariat, Irish Sports Council, Top Floor, Block A, West End Office Park, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15.

Photographs

It is usual for photographs to be taken during Championships and these may be used in the promotion of the game. However, we would ask you to bear in mind that you have the right to refuse the use of your picture and that you can report any concerns you have to the Chairman of the Championship Committee. Those intending to take photographs at the Championship will be asked to complete a registration form.

Yours sincerely,

Pat Finn
General Secretary.
cc: Executive Committee, Irish Youths & Senior Selection Committee, Hon Secretary, The Royal Dublin G.C.

Irish Amateur Open Championship

At The Royal Dublin Golf Club
Friday 11th May to Sunday 13th May 2012
Draw for Rounds 1 & 2

	Start Times				
	Fri	Sat			
1	07:30	10:48	Gavin Moynihan (The Island)	Keith Egan (Carton House)	Michael Buggy (Castlecomer)
2	07:39	10:57	Quentin Carew (Edenderry)	Steffan O'Hara (Co. Sligo)	Kelan McDonagh (Athlone)
3	07:48	11:06	Dave O'Donovan (Muskerry)	Alex Gleeson (Castle)	Sean Flanagan (Co. Sligo)
4	07:57	11:15	John Greene (Portmarnock)	Ross Kenny (Naas/NUIM)	Gary McGrane (The Royal Dublin)
5	08:06	11:33	Conor O'Rourke (Naas/NUIM)	Stephen Walsh (Portmarnock)	Stuart Grehan (Tullamore)
6	08:15	11:42	Joseph Hassler (France)	James Smedley (England)	Paul O'Kane (Moyola Park)
7	08:24	11:51	Patrick McCrudden (Ryl Portrush)	Etlin Joris (France)	Jack Hume (Rathsallagh)
8	08:33	12:00	Bryan McSweeney (Woodbrook)	Gary Walsh (Mount Juliet)	John-Ross Galbraith (Whitehead)
9	08:51	12:09	Michael Brett (Portmarnock)	James White (Scotland)	Charles Morizio (France)
10	09:00	12:18	Ian O'Rourke (Cork)	Paul Shields (Scotland)	James Fox (Portmarnock)
11	09:09	12:27	Thomas Grava (France)	Dylan Boshart (Netherlands)	Reeve Whitson (Mourne)
12	09:18	12:36	Conor O'Neil (Scotland)	Richard O'Donovan (Lucan)	Robin Kind (Netherlands)
13	09:27	12:54	Antoine Schwartz (France)	Kyle Ritchie (USA)	Sam Binning (Scotland)
14	09:36	13:03	Eoin Arthurs (Forrest Little)	Nicolas Tacher (France)	Daan Huizing (Netherlands)
15	09:45	13:12	Mike Miller (USA)	Colin Fairweather (Knock)	Aaron Kearney (Castlerock)
16	09:54	13:21	Dermot McElroy (Ballymena)	Scott Larkin (Scotland)	Michael Robb (Scotland)
17	10:12	13:30	Nicolas Manifacier (France)	Andrew Hogan (Newlands)	Andrew Cooper (Australia)
18	10:21	13:39	Alan Dunbar (Rathmore)	Julien Marot (France)	Eddie McCormack (Galway)
19	10:30	13:48	Gary McDermott (Co. Sligo)	Kevin Reints (Netherlands)	Harry Diamond (Belvoir Park)
20	10:39	13:57	Nicky Grant (Knock)	Niall Gorey (Muskerry)	Rory McNamara (Headfort)
21	10:48	07:30	Ciaran Molloy (Ardee)	Frederik Schulte (Germany)	Adrien Monnier (France)
22	10:57	07:39	Kevin Turlan (France)	Ciaran McKenna (Mallow)	Shaun Carter (Stackstown)
23	11:06	07:48	Hendrik Beins (Germany)	Jim Carvill (Banbridge)	Kyle McClung (Scotland)
24	11:15	07:57	Jeff Hopkins (Skerries)	Brian Casey (Headfort)	Robert Cannon (Balbriggan)
25	11:33	08:06	Romain Langasque (France)	Manuel Trappel (Austria)	Eugene Smith (Ardee)
26	11:42	08:15	Gordon Stevenson (Scotland)	Pierre Mazier (France)	Stephen Healy (Claremorris)
27	11:51	08:24	Jamie Carney (England)	Roy Connolly (Rathsallagh)	Gavin McKenna (Fortwilliam)
28	12:00	08:33	Chris Selfridge (Moyola Park)	Desmond Morgan (Mullingar)	Julien De Poyen (France)
29	12:09	08:51	Josh Evans (England)	Scott Borrowman (Scotland)	Mark Shanahan (Castlemartyr)
30	12:18	09:00	Tiarnan McLarnon (Massereene)	Moritz Hausweiler (Germany)	Gerard Lawlor (Newbridge)
31	12:27	09:09	Leo Lespinasse (France)	Matt Kippen (England)	Daniel Murphy (Portarlington)
32	12:36	09:18	Richard Pickard (England)	Kieran McCarthy (Kinsale)	Colm Campbell (Warrenpoint)
33	12:54	09:27	Simon McConnell (Ballyclare)	Michael Sinclair (Knock)	Alan Thomas (Tramore)
34	13:03	09:36	Michael Wolf (Germany)	Ryan McKinstry (Cairndhu)	Richard Bridges (Stackstown)
35	13:12	09:45	James Hendrick (Scotland)	Simon Ward (Co. Louth)	Gary O'Flaherty (Cork)
36	13:21	09:54	Brendan Walton (The Island)	Barry Daly (Edmondstown)	Ian Brennan (Greenore)
37	13:30	10:12	Gareth Bohill (Co. Louth)	Simon Bryan (Delgany)	Conor Glynn (Carton House)
38	13:39	10:21	Gary Collins (Rosslare)	Stephen Moloney (Castletroy)	Allan Kiernan (Forrest Little)
39	13:48	10:30	Geoff Lenehan (Portmarnock)	Jack Pierse (Grange)	Michael Durcan (Co. Sligo)
40	13:57	10:39	Declan Loftus (Castlebar)	Daniel Holland (Castle)	Shane McGlynn (Carton House)

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Waiting List

1. Neville Steedman (Courtown)	-0.4
2. Alessandro Bogoni (Italy)	-0.3
3. Connor Doran (Banbridge)	-0.3
4. James Monaghan (The Royal Dublin)	-0.3
5. Runar Arnorsson (Iceland)	-0.3
6. Sean Ryan (The Royal Dublin)	-0.3
7. Thomas Le Berre (France)	-0.2
8. William Hanna (Kilkeel)	-0.2
9. Joe Lyons (Birr)	-0.1
10. Daniel Coyle (Co. Louth)	-0.1
11. Gerard Kelly (Co. Louth)	-0.1
12. Shaun O'Connor (Skerries)	-0.1
13. Greg Mungovan (Headfort)	-0.1
14. Oscar Hertzberg (Sweden)	0
15. Matthew McAlpin (Royal Portrush)	0
16. Bryan Ronan (Co. Louth)	0
17. Ronan Burke (Castle)	0.2
18. Keagan Cummings (Elm Park)	0.2
19. Andrew Kelly (Charleville)	0.2
20. Paul McBride (The Island)	0.2
21. Sean Moran (Carton House)	0.2
22. Dudley Regan (Co. Meath)	0.2
23. David Byrne (Athenry)	0.3
24. Richard Knightly (The Royal Dublin)	0.3
25. Cian Daly (Castletroy)	0.4
26. Derek Downie (Sutton)	0.4
27. Barry Fennelly (The Royal Dublin)	0.4
28. Paul Genestou (France)	0.6
29. Robin Dawson (Faithlegg)	0.7
30. Mark Richards (Carton House)	0.8
31. JR Tobia (England)	0.9
32. Alan Lowry (Esker Hills)	1.7
33. Ryan Berkeley (Old Conna)	1.8
34. Daniel Brennan (Shannon)	2.9

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ACCOMMODATION LIST

HOTELS:

Clontarf Castle Hotel, Castle Ave, Clontarf, Dublin 3 (Phone: 01-8332321)

Marine Hotel, Sutton Cross, Sutton, Dublin 13. (Phone: 01-8390000)

Deer Park Hotel, Howth, Co Dublin (Phone: 01-8322624)

Baily Hotel, Main St, Howth, Co Dublin (Phone: 01-8322691)

B & B's

Strand House, 316 Clontarf Rd, Clontarf, Dublin 3 (Phone: 01-8339569)

Aishling House, 19/20 St. Lawrence Rd, Clontarf, Dublin 3 (Phone: 01-8339097)

Annagh House, 301 Clontarf Rd, Clontarf, Dublin 3 (Phone: 01-8338841)

Autumn Leaf, 41 St. Lawrence Rd, Clontarf, Dublin 3 (Phone: 01-8337519)

Slievenamon Manor, 302 Clontarf Rd, Clontarf, Dublin 3. (Phone: 01-8331025)

Ferry View, 96 Clontarf Rd, Clontarf, Dublin 3 (Phone: 01-8335893)

Innisfree, 6 Seacourt, Seafield Rd East, Clontarf, Dublin 3. (Phone: 01-8330185)

Sanctuary Cove, 354 Clontarf Rd, Clontarf, Dublin 3. (Phone: 01-8336761)

GOLFING UNION OF IRELAND HARD CARD
Local Rules, Tournament Conditions & Player's Notes 2012

1. 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.

Penalty for breach of Local Rules (except No.1): Stroke Play = 2 Strokes; Match Play = Loss of Hole

2. General Rules for Golfing Union of Ireland Championships

* The following Conditions, *together with any additions or amendments as published by the Golfing Union of Ireland in its Tournament Conditions Booklet and on its website, www.gui.ie*, will apply under Rule 33-1 to all Championships run by the GUI.

1. The Championships are open to any male amateur golfer subject to the following conditions:-
Each competitor must be:

(a) of Amateur Status as defined by the R & A Rules Ltd.

(b) the holder of an official handicap under the CONGU Unified Handicapping System (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. Note: A player who also holds a handicap from a Handicapping Authority other than CONGU, must enter and play off his CONGU Handicap.

2. In the alternative to 1(c) above he must be a member of the Irish Artisan Golfers' Association. In the case of a member of the Irish Artisan Golfers' Association the Association must certify that the entrant has a handicap within the terms of the Unified Handicapping System as operated by the Council of National Golf Unions'.

3. The Club or Association from which he elects to enter must be affiliated to the recognised authority controlling golf in the country concerned.

4. The Championship Committee shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championships.

5. (a) Entry for the Irish Amateur Close; Irish Amateur Open; Irish Seniors' Amateur Open, Irish Seniors Close, Irish Youths' Amateur Close, Irish Boys' Amateur Open Championships and Irish Boys Under 15 Amateur Open Championship shall be made on-line or on the prescribed form, to be obtained from the General Secretary, Golfing Union of Ireland, National Headquarters, Carton Demesne, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, and returned completed through the Club or Association from which the player elects to enter.

(b) Entry for the (i) North; South; East and West of Ireland Amateur Opens and (ii) the Provincial Seniors; Youths and Boys Championships shall be made on-line or on the prescribed form, to be obtained from the Provincial Secretary, and returned completed through the Club or Association from which the player elects to enter.

(c) Entry for the Irish Schools, Fred Daly Trophy and Irish Junior Foursomes Championships should be made through the Secretary of the Province in which the Club/School is situated.

(d) 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 a declaration signed by the Secretary of the recognised authority that the intending competitor is an Amateur Golfer as defined by the R&A Rules Ltd.. Entries will not be accepted by letter or telephone and entry fees will not be refunded unless intimation of scratching is received before the closing date for entry.

6. Competitors must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status and sign the declaration to that effect contained in the entry form.

7. 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.

8. The Championships shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R & A and in accordance with the Local Rules of the Housing Club, as approved by the Championship Committee.

9. The Championship Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter the times of starting.

10. Motorised buggies may be utilised only by the 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. The buggy may be used only by the person named on the certificate and may carry only his equipment and caddy.
(Penalty - disqualification of the offending player/s).

11. 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 - disqualification).

12. Competitors submit to the Golfing Union of Ireland Doping Control Bye Laws and to drug testing thereunder. A copy of the Doping Control Bye Laws is available on request.

13. Players withdrawing/not appearing without reasonable notice may incur disqualification from entering subsequent Championships, up to and including the corresponding Championship in the following year.

14. Any competitor who is currently disqualified from participating in any Union or Branch Championship, shall not be eligible to compete in any Championship during the period of his disqualification.

15 A player shall play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines which may be laid down by the Championship Committee. Between completion of a hole and playing from the next teeing ground a player shall not unduly delay play. (Penalty: Match Play - Loss of Hole; Stroke Play – 2 Strokes).

16. The Union and Provinces shall select dates and venues for Championships.

17. Competitors born on 1st January, and whose age, in year of event, is that under which the Championship is being played shall be eligible to compete.

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

19. 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.

20. Entrants must inform the Union or Provincial Branch (as applicable) of any change to their exact handicap between the time of entry and the closing date for entries.

21. Competitors should register with the Championship Office/GUI Mobile Office at least 30 minutes prior to their tee time in the first round of the Championship.

22. 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.

23. The Championship Committee reserves the right of entry into the Championships.

24. The penalty for breach of Rule 1, 2, 3 and 14 shall be disqualification.

Please note that each of our tournaments has additional specific conditions. To access these, please go to the relevant Championship page on www.gui.ie or see the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.

❖ 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. [Golfing 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.

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:-
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❖ 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.