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GENERAL RULES

1. The Tournaments are open to all Clubs affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland. Each Club shall be entitled to enter one team in each Tournament.
2. Each team member must be:-
   (a) of Amateur Status as defined by R&A Rules Ltd.
   (b) the holder of an official handicap under the Council of National Golf Unions' Unified Handicapping System or similar standard.
   (c) a member of the Club from which he is selected but an Honorary Member must have been, at some time, a fee paying member of the Club for a period of two years.
   (d) ordinarily resident in Ireland on and from 31st day of March in the year of the Tournament or alternatively if not so resident be a member of a club affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland which shall be his home club. For the purpose of this rule absence on the relevant date for educational purposes, secondment, temporary employment or service with the security forces shall not disqualify.
   Note: In this context a member is one who pays a Union Subscription.
3. The entrance fee shall be decided from time to time by the Central Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland. Entry, accompanied by the fee, must be made with the authorised official of the Province in which the Club is situate.
4. The Tournaments are divided into two phases. Phase One will be the Provincial Section and Phase Two will be the National Section.

PROVINCIAL SECTION

5. 1) Each Provincial Council shall have control of its Provincial Section and shall prescribe the regulations of play.
   2) Each Provincial Council shall advise the name of Provincial winner to General Secretary of Union prior to date of National section.
6. 1) Each Provincial Council shall appoint a Championship Committee which shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Tournaments and the decision of this Committee shall be final on all matters relating thereto.
   2) Only members of the Provincial Council or persons nominated by the Council (to include the Provincial Secretary) may be appointed to the Championship Committee and only such members may adjudicate on any question or dispute arising during the course of play.
7. Each club entered in the Tournament shall play the Provincial Section in its own Province. The Provincial Section winners in each Tournament shall represent the Province in the National Section.
8. The respective Team Captains of the two teams about to engage in a match shall exchange, simultaneously, their team sheets complete with required details, or hand said list to the Branch Official in charge not less than 30 minutes before the start of the match.

NATIONAL SECTION

9. The Central Council shall appoint a Championship Committee which shall control and manage the National Section, which shall comprise the Match Play semi-finals and Finals amongst the Provincial winners, and its decision on all questions or disputes under these Rules or during course of play shall be final.
10. The National Section shall be played at a venue and on a date to

be fixed by the Central Council of the Union.

11. The teams for the Semi-Finals, in order of play, with the names of reserves, must be handed to the Union official in charge in a sealed envelope not later than 16.00 hours on the day prior to the match and for the Final not later than one hour after play in the Semi-Finals is completed.

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12. Whilst the players on each team may be changed no player shall play for more than one club in any one of these Tournaments during the season.
13. In all Match Play rounds of these Tournaments (except the Barton Shield and Irish Junior Foursomes) if a match is all square after 18 holes, the competitors shall immediately continue to play tie holes until a decision is reached, unless an overall result on matches won has already decided the event.
14. a) Except in the case of sudden illness or other emergency which is considered by the Championship Committee to be sufficient justification, no alteration can be made in the list handed in, either in the matter of players or in the order of play.
    b) Reserves taking the place of players after the team has been submitted, shall be placed in the same position in the team as that occupied by the player who has taken ill or has been withdrawn.

    Note Reserves - see special Rules for each competition.
15. It shall be obligatory for all competitors in the Tournaments to play with a golf ball which is named on the current list of conforming golf balls. Penalty - disqualification of player.
16. The winning Club in each Province shall be responsible for arranging accommodation for its team at the venue fixed for the National Section.
17. The Cup/Shield shall be held for the year by the winning Club. Each winning Club will receive a National Pennant. Gold Medals will be awarded to the members of the winning team, Silver medals to the Runners-up and Bronze medals to the defeated Semi-Finalists. The Non-playing Captains will be awarded a special medal. Additional medals may be purchased by clubs, but only for players who have competed at either Provincial or National level during the event.
18. A team Captain is permitted to give advice to his team during the course of play, but may not point out a line for putting. A Team Captain playing in the competition may not give advice to a team mate, other than his partner until after completion of his match. (Penalty: Matchplay - loss of each hole at which the infringement occurs, to a maximum of two holes; Strokeplay - 2 strokes at each hole at which the infringement occurs, to a maximum of 4 strokes). That any further breach will lead to the disqualification of the player(s).
19. 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.
20. The winning Clubs in each Province will be presented with a Provincial Pennant and the finalists will be presented with a Provincial Plaque.
21. Any competitor who is currently disqualified from participation in any Union or Branch individual Championship cannot represent a Club in any of these Tournaments.
22. Motorised buggies may be utilised only by the players 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 players concerned to provide a buggy, not

the Golfing Union of Ireland.The buggy may be used only by the player named on the certificate and may carry only his equipment and caddy. (Penalty - disqualification of the offending player/s).

23. Matches shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Ltd. and with the Local Rules of the Host Club. The Local Rules shall be subject to the approval of the Championship Committee.
24. In order to be eligible to compete in the Junior Cup, Jimmy Bruen Shield and Pierce Purcell Shield, a player shall have, in the calendar year prior to the event, returned a minimum of four returns in qualifying competitions (Supplementary Scores are not included) all of which must be recorded on the handicap records of the player's home club on or before 31st December in the calendar year prior to the event.
    Note: If a player changes his club during the previous calendar year, it is his responsibility to produce evidence of having competed in a minimum of four Qualifying Competitions.
25. 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 - two strokes).
26. 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.
27. The Executive Committee reserves the right of entry into the Cups and Shields.
28. The Rules Modifications, as outlined in the Rules of Golf for Golfers with Disabilities are operative in the Cups & Shields events.
29. The penalty for breach of Rules 2, 12, 14a, 14b, 21 and 24 shall be disqualification of the team concerned.
    Note: Please refer to specific Provincial Conditions.

SENIOR CUP

1. The Cup shall be called the "Irish Golf Clubs Senior Challenge Cup".
2. The Tournament shall be played annually in accordance with the General Rules of Cups and Shields, as laid down by the Golfing Union of Ireland.
3. Each team shall consist of five members and play shall be by singles medal play or singles match play.
4. All matches must be played off scratch.
5. All matches must be played to a conclusion unless an overall result has already been reached. Unfinished matches will be declared 'halved'.
6. A team Captain may nominate two reserves.
    NOTE: These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups and Shields.

BARTON SHIELD

1. The Shield shall be called the "Barton Shield".
2. The Tournament shall be played annually in accordance with the General Rules of Cups and Shields, as laid down by the Golfing Union of Ireland.
3. Each team shall consist of four members.
4. All matches must be played off scratch.
5. The Tournament shall be played over 18 holes foursomes match play, the aggregate of holes up to decide the winning team.
6. The full round must be played unless an overall result on holes up has already decided the event, when the defeated team may concede the match before completion of 18 holes.
7. In the case of a tie, the second match as selected, shall immediately continue to play tie holes until a decision is reached.
8. A team Captain may nominate two reserves.
9. Any competitor who is unable to continue a match will forfeit the remaining holes to be played.

   NOTE: These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups and Shields.

JUNIOR CUP

1. The Cup shall be called the "Irish Golf Clubs Junior Challenge Cup".
2. The Tournament shall be played annually in accordance with the General Rules of Cups and Shields, as laid down by the Golfing Union of Ireland.
3. Each team shall consist of five members and play shall be by singles medal play or by singles match play.
4. All matches will be played off scratch.
5. **Handicap Qualification:** No player shall be eligible to compete in this Tournament who was not in possession of a CONGU Handicap during the preceding calendar year.

   No player shall be eligible to compete in this Tournament whose playing handicap was less than five during the preceding calendar year.
6. All matches must be played to a conclusion unless an overall result has already been reached. Unfinished matches will be declared 'halved'.
7. A team Captain may nominate two reserves.
8. Penalty for breach of Rule 5 shall be disqualification of the team concerned.

   NOTE: These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups and Shields.

JIMMY BRUEN SHIELD

1. The Shield shall be called the "Jimmy Bruen Shield".
2. The Tournament shall be played annually in accordance with the General Rules of Cups and Shields, as laid down by the Golfing Union of Ireland.
3. Each team shall consist of ten members and play shall be by foursomes medal play or foursomes match play.
4. All matches must be played off scratch
5. **Handicap Qualification:** No player shall be eligible to compete in this Tournament who was not in possession of a CONGU Handicap during the preceding calendar year.

   No player shall be eligible to compete in this Tournament whose playing handicap was less than six during the previous calendar year. The combined lowest playing handicap of each pair during the preceding calendar year shall not be less than seventeen.
6. A team Captain may nominate two pairs as reserves.

7. Ref General Rule 14b, alternatively, a nominated reserve pair may be placed in the same position in the team as that occupied by the pair, one of whom has taken ill or has been withdrawn.
8. Penalty for breach of Rules 5 or 7 above shall be disqualification of the team concerned.
   NOTE: These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups and Shields.

PIERCE PURCELL SHIELD

1. The Shield shall be called the "Pierce Purcell Shield".
2. The Tournament shall be played annually in accordance with the General Rules of Cups and Shields, as laid down by the Golfing Union of Ireland.
3. Each team shall consist of ten members and play shall be by foursomes medal play or by foursomes match play.
4. All matches must be played off scratch.
5. **Handicap Qualification:** No player shall be eligible to compete in this Tournament who was not in possession of a CONGU Handicap in the preceding calendar year.
   No player shall be eligible to compete in this Tournament whose playing handicap was less than **twelve** during the preceding calendar year. The combined lowest playing handicap of each pair during the preceding calendar year shall not be less than **twenty seven**.
6. Age Qualification: No player who is under eighteen years of age on the first day of January of the year of the Tournament is eligible to compete.
7. A team Captain may nominate two pairs as reserves.
8. Ref General Rule 14b, alternatively, a nominated reserve pair may be placed in the same position in the team as that occupied by the pair, one of whom has taken ill or has been withdrawn.
9. Penalty for breach of Rules 5, 6 or 8 above shall be disqualification of the team concerned.
   NOTE: These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups and Shields.

WILLIE GILL AWARD
TOM MONTGOMERY AWARD
MICHAEL HENNELLY AWARD

WILLIE GILL AWARD

This award shall be competed for annually between members of the Golfing Union of Ireland who compete in the:

Portuguese Amateur Open Championship (Category B)
Spanish Amateur Open Championship (Category C)
Lytham Trophy (Category B)
Welsh Amateur Open Championship (Category B)
St Andrews Links Trophy (Category B)
British Amateur Championship (Category A)
Brabazon Trophy (Category B)
Scottish Amateur Open Championship (Category B)
European Mens Individual Championship (Category B)
West of Ireland Amateur Open Championship (Category E)
East of Ireland Amateur Open Championship (Category F)
North of Ireland Amateur Open Championship (Category E)
South of Ireland Amateur Open Championship (Category E)
Irish Amateur Close Championship (Category D)
Irish Amateur Open Championship (Category B)

In the event of a tie, the highest placed in the Irish Amateur Open

Championship shall be the winner.
Points shall be awarded for the above events in the following amounts based on the above categorisations:
Category A Winner: 425pts; Runner-Up: 275pts; Semi-Finalist: 175pts; Quarter-Finalist: 135pts; Last 16: 90pts; Make Cut: 60 pts
Category B Winner: 320pts; Runner-Up: 200pts; 3rd: 130pts; 4th: 110pts; 5th: 90pts; 6th: 85pts; 7th: 80pts; 8th: 75pts; 9th: 70pts; 10th: 67pts; 11th: 64pts; 12th: 61pts; 13th: 58pts; 14th: 55pts; 15th: 52pts; 16th: 50pts; Make Cut: 25pts
Category C Winner: 320pts; Runner-Up: 200pts; 3rd: 130pts; 4th: 110pts; 5th-8th: 90pts; 9th-16th: 50pts; Make Cut: 25pts
Category D Winner: 250pts; Runner-Up: 140pts; 3rd: 100pts; 4th: 90pts; 5th: 80pts; 6th: 70pts; 7th: 65pts; 8th: 60pts; 9th: 50pts; 10th: 45pts; 11th: 40pts; 12th: 38pts; 13th: 36pts; 14th: 34pts; 15th: 32pts; 16th: 30pts
Category E Winner: 200pts; Runner-Up: 100pts; Semi-Finalist: 70pts; Quarter-Finalist: 50pts; Last 16: 25pts
Category F Winner: 200pts; Runner-Up: 100pts; 3rd: 70pts; 4th: 60pts; 5th: 50pts; 6th: 48pts; 7th: 46pts; 8th: 44pts; 9th: 25pts; 10th: 24pts; 11th: 23pts; 12th: 22pts; 13th: 21pts; 14th: 20pts; 15th: 19pts; 16th: 18pts

TOM MONTGOMERY AWARD
This award shall be competed for annually between members of the Golfing Union of Ireland who compete in the:

Peter McEvoy Trophy (Category D)
Ireland v Wales Boys Match (Category G)
Sir Henry Cooper Junior Masters (Category D)
European Boys Amateur Team Championship (Category E)
Boys Interprovincial Championship (Category G)
Boys Home Internationals (Category F)
British Boys Amateur Championship (Category A)
Jacques Leglise Trophy (Category F)
Connacht Boys Amateur Open Championship (Category C)
Munster Boys Amateur Open Championship (Category C)
Leinster Boys Amateur Open Championship (Category C)
Ulster Boys Amateur Open Championship (Category C)
Irish Boys Amateur Open Championship (Category B)

In the event of a tie, the highest placed in the Irish Boys Amateur Open Championship shall be the winner.
The Award shall be based on the following points system:
Category A Winner: 200pts; Runner-Up: 150pts; Semi-Finalist: 125pts; Quarter-Finalist: 100pts; Last 16: 75pts; Make Cut: 40pts
Category B Winner: 100pts; Runner-Up: 75pts; 3rd: 65pts; 4th: 60pts; 5th: 55pts; 6th: 50pts; 7th: 45pts; 8th: 40pts; 9th: 35pts; 10th: 30pts; 11th: 25pts; 12th: 20pts; 13th: 19pts; 14th: 18pts; 15th: 17pts; 16th: 16pts; Make Cut: 10pts
Category C Winner: 60pts; Runner-Up: 40pts; 3rd: 35pts; 4th: 33pts; 5th: 30pts; 6th: 27pts; 7th: 25pts; 8th: 22pts; 9th: 20pts; 10th: 17pts; 11th: 15pts; 12th: 14pts; 13th: 13pts; 14th: 12pts; 15th: 11pts; 16th: 10pts; Make Cut: 10pts
Category D Winner: 90pts; Runner-Up: 75pts; 3rd: 70pts; 4th: 65pts; 5th: 60pts; 6th: 55pts; 7th: 53pts; 8th: 50pts; 9th: 47pts; 10th: 45pts; 11th: 40pts; 12th: 33pts; 13th: 27pts; 14th: 25pts; 15th: 20pts; 16th: 15pts; Make Cut: 10pts
Category E Selection: 70pts
Category F Selection: 40pts
Category G Selection: 20pts

GENERAL RULES FOR INTERPROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. The Interprovincial Championships shall be played annually between teams selected by the four Provinces and each team will consist of:

Senior Team	8 players and a Captain
Boys Team	7 players and a Captain
Boys Under 15 Team	6 players and a Captain

2. The Championships shall be played on such dates and venues as shall be fixed by the Central Council and shall be under the control and management of the Union Championship Committee whose decision on all matters relating to the Championships shall be final. The Championship Committee reserves the right to alter starting times.
3. The Boys Under 15, Boys and Senior matches shall be played on three consecutive days. The draw for the first day's play will be between the Provinces placed first and fourth in the previous year with the second and third placed Provinces playing each other.
   On the second day the winning Province from the first match of the first day will play the losing Province of the second match. In the event of a tie, the higher placed team in the previous year's matches shall have precedence. On the third day the teams who have not met shall play each other.
   In the event of two starting tees being utilised the winning Province from the previous year will start all its matches from the first tee, unless they have lost the opening two matches.
4. Each match shall consist of 18 holes.
   Senior: 4 foursomes and 7 singles, foursomes being played first
   Boys: 3 foursomes and 7 singles, foursomes being played first
   Boys Under 15 1 foursomes and 4 singles, with no player playing more than one match of foursomes in the Championship
   In the event of a tie for the Trophy or in the team positions the team with the highest number of individual points (including half points), shall take precedence. If still tied the winner of the match between the two teams shall take precedence. Should there still be a tie, on the number of points, the higher placed team in the previous year's meeting shall have preference.
5. To be eligible to play for a Province a player must be:
   a) eligible to compete in the Irish Amateur Close Championship, and
   b) born in the Province or born of parents one of whom was born in the Province, or
   c) resident in the Province or a member of a club in the Province at any time for a period of two calendar years immediately prior to the 1st of January of the year of the Championship. Note: A player is not debarred from representing more than one Province in different years:
   d) **Boys Team** - under 18 years of age on 1st January in the year of the Championship
   e) **Boys Under 15 Team** - under 15 years of age on 1st January in the year of the Championship
6. The teams, in order of play, with the names of the reserves, must be handed to the Union Official in charge in a sealed envelope not later than 17.00 hours on the day prior to the first match and not later than one hour after play is completed for the second and third day matches.
7. Except in the case of sudden illness or other emergency which is considered by the Championship Committee to be sufficient justification, no alteration can be made in the list handed in,

either in the names of players or in the order of play. Reserves taking the place of players after the team has been submitted shall be placed in the same position in the team as that occupied by the player who has taken ill or has been withdrawn.

If a player is ruled out through illness or other emergency, and which places his team below playing strength, his game shall be deemed a half. In such circumstances, if the series of matches, either foursomes or singles, have not commenced the absentee shall be placed in the last game of the match and the opposing team captain shall then have the option of selecting one of his players for the last game.

If a player is ruled out through illness or other emergency, and which places his team below playing strength before his particular game starts, and after the series of foursomes or singles matches have commenced, his game shall be deemed a half.

8. Motorised buggies may be utilised only by the players 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 players concerned to provide a buggy, not the Golfing Union of Ireland.The buggy may be used only by the player named on the certificate and may carry only his equipment and caddy. (Penalty - disqualification of the offending player/s).
9. Matches shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Ltd. and with the Local Rules of the Host Club. The Local Rules shall be subject to the approval of the Championship Committee.
10. 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. (Penalty - disqualification.)
11. The winning Province in each Championship will receive the relevant Trophy to be held until the commencement of the Championship in the following year.
12. Each member of the winning team will receive a memento prize.
13. A team Captain is permitted to give advice to his team during the course of play, but may not point out a line for putting. A Team Captain playing in the competition may not give advice to a team mate, other than his partner until after completion of his match. (Penalty - loss of hole at which the infringement occurs, to a maximum of two holes). That any further breach will lead to the disqualification of the player/s.
14. 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.
15. Caddies are not permitted in the Boys Under 15 or the Boys Interprovincial Championships.
16. No professional golfer may act as Team Captain in the Boys Under 15 and Boys Interprovincial Championships. (Penalty - disqualification of the team).
17. The Central Council shall appoint a Championship Committee which shall control and manage the Interprovincial Championships and its decision on all questions or disputes under these Rules or during the course of play shall be final.
18. Any competitor who is currently disqualified from participation in any Union or Branch individual Championship cannot represent a Province in these Championships.
19. 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).

20. The Rules Modifications, as outlined in the Rules of Golf for Golfers with Disabilities are operative in the Interprovincial Championships.
21. 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.

GENERAL RULES FOR UNION CHAMPIONSHIPS

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 - two 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.

FRED DALY TROPHY

1. The Trophy shall be called the "Fred Daly Trophy".
2. The Championship is open to all Clubs affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland. Each Club shall be entitled to enter one team.
3. Each team shall consist of seven members in both the Provincial and National sections.
4. Each member of the team must be:
   a) a member of the Club from which he is selected but an Honorary Member must have been, at some time, a fee paying member of the Club for a period of two years:
   b) under 18 years of age on 1st January in the year of the Championship
   c) ordinarily resident in Ireland on and from the 31st day of March in the year of the Championship. For the purpose of this Rule absence from Ireland on the relevant date for education purposes, secondment or temporary employment shall not disqualify.
5. 1) Each Provincial Council shall appoint a Championship Committee which shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Tournaments and the decision of this Committee shall be final on all matters relating thereto.
   2) Only members of the Provincial Council or persons nominated by the Council (to include the Provincial Secretary) may be appointed to the Championship Committee and only such members may adjudicate on any question or dispute arising during the course of play.

6 The Central Council shall appoint a Championship Committee which shall control and manage the National Section, which shall comprise the Match Play semi-finals and Finals amongst the Provincial winners, and its decision on all questions or disputes under these Rules or during course of play shall be final.
The Championship Committee reserves the right to alter starting times.

7. Each Club entered in the Championship shall play the Provincial Section in its own Province. The winning club shall represent the Province in the National Section.
8. The National Section shall be played at a venue and on a date to be fixed by the Central Council of the Union.

9 A player must compete for his Home Club (defined in accordance with the CONGU UHS as the Club which administers and controls his Handicap) should that Club require him to do so.

10. Whilst the players on each team may be changed, no person shall play for more than one Club in this Championship during the season.
11. Teams must play in order of current playing handicap.
12. (a) The Captains of the two teams about to engage in a match shall simultaneously interchange the names of the members of their teams, with their handicap and in order of play, together with the names of reserves, at least 10 minutes before the time arranged for the start of the match. Once the team list has been handed over it may not be altered except as provided for in Rule 12.
    (b) For the National Finals the teams for the semi-finals, in order of play with current handicaps together with the names of reserves, must be handed to the Union official in charge in a sealed envelope not later than 16.00 hours on the day prior to the match and for the Final not later than 30 minutes after play in the semi-finals is completed.
13. Except in the case of sudden illness or other emergency which is considered by the Provincial Council or the Championship Committee to be sufficient justification, no alteration can be made in the list handed in, either in the matter of players or in the order of play. Reserves taking the place of players after the team has been submitted shall be placed in the same position in the team as that occupied by the player who has taken ill or has been withdrawn irrespective of handicap.
14. Each Branch shall advise the name of Provincial winner to the General Secretary of the Union prior to the date of the National Section.
15. The winning club in each Province shall be responsible for arranging accommodation for its team at the venue fixed for the National Section.
16. The Trophy shall be held for the year by the winning club. Silver Gilt Medals will be awarded to the members of the winning team, Silver Medals to the runners-up and Bronze Medals to the defeated semi-finalists. Non-playing Team Captains will be awarded a special medal.
17. The winning club in each Province will be presented with a Provincial Pennant and the club which wins the Championship will be presented with a National Pennant.
18. No person whose age exceeds the age limit for the event may act as caddie. (Penalty: Match play - loss of each hole at which the infringement occurs, to a maximum of two holes; Stroke play - 2 strokes at each hole the infringement occurs, to a maximum of 4 strokes). That any further breach will lead to the disqualification of the player(s).
19. No professional golfer may act as a caddie. (Penalty - disqualification of the player).
20. No professional golfer may act as Team Captain (Penalty - disqualification of the team).
21. All matches will be played off scratch.
22. If a match is all square after 18 holes the competitors shall immediately continue to play tie holes until a decision is reached unless an overall result on matches won has already decided the event.
23. The penalty for breach of Rules 4, 9, 10, 11, 12(b) or 13 shall be disqualification of the team concerned.

N.B. These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups and Shields.

IRISH AMATEUR CLOSE CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The entrant must:
   a) Have been born in Ireland or born of parents one of whom was born in Ireland, or at the discretion of the Executive Committee have been resident in Ireland for not less than five years.
   b) Be a person who has not played for any Country on their International Team.
   c) Be a person who has not played in the Close Championship of any Country other than as a Boy, i.e. Under 18 on 1st January in year of that Close Championship.
2. Entries will be limited to the 144 competitors with the lowest exact handicaps at the closing date for entries. In the event of applications exceeding this number, a waiting list in the exact handicap order will be drawn up and decided by ballot if necessary. If scratchings occur, entrants on the waiting list will be given the opportunity of competing. Any entrant whose application is unsuccessful will have his entry fee refunded.
3. The Championship will be decided by four rounds of 18 holes medal play. Each competitor will play one stroke round of 18 holes on each of the first and second days of the Championship. The top 45 players plus ties who return the lowest gross score over the first 36 holes shall be entitled to play a further 36 holes on the third day of the Championship.
4. In the event of a tie for the Championship the players concerned shall immediately play three holes of stroke play, in such sequence as prescribed by the Championship Committee. The best aggregate score will determine the winner. Those still tied for the Championship shall engage in sudden death stroke play over the same sequence of holes.
5. All other ties will be decided on the best score over the last 54 holes, and if still a tie, on the last 36 holes, 18 holes, 9 holes, 6 holes and so on as set out in the Tournament Conditions booklet and Yearbook.
6. The winner of the Championship shall be the Irish Amateur Close Champion Golfer for the year and the 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 Artisan Golfers' Association the Trophy will be held by the Club to which his Section is attached or in the event of the winner having entered from a Country outside Ireland, the Trophy will be held by the Golfing Union of Ireland.
7. Prizes will be awarded as follows:
   1st Voucher, Trophy, Gold Medal
   2nd Voucher, Silver Medal
   3rd Voucher, Bronze Medal
   4th Voucher
   5th Voucher 6th Voucher
   7th Voucher 8th Voucher
   9th Voucher 10th Voucher
   N.B. These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

IRISH AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Entries will be limited to the 120 competitors with the lowest exact handicaps at the closing date for entries, with the provisos that
   a. The reigning Irish Amateur Open champion, Irish Amateur Close champion, West, East, North and South of Ireland champions and Irish Boys Open champion will gain entry provided they have entered.
   b. The top five Under-21 players who fail to gain entry to the championship on handicap, and who advance furthest at the West of Ireland Championship having qualified for the match play stages, will gain entry provided they have entered. In the event of two or more Under-21 players reaching the same stage of the match play in the West of Ireland Championship, the exemptions will be decided on their 36-hole qualifying scores.
   In the event of applications exceeding this number, a waiting list in the exact handicap order will be drawn up and decided by ballot if necessary. If scratchings occur, entrants on the waiting list will be given the opportunity of competing. Any entrant whose application is unsuccessful will have his entry fee refunded.
2. The Championship will be decided by four rounds of 18 holes medal play. Each competitor will play one stroke round of 18 holes on each of the first and second days of the Championship. The top 40 players plus ties who return the lowest gross score over the first 36 holes shall be entitled to play a further 36 holes on the third day of the Championship.
3. In the event of a tie for the Championship the players concerned shall immediately play three holes of stroke play, in such sequence as prescribed by the Championship Committee. The best aggregate score will determine the winner. Those still tied for the Championship shall engage in sudden death stroke play over the same sequence of holes.
4. All other ties will be decided on the best score over the last 54 holes, and if still a tie, on the last 36 holes, 18 holes, 9 holes, 6 holes and so on as set out in the Tournament Conditions booklet and Yearbook.
5. The winner of the Championship shall be the Irish Amateur Open Champion Golfer for the year and the 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 Artisan Golfers' Association the Trophy will be held by the Club to which his Section is attached or in the event of the winner having entered from a Country outside Ireland, the Trophy will be held by the Golfing Union of Ireland.
6. Prizes will be awarded as follows:
   1st Voucher, Trophy, Gold Medal
   2nd Voucher, Silver Medal
   3rd Voucher, Bronze Medal 4th Voucher
   5th Voucher 6th Voucher
   7th Voucher 8th Voucher
   9th Voucher 10th Voucher
   N.B. These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

IRISH BOYS AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The entrant must be:
   a) under 18 years of age on 1st January in the year of the Championship
2. For the purpose of clarification and identity there are three age groups, namely:
   a) Group One which includes all eligible competitors:
   b) Group Two which is confined to competitors who are under 17 years of age on 1st January in the year of the Championship.
   c) Group Three which is confined to competitors who are under 16 years of age on 1st January in the year of the Championship.
3. a) There is one Championship, The Irish Boys' Amateur Open Championship for which every competitor in the Championship, irrespective of age group, is eligible;
   b) The Under 17 Trophy will be presented to the leading competitor in Group Two who has not won the Championship;
   c) The Under 16 Trophy will be presented to the leading competitor in Group Three who has not won the Championship.
4. The Championship will be decided by 72 holes gross medal play scores played over three days.
5. On days one and two the 120 entrants with the lowest exact handicaps will play the first and second rounds with the proviso that not less than twenty entrants in Group Two and twenty entrants in Group Three with the lowest exact handicaps will be included in the draw. The 51 players who return the lowest gross scores in the first 36 holes will qualify for the last 36 holes on day three with the proviso that at least five players in Group Two and five players in Group Three are included.
   Note: First and second round scores will be carried into the third day.
6. In the event of tie for 51st place, the decision shall be on the best gross score over the last 18 holes and so on as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet .
7. Entry fees will be refunded to those entrants who are unsuccessful in gaining inclusion in the qualifying round.
8. Players will play in reverse gross score order on the third day.
9. No professional golfer nor any person whose age exceeds the age limit for the Championship may act as caddie. (Penalty - 2 strokes for every hole on which the breach occurs to a maximum of 4 strokes). Any further infringement will lead to disqualification of the player(s).
10. a) In the event of a tie for the Championship the players concerned shall immediately play three holes of stroke play, in such sequence as prescribed by the Championship Committee. The best aggregate score will determine the winner. Those still tied for the Championship shall engage in sudden death stroke play over the same sequence of holes.
    b) All other ties will be decided on the best score over the last 54 holes, and so on as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet .
11. The winner of the Championship for which all competitors are eligible will be the Irish Boys' Amateur Open Champion Golfer for the year.
12. No competitor can win more than one prize and one Trophy. 13. Each Trophy will be held until the commencement of the

Championship in the following year by the Club from which the winner of the Trophy shall have entered. In the event of the winner not being a member of a club affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland or having entered from a Country outside Ireland the Trophy will be held by the Golfing Union of Ireland.

14. Memento prizes will be awarded to the winner, 2nd and 3rd placed competitors in the Irish Boys' Amateur Open Championship, and also to the Group Two and Three winners.
15. The penalty for breach of Rule 1 shall be disqualification.

N.B. These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

IRISH BOYS UNDER 15 AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The entrant must be under 15 years of age on 1st January in the year of the Championship
2. The Championship will be decided by 36 holes gross medal play over two days.
3. On day one the 90 entrants with the lowest exact handicaps will play the first round. First round scores will be carried into the second day.
4. Entry fees will be refunded to those entrants who are unsuccessful in gaining inclusion in the qualifying round.
5. No professional golfer nor any person whose age exceeds the age limit for the Championship may act as caddie. (Penalty - 2 strokes for every hole on which the breach occurs to a maximum of 4 strokes). Any further infringement will lead to disqualification of the player(s).
6. a) In the event of a tie for the Championship the players concerned shall immediately play three holes of stroke play, in such sequence as prescribed by the Championship Committee. The best aggregate score will determine the winner. Those still tied for the Championship shall engage in sudden death stroke play over the same sequence of holes.
   b) All other ties will be decided on the best score over the last 18 holes, and so on as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet .
7. The winner of the Championship will be the Irish Boys' Under 15 Amateur Open Champion Golfer for the year.
8. The Trophy will be held until the commencement of the Championship in the following year. In the event of the winner not being a member of a club affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland or having entered from a Country outside Ireland the Trophy will be held by the Golfing Union of Ireland.
9. Memento prizes will be awarded to the winner, 2nd and 3rd placed competitors.
10. Vouchers will be issued to the competitors in 1st to 10th place.
11. The penalty for breach of Rule 1 shall be disqualification.

N.B. These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

IRISH JUNIOR FOURSOMES TROPHY

1. The Trophy shall be called the "Irish Golf Clubs Junior Foursomes Challenge Trophy".
2. The Tournament is open to all Clubs affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland. Each Club shall be entitled to enter one team.
3. Each team shall consist of four male members and play shall be by foursomes medal play or foursomes match play.
4. Each member of the team must be:
   a) a member of the club from which he is selected
   b) under 18 years of age on 1st January in the year of the Tournament.
   c) ordinarily resident in Ireland on and from the 31st day of March in the year of the Tournament. For the purpose of this Rule absence from Ireland on the relevant date for education purposes, secondment or temporary employment shall not disqualify.
5. (i) Each individual match shall be played off Current Playing Handicaps
   (ii) The maximum handicap allowance to any player is 12. If a member of a team has a handicap in excess of 12 he must play off 12.
   (iii) In medal play half of the combined handicap will be allowed to each pair. Half shots will apply.
   (iv) In match play half of the full difference between the combined handicap of either side.

   The medal course scorecard of the Club at which any round of this Tournament is being played shall operate for the stroke allowance. If the card prescribes a match play index such index shall be used.
6. In cases of doubt, eligibility shall be decided in the Provincial Section by the Provincial Council of the Branch concerned, and in the National Section by the Championship Committee.
7. The Tournament is divided into two phases. Phase One will be the Provincial Section and Phase Two the National Section.
8. Each club entered in the Tournament shall play the Provincial Section in its own Province and the winning club shall represent the Province in the National Final.
9. (i) In medal play the scores of both pairs shall count for qualification.
   (ii) In the event of a tie the worst score shall be eliminated. If still a tie the decision shall be on the last 9 holes, 6 holes and so on as set out in the Conditions Booklet and Yearbook.
10. (i) In match play rounds of the Tournament each match shall be played over 18 holes and except as provided hereunder the full round must be played. The aggregate of holes up shall decide the winning team. Should an overall result on holes up have already decided the event the defeated team may concede the match before completion of 18 holes.
    (ii) In the case of a tie the second match, as selected, shall immediately continue to play tie holes until a decision is reached. For all tie holes played the same match play allowance shall operate as for the initial 18 holes.

11 A player must compete for his Home Club (defined in accordance with the CONGU UHS as the Club which administers and controls his Handicap) should that Club require him to do so.

12. No person whose age exceeds the age limit for the event may act as caddie. (Penalty: Match play - loss of each hole at which the

infringement occurs, to a maximum of two holes; Stroke play - 2 strokes at each hole the infringement occurs, to a maximum of 4 strokes). That any further breach will lead to the disqualification of the player(s).

13. No professional may act as a caddie. (Penalty - disqualification of the player).
14. No professional may act as Team Captain (Penalty - disqualification of the team).
15. (i) In the Provincial Section, the teams, in order of play, with handicaps and with the names and handicaps of reserves, must be handed to the Official in charge of the Tournament in a sealed envelope not less than fifteen minutes before the starting time.
    (ii) In the National Section, the teams for the semi-finals, in order of play, with handicaps and with the names and handicaps of the reserves, must be handed to the Union Official in charge in a sealed envelope not later than 16.00 hours on the day prior to the match and for the Final, not more than thirty minutes after play in the semi-finals is complete.
    (iii) Any competitor who is not on the first tee when his name is called, at or after the time fixed for his starting, will be liable to disqualification by the starter and his opponents shall be credited with the match (18 holes). Please note Rule 9 in General Rules.
    (iv) Any competitor who is unable to continue a match will forfeit the remaining holes to be played.
16. Except in the case of sudden illness, or other emergency which is considered by the Provincial Council or Championship Committee to be sufficient justification no alteration can be made in the list handed in, either in the matter of the players or in the order of play. Reserves taking the place of players after the team has been submitted shall be placed in the same position in the team as that occupied by the player who has taken ill or has been withdrawn.

    Alternatively, a pair may be placed in the same position in the team as that occupied by the pair one of whom has taken ill or has been withdrawn.
17. Each Branch shall advise the name of his Provincial winner to the General Secretary of the Union prior to the date of the National Section.
18 The winning club in each Province shall be responsible for arranging accommodation for its team at the venue fixed for the National Section.
19. The Trophy shall be held for the year by the winning club. Silver Gilt Medals will be awarded to the members of the winning team, Silver Medals to the runners-up and Bronze Medals to the defeated semi-finalists in the National Section.
20. The winning club in each Province will be presented with a Provincial Pennant and the club which wins the Tournament will be presented with a National Pennant. Non-playing Team Captains will be awarded a special medal.
21. The penalty for breach of Rules 4, 5, 11 or 16 shall be disqualification of the team concerned, but in the case of 5 (i and ii) Rule 6-2 Rules of Golf applies.

    N.B. These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups and Shields.

IRISH MIXED FOURSOMES CHALLENGE CUP

1. The Cup shall be called the "Irish Golf Clubs Mixed Foursomes Challenge Cup".
2. The Tournament is open to all clubs affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland. Each club shall be entitled to enter one Team.
3. Each team shall consist of five male members and five lady members of the club and play shall be by foursomes medal play or by foursomes match play.
4. Each member of the team must be:
   a) of Amateur Status as defined by the R&A Rules Ltd.:
   b) the holder of an official handicap under the Council of National Golf Unions' Unified Handicapping System or similar standard:
   c) a member of the Club for which he or she is selected but an Honorary Member must have been, at some time, a fee paying member of the club for a period of two years:
   d) ordinarily resident in Ireland on and from the 31st day of March in the year of the Tournament. For the purpose of this Rule absence from Ireland on the relevant date for education purposes, secondment, temporary employment or service with the Security Forces shall not disqualify.
   e) not less than 18 years of age on the 1st January in the year of the Tournament.
5. 1) To be eligible to compete as a pair the combined playing handicap shall not be lower than nineteen.
   For the purpose of handicap eligibility, for both Men and Ladies, it shall be the lowest playing handicap held during the previous calendar year.
   2) Each individual match shall be played under current playing handicap and there is no lower combined limit except as provided for eligibility as set out in Clause 5(1). If the combined playing handicap of any pair exceeds thirty-six the pair must play off thirty-six.
   3) The handicap allowances shall be:
   In medal play half of the combined handicaps. Half shots will apply.
   In match play half of the full difference between the combined handicap of either side.
   4) The men's card will operate for the stroke allowance. If the card prescribes a match play allowance formula this formula must be used, otherwise the stroke index allowance on the card is used.
6. In cases of doubt, eligibility shall be decided, in the Provincial Section by the Provincial Council of the Branch concerned, after consultation, where necessary, with the Irish Ladies Golf Union or one of the Regions thereof, and in the National Section by the Championship Committee after consultation, where necessary, with the Irish Ladies Golf Union or one of the Regions thereof.
7. The entrance fee payable shall be as decided from time to time by the Central Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland. Entry, accompanied by the fee, must be made with the authorised Official of the Province in which the club is situate.
8. The Tournament is divided into two phases. Phase One will be the Provincial Section and Phase Two the National Section.
9. Each club entered in the Tournament shall play the Provincial Section in its own Province. The winning club will represent the Province in the National Section.
10. 1) Each Provincial Council shall have control and management

of its Provincial Section and shall prescribe the conditions of play. The decision of the Provincial Council concerned on all questions or objections under these Rules, in relation to its Provincial Section, shall be final.

2) Only members of the Provincial Council (to include Provincial Secretary) may adjudicate on any dispute arising during the course of play.

11. The Championship Committee appointed by the Central Council shall have control and management of the National Section which shall comprise match play semi-finals and final amongst the Provincial winners and its decision on all questions or disputes under these Rules ,or during the course of play, shall be final. The Championship Committee reserves the right to alter starting times.
12. In the match play rounds of the National Final if a match is all square after 18 holes, the competitors shall immediately continue to play tie holes until a decision is reached unless an overall result on matches won has already decided the event.
13. The National Section shall be played at a venue and on a date to be fixed by the Central Council of the Union.
14. Any competitor who is not on the first teeing ground when his or her name is called, at or after the time fixed for starting, will be liable to disqualification by the Starter, and the opponents shall be credited with the match, but if a player arrives at the starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after the starting time, in the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the first hole in match play or two strokes at the first hole in stroke play instead of disqualification.
15. Motorised buggies may be utilised only by the players 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 players 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/her equipment and caddy. (Penalty - disqualification of the offending player/s).
16. Whilst the players on each team may be changed, no player shall play for more than one Club in this Tournament during the season.
17. In all matches the men shall drive off the first tee. (Penalty - loss of hole).
18. Teams may play in any combined handicap order.
19. 1) In the Provincial Section the respective Team Captains of the two teams about to engage in a match shall exchange, simultaneously, the names of the members of their team in order of play, with current handicaps, together with the names of reserves with current handicaps, or hand the said lists to the Branch Official in charge, if available, not less than 30 minutes before the start of the match.

    2) In the National Section, the teams for the semi-finals, in order of play, with current handicaps, together with the names of reserves with current handicaps, shall be handed to the Union Official in charge in a sealed envelope not later than 16.00 hours on the day prior to the match and for the final not more than one hour after play in the semi-finals is completed.
20. Except in the case of sudden illness or other emergency which, is considered by the Provincial Council or the Championship Committee to be sufficient justification, no alteration can be made in the list handed in, either in the matter of players or in the order of play.
21. Reserves taking the place of players after the team has been submitted shall be placed in the same position in the team as that

occupied by the player who has taken ill or has been withdrawn. Alternatively, a pair may be placed in the same position in the team as that occupied by the pair one of whom has taken ill or has been withdrawn.

22. It shall be obligatory for all competitors in the Tournament to play with a golf ball which is named on the current list of conforming golf balls. (Penalty - disqualification)
23. Each Branch shall advise the name of its Provincial winner to the General Secretary of the Union prior to the date of the National Section.
24. The winning club in each Province shall be responsible for arranging accommodation for its team at the venue fixed for the National Section.
25. 1) In the Provincial Section the winning club shall be awarded a Provincial Pennant and the runner-up a plaque.
    2) In the National Section Gold Medals and Brooches will be awarded to the men and ladies of the winning team, Silver Medals and Brooches to the runners-up and Bronze Medals and Brooches to the defeated semi-finalists and the winning Club will be awarded a National Pennant. Non-playing Team Captains will be awarded a special medal.
    3) The Cup shall be held for the year by the winning club.
26. A team Captain is permitted to give advice to the team during the course of play, but may not point out a line for putting.
    A Team Captain playing in the competition may not give advice to a team mate, other than his partner.
27. 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.
28. Any competitor who is currently disqualified from participation in any Union or Branch individual Championship cannot represent a Club in this Tournament.
29. 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 -Loss of hole; Strokeplay - 2 strokes).
30. The Rules Modifications, as outlined in the Rules of Golf for Golfers with Disabilities are operative in the Irish Mixed Foursomes.
31. The penalty for breach of Rules 4, 5, 16, 20, 21 or 28 shall be disqualification of the team concerned, but in case of 5-2, Rule 6-2 of Rules of Golf applies.
    N.B. These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups and Shields.

IRISH SCHOOLS SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The Shield shall be know as the "Irish Inter Schools Golf Shield".
2. The Championship is open to all Educational Schools, Colleges and Institutions in Ireland, and each shall be entitled to enter one team.
3. The Championship is divided into two phases. Phase One will be the Provincial Section and Phase Two the National Section.
4. 1) Each Provincial Council shall appoint a Championship Committee which shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Tournaments and the decision of this Committee shall be final on all matters relating thereto.
   2) Only members of the Provincial Council or persons

nominated by the Council (to include the Provincial Secretary) may be appointed to the Championship Committee and only such members may adjudicate on any question or dispute arising during the course of play..

5 The Central Council shall appoint a Championship Committee which shall control and manage the National Section, which shall comprise the Match Play semi-finals and Finals amongst the Provincial winners, and its decision on all questions or disputes under these Rules or during course of play shall be final.
The Championship Committee reserves the right to alter starting times.

6. In each Provincial Section only a member of the Committee concerned 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.

7. Each School entered in the Championship shall play the Provincial Section in its own Province. The winning School shall represent the Province in the National Section.

8 The team representing the Province in the National Section shall consist of five male pupils, but should any Provincial Council consider it necessary and advisable the teams for the Provincial qualifying rounds may consist of less than five pupils.

9. Each member of the team must be under 19 years of age on 1st January in the year of the competition and must be a student of the School for which he is selected to play even though he may have left before the Championship is completed.

10. In cases of doubt, eligibility shall be decided, in the Provincial Section, by the Provincial Council of the Branch concerned and in the National Section by the Championship Committee appointed by the Union.

11. Teams shall play in order of current playing handicaps, and all matches shall be played off scratch.

12. In all match play rounds of this Championship, if a match is all square after 18 holes, the competitors concerned shall immediately continue to play tie holes until a decision is reached unless an overall result on matches has already decided the event.

13. No person whose age exceeds the age limit for the event may act as caddie. (Penalty: Match play - loss of each hole at which the infringement occurs, to a maximum of two holes; Stroke play - 2 strokes at each hole the infringement occurs, to a maximum of 4 strokes). That any further breach will lead to the disqualification of the player(s).

14. No professional golfer may act as a caddie. (Penalty - disqualification of the player).

15. No professional golfer may act as Team Captain (Penalty - disqualification of the team).

16. Whilst the players on each team may be changed, no person shall play for more than one School in this Championship during the season.

17. 1) In the Provincial Section, the teams, in order of play, with the names of reserves, must be handed to the Official in Charge not less than thurty minutes before the starting time.
    2) In the National Section the teams for the semi-finals, in order of play, with the names of reserves, must be handed to the Union Official in Charge in a sealed envelope not later than 16.00 hours on the day prior to the match and for the final not later than thirty minutes after play in the semi-finals in completed.

18. Except in the case of sudden illness or other emergency which is considered by the Provincial Council or Championship Committee to be sufficient justification, no alteration can be made in the list handed in, either in the matter of players or in the

order of play. A reserve taking the place of a player after the team is nominated shall be placed in the same position in the team as that occupied by the player who has taken ill or has been withdrawn irrespective of handicap.

19. Each Branch shall advise the name of Provincial winner to the General Secretary of the Union prior to the date of the National Section.
20. The Shield shall be held for the year by the winning School. Silver Gilt Medals will be awarded to the members of the winning team, Silver Medals to the runners-up and Bronze Medals to the defeated semi-finalists.
21. The winning school in each Province will be presented with a Provincial Pennant and the school which wins the Championship will be presented with a National Pennant.
22. The penalty for breach of Rules 9, 11, 16 and 18 shall be disqualification of the team concerned.

N.B. These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups and Shields.

IRISH SCHOOLS JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The Trophy shall be know as the "Irish Schools Junior Championship Trophy".
2. The Championship is open to all Educational Schools, Colleges and Institutions in Ireland, and each shall be entitled to enter one team.
3. The Championship is divided into two phases. Phase One will be the Provincial Section and Phase Two the National Section.
4. Each Provincial Council shall appoint a Championship Committee which shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Tournament and the decision of this Committee shall be final on all matters relating thereto.
5 The Central Council shall appoint a Championship Committee which shall control and manage the National Section, which shall comprise 18 holes Medal (Stroke Play) amongst the Provincial winners, and its decision on all questions or disputes under these Rules or during course of play shall be final.
   The Championship Committee reserves the right to alter starting times.
6. Each School entered in the Championship shall play the Provincial Section in its own Province. The winning School shall represent the Province in the National Section.
7 The team representing the Province in the National Section shall consist of three male pupils.
8. Each member of the team must be under 16 years of age on 1st January in the year of the National Final and must be a student of the School for which he is selected to play even though he may have left before the Championship is completed.
9. In cases of doubt, eligibility shall be decided, in the Provincial Section, by the Provincial Council of the Branch concerned and in the National Section by the Championship Committee appointed by the Union.
10. (i) Teams shall play off current playing handicaps.
    (ii) The maximum handicap allowance to any player is 15. If a member of a team has a handicap in excess of 15 he must play off 15.
    (iii) Teams shall play in order of current playing handicaps.

11. In the case of ties:
    Provincial Section:-
    - The aggregate of the best two nett scores will count.
    - If tied the result shall be decided by the Breaking of Ties as set out in the GUI Conditions Booklet.
    National Final:-
    - The aggregate of the three nett scores will count.
    - In the event of a tie for first place, all three members in the tied teams will compete (hole by hole) in a 'sudden death' play-off. The aggregate of all three cards will count for each team at each hole.
    - Holes to be played will be decided by the Championship Committee.
12. No person whose age exceeds the age limit for the event may act as caddie. (Penalty: - 2 strokes at each hole the infringement occurs, to a maximum of 4 strokes). That any further breach will lead to the disqualification of the player(s).
13. No professional golfer may act as a caddie. (Penalty - disqualification of the player).
14. No professional golfer may act as Team Captain (Penalty - disqualification of the team).
15. Whilst the players on each team may be changed, no person shall play for more than one School in this Championship during the season.
16. a) In the Provincial Section, the teams, in order of play, with the names of reserves, must be handed to the Official in Charge in a sealed envelope not less than thirty minutes before the starting time.
    b) In the National Section the teams, in order of play, with the names of reserves, must be handed to the Union Official in Charge in a sealed envelope not later than 16.00 hours on the day prior to the Final.
17. Except in the case of sudden illness or other emergency which is considered by the Championship Committee in charge to be sufficient justification, no alteration can be made in the list handed in, either in the matter of players or in the order of play. A reserve taking the place of a player after the team is nominated shall be placed in the same position in the team as that occupied by the player who has taken ill or has been withdrawn irrespective of handicap.
18. Each Branch shall advise the name of Provincial winner to the General Secretary of the Union prior to the date of the National Section.
19. The Trophy shall be held for the year by the winning School
20. The winning school in each Province will be presented with a Provincial Pennant and the school which wins the Championship will be presented with a National Pennant.
21. The penalty for breach of Rules 8, 10, 13, 14, 15 shall be disqualification of the team.
    N.B. These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups and Shields.

IRISH SENIORS AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The entrant must be 55 years of age or over on the first day of the Championship.
2. The entry will be limited to 150 players, with the proviso that at least twelve players in the Over 60's category, ten players in the Over 65's category and eight players in the Over 70's category are included. If the total entry exceeds this figure the 150 entrants with the lowest exact handicaps on the closing date for entries will be accepted. A waiting list in the exact handicap order will be drawn up and decided on ballot if necessary. If scratchings occur, entrants on the waiting list will be given the opportunity of competing. Any entrant whose application is unsuccessful will have his entry fee refunded.
3. The Championship shall be decided by three rounds of 18 holes. Each competitor shall play one stroke round of 18 holes on the first and second days. The 51 players who return the lowest gross scores in the first 36 holes will qualify for the final 18 holes on day three, with the proviso that there are four players in the Over 60's category, 3 players in the Over 65's category and 2 players in the Over 70's category included.
4. The winner of the Championship shall be the Irish Seniors' Amateur Open Champion Golfer for the year.
5. The Championship Cup (presented by Cecil Ewing) shall be awarded to the Winner. The "60 and Over" Salver (presented by Dr.William O'Sullivan) shall be awarded to the competitor who is 60 to 64 on the first day of the Championship who returns the best gross score over 54 holes.
   The "65 and Over" Rosebowl (presented by Myles McCann) shall be awarded to the competitor who is 65 to 69 on the first day of the Championship who returns the best gross score over 54 holes. The "70 and Over" Cup (presented by Dr. Gerry Owens) shall be awarded to the competitor who is 70 or over on the first day of the Championship who returns the best gross score over 54 holes.
6. The Cecil Ewing Perpetual Challenge Cup, the William O'Sullivan Perpetual "60 and Over" Salver, the Myles McCann Perpetual "65 and Over" Rosebowl and the Gerry Owens "70 and Over" Cup shall be held until the commencement of the Championship in the following year by the Club from which the winner of each Trophy shall have entered, but in the event of the winner being a member of the Irish Artisan Golfers' Association, the Trophy shall be held by the Club to which his Section is attached or in the event of the winner having entered from a Country outside Ireland the Trophy shall be held by the Golfing Union of Ireland.
7. In the event of a tie for the Championship the players concerned shall immediately play three holes of stroke play, in such sequence as prescribed by the Championship Committee. The best aggregate score shall determine the winner. Those still tied shall engage in sudden-death stroke play over the same sequence of holes.
   In the event of a tie in the Over 60s, Over 65s and Over 70s categories, the decision shall be on the best score over the last 36 holes, and if still a tie on the score over the last 18 holes and so on as set out in the GUI Conditions Booklet.
8. Prizes will be awarded in the following order:
   1) Winner of Championship
   2) Runner-up in Championship

3) Winner of 60-64 Trophy
4) Winner of 65-69 Trophy
5) Winner of 70 and Over Trophy
6) Third in Championship
7) Fourth in Championship
8) Fifth in Championship
9) Sixth in Championship
10) Seventh in Championship
11) Eighth in Championship
12) Ninth in Championship
13) Tenth in Championship
14) Runner-up 60-64 Trophy
15) Runner-up 65-69 Trophy
16) Runner-up 70 and Over Trophy

9. The penalty for breach of Rule 1 shall be disqualification.

N.B. These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

IRISH SENIORS AMATEUR CLOSE CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The entrant must:
   a) Have been born in Ireland or born of parents one of whom was born in Ireland, or at the discretion of the Executive Committee have been resident in Ireland for not less than five years.
   b) Be a person who has not played for any Country, other than Ireland, on their International Team.
   c) Be a person who has not played in the Close Championship of any Country other than as a Boy, i.e. Under 18 on 1st January in year of that Close Championship.
2. The entrant must be 55 years of age or over on the first day of the Championship.
3. The entry will be limited to 90 players, with the proviso that at least ten players in the Over 60's category, eight players in the Over 65's category and six players in the Over 70's category are included. If the total entry exceeds this figure the 90 entrants with the lowest exact handicaps on the closing date for entries will be accepted. A waiting list in the exact handicap order will be drawn up and decided on ballot if necessary. If scratchings occur, entrants on the waiting list will be given the opportunity of competing. Any entrant whose application is unsuccessful will have his entry fee refunded.
4. The Championship shall be decided by three rounds of 18 holes. Each competitor shall play one stroke round of 18 holes on the first and second days. The 40 players plus ties who return the lowest gross scores in the first 36 holes will qualify for the final 18 holes on day three, with the proviso that there are four players in the Over 60's category, three players in the Over 65's category and two players in the Over 70's category included
5. The winner of the Championship shall be the Irish Seniors' Amateur Close Champion Golfer for the year and the 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 Artisan Golfers' Association the Trophy will be held by the Club to which his Section is attached, or in the event of the winner having entered from a country outside Ireland the Trophy shall be held by the Golfing Union of Ireland.
6. In the event of a tie for the Championship the players concerned

shall immediately play three holes of stroke play, in such sequence as prescribed by the Championship Committee. The best aggregate score shall determine the winner. Those still tied shall engage in sudden-death stroke play over the same sequence of holes. In the event of a tie in the Over 60's, Over 65's and Over 70's categories, the decision shall be on the best score over the last 36 holes, and if still a tie on the score over the last 18 holes and so on as set out in the GUI Conditions Booklet.

7. Prizes will be awarded in the following order:
   1) Winner of Championship; 2) Runner-up in Championship; 3) Leading player in Over 60's Category; 4) Leading player in Over 65's Category; 5) Leading player in Over 70's Category; 6) Third in Championship; 7) Fourth in Championship; 8) Fifth in Championship; 9) Sixth in Championship; 10) Seventh in Championship; 11) Eighth in Championship; 12) Ninth in Championship; 13) Tenth in Championship
8. The penalty for breach of Rule 1 shall be disqualification.
   NB: These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

IRISH YOUTHS AMATEUR CLOSE CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The entrant must:
   a) Have been born in Ireland or born of parents one of whom was born in Ireland, or at the discretion of the Executive Committee have been resident in Ireland for not less than five years.
   b) Be a person who has not played for any Country on their International Team.
   c) Be a person who has not played in the Close Championship of those Countries other than as a Boy, i.e. Under 18 on 1st January in year of that Close Championship.
2. Entries will be limited to the 90 competitors with the lowest exact handicaps at the closing date for entries. In the event of applications exceeding this number, a waiting list in the exact handicap order will be drawn up and decided by ballot if necessary. If scratchings occur, entrants on the waiting list will be given the opportunity of competing. Any entrant whose application is unsuccessful shall have his entry fee refunded.
3. The Championship will be decided by four rounds of 18 holes medal play. Each competitor will play one stroke round of 18 holes on each of the first and second days of the Championship. The top 39 players who return the lowest gross score over the first 36 holes shall be entitled to play a further 36 holes on the third day of the Championship.
4. In the event of a tie for the Championship the players concerned shall immediately play three holes of stroke play, in such sequence as prescribed by the Championship Committee. The best aggregate score will determine the winner. Those still tied for the Championship shall engage in sudden death stroke play over the same sequence of holes.
5. All other ties will be decided on the best score over the last 54 holes, and if still a tie, on the last 36 holes, 18 holes, 9 holes, 6 holes and so on as set out in the Tournament Conditions booklet and Yearbook.
6. The winner of the Championship shall be the Irish Amateur Youths Close Champion Golfer for the year and the 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

Artisan Golfers' Association the Trophy will be held by the Club to which his Section is attached.

7. Memento prizes will be awarded to the winner, second and third placed players and vouchers will be issued to those in 1st to 10th place.

N.B. These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships

EAST OF IRELAND AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The Championship Committee, which shall consist of Officials appointed by the Leinster Provincial Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland and Officials appointed by the County Louth Golf Club, shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries.
2. Only a member of the Championship Committee or a person appointed by such Committee will be authorised to give a decision on any questions or dispute arising during the course of play.
3. The Championship will be played on the Links of County Louth Golf Club in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Ltd. and in accordance with the Local Rules of County Louth Golf Club as approved by the Championship Committee.
4 Entries will be limited to the 156 competitors with the lowest exact handicaps at the closing date for entries which may include, at the discretion of the Leinster Branch, up to ten youth players who were balloted out on handicap. In the event of applications exceeding this number, a waiting list in the exact handicap order will be drawn up. If scratchings occur, entrants on the waiting list will be given the opportunity of competing. Any entrant whose application is unsuccessful will have his entry fee refunded.
5 A player who holds a handicap with CONGU and from a Handicapping Authority other than CONGU must enter and play off his CONGU handicap for this competition.
6. The Championship will be decided by four rounds of 18 holes medal play. Each competitor will play one stroke round of 18 holes on each of the first and second days of the Championship. The 51 competitors who return the lowest total gross scores over the first 36 holes shall be entitled to play a further 36 holes on the third day of the Championship.
7. In the event of a tie for 51st place, the decision will be on the best gross scores over the last 18 holes and so on as set out in this book.
8. In the event of a tie for the Championship the players concerned shall immediately play three holes of stroke play, in such sequence as prescribed by the Championship Committee. The best aggregate score will determine the winner. Those still tied for the Championship shall engage in sudden death stroke play over the same sequence of holes.
9. In the event of a tie or ties for other prizes in the Championship the decision will be on the best score over the last 54 holes, then 36 holes, and, if still a tie, on the score over the last 18 holes, 9 holes and so on as set out in the Conditions Booklet and Yearbook.
10. The winner of the Championship will be the East of Ireland Amateur Open Champion Golfer for the year.
11. The Championship Trophy (presented by the Lyons Family) will be awarded to the winner. The 'Jo Carbery' Trophy (presented

by the late Mrs. Josephine Connolly) will be awarded to the competitor who returns the best nett score over the 72 holes after the 1st to 5th place winners have been decided. The Agnew Salver (presented by Tom Agnew) will be awarded to the competitor who returns the best nett score in any round of the Championship.

12. The Championship Trophy, the 'Jo Carberry' Trophy, the Agnew Salver and any other trophies awarded will be held until the commencement of the Championship in the following year by the Club from which the winner of any of these trophies shall have entered, but in the event of the winner of a trophy being a member of the Irish Artisan Golfers' Association, the Trophy will be held by the Club to which his Section is attached or in the event of the winner of a trophy having entered from a Country outside Ireland, such Trophy will be held by County Louth Golf Club.
13. Prizes will be awarded in the following order:
    a) Winner of the Championship
    b) Runner-up in the Championship
    c) Third in the Championship
    d) Fourth in the Championship
    e) Fifth in the Championship
    f) Winner Leading Youth
    g) Winner of the 'Jo Carberry' Trophy
    h) Sixth in the Championship
    i) Runner-up in the 'Jo Carberry' Trophy
    j) Seventh in the Championship
    k) Eighth in the Championship

    A voucher will be presented to the players returning the best gross scores in each round. No competitor will receive more than one of the 72 hole prizes.
14. This Championship is one of the events for which points in the Willie Gill Award will be awarded for Irish competitors.
15. The penalty for breach of Rule 1 of General Rules shall be disqualification.

    N.B.These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

NORTH OF IRELAND AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The Championship Committee shall consist of officials appointed by the Ulster Provincial Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland and officials appointed by Royal Portrush Golf Club who shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries.
2. 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.
3. The Championship will be played on the Links of Royal Portrush Golf Club in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Ltd. and in accordance with the local rules, as approved by the Championship Committee.
4. Any player who is on Senior International duty during the Saturday /Sunday immediately prior to the Championship or in the Qualifying Rounds of the Championship may, at the discretion of the Championship Committee, be exempt from the Qualifying Rounds and will be entitled to automatic entry to the Match Play Stage.
5. Each competitor shall play two stroke qualifying rounds of 18 holes each on the first and second days of the Championship. One round shall be over the Dunluce Links and one over the Valley Links and the competitors who return the 64 best gross scores, subject to clause 4 above, shall qualify for Match Play over the Dunluce Links. On the third day 32 pairs shall play off in the morning and 16 pairs in the afternoon. On the fourth day 8 pairs shall play off in the morning and the Quarter-Finals shall be played in the afternoon. On the fifth day the Semi-Finals shall be played in the morning and the Final in the afternoon.
6. In the event of a tie or ties for sixty-fourth place, the decision will be on the best gross score over the 18 holes on the Dunluce Course and if still a tie, on the last 9 holes, 6 holes and so on as set out in the Conditions Booklet.
7. In the Match Play 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 other shall have gained a hole.
8. Entry to the Championship can either be made on line at www.gui.ie/ulster or an entry form may be obtained from the General Secretary, Golfing Union of Ireland (Ulster Branch).
9. Entry will be limited to the 300 competitors or such number as the Championship Committee shall from time to time decide, with the lowest exact handicap at the closing date for the receipt of entries. In the event of entries exceeding this number a Waiting List, in exact handicap order will be drawn up. The handicap used to determine the entry and the waiting list will be that recorded on GOLFnet for players from the island of Ireland, unless the player advises to the contrary prior to the closing date. Any entrant from outside the island of Ireland must provide proof of handicap when entering the Championship and provide details of any changes to this information prior to the closing date. Any competitor not given the opportunity of competing will have his entry fee refunded.
10. The winner of the Championship will be the North of Ireland Amateur Open Champion Golfer for the year and will receive the Championship Trophy as presented by Royal Portrush Golf Club
11. The following prizes will also be awarded:
    a) A Medal and Voucher to the winner of the Championship

b) A Medal and Voucher to the runner-up in the Championship
c) A Medal and Voucher to each of the defeated semi finalists
d) A Voucher to each of the defeated quarter finalists
e) A Medal and Voucher for the best gross score over 36 holes
f) A Medal and Voucher for the best gross score over the Dunluce Links
g) A Medal and Voucher for the best gross score over the Valley Links

Note: No competitor may receive more than one prize in the qualifying rounds

12. 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, or in the event of the winner being entered from a Country outside Ireland, the Trophy will be held by Royal Portrush Golf Club.
13. This Championship is one of the events for which points in the 'Willie Gill Award' will be awarded to Irish competitors.
14. On official practice days, players must play from the Teeing Ground assigned by the Championship Committee. Failure to do so may, at the discretion of the Championship Committee, result in the refusal of any entry to the Championship of the year in question and/or future Championships.

N.B. These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

SOUTH OF IRELAND AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Entries must be made on-line through GUI website www.gui.ie/munster
2. The penalty for breach of Rule 1 shall be disqualification.
3. The entrance fee payable shall be as decided from time to time by the Championship Committee.
4. The Championship Committee, which shall consist of Officials appointed by the Munster Provincial Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland and Officials appointed by Lahinch Golf Club, shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries. 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.
5. The Championship will be played on the Links of Lahinch Golf Club in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R & A Rules Ltd. and in accordance with the Local Rules of Lahinch Golf Club as approved by the Championship Committee.
6. Entries will be limited to 192 competitors. In the event of applications exceeding this number, entry for the higher handicap competitors will be decided by ballot. The ballot will take place immediately after the closing date. Unsuccessful applicants will be informed forthwith but given an opportunity to compete if scratchings or withdrawals occur. These stand-by reserves will be selected in strict order of exact handicap as per entry form and not from any adjustment subsequently notified. The number of such stand-by reserves shall not exceed twenty four (24) and will be called upon to take the place of competitors in the first round only of the Championship in the strict order of stand-by draw where necessary. Entrance fees will be refunded to those who are not successful in the ballot and if intimation of scratching is received before closing date.
7. The Championship Committee may invite up to 4 players who

hold a handicap as of July 1st in the year of the Championship which is within 1.0 stroke of the qualifying handicap for the Championship in the previous year. Should these be international players, verification of handicap to be provided by the player's home club under the rules of their governing body (Invitees may include promising young players from Ireland or overseas, players who have distinguished themselves in golf or worthy overseas players who would enhance the event).

8. A competitor must have submitted a minimum of eight qualifying returns during the twelve months prior to the closing date of entry into the Championship. Submission of returns from the USA is acceptable upon receipt of handicap record showing same. Competitors whose home club is outside Ireland must advise by email of any change of handicap between date of entry and closing date with relevant certification.
9. All previous winners of this Championship or former Walker Cup players who enter shall have a place reserved for them so long as they meet the 8-card rule and hold a handicap as of July 1st in the year of the Championship which is within 1.0 stroke of the qualifying handicap for the Championship in the previous year.
10. Format of play - match play over 5 days of the Championship. The 64 lowest handicap competitors shall each receive a bye into the second round. A ballot to ascertain the 64 to obtain a bye shall be held, if necessary. On the first day of the Championship the remaining 128 or less competitors shall play in the first round and the draw shall be made to provide that each winner of a first round match shall play against a competitor who received a first round bye. On the second day, 64 pairs shall play off. On the third day, 32 pairs shall play off in the morning and 16 pairs shall play in the afternoon. On the fourth day eight pairs shall play in the morning and the quarter-finals shall be played in the afternoon. On the fifth day the semi-finals shall be played in the morning and the final in the afternoon.

    Note: In the event of any players from the 64 players who received a first round bye, withdrawing, the 65th seeded player will take the vacant position in the second round. This player will be replaced by the first person on the stand-by list. The process will be repeated for additional withdrawals. The process will terminate at 4.30pm on the Friday.
11. 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 other shall have gained a hole.
12. Competitors are requested to register at the Host Club - Lahinch - immediately on arrival. Official practice times will be those as determined by the Championship Committee, notice of which will be displayed on the Club's notice board and website.
13. A general pace of play condition will be implemented whereby 60 seconds will be the time allotted for addressing and hitting the ball once it is the player's turn to play. Following two warnings of breach of rule, the penalty will be 2 strokes in stroke play or loss of hole in match play.
14. The Winner of the Championship will be the South of Ireland Amateur Open Champion Golfer for the year.
15. The Championship Trophy (presented by Lahinch Golf Club) will be awarded to the Winner. The Winner shall also receive a medal and prizes will be awarded to the runner-up, the defeated semi-finalists and defeated quarter finalists. 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 Artisan Golfers' 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 Ireland the Trophy will be held by Lahinch Golf Club.

16. This Championship is one of the Tournaments for which points in the 'Willie Gill Award' will be awarded for Irish competitors.
17. If a competitor fails to show at the tee without notification, entry may be refused the following year at the discretion of the Championship Committee.

.**N.B. These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.**

WEST OF IRELAND AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

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

1. Entries shall 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 online through the GUI webstite, www.gui.ie/connacht.
2. 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.
3. A Member of the Irish Artisan' Golfers Association shall submit his entry on the prescribed form through the Secretary of that Association.
4. 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 R& A Rules Ltd.
5. The Entrance Fee payable shall be decided from time to time by the Council of the Connacht Branch, cheques should be made payable to "West of Ireland Championship Committee".
6. 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 Entrant's Home Club, Union, Association or Federation.
7. Entrance Fees will not be refunded unless intimation of scratching is received before the closing time and date for entries. All Entries are to be directed to the General Secretary, Connacht Branch, Golfing Union of Ireland.
8. Entries will be:
   (a) Limited to the 150 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 Strokes of the Handicap cut-off point for the playing field, and are under 25 years of age on the first day of the Tournament.
9. Competitors are requested to register at the Club immediately on arrival.
10. The Championship Committees shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final in all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries.
11. 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.

12. 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.
13. 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.
14. The day prior to the Championship shall be the official Practice Day and a Timesheet (specified hours) will be in operation for that day.
15. To be eligible a Competitor must have submitted a MINIMUM of Eight Single Qualifying Competition returns to his Home Club during the twelve months prior to 31st January in the year of the Championship.
16. 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 31st January of the year of 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 January of the year of the Championship, signed by the Handicap/Club Secretary.
17. The Winner of the Tournament will be the 'West of Ireland Amateur Open Championship Golfer' for the year.
18. 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.
19. The winner will also receive a Medal and Prize, and prizes will be awarded to the Runner-up, defeated Semi - Finalists, defeated Quarter-Finalists and to the Leading Qualifier.
20. The Championship is one of the Tournaments qualifying for the points in the "Willie Gill Award".
21. The Penalty of Breach of Rules 15 and 16 is disqualification.
22. At the discretion of the Championship Committee any previous Winner of the Championship who has entered and met all the entrant criteria for the Championship and who is within one full stroke of the Handicap cut-off point, shall be invited to compete in the Championship.
23. The Championship Committee reserves the right of entry into the Championship.

N.B. These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

CONNACHT BOYS AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The Cup shall be called the 'Connacht Boys Amateur Championship Cup' and shall be competed for annually.
2. The Championship shall be under the control of the Connacht Branch of the Golfing Union of Ireland. The Championship is open to any Male Amateur Golfer as defined by the R&A Rules Ltd..
3. A Competitor must be under 18 years of age on 1st January in the

year of the Championship.

4. Entries shall be accepted by Online Entry or by Official written Entry Form. Entry fees will be refunded to those Entrants who fail to gain an entry to the Qualifying Round.
5. The number of Competitors shall be decided from time to time by the Provincial Council, but shall not exceed a maximum of 150 competitors. A ballot for places, will if necessary be held amongst the highest exact handicap competitors.
6. At the discretion of the Championship Committee up to six 'Connacht' Players whose Handicap is within two full strokes of the Handicap Cut-off for the Championship may be invited to compete in the Championship.
7. Competitors are requested to register at the Housing Club immediately on arrival.
8. The Provincial Council of the Branch shall appoint a Championship Committee, which shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries.
9. On days 1 and 2 of the Championship, competitors shall play 18 holes of singles stroke play following which the top 39 players and ties shall compete over one further round of 18 holes stroke play on day 3 of the Championship.
10. The day prior to the Championship will be the official practice day and a timesheet (specified hours) will be in operation for that day.
11. No professional golfer or any person whose age exceeds the age limit for the Championship may act as a caddie. (Penalty - 2 strokes at each hole on which the breach occurs, up to a maximum of 4 strokes. Any additional breach may lead to disqualification.)
12. Prizes shall be awarded to the Winner, Runner-up, Third, Fourth and Fifth, Best Under 17, Best Under 16.
13. In the event of a tie:
    (a) For the Championship - the players involved shall immediately play a stiupulated three holes in strokeplay, if still tied they shall continue play over stipulated holes in sudden death strokeplay format.
    (b) All other ties - they will be decided by the best score over the last 36, 18, 9, 6 holes and so on as set out in the GUI Conditions Booklet.
14. The Winner of the Championship will be the 'Connacht Boys Amateur Open Champion Golfer of the Year', and the Club from which the Winner shall have entered shall hold the Trophy until the commencement of the Championship in the following year. In the event of the Winner having entered from a Country outside of Ireland or is not a Member of a Club, the Trophy will be held by the Connacht Branch, G.U.I.
15. Any competitor who is currently disqualified from participation in any Union or Branch individual Championship is not eligible to compete in this Championship.
16. Any player who fails to notify the Championship Committee of his withdrawal at least 72 hours prior to the start of the Championship may have his entry for the following year's Championship declined.
17. The penalty for breach of Rule 3 is Disqualification.
18. The Championship Committee reserves the right of entry into the Championship.

N.B.These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

CONNACHT BOYS UNDER 15 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
(GERRY MCMANUS CUP)

1. The Cup shall be called the Connacht Boys Under 15 Open Championship Cup and shall be played for annually.
2. The Championship shall be under the control of the Connacht Branch of the Golfing Union of Ireland.
3. (a) Age Qualification: Competitors must be Under 15 Years of age on January 1st in the year of the Championship.
   (b) Handicap Qualification: Only Competitors who hold an Official G.U.I. Handicap may compete in this event, Junior Handicaps are not sufficient.
4. The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without stating any reason for so doing and may call for the production of a Birth Certificate of any Competitor before or during the Championship.
5. The Committee reserves the right to limit the number of Entrants who may participate in the Championship and Entries shall be numbered in handicap (lowest) order. Should there be players of equal handicap for the final places, then a ballot shall be the method used to allocate these places
6. The Championship will be over 18 Holes Stroke Play and Gross Scores shall count.
7. The Winner of the Championship will be the Under 15 Amateur Champion for Connacht and shall receive a Perpetual Trophy as well as a Prize. He shall return the Trophy to the Branch Office one month prior to the Date of the following year's Championship and he shall be responsible for having his name engraved on the Trophy.
8. Prizes will be awarded to the Championship Winner, Runner-Up, & Third, the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Nett Scores, and the Best U.14 & U.13 Gross Scores. Players may only receive one Prize.
9. All ties will be decided by the best score over the last 18, 9, 6 holes and so on as set out in the GUI Conditions Booklet.
10. Entries shall be accepted by Online Entry or by Official written Entry Form. Entry fees will be refunded to those Entrants who fail to gain an entry to the Qualifying Round.
11. No Professional Golfer or Person whose age exceeds the age limit for the Championship may act as a Caddie. (Penalty - 2 strokes at each hole on which the breach occurs, up to a maximum of 4 strokes. Any additional breach may lead to disqualification.)
12. Any player who fails to notify the Championship Committee of his withdrawal at least 72 hours prior to the start of the Championship may have his entry for the following year's Championship declined.
13. The Penalty for Breach of Rule 3 shall be disqualification of the Player(s) concerned.

    N.B. - These conditions must be read in accordance with the General Rules for Union Championships.

CONNACHT MID AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

The Championship is open to any male golfer subject to the following conditions:

1. The entrant 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.
   (d) thirty five (35) years of age or over on the first day of the of the Championship.
   (e) have submitted a minimum of four (4) Qualifying Cards during the twelve months prior to the Closing date for entry into the Chamnpionship.
2. In the alternative to 1(c) above he must be a member of the Irish Artisan Golfers Association.
3. The number of entries shall be restricted to seventy five (75) in strict Handicap order. A waiting list in Exact Handicap order will be drawn up and decided on ballot if necessary from the remaining entrants.
4. The entrance fee payable shall be as decided from time to time by the Council of the Connacht Branch. Cheques should be made payable to the 'Connacht Branch'. Entrance fees will not be refunded unless intimation of scratching is received before the closing time and date for entries.
5. Entries shall be accepted by Online Entry or by Official written Entry Form. Entry fees will be refunded to those Entrants who fail to gain an entry to the Qualifying Round.
6. The Provincial Council shall select the dates and venues for the Championship. The day prior to the Championship shall be the official Practice Day and a timesheet (specified hours) will be in operation for that day.
7. The Provincial Council of the Branch shall appoint a Championship Committee which shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto, including acceptance of entries.
8. Only a member of the Championship Committee or a person appointed by that committee shall be authorised to give a decision on any question or dispute arising during the course of play.
9. Each competitor shall play two (2) stroke play rounds of 18 holes on Day 1 of the Championship with the top thirty (30) gross scores and ties qualifying for a third (3rd) and final 18 holes stroke play round on the morning of Day 2.
10. Competitors are requested to register at the Housing Club on arrival.
11. In the event of a tie:
    (a) For the Championship - the players involved shall immediately play a sudden death strokeplay format over the Championship Course until a decision is reached. The Championship Committee reserves the right to select the tie holes.
    (b) All other ties will be decided by the best score over the last 36, 18, 9, 6 holes and so on as set out in the GUI Conditions Booklet.
12. The winner of the tournament shall be the Connacht Mid-Amateur Champion for the year, and the trophy shall be held until the commencement of the championship in the following

year by the Club from which the winner shall have entered. In the event of the winner having entered from a country outside Ireland, or is not a member of a Club, the trophy will be held by the Connacht Branch GUI.

13. No competitor shall receive more than one prize.
14. The penalty for breach of Rule 1 is disqualification.
15. Any player who fails to notify the Championship Committee of his withdrawal at least 72 hours prior to the start of the Championship may have his entry for the following year's Championship declined.
16. The Championship Committee reserves the right of entry into the championship.

N.B. - These conditions must be read in accordance with the General Rules for Union Championships.

CONNACHT SENIORS AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

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

1. The handicap limit, number of entries shall be as decided from time to time by the Connacht Branch. A Waiting List in exact handicap order will be drawn up and decided on ballot if necessary.
2. The entrance fee payable shall be as decided from time to time by the Council of the Connacht Branch. Cheques should be made payable to the "Connacht Branch". Entrance fees will not be refunded unless intimation of scratching is received before the closing time and date for entries.
3. Entries shall be accepted by Online Entry or by Official written Entry Form. Entry fees will be refunded to those Entrants who fail to gain an entry to the Qualifying Round.
4. The Provincial Council will select the dates and venues for the Championship. The day prior to the Championship shall be the official Practice Day and a Timesheet (specified hours) will be in operation for that day.
5. The Provincial Council of the Branch shall appoint a Championship Committee which shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto, including acceptance of entries.
6. Each competitor shall play one stroke round of 18 holes on consecutive days.
7. Competitors are requested to register at the Housing Club on arrival.
8. In the event of a tie for the Championship and all other ties, they will be decided by the best score over the last 18, 9, 6 holes and so on as set out in the GUI Conditions Booklet.
9. The winner of the Tournament shall be the 'Connacht Senior Amateur Open Champion' for the year, and the trophy shall be held until the commencement of the Championship in the following year by the Club from which the Winner shall have entered. In the event of the Winner having entered from a Country outside of Ireland or is not a Member of a Club, the Trophy will be held by the Connacht Branch, G.U.I.
10. No competitor shall receive more than one prize.
11. Any player who fails to notify the Championship Committee of his withdrawal at least 72 hours prior to the start of the Championship may have his entry for the following year's Championship declined.
12. The Championship Committee reserves the right of entry into the Championship.

N.B.These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

CONNACHT VETERANS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP (FRED PERRY CUP)

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

1 The Handicap limit, number of entries shall be as decided from time to time by the Connacht Branch.

2 The entrance fee payable shall be as decided from time to time by the Council of the Connacht Branch. Cheques should be made payable to the "Connacht Branch". Entrance fees will not be refunded unless imitation of scratching is received before the closing time and date for entries.

3 Entries shall be accepted by Online Entry or by Official written Entry Form. Entry fees will be refunded to those Entrants who fail to gain an entry to the Qualifying Round.

4 The Provincial Council will select the dates and venue for the Championship. The day prior to the Championship shall be the official Practice Day and a Timesheet (specified hours) will be in operation for that day.

5 Competitors are requested to Register at the Housing Club immediately on arrival.

6 The Provincial Council of the Branch shall appoint a Championship Committee which shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto, including acceptance of entries.

7 Only a member of the Championship Committee or a person appointed by such committee shall be authorised to give a decision on any question or dispute arising during the course of play.

8 Each competitor shall play one stroke round of 18 holes on consecutive days.

9 In the event of a tie for the Championship and all other ties, they will be decided by the best score over the last 18, 9, 6 holes and so on as set out in the GUI Conditions Booklet.

10 The winner of the Tournament shall be the 'Connacht Veteran Amateur Open Champion' for the year, and the trophy shall be held until the commencement of the Championship in the following year by the Club from which the Winner shall have entered. In the event of the Winner having entered from a Country outside of Ireland or is not a Member of a Club, the Trophy will be held by the Connacht Branch, G.U.I.

11 No competitor shall receive more than one prize.

12 The Championship Committee reserves the right of entry into the Championship.

13. Any player who fails to notify the Championship Committee of his withdrawal at least 72 hours prior to the start of the Championship may have his entry for the following year's Championship declined.

N.B.These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

LEINSTER BOYS AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The entrant must be under 18 years of age on 1st January in the year of the Championship.
2. The maximum handicap limit shall be 7.0.
3. At the discretion of the Leinster Branch, up to six boys who were balloted out on handicap and who are current members of Leinster Coaching Panels may be included.
4. Entry will be limited to the 150 competitors with the lowest exact handicaps at the closing date for entries. In the event of entries exceeding this number a waiting list in the exact handicap order will be drawn up. If scratchings occur entrants on the waiting list will be given the opportunity of competing. Any entrant whose application is not successful will have his entry fee refunded.
5. The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without stating any reason for so doing and may call for the production of certificate of birth of any competitor either before or during the Championship
6. The Championship will be decided by four rounds of 18 holes medal play. Each competitor will play one stroke round of 18 holes on each of the first and second days of the Championship. The 51 competitors who return the lowest total gross scores over the first 36 holes shall be entitled to play a further 36 holes on the third day of the Championship.
7. a) In the event of a tie or ties for 51st place at the conclusion of the qualifying rounds the decision shall be on the best gross score over the last eighteen, last nine, last six and so on as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.

   b) If there is a tie for the Championship the competitors concerned will immediately play a stipulated three holes by stroke play. If still tied will play sudden death starting at the 1st hole of the stipulated three holes. Other ties will be decided as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.
8. The official practice day is the Monday prior to the Championship and the housing club reserves the right to prohibit intending competitors from playing the course on any other day, even with the payment of green fees, if it considers, it desirable that it should do so.
9. No person whose age exceeds the age limit for the Championship may act as a caddie (Penalty - 2 strokes at each hole the infringement occurs, to a maximum of 4 strokes). Any further infringement will lead to disqualification of the player.
10. No professional golfer may act as a caddie. (Penalty - disqualification of the player).
11. The winner of the Championship will be the Leinster Boys Amateur Open Champion Golfer for the year and will receive the Cup. The winner of the Under 17 on 1st of January of year of Championship category shall receive the Tom Bishop Cup.

    The competitor who returns the best gross score in the qualifying rounds shall be awarded the J.D. MacCormack Trophy. No competitor can win more than one prize or one trophy.
12. The 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 Artisan Golfers' 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 Ireland

or is not a member of a club the Trophy will be held by the Leinster Branch of the Golfing Union of Ireland.

13. The penalty for breach of Rules 1, 2 and 10 shall be disqualification of the player.

N.B.These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

LEINSTER BOYS UNDER 15 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The Cup shall be called the Leinster Boys Under 15 Amateur Open Championship Cup and shall be competed for annually.
2. Entry will be limited to the 150 competitors with the lowest exact handicaps at the closing date for entries. In the event of entries exceeding this number a waiting list in the exact handicap order will be drawn up. If scratchings occur, entrants on the waiting list will be given the opportunity of competing. Any entrant whose application is not successful will have his entry fee refunded.
3. The Championship shall be under the control of the Leinster Branch of the Golfing Union of Ireland.
4. The Provincial Council of the Branch shall appoint a Championship Committee which shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries.
5. Competitors must be under 15 years of age on 1st January in the year of the Championship.
6. The entrance fee payable shall be as decided from time to time by the Leinster Provincial Council.
7. Entry shall be made only on the special entry form to be obtained from the Leinster Branch, Golfing Union of Ireland.
8. When completed by the competitor and certified by the Committee of the competitor's club the entry form should be sent to the Leinster Branch, Golfing Union of Ireland with the prescribed entry fee.
9. The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without stating any reason for so doing and may call for the production of a certificate of birth of any competitor.
10. Entries may be limited from time to time by the Committee.
11. The Championship will be decided by one round of 18 holes medal play.
12. Ties will be decided as set out in the Tournament Conditions Booklet.
13. No person whose age exceeds the age limit for the Championship may act as a caddie (Penalty - 2 strokes at each hole the infringement occurs, to a maximum of 4 strokes). Any furhter infringement will lead to disqualification of the player.
14. No professional golfer may act as a caddie.
15. The penalty for breach of Rules 5 and 14 be disqualification of the player.

N.B.These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

LEINSTER MID AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The Championship Committee shall be under control of the Leinster Branch of the Golfing Union of Ireland through its Championship Committee.
2. To be eligibile to compete entrants must be 35 years or over on the first day of the Championship.
3. The Championship will be decided over 54 holes Medal Play over two days with 36 holes being played on the first day. The 45 competitors who return the lowest total gross scores over the 36 holes shall play a further 18 holes on the second day.
4. Entries shall not be accepted from players whose playing handicap is higher than 7 at the closing date for entries.
5. Entries will be limited to 81 competitors with the lowest exact handicaps at the closing date for entries. In the event of applications exceeding this number, entries for those competitors on the highest qualifying handicap shall be decided by ballot. The ballot will take place immediately after the closing date. Unsuccessful applicants will be informed forthwith but given the opportunity to compete if scratchings occur. Entry fees will be refunded to those balloted out who do not compete.
6. The winner of the Championship shall be awarded the Paddy Moriarty Trophy and will be the Leinster Mid Amateur Open champion for the year.
7 Prizes will be awarded as follows:
   1st - 5th, Best nett 54 holes; Best gross each round; Best nett each round.
8. The penalty for breach of Rule 2 shall be disqualification.
   N.B. These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

LEINSTER SENIORS AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The entrant must be 55 years of age or over on the first day of the Championship.
2. The handicap limit and entrance fee shall be decided from time to time by the Championship Committee.
3. Entry will be limited to the 129 competitors with the lowest exact handicaps at the closing date for entries. In the event of entries exceeding this number a waiting list in the exact handicap order will be drawn up. If scratchings occur, entrants on the waiting list will be given the opportunity of competing. Any entrant whose application is not successful will have his entry fee refunded.
4. The Championship will be decided by two rounds of 18 holes medal play with each competitor playing one stroke round of 18 holes on two consecutive days.
5. In the event of a tie for the Championship the decision shall be on the best score over the last 18 holes and if still a tie, on the score over the last 9 holes and so on as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.
6. The winner of the Championship shall be the Leinster Senior Amateur Champion Golfer for the year.
7. Prizes will be awarded as follows:
   Winner of the Championship; Runner-up, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, First Nett Age Group 55 - 59, Second Nett Age Group 55 - 59, First Nett Age Group 60 - 64, Second Nett Age Group 60 - 64, First Nett 65 and Over, Second Nett 65 and Over.
   No competitor will receive more than one prize.
8. The penalty for breach of Rule 1 shall be disqualification.
   N.B. These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

LEINSTER VETERANS AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The entrant must be:
   (a) of Amateur Status as defined by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews;
   (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.
   (d) Sixty-five years of age or over on the first day of the Championship.
2. In the alternative to 1(c) above he must be a Member of the Irish Artisans Golfers' Association.
3. The Club or Association from which he enters must be affiliated to the recognised authority controlling golf in the Country concerned.
4. Competitors must conform in all respects with the Rules of Amateur Status.
5. A member of a Golf Club in Ireland or Great Britain shall submit his entry on the prescribed form, either by post or online at www.gui.ie/leinster. A member of the Irish Artisans Golfers' Association shall submit his entry on the prescribed form through the Secretary of that Association. 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 controlling golf, that the intending competitor is an Amateur Golfer as defined by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews.
6. The entrance fee shall be decided from time to time by the Championship Committee. Cheques should be made payable to the GUI (Leinster Branch).
7. Entrance fees will not be refunded unless intimation of scratching is received before the closing time and dates for entries.
8. Competitors are requested to register with a GUI official immediately on arrival.
9. The Championship Committee, which shall consist of Officials appointed by the Leinster Provincial Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland, shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries.
10. Only a member of the Championship Committee will be authorised to give a decision on any question or dispute arising during the course of play.
11. The Championship will be played under the control and management of the Leinster Provincial Council in accordance with the Rules of Golf and in accordance with the Local Rules of the Host Club as approved by the Championship Committee.
12. The Championship will be decided by two rounds of 18 holes Medal Play. Each competitor will play one stroke round of 18 holes on consecutive days of the Championship.
13. Any competitor who is not on the first teeing ground when his name is called at or after the time fixed for his starting will be liable to disqualification by the Starter. The Championship Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter the times of starting.
14. UNDUE DELAY: The attention of competitors is drawn to Rule 6-7 of the Rules of Golf.
15. In the event of a tie for the Championship and places, the decision shall be on the best score over the last 18 holes and if still a tie, on the score over the last nine holes and so on as set out

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in the Tournament Conditions booklet.

16. The winner of the Tournament will be the Leinster Veterans Amateur Open Champion for the year.
17. 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 Artisan Golfers' 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 Ireland, such Trophy will be held by the Golfing Union of Ireland, Leinster Branch.
18. Prizes will be awarded in the following order:-
    (a) Winner of Championship; (b) Runner-up in the Championship;
    (c) Third in the Championship; (d) Best Nett over 36 holes;
    (e) Second Nett over 36 holes; (f) Third Nett over 36 holes;
    (g) Best Gross 1st 18 holes; (h) Best Nett 1st 18 holes;
    (i) Best Gross 2nd 18 holes; (j) Best Nett 2nd 18 holes.
    No competitor will receive more than one prize.
19. Competitors are notified that they may be tested for the use of drugs, which if positive, will lead to automatic disqualification.
20. Motorised buggies may be utilised only by persons in possession of a current medical certificate of disability and then only if the host club permits the use of such machines. 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 of the offending player/s)
    NB: Please note that the above conditions must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

LEINSTER YOUTHS AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The entrant must be under 21 years of age on the 1st day of January in the year of the Championship.
2. Entries will be limited to the 102 competitors with the lowest exact handicaps at the closing date for entries. In the event of applications exceeding this number a waiting list in the exact handicap order will be drawn up. If scratchings occur, entrants on the waiting list will be given the opportunity of competing. Any entrant whose application is not successful will have his entry fee refunded.
3. The Championship will be decided by four rounds of 18 holes medal play.
4. No person whose age exceeds the age limit for the Championship may act as a caddie (Penalty - 2 strokes at each hole the infringement occurs, to a maximum of 4 strokes). Any further infringement will lead to disqualification of the player.
5. No Professional golfer may act as a caddie.
6. In the event of a tie
   a) for 51st place after the first two rounds the decision will be on the best score over the second 18 holes, last 9 holes, 6 holes and so on as set out in the Tournament Conditions Booklet.
   b) for the Championship, the competitors concerned will immediately play three holes of stroke play in such sequence as prescribed by the Committee. The best aggregate score will determine the winner. Those still tied shall engage in sudden death stroke play over the same sequence of holes.

   All other ties will be decided on the best score over the last 54 holes, and if still a tie, on the last 36 holes, 18 holes, 9 holes, 6 holes and so on as set out in the Conditions Booklet and Yearbook.

7. The winner of the Championship will be the Champion Amateur Youth Golfer of Leinster for the year and the 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 Artisan Golfers' Association the Trophy will be held by the club from which his Section is attached or in the event of the winner having entered from a Country outside Ireland, the Trophy will be held by the Golfing Union of Ireland Leinster Branch.
8. Prizes will be awarded in the following order: Gross 1st to 8th.
9. The penalty for breach of Rules 1 & 5 shall be disqualification.
N.B.These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

EAST OF IRELAND MIXED FOURSOMES AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

The Championship is open to Amateur Golfers subject to the following conditions:

1. Each Male entrant must be:
   (a) of Amateur Status as defined by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews;
   (b) the holder of an Official handicap under the Council of National Golf Unions' Handicapping Scheme or similar standard.

   Each Lady entrant must be:
   (a) of Amateur Status as defined by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews;
   (b) the holder of an Official handicap under the Council of National Golf Unions' Handicapping Scheme or similar standard.
2. The Club or Association from which competitors enter must be affiliated to the recognised authority controlling golf in the Country concerned.
3. Entries shall be limited to the 36 pairs with the lowest combined handicaps at closing date of entry.
4. The entrance fee payable shall be decided from time to time by the Championship Committee.
   Cheques should be made payable to the Golfing Union of Ireland - Leinster Branch.
5. Entries shall be made on the Official entry form. When completed by the competitors and certified by the Committee(s) of competitors' Club(s), the entry form should be sent, together with the entry fee, to the Executive Officer, Leinster Branch. Alternatively competitors may enter online at www.gui.ie/leinster.
6. Competitors must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status.
7. Entries will not be accepted by letter or telephone. Entrance fees will not be refunded unless intimation of scratching is received before the closing time and date for entries.
8. The Championship Committee which shall consist of Officials appointed by the Leinster Provincial Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland and the Irish Ladies Golf Union shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries.
9. 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.
10. The Championship will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St.

Andrews and in accordance with the Local Rules of the Golf Club as approved by the Championship Committee.

11. The Championship shall be decided by two rounds of 18 Holes Mixed Foursomes Gross Medal Play.
12. In the event of a tie in the Championship the decision will be on the best score over the last 18 holes and, if still a tie, on the score over the last 9 holes, and so on as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions.
13. Any competitor who is not on the first teeing ground when his/her name is called at or after the time fixed for his/her starting will be liable for disqualification by the Starter, but if a player arrives at his/her starting point, within 5 minutes after his/her starting time, in the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33.7, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole in stroke play instead of disqualification. The Championship Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter the times of starting.
14. 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. (Penalty - Disqualification).
15. Competitors are requested to report to the Starter not less than 30 minutes prior to the starting time.
16. Scratching without reasonable notice may entail disqualification from entering subsequent Championships.
17. The winners of the Tournament will be East of Ireland Amateur Open Mixed Foursomes Stroke Play Champion Golfers for the year and the Trophy will be held until the commencement of the Championship in the following year by the Club(s) from which either of the winners shall have entered. In the event of the winner having entered from a Country outside Ireland, the Trophy will be held by the Leinster Branch.
18. Prizes will be awarded for First, Second, Third and Best Nett over 36 holes. Best Gross will also be awarded for each round of 18 holes.
19. Competitors are notified that they may be tested for use of drugs, which if positive, will lead to automatic disqualification.
20. The penalty for breach of Rule 1 is disqualification.
21. Motorised buggies may be utilised only by persons in possession of a current medical certificate of disability and then only if the club permits the use of such machines. The buggy may be used only by the person named on the certificate and may carry only the player, his caddy and his equipment. (Penalty - disqualification of the offending player/s).

LEINSTER BOYS (UNDER 13) OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The Cup shall be called the Leinster Boys Under 13 Amateur Open Championship Cup and shall be competed for annually.
2. Entry will be limited to the 81 competitors with the lowest exact handicaps at the closing date for entries. In the event of entries exceeding this number a waiting list in the exact handicap order will be drawn up. If scratchings occur, entrants on the waiting list will be given the opportunity of competing. Any entrant whose application is not successful will have his entry fee refunded.
3. The Championship shall be under the control of the Leinster Branch of the Golfing Union of Ireland.
4. The Provincial Council of the Branch shall appoint a Championship Committee which shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries.
5. Competitors must be under 13 years of age on 1st January in the

year of the Championship.

6. The entrance fee payable shall be as decided from time to time by the Leinster Provincial Council.
7. A member of a Golf Club in Ireland or Great Britain shall submit his entry on the prescribed form, either by post or online at www.gui.ie/leinster. 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 controlling golf, that the intending competitor is an Amateur Golfer as defined by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews.
8. Entries shall 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.
9. The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without stating any reason for so doing and may call for the production of a certificate of birth of any competitor.
10. Entries may be limited from time to time by the Committee.
11. The Championship will be decided by one round of 18 holes medal play.
12. Ties will be decided as set out in the Tournament Conditions Booklet.
13. No person whose age exceeds the age limit for the Championship may act as a caddie (Penalty - 2 strokes at each hole the infringement occurs, to a maximum of 4 strokes). Any further infringement will lead to disqualification of the player.
14. No professional golfer may act as a caddie.
15. The penalty for breach of Rules 5 and 14 be disqualification of the player.

    NB: These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

MUNSTER BOYS AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Entrants must be under 18 years of age at 00.00 hours on 1st January in the year of the Championship.
2. Entries must be made on-line through GUI website www.gui.ie/munster
3. a) The number of competitors shall be decided from time to time by the Provincial Council, but shall not exceed a maximum of 150 competitors. A ballot for places will, if necessary, be held amongst the highest exact handicap competitors immediately after closing date. Entrance fees will be refunded to those balloted out who do not compete. At the conclusion of the 36 holes stroke qualifying rounds, the 51 competitors who return the lowest gross scores over the 36 holes shall qualify for final 36 holes. Players tieing for 51st place will be decided as set out in breaking of ties GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.

   b) If there is a tie for the Championship, the competitors concerned will immediately play a stipulated three holes by stroke play. If still tied, will play sudden death starting at the first hole of the stipulated three holes. Other ties will be decided as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.
4. Players shall commence play at the time laid down by the Championship Committee (Rule 6-3).
5. The Housing Club reserves the right to define the times when competitors may practice on the course.
6. The Championship Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry and may call for the production of a certificate of birth of any competitor before or during the Championship.
7. No person whose age exceeds the age limit for this Championship may act as caddie (Penalty 2 strokes at each hole the infringement occurs, to a maximum of four shots). That any

further breach will lead to the disqualification of the player(s).

8. No Professional may act as a Caddie
9. The winner of the Championship will receive a perpetual Trophy and a prize and he shall return the Trophy in time for the following year's Championship to the Executive Officer, GUI Munster Branch. Prizes will also be awarded to the runner-up, third and fourth place. Two prizes will be awarded to the boys who are under sixteen (16) years of age on 1st January with best gross score. All prizes will be awarded on the basis of 1 player - 1 prize.
10. A general pace of play condition will be implemented whereby 60 seconds will be the time allotted for addressing and hitting the ball once it is the players turn to play. Following two warnings of breach, the penalty will be 2 strokes.
11. Order of play: Day prior to Championship - Practice Day. Day 1 - first qualifying round of 18 holes. Day 2 - second qualifying round of 18 holes with 51 to qualify for a further 36 holes on final Day 3.
12. At the discretion of the Junior Committee of the Munster Branch, up to 5 players may be invited to play who may not have qualified under handicap cut off point, but who must have entered the Championship.
13. If a competitor fails to show at the tee without notification, entry may be refused the following year at the discretion of the Provincial Council.
14. Penalty for breach of Rule 1 & 8 shall be disqualification.

N.B. These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

MUNSTER BOYS UNDER 15 AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The Cup will be called the Munster Boys Under 15 Open Championship Cup and will be played annually.
2. The Championship will be under the control of the Munster Branch of the Golfing Union of Ireland.
3. Entries must be made on-line through GUI website www.gui.ie/munster
4. Competitors must be under 15 years of age on the 1st January in the year of the Championship.
5. At the discretion of the Junior Committee of the Munster Branch, up to 5 players may be invited to play who may not have qualified under handicap cut off point but who must have entered the Championship.
6. Entries may be limited from time to time by the Junior Committee.
7. The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without stating any reason for so doing and may call for the production of a certificate of birth from any competitor before or during the Championship.
8. The Championship will be over 18 holes stroke play and gross scores will count. If there is a tie for the Championship the competitors concerned will immediately play a stipulated three holes by stroke play. If still tied, will play sudden death starting at the first hole of the stipulated three holes. Other ties will be decided as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.
9. A general pace of play condition will be implemented whereby 60 seconds will be the time allotted for addressing and hitting the ball once it is the player's turn to play. Following two warnings of breach, the penalty will be 2 strokes.
10. The winner of the Championship will be the Munster Boys Under 15 Amateur Champion for the year and will receive a perpetual

trophy as well as a prize. He shall return the trophy to the Branch Office in time for the following year's Championship. Prizes will be awarded to the players with second and third best gross scores and also to the best three nett scores. Prizes will also be awarded to the best Under 14 and Under 13 boys with the best gross scores in their age categories.

11. No person whose age exceeds the age limit for this Championship may act as caddie or assist him with advice or guidance during the course of play. Penalty 2 strokes at each hole the infringement occurs, to a maximum of four strokes - any further breach will lead to the disqualification of the player.
12. No Professional may act as a Caddie.
13. If a competitor fails to show at the tee without notification, entry may be refused the following year at the discretion of the Provincial Council.
14. The penalty for breach of Rule 4 & 12 is disqualification.

N.B. These rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

MUNSTER MID-AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The Championship Committee, which shall consist of Officials appointed by the Munster Provincial Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland and Officials appointed by Limerick Golf Club, shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries.
2. Entries must be made on-line through GUI website www.gui.ie/munster
3. (a) The Championship will be decided over 54 holes medal play, over 2 days, 36 holes being played on the first day. After 36 holes, the leading 45 competitors and all those tieing for 45th place, shall play a further 18 holes on the second day.

   (b) Qualification

   (i) Thirty-five years or over on 1st day of the Championship.

   (ii) Entries will be limited to the 99 lowest handicapped players at closing date for receipt of entries.

   (iii) A standby list of the next lowest 15 players will be used in the event of withdrawals.

   (c) Method for the breaking of ties for 54 holes - decide on last 36, last 18. If still a tie - decide as for 18 holes. In the event of a tie for first place, the Championship will be decided by a play-off.

   (d) To be eligible a competitor must have submitted a MINIMUM of 4 qualifying returns during the previous calendar year prior to the closing date of the Championship.
4. The Championship 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.
5. A general pace of play condition will be implemented whereby 60 seconds will be the time allotted for addressing and hitting the ball once it is the player's turn to play. Following two warnings of breach, the penalty will be 2 shots.
6. Official practice day is the day prior to the commencement of the Championship at the discretionary times as arranged with the Secretary/Manager of the Housing Club.
7. If a competitor fails to show at the tee without notification, entry may be refused the following year at the discretion of the Championship Committee.

MUNSTER SENIORS AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The entrant must be 55 years of age or over on the first day of the Championship.
2. Entries must be made on-line through GUI website www.gui.ie/munster
3. Entries will be limited to 120 competitors with lowest exact handicaps at closing date. Should the total entry exceed available starting times, higher handicap entrants will be decided by ballot, to take place immediately after closing date. Unsuccessful applicants will have entry fees refunded.
4. Each competitor shall play one stroke round of 18 holes on consecutive days (2 rounds 36 holes).
5. A general pace of play condition will be implemented whereby 60 seconds will be the time allotted for addressing and hitting the ball once it is the player's turn to play. Following two warnings of breach, the penalty will be 2 strokes.
6. The Winner of the Championship shall be decided on the best gross score after 2 rounds. In the event of a tie, the Winner of the Championship shall be decided by sudden death - hole by hole play off which shall take place as soon as possible. Other gross prizes will be awarded to runner-up, third, fourth, fifth and sixth in the Championship. Ties for these gross prizes shall be decided as set in breaking of ties in GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.
7. Subsidiary competitions by age groups shall be played within the Championship. Competitors returning best first and second nett in each of the following age groups:
   'A' - 55 to 59 'B' - 60 to 64 'C' - 65 +
   over 2 rounds will also be awarded prizes. Ties for nett/age group competition shall be treated in the same way until a decision is reached.
8. No competitor will receive more than one prize.
9. The Winner of the Tournament shall be the Munster Senior Amateur Open Champion Golfer for the year.
10. If a competitor fails to show at the tee without notification, entry may be refused the following year at the discretion of the Provincial Council.
11. The penalty for breach of Rule 1 shall be disqualification.
    N.B. These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

MUNSTER VETERANS AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The entrant must be 65 years of age or over on the first day of the Championship.
2. Entries must be made on-line through GUI website www.gui.ie/munster
3. The handicap limit, number of entries and entrance fee shall be as decided from time to time by the Championship Committee.
4. Each competitor shall play one stroke round of 18 holes on two consecutive days, 36 holes in total.
5. In the event of a tie for the Championship the decision shall be decided on best gross score as set in breaking of ties in GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.
6. The Winner of the Championship shall be the Munster Veterans

Amateur Champion Golfer of the Year.

7. Prizes will be awarded as follows:
   Winner, Runner-up, Third, Best Nett 36 holes, 2nd Nett 36 holes, 3rd Nett 36 holes, Best Gross 1st 18,
   Best Nett 1st 18, Best Gross 2nd 18, Best Nett 2nd 18. No competitor will receive more than one prize.
8. The Championship Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter the times of starting. Undue delay - the attention of competitors is drawn to Rule 6-7 (rules of golf). There will be pace of play guidelines operating - 60 seconds will be the time allotted for addressing and hitting the ball once it is the player's turn to play. Following two warnings of breach, the penalty will be 2 shots.
9. If a competitor fails to show at the tee without notification, entry may be refused the following year at the discretion of the Championship Committee.
10. The penalty for breach of Rule 1 shall be disqualification.
    N.B. These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

MUNSTER STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The Championship Committee, which shall consist of Officials appointed by the Munster Provincial Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland and Officials appointed by Cork Golf Club, shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries.
2. Entry will be limited to 75 competitors up to 3.4 handicap. At the discretion of the Championship Committee, three players who are within 1.0 handicap of the cut off may be invited to compete.
3. Each competitor must have submitted a MINIMUM of 4 qualifying returns to his home club during the twelve months prior to closing date of entry into the Championship.
4. Entries must be made on-line through GUI website www.gui.ie/munster
5. The entrance fee payable shall be as decided from time to time by the Championship Committee.
6. The Championship will be played at Cork Golf Club in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R & A and in accordance with the local rules of Cork Golf Club as approved by the Championship Committee.
7. The Championship comprises of 4 rounds of stroke play over 2 days, 36 holes being played each day. After the first 36 holes, the leading 39 competitors with no ties, will play a further 36 holes on the second day.
8. Prizes will be awarded for first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth best gross scores over 72 holes and two prizes will be awarded for two best nett scores over 72 holes.
9. In the event of a tie for the Championship, the players concerned will immediately play one or more holes by stroke play over the 1st, 17th and 18th holes until a decision is reached by sudden death. In the event of a tie or ties for second or third or other places in the Championship, the decision shall be on the best gross score over the last 54 holes and if still a tie, over the last 36 holes, last 18 holes, last 9 holes and so on as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.
10. The winner of the Championship will be the Munster Stroke Play Champion Golfer for the year and he shall receive a perpetual Trophy as well as a prize. He shall return the Trophy in time for the following year's Championship to the General Manager, Cork Golf Club.

11. The Championship Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter the times of starting. Undue delay - the attention of competitors is drawn to Rule 6-7 (rules of golf). There will be pace of play guidelines operating - 60 seconds will be the time allotted for addressing and hitting the ball once it is the player's turn to play. Following two warnings of breach, the penalty will be 2 shots.
12. It is compulsory to enter the Championship with competitors GOLFnet swipe card.
13. Official practice day is the day prior to the commencement of the Championship at the discretionary times as arranged with General Manager of Cork Golf Club.
14. If a competitor fails to show at the tee without notification, entry may be refused the following year at the discretion of the Championship Committee.

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

MUNSTER YOUTHS AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The entrant must be under 21 years of age at 00.00 hours on the 1st January in the year of the Championship.
2. Entries must be made on-line through GUI website www.gui.ie/munster
3. Entries will be limited to the 90 competitors with the lowest exact handicaps at the closing date for receipt of entries. In the event of entries exceeding this number, such entries from those competitors on the highest qualifying handicap, will be decided by ballot. The ballot will take place immediately after the closing date. Unsuccessful applicants will be informed forthwith but given an opportunity to compete if scratchings occur. Entry fees will be refunded to those balloted out who do not compete.
4. Official practice day is the day prior to the commencement of the Championship at the discretionary times as arranged with the Secretary/Manager of the Housing Club.
5. At the discretion of the Munster Branch, up to five players may be invited to play who may not have qualified under handicap cut off point for the playing field.
6. The Munster Provincial Council through its Junior Committee shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision will be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance or rejection of entries, if so decided.
7. The Championship comprises of three rounds. The first two (2) rounds of stroke play shall take place over the first two days of the Championship - one round each day. The first 45 with no ties qualify for the final round on the third day of the Championship.
8. In the event of a tie or ties for the Championship, the players concerned will immediately play one or more holes by stroke play over the Championship course until a decision is reached. Other ties will be decided as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.
9. The winner of the Championship will be the Champion Amateur Youth Golfer of Munster for the year and he shall receive a perpetual Trophy as well as a prize. He shall return the Trophy in time for the following year's Championship to the Honorary Secretary, Munster Provincial Council.
10. As well as 1st prize, prizes will be awarded for 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th best gross scores over 54 holes and three prizes will be awarded for Boys Under 18 years of age. All prizes will be awarded on the basis of 1 player - 1 prize.

11. No person whose age exceeds the age limit for this Championship may act as caddie or assist him with advice or guidance during the course of play. Penalty 2 strokes at each hole the infringement occurs, to a maximum of four shots. That any further breach will lead to the disqualification of the player(s).
12. No professional golfer may act as caddie.
13. Players shall start at the time laid down by the Committee (Rule 6-3(a).
14. The Championship Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter the times of starting. A general pace of play condition will be implemented whereby 60 seconds will be the time allotted for addressing and hitting the ball once it is the player's turn to play. Following two warnings of breach, the penalty will be two strokes.
15. The Championship Committee reserve the right to disqualify any competitor making a false statement on their entry form.
16. If a competitor fails to show at the tee without notification, entry may be refused the following year at the discretion of the Provincial Council.
17. Penalty for breach of Rule 1 & 12 shall be disqualification.
N.B. These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

MUNSTER BOYS UNDER 13 AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The Cup will be called the Munster Boys Under 13 Open Championship Cup and will be played annually.
2. The Championship will be under the control of the Munster Branch of the Golfing Union of Ireland.
3. Entries must be made on-line through GUI website www.gui.ie/munster
4. Competitors must be under 13 years of age on the 1st January in the year of the Championship and the holder of an official CONGU handicap.
5. Entries may be limited from time to time by the Junior Committee.
6. At the discretion of the Junior Committee of the Munster Branch, up to 5 players may be invited to play who may not have qualified under handicap cut off point but who must have entered the Championship.
7. The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without stating any reason for so doing and may call for the production of a certificate of birth from any competitor before or during the Championship.
8. The Championship will be over 18 holes stroke play and gross scores will count. If there is a tie for the Championship the competitors concerned will immediately play a stipulated three holes by stroke play. If still tied, will play sudden death starting at the first of the stipulated three holes. Other ties will be decided as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.
9. A general pace of play condition will be implemented whereby 60 seconds will be the time allotted for addressing and hitting the ball once it is the player's turn to play. Following two warnings of breach, the penalty will be 2 strokes.
10. The winner of the Championship will be the Under 13 Amateur Champion of Munster and will receive a perpetual trophy as well as a prize. He shall return the trophy to the Branch Office in time for the following year's Championship. Prizes will be awarded to the players with second and third best gross scores and also to the best three nett scores.

11. No person whose age exceeds the age limit for this Championship may act as caddie or assist him with advice or guidance during the course of play. Penalty 2 strokes at each hole the infringement occurs, to a maximum of four shots. That any further breach will lead to the disqualification of the player(s).
12. No professional golfer may act as caddie.
13. If a competitor fails to show at the tee without notification, entry may be refused the following year at the discretion of the Provincial Council.
14. The penalty for breach of Rule 4 & 12 is disqualification.

N.B. These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

ULSTER BOYS AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The cup shall be called the 'Ulster Boys Amateur Open Championship Cup' and shall be competed for annually.
2. The Championship Committee shall consist of officials appointed by the Ulster Provincial Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland who shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries.
3. All entrants must be under 18 years of age at 0.01 on 1st January in the year of the Championship. The Championship Committee may call for the production of a Birth Certificate of any competitor either before or during the Championship. The penalty for breach of this rule shall be disqualification.
4. The Championship Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without stating the reason for so doing.
5. Prizes will be determined by the Championship Committee. The winner of the Championship will be the Champion Boy of Ulster and shall return the cup to the Branch Office in time for the following years Championship.
6. No professional golfer nor any person whose age exceeds the age limit for the Championship may act as a caddie - Penalty 2 Strokes for every hole on which the breach occurs. Max 4 Strokes in any Round. Any further breach will lead to the disqualification of the player(s) concerned.
7. Entry to the Championship can either be made on line at www.gui.ie/ulster or an entry form may be obtained from the General Secretary, Golfing Union of Ireland (Ulster Branch).
8. Entry will be limited to the 150 competitors, or such number as the Championship Committee shall from time to time decide, with the lowest exact handicap at the closing date for the receipt of entries. In the event of entries exceeding this number a waiting list, in exact handicap order will be drawn up. The handicap used to determine the entry and the waiting list will be that recorded on GOLFnet for players from the island of Ireland, unless the player advises to the contrary prior to the closing date. Any entrant from outside the island of Ireland must provide proof of handicap when entering the Championship and provide details of any changes to this information prior to the closing date. Any competitor not given the opportunity of competing will have his entry fee refunded.
9. The Championship will be decided by four rounds of 18 holes medal play. Each competitor will play one round of 18 holes on each of the first and second days of the Championship. The 54 competitors who return the lowest gross scores over the first 36 holes shall be entitled to play a further 36 holes on the third day of the Championship.
10. In the event of a tie or ties for;
    a) 54th place at the conclusion of the second round, the breaking of ties table as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Book

will be used to determine those players who will compete in the third and fourth rounds of the Championship.
b) Championship - the competitors concerned will immediately play sudden death at such holes as determined by the Championship Committee. Other ties will be decided as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.

11. The official practice day is the day before the commencement of the Championship - the host club reserves the right to prohibit intending competitors from playing the course on any other day, even with the payment of green fee, if it considers that it desirable so to do.
N.B. These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

ULSTER BOYS U.15 AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The Cup shall be called the Ulster Boys Under 15 Open Championship Cup and shall be played for annually.
2. The Championship Committee shall consist of officials appointed by the Ulster Provincial Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland who shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries.
3. Competitors must be under 15 years of age at 0.01 on 1st January in the year of the Championship. The Championship Committee may call for the production of a certificate of birth of any competitor either before or during the Championship.
4. The Championship Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without stating any reason for so doing.
5. The Championship will be decided by two rounds of 18 holes medal play. Each competitor will play one round of 18 holes on the first day of the Championship. The 54 competitors who return the lowest gross scores over the first 18 holes shall be entitled to play a further 18 holes on the second day of the Championship. All ties will be decided as set out in the Tournament Conditions Booklet..
6. The winner of the Championship will be the Ulster Under 15 Amateur Champion. Prizes will be awarded to the leading three players with the best gross scores and the three players with the best nett scores. The players with the best gross scores at Under 14 and Under 13 will also receive prizes.
7. No professional golfer nor any person whose age exceeds the age limit for the Championship may act as a caddie - Penalty 2 Strokes for every hole on which the breach occurs, to a maximum of 4 Strokes. Any further breach will lead to the disqualification of the player(s) concerned.
8. Entry to the Championship can either be made on line at www.gui.ie/ulster or an entry form may be obtained from the General Secretary, Golfing Union of Ireland (Ulster Branch).
9. Entry will be limited to the 150 competitors or such number as the Championship Committee shall from time to time decide, with the lowest exact handicap at the closing date for the receipt of entries. In the event of entries exceeding this number a waiting list, in exact handicap order will be drawn up. The handicap used to determine the entry and the waiting list will be that recorded on GOLFnet for players from the island of Ireland, unless the

player advises to the contrary prior to the closing date. Any entrant from outside the island of Ireland must provide proof of handicap when entering the Championship and provide details of any changes to this information prior to the closing date. Any competitor not given the opportunity of competing will have his entry fee refunded.

10. The penalty for breach of Rule 3 is disqualification.
N.B. These rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

ULSTER U.13 BOYS AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The Championship Committee shall consist of officials appointed by the Ulster Provincial Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland, who shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries.
2. 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.
3. All entrants must be under 13 years of age at 0.01 on 1st January in the year of the Championship and the holder of an official CONGU Handicap. The Championship Committee may call for the production of a Birth Certificate of any competitor either before or during the Championship. The penalty for breach of this rule shall be disqualification.
4. The Championship Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without stating the reason for so doing.
5. Prizes will be determined by the Championship Committee for both the Championship and for the Best Nett Stableford Scores returned on the day. The winner of the Championship will be the Champion U13 Boy of Ulster and shall return the cup to the Branch Office in time for the following years Championship.
6. No caddies are permitted in this Championship. Penalty 2 Strokes for every hole on which the breach occurs. Max 4 Strokes in any Round. Any further breach will lead to the disqualification of the player(s) concerned.
7. Entry to the Championship can either be made on line at www.gui.ie/ulster or an entry form may be obtained from the General Secretary, Golfing Union of Ireland (Ulster Branch).
8. Entry will be limited to such number of competitors, with the lowest exact handicap at the closing date for the receipt of entries, as the Championship Committee shall from time to time decide. In the event of entries exceeding this number a waiting list, in exact handicap order will be drawn up. The handicap used to determine the entry and the waiting list will be that recorded on GOLFnet for players from the island of Ireland, unless the player advises to the contrary prior to the closing date. Any entrant from outside the island of Ireland must provide proof of handicap when entering the Championship and provide details of any changes to this information prior to the closing date. Any competitor not given the opportunity of competing will have his entry fee refunded.

9. The Championship will be played over 18 holes using the Stableford format with Gross Points to count. All ties to be decided as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.
10. If a competitor fails to show at the tee without notification, entry may be refused to any Provincial Championship in the following year, at the discretion of the Championship Committee.
N.B. These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

ULSTER MID-AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The Championship Committee which shall consist of officials appointed by the Ulster Provincial Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland who shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries.
2. 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.
3. The Championship will be decided over 54 holes Medal Play played over two days in accordance with the Rules of Golf and special rules for stroke play as approved by the R&A Rules Ltd. and in accordance with the local rules, as approved by the Championship Committee. All competitors shall play 36 holes on the first day. The 45 competitors who return the lowest total gross score on the first day shall play a further 18 holes on the second day.
4. Ties will be decided as set out in the Tournament Conditions Booklet.
5. All entrants must be 35 years of age or over on the first day of the Championship.
6. Entry to the Championship can either be made on line at www.gui.ie/ulster or an entry form may be obtained from the General Secretary, Golfing Union of Ireland (Ulster Branch).
7. Entry will be limited to such number of competitors, with the lowest exact handicap at the closing date for the receipt of entries, as the Championship Committee shall from time to time decide. In the event of entries exceeding this number a waiting list, in exact handicap order will be drawn up. The handicap used to determine the entry and the waiting list will be that recorded on GOLFnet for players from the island of Ireland, unless the player advises to the contrary prior to the closing date. Any entrant from outside the island of Ireland must provide proof of handicap when entering the Championship and provide details of any changes to this information prior to the closing date. Any competitor not given the opportunity of competing will have his entry fee refunded.
8. The winner of the Championship shall be the Ulster Mid Amateur Open Champion of the year.
9. Prizes will be determined by the Championship Committee.
10. The penalty for breach of Rule 5 shall be disqualification.
11. A competitor who fails to show at the tee on either day 1 or day 2, without providing a prior reason which is acceptable to the Championship Committee, may, at the sole discretion of the Championship Committee, have his entry refused to any Provincial Championship in the following year.
N.B. These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

ULSTER SCRATCH FOURSOMES OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The Cup shall be called the Malone Open Scratch Foursomes Perpetual Challenge Cup and shall be competed for annually at Malone Golf Club.
2. The Championship Committee shall consist of officials appointed by the Ulster Provincial Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland who shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries.
3. Entry to the Championship can either be made on line at www.gui.ie/ulster or an entry form may be obtained from the General Secretary, Golfing Union of Ireland (Ulster Branch).
4. Entry will be limited to such number of pairings, with the lowest exact combined handicap at the closing date for the receipt of entries, as the Championship Committee shall from time to time decide. In the event of entries exceeding this number a waiting list, in exact combined handicap order will be drawn up. The handicap used to determine the entry and the waiting list will be that recorded on GOLFnet for players from the island of Ireland, unless the player advises to the contrary prior to the closing date. Any entrant from outside the island of Ireland must provide proof of handicap when entering the Championship and provide details of any changes to this information prior to the closing date. Any competitor not given the opportunity of competing will have his entry fee refunded.
5. The maximum combined handicap of each pair shall not be higher than 12, in order to compete in this Championship
6. The Championship shall be decided by two rounds of 18 holes foursomes played on one day, in accordance with the Rules of Golf and special rules for stroke play as approved by the R&A Rules Ltd. and in accordance with the Local Rules as approved by the Championship Committee.
7. Ties will be decided as set out in the Tournament Conditions Booklet.
8. The winners of the Championship shall be the Ulster Scratch Foursomes Champions for the year. Prizes shall be awarded to the leading five pairings in the Championship. A gross prize shall be awarded for the best score for the second round. No competitor will receive more than 1 prize.

   N.B. These rules should be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

ULSTER SENIORS AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The entrant must be 55 years of age or over on the first day of the Championship.
2. The Championship Committee shall consist of officials appointed by the Ulster Provincial Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland who shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries.
3. Entry to the Championship can either be made on line at

www.gui.ie/ulster or an entry form may be obtained from the General Secretary, Golfing Union of Ireland (Ulster Branch).

4. Entry will be limited to the 150 competitors, or such number as the Championship Committee shall from time to time decide, with the lowest exact handicap at the closing date for the receipt of entries. In the event of entries exceeding this number a waiting list, in exact handicap order will be drawn up. The handicap used to determine the entry and the waiting list will be that recorded on GOLFnet for players from the island of Ireland, unless the player advises to the contrary prior to the closing date. Any entrant from outside the island of Ireland must provide proof of handicap when entering the Championship and provide details of any changes to this information prior to the closing date. Any competitor not given the opportunity of competing will have his entry fee refunded.
5. The Championship shall be decided by two rounds of 18 holes played over two days, in accordance with the Rules of Golf and special rules for stroke play as approved by the R&A Rules Ltd. and in accordance with the Local Rules of the Host Club as approved by the Championship Committee.
6. Ties will be decided as set out in the Tournament Conditions Booklet.
7. The winner of the Championship shall be the Ulster Seniors' Amateur Open Champion for the year.
8. Prizes will be determined by the Championship Committee.
9. The penalty for breach of Rule 1 shall be disqualification.

N.B. These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

ULSTER VETERANS AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The Championship Committee which shall consist of officials appointed by the Ulster Provincial Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland who shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries.
2. 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.
3. Entry to the Championship can either be made on line at www.gui.ie/ulster or an entry form may be obtained from the General Secretary, Golfing Union of Ireland (Ulster Branch).
4. The Championship will be decided over 36 holes Medal Play played over two days in accordance with the Rules of Golf and special rules for stroke play as approved by the R&A Rules Ltd. and in accordance with the local rules, as approved by the Championship Committee. All competitors shall play 18 holes on each day of the championship.
5. Ties will be decided as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.
6. All entrants must be 65 years of age or over on the first day of the Championship.
7. Entry will be limited to such number of competitors, with the lowest exact handicap at the closing date for the receipt of entries, as the Championship Committee shall from time to time decide. In the event of entries exceeding this number a waiting list, in exact handicap order will be drawn up. The handicap used

to determine the entry and the waiting list will be that recorded on GOLFnet for players from the island of Ireland, unless the player advises to the contrary prior to the closing date. Any entrant from outside the island of Ireland must provide proof of handicap when entering the Championship and provide details of any changes to this information prior to the closing date. Any competitor not given the opportunity of competing will have his entry fee refunded.

8. The winner of the Championship shall be the Ulster Veterans Amateur Open Champion of the year.
9. Prizes will be determined by the Championship Committee
10. The penalty for breach of Rule 6 shall be disqualification.
11. A competitor who fails to show at the tee on either day 1 or day 2, without providing a prior reason which is acceptable to the Championship Committee, may, at the sole discretion of the Championship Committee, have his entry refused to any Provincial Championship in the following year.

N.B. These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

ULSTER YOUTHS AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1 The winner of the Championship will be the Ulster Youth Amateur Golfer of the Year and the Trophy will be held until the commencement of the Championship in the following year.

2 The Championship Committee shall consist of officials appointed by the Ulster Provincial Council of the Golfing Union of Ireland who shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries.

3. Entry to the Championship can either be made on line at www.gui.ie/ulster or an entry form may be obtained from the General Secretary, Golfing Union of Ireland (Ulster Branch).
4. All entrants must be under 21 years of age at 0.01 on 1st January in the year of the Championship. The Championship Committee may call for the production of a Birth Certificate of any competitor either before or during the Championship. The penalty for breach of this rule shall be disqualification.
5. Prizes will be determined by the Championship Committee.
6. The Championship Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without stating the reason for so doing.
7. No professional golfer nor any person whose age exceeds the age limit for the Championship may act as a caddie – Penalty 2 Strokes for every hole on which the breach occurs, to a maximum of 4 Strokes. Any further breach will lead to the disqualification of the player(s) concerned.
8. Entry will be limited to the 120 competitors, or such number as the Championship Committee shall from time to time decide, with the lowest exact handicap at the closing date for the receipt of entries. In the event of entries exceeding this number a waiting list, in exact handicap order will be drawn up. The handicap used to determine the entry and the waiting list will be that recorded on GOLFnet for players from the island of Ireland, unless the player advises to the contrary prior to the closing date. Any entrant from outside the island of Ireland must provide proof of handicap when entering the Championship and provide details of any changes to this information prior to the closing date. Any competitor not given the opportunity of competing will have his entry fee refunded.

9. The Championship will be decided by four rounds of 18 holes medal play. Each competitor will play one round of 18 holes on each of the first and second days of the Championship. The 54 competitors who return the lowest gross scores over the first 36 holes shall be entitled to play a further 36 holes on the third day of the Championship.
10. In the event of a tie or ties for;
a) 54th place at the conclusion of the second round, the breaking of ties table as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Book will be used to determine those players who will compete in the third and fourth rounds of the Championship.
b) Championship - the competitors concerned will immediately play sudden death at such holes as determined by the Championship Committee. Other ties will be decided as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.
11. The official practice day is the day before the commencement of the Championship – the host club reserves the right to prohibit intending competitors from playing the course on any other day, even with the payment of green fee, if it considers that it desirable so to do.

N.B. These rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships

MUNSTER BRANCH CONDITIONS FOR PROVINCIAL SECTION CUPS & SHIELDS

These conditions must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups and Shields and the specific conditions of each tournament.

Penalties for clubs who have caused disruption to running of Cups & Shields under the following headings:

A. (i) Handicap irregularities (team member/s played off incorrect handicap or insufficient qualifying returns).
(ii) Clubs failing to show up without giving any notice.
(iii) Clubs giving very short notice of inability to field a team.
(iv) Breach of Age Qualification.

B. Failure to pay will result in the club being ineligible to compete the following year.

C. Notice of withdrawal should be given to the Hon Match & Handicap Secretary or the Branch Office.

On breach of any of the above, the offending club/s will not be allowed to compete in that tournament the following year. Minimum time for notice of withdrawal: 3 days.

SENIOR CUP

Format: singles match play off scratch. Teams will be divided into four sections, north, south, east and west with one venue in each section. An open draw will be made for each venue with matches being played over 2 consecutive days (except for some prelim matches) leaving 1 winning team at each venue who will qualify for Munster semi finals and final. Venues and dates set by the Branch.

BARTON SHIELD

Format: Teams will be divided into four venues. An open draw will be made for each venue with the matches being played over 2 consecutive days, leaving 1 winning team at each venue who will

qualify for Munster semi finals and final. Venues and dates set by the Branch.

JIMMY BRUEN & PIERCE PURCELL SHIELDS

Format: foursomes match play off scratch. Teams will be divided into four sections, north, south, east and west with two venues in each section. An open draw will be made for each venue with the matches being played over 2 consecutive days (except for some prelim matches) leaving 1 winning team at each venue. Following each section area final 4 teams will qualify for Munster semi finals and final. Venues and dates set by the Branch.

JUNIOR CUP

Format: singles match play off scratch. Teams will be divided into four sections, north, south, east and west with two venues in each section. An open draw will be made for each venue with the matches being played over 2 consecutive days (except for some prelim matches) leaving 1 winning team at each venue. Following each section area final 4 teams will qualify for Munster semi finals and final. Venues and dates set by the Branch.

IRISH MIXED FOURSOMES

Format: foursomes match play. Teams will be divided into four sections, north, south, east and west with two venues in each section. An open draw will be made for each venue with the matches being played over 2 consecutive days (except for some prelim matches) leaving 1 winning team at each venue. Following each section area final 4 teams will qualify for Munster semi finals and final. Venues and dates set by the Branch.

FRED DALY TROPHY

Format: match play of scratch over 4 qualifying rounds culminating in 4 qualifying teams for Munster Semi finals and final. Venues and dates to be set by the Branch.

IRISH JUNIOR FOURSOMES

Format: qualifying round of foursomes stroke play over four venues, one in each section north, south, east and west. Top two teams in each section to qualify for match play with one team from each section going forward for match play Munster Semi finals and final. Venues and dates set by the Branch.

MUNSTER COUNTRY CLUBS CUP

1. The Cup shall be known as the 'Munster Country Clubs Cup'.
2. The Tournament, which shall be in the form of singles match play, shall be under the control and management of the Munster Branch of the Golfing Union of Ireland.
3. The Tournament is open to all Clubs in the Province of Munster affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland and whose courses are less than 18 holes.
4. The Cup shall be competed for annually and each Club shall be entitled to enter one team.
5. Each team shall consist of SEVEN male members and play shall be by SINGLES MATCH PLAY OFF SCRATCH.
6. No player shall be eligible to compete in this Tournament whose handicap was less than ten (10) during the calendar year prior to the Tournament. For the purpose of this Tournament the handicap eligibility shall be deemed to be the lowest playing handicap held by a player during the calendar year prior

to the year of this Tournament.

7. The entrance fee shall be as decided from time to time by the Munster Provincial Council. Entry, accompanied by the fee, must be sent to the Executive Officer of the Branch in conjunction with the entries being submitted for all Union and Branch Tournaments.
8. While the players on each team may be changed, no person shall play for more than one Club in this Tournament during the year.
9. In cases of doubt, eligibility shall be decided by the Provincial Council whose decision shall be final.
10. The result of team matches shall be determined by matches won and each match shall be played to a finish unless an overall decision has already been achieved.
11. The team matches shall be played in accordance with the draw made by the Provincial Council. All matches must be played on or before the date fixed by the Provincial Council and printed on the Draw Sheet as circulated to all competing Clubs. The Provincial Council may at any time alter these dates to suit special circumstances.
12. A Team Captain is permitted to give advice to his team during the course of play, but may not point out a line of putting.
    A Team Captain playing in the competition may not give advice to a team mate, other than his partner. Penalty: Match Play - loss of each hole at which the infringement occurs, to a maximum of two holes. Any further breach of this condition will lead to the disqualification of the player(s).
13. A general pace of play condition will be implemented whereby 60 seconds will be the time allotted for addressing and hitting the ball once it is the players turn to play. Following 2 warnings of breach, the penalty will be 2 shots.
14. The Cup shall be held for one year by the winning club and such Club shall be responsible for its safe custody and return to the Honorary Secretary of the Branch before the day of the final in the following year. The winning club shall also receive a Pennant.
15. The penalty for breach of Rules 6, and 8 shall be disqualification of the team concerned.
    N.B. These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships

MUNSTER BOYS UNDER 15 AMATEUR CLOSE CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The Cup shall be called the Munster Boys Under 15 Amateur Close Championship and shall be competed for annually.
2. The Championship shall be under the control of the Munster Branch of the Golfing Union of Ireland.
3. The Provincial Council of the Branch shall appoint a Championship Committee which shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries.
4. Each Competitor must be
   a) a member of a Munster Club affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland
   b) under 15 years of age on 1st January in the year of the Championship
   c) in possession of a CONGU handicap
5. Entries must be made on-line through GUI website www.gui.ie/munster
6. Entries may be limited from time to time by the Championship Committee.

7. Entrance fees will not be refunded unless intimation of scratching is received before the closing time and date for entries.
8. The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without stating any reason for so doing and may call for a production of a certificate of birth of any competitor.
9. The Championship will be decided by one round of 18 holes medal play.
10. The Championship shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf & Amateur Status as approved by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews and in accordance with the Local Rules of the club over whose course the Championship is played.
11. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places.
12. Ties will be decided as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.
13. No person whose age exceeds the age limit for the Championship may act as caddie (Penalty - 2 strokes for each hole at which infringement occurs, to a maximum of 4 strokes) Any further breach will lead to the disqualification of the player.
14. No Professional golfer may act as caddie.
15. A general pace of play condition will be implemented whereby 60 seconds will be the time allotted for addressing and hitting the ball once it is the player's turn to play. Following two warnings of breach, the penalty will be 2 shots.
16. The penalty for breach of Rules 4 & 14 shall be disqualification of the player.

N.B These rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

MUNSTER BOYS UNDER 17 AMATEUR CLOSE CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The Cup shall be called the Munster Boys Under 17 Amateur Close Championship.
2. The Championship shall be under the control of the Munster Branch of the Golfing Union of Ireland.
3. The Provincial Council of the Branch shall appoint a Championship Committee which shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries.
4. Each Competitor must be
   a. a member of a Munster Club affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland
   b. under 17 years of age on 1st January in the year of the Championship
   c. in possession of a CONGU handicap
5. Entries must be made on-line through GUI website www.gui.ie/munster
6. Entries may be limited from time to time by the Championship Committee.
7. Entrance fees will not be refunded unless intimation of scratching is received before the closing time and date for entries.
8. The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without stating any reason for so doing and may call for a production of a certificate of birth of any competitor.
9. The Championship will be decided by one round of 18 holes medal play.
10. The Championship shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf & Amateur Status as approved by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews and in accordance with the Local Rules of the club over whose course the Championship is played.
11. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places.
12. Ties will be decided as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions

Booklet.

13. No person whose age exceeds the age limit for the Championship may act as caddie (Penalty - 2 strokes for each hole at which infringement occurs, to a maximum of 4 strokes) Any further breach will lead to the disqualification of the player.
14. No Professional golfer may act as caddie.
15. A general pace of play condition will be implemented whereby 60 seconds will be the time allotted for addressing and hitting the ball once it is the player's turn to play. Following two warnings of breach, the penalty will be two shots.
16. The penalty for breach of Rules 4 & 14 shall be disqualification of the player.

N.B These rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

MUNSTER BOYS UNDER 13 COUNTY COMPETITION

1. The Competition shall be called the Munster Boys Under 13 County Competition.
2. The Competition shall be under the control of the Munster Branch of the Golfing Union of Ireland.
3. The Provincial Council of the Branch shall appoint a Competition Committee which shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Competition and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries.
4. Only a member of the Competition 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.
5. Each Competitor must be
   a. under 13 years of age on 1st January in the year of the Competition
   b. a member of a Munster Club affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland of which the club is his Home Club
6. The entrance fee payable shall be as decided from time to time by the Munster Provincial Council
7. It is not a requirement for competitors to have an official handicap.
8. Competitors must reside in Munster.
9. Entries must be made on-line through GUI website www.gui.ie/munster
10. Entrance fees will not be refunded unless intimation of scratching is received before the closing time and date for entries.
11. The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without stating any reason for so doing.
12. The Competition shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf & Amateur Status as approved by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews and in accordance with the Local Rules of the clubs over whose course the Competition is played.
13. The format of play will be singles stableford played over 18 holes. Four places have been reserved for each club and other spaces will be allocated on handicap basis and a waiting list will be drawn up. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places.
14. Ties will be decided as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.
15. There are no practice arrangements with host clubs.
16. Competitors are requested to register 30 minutes prior to their tee-time and to be present on the 1st tee at least five minutes before the advertised starting time. Any competitor who is absent from the 1st tee when called upon to start will be liable to disqualification.
17. A general pace of play condition will be implemented whereby

60 seconds will be the time allotted for addressing and hitting the ball once it is the player's turn to play. Following two warnings of breach, the penalty will be 2 strokes.

18. No person whose age exceeds the age limit for the Championship may act as caddie. (Penalty - 2 strokes for each hole at which infringement occurs, to a maximum of 4 strokes). Any further breach will lead to the disqualification of the player.
19. No Professional golfer may act as caddie.
20. The penalty for breach of Rules 5 & 19 shall be disqualification.

MUNSTER BOYS UNDER 15 COUNTY COMPETITION

1. The Competition shall be called the Munster Boys Under 15 County Competition.
2. The Competition shall be under the control of the Munster Branch of the Golfing Union of Ireland.
3. The Provincial Council of the Branch shall appoint a Competition Committee which shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Competition and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries.
4. Only a member of the Competition 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.
5. Each Competitor must be
   a. under 15 years of age on 1st January in the year of the Competition
   b. a member of a Munster Club affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland of which the club is his Home Club
   c. be in possession of a CONGU handicap
6. The entrance fee payable shall be as decided from time to time by the Munster Provincial Council.
7. Competitors must reside in Munster.
8. Entries must be made on-line through GUI website www.gui.ie/munster
9. Entrance fees will not be refunded unless intimation of scratching is received before the closing time and date for entries.
10. The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without stating any reason for so doing.
11. The Competition shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf & Amateur Status as approved by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews and in accordance with the Local Rules of the clubs over whose course the Competition is played.
12. The format of play will be singles stableford played over 18 holes. Four places have been reserved for each club and other spaces will be allocated on handicap basis and a waiting list will be drawn up. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places.
13. Ties will be decided as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet.
14. There are no practice arrangements with host clubs.
15. Competitors are requested to register 30 minutes prior to their tee-time and to be present on the 1st tee at least five minutes before the advertised starting time. Any competitor who is absent from the 1st tee when called upon to start will be liable to disqualification.
16. A general pace of play condition will be implemented whereby 60 seconds will be the time allotted for addressing and hitting the ball once it is the player's turn to play. Following two warnings of breach, the penalty will be 2 strokes.
17. No person whose age exceeds the age limit for the Championship may act as caddie. (Penalty - 2 strokes for each hole at which infringement occurs, to a maximum of 4 strokes). Any further

breach will lead to the disqualification of the player.

18. No Professional golfer may act as caddie.
19. The penalty for breach of Rules 5 & 18 shall be disqualification of the player.

CONNACHT GENERAL RULES FOR INTER-CLUB TOURNAMENTS

1. All Inter Club Matches shall be played over a Club's recognised No.1 Competition Course. The only exception to this being, if in the opinion of the Branch's Championship Committee, whose decision shall be final, abnormal ground conditions exist which would prohibit play. In such circumstances, the Club in question may use an alternative layout, provided it has a recognised S.S.S. as given to it by the G.U.I., otherwise General Rule 18 shall apply.
2. In all Matches which are tied after 18 Holes and are played under conditions, which allow for Shots to be Given or Received, the Match shall continue in Sudden Death format from the Hole on which the Match began.
3. The Tournaments are open to all Clubs in the Province of Connacht affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland. Each Club shall be entitled to enter one team in each Tournament.
4. Each team member must be -
   (a) Of Amateur status as defined by the R&A Rules Limited.
   (b) A member of the Club from which he is selected but an Honorary Member must have been, at some time, a fee paying member of the Club for a period of two years.
   (c) The holder of an official handicap under CONGU Unified Handicapping System of similar standard.
   (d) Each team member must be ordinarily resident in Ireland on and from the 31st day of March in the year of the Tournament or alternatively if not so resident be a Full Member of a club affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland which, shall be his Home Club.
5. The Tournaments shall be under the control of the Connacht Branch of the Golfing Union of Ireland.
6. The Provincial Council shall appoint an Inter Club Tournament Committee, which shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Tournaments and the decision of the Committee shall be final on all matters relating thereto.
7. Only persons appointed by the Inter Club Tournament Committee shall be authorised to give a decision on any question or dispute arising during the course of play.
8. The Golfing Union of Ireland or Provincial Council shall decide the entrance payable from time to time and entry accompanied by the appropriate fee must be made to the General Secretary of the Connacht Branch on or before the prescribed date.
9. All matches shall be played by or on dates specified and no extensions will be granted.
10. It shall be obligatory for competitors in all Tournaments to play off their official handicap as prescribed under conditions of handicap eligibility.
11. In order to be eligible to compete in the Junior Cup, Jimmy Bruen Shield, Pierce Purcell Shield, Connacht Shield, Jack O'Sullivan Trophy, Cecil Ewing Shield and Seniors Inter Club, a player shall have, in the calendar year prior to the event, returned a minimum of four cards in qualifying competitions all of which must be recorded on the handicap records of the player's home club on or before 31st January in the year of the event.
12. (a) In all match play rounds of these Tournaments if a match is all square after 18 holes, the competitors shall immediately continue to play tie holes until a decision is reached.

(b) In the event of failing light, a flooded course, or danger to life from lightening, or the reinstatement of a Team due to the late disqualification of their opponents in the previous round only, Matches not begun or not completed must be concluded within the following 48 hours. For Matches which had begun, on the suspension of play, golf balls shall be marked where they lie, and play shall recommence from where the balls were marked, when the match or matches are concluded.

(c) In matches played in the 'Home & Away' format conditions under Clause 12 (b) above which may render one Venue unplayable does not mean the other Venue also discontinues play. i.e. that portion of the match goes ahead regardless of playing conditions at the other venue.

13. Whilst the players on each team may be changed, no person shall play for more than one Club in any of those Tournaments during the same year.
14. The respective Team Captains of the Teams about to engage in a match shall exchange simultaneously the 'Official Branch Team Sheet', which shall have a list of names and handicaps of their teams with their substitutes, in correct order of play, or hand to the Branch Official in Charge, if present, at least 30 minutes before the match is due to commence. Penalty for failure to use an 'Official Branch Team Sheet' shall be DISQUALIFICATION of the Team concerned.
15. (a) Except in the case of sudden illness or other emergency, which is considered by the Tournament Committee to be sufficient justification, no alteration can be made in list handed in, either in the matter of players, or in the order of play.

    (b) Reserve player/pairing taking the place of player/pairing after the team has been submitted, shall be played in the same position in the team as that occupied by the player/pairing who has taken ill or has been withdrawn.
16. In the case of the absence of any member of a partnership, after the expiration of 30 minutes from the time arranged for the start of the first match, the player shall be deemed to be absent and the opposing players shall be credited with the match, except in the case of the Jack O'Sullivan Trophy and the Senior Inter Club Cup, where Rule of Golf 30-3a applies.
17. The finals of the Connacht Shield, Cecil Ewing Shield, Jack O'Sullivan Trophy and Senior Inter Club Cup shall be played on a Home and Away basis in accordance with the draw.
    Tied Finals: In the event of the Overall Result of an Inter Club Final Match finishing Tied at its conclusion, each Team Captain shall be given 15mins to nominate a Player/Pairing who had played on the day to compete over sudden death to determine the outcome of the match.
18. In the event of a Course not being suitable for play in any round due to temporary greens or in the opinion of the Tournament Committee, abnormal ground conditions, home advantage must be conceded unless prior approval of the Tournament Committee obtained.
19. Protests or complaints must be lodged in writing with the General Secretary of the Connacht Branch, or his representative within 24 hours of the match in question.
20. A Team Captain is permitted to give advice to his team during the course of play, but he may not point out the line of a putt. (Penalty: Stroke Play - 2 Strokes & Match Play - Loss of Hole).
21. Clubs who fail to notify the General Secretary of their withdrawal in writing at least seven days prior to the day of a Tournament or Match shall be fined €500 in the case of Junior events this shall be revised downwards to €250. Failure to pay the fine shall mean non-participation in all Provincial & National Inter Club Tournaments for the following year.
22. 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. The buggy may be used only by the person named on the certificate and may carry only his equipment and caddy. Penalty - Disqualification of player(s).

23. It shall be obligatory for all competitors in the Tournament to play with a golf ball which is named on the current list of conforming golf balls. Penalty - Disqualification.
24. Any competitor who is currently disqualified from participation in any Union or Branch individual Championship cannot represent a Club in any of these Tournaments.
25. Team members are notified that they may be tested for the illegal use of drugs, which, if positive, will lead to automatic disqualification of the team concerned.
26. Winning Team Captains, must notify the Branch Office within 24 hours with complete results following playing of the match, and return within 72 hours, each of the 'Official Branch Team Sheets' exchanged by both Team Captains.
27. The Shield / Trophy Cup shall be held for one year by the winning Club and such Club shall engrave their name thereon and shall be responsible for its safe custody and return to the General Secretary of the Branch one month before the day of the Final the following year.
28. A Provincial Pennant will be awarded to the Winning Team in the Final and a Provincial Plaque to the Runners-up.
29. CADDIES: The use of Caddies is prohibited for the Jack O'Sullivan Trophy, Connacht Shield Foursomes, Cecil Ewing Shield and Seniors Over 55's Inter Club. The Penalty for breach of this Rule by a Player(s) is Loss of Hole (maximum 2 Holes).
30. The penalty for breach of Rules 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24 and 25 shall be disqualification of the Team concerned, whichever is appropriate to the particular rule.
31. 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.

N.B. These Rules must be read in conjunction with the Cups and Shields Generals Rules of the G.U.I.

SENIOR CUP - CONNACHT

One Strokeplay Qualifying Round over 18 holes shall be played from which four Clubs shall qualify for knockout matchplay the following day at the same venue. The aggregate of the best four cards from those returned shall determine the order of the qualifiers. In the event of a tie for any placing 1st through 4th the Team Qualifying method shall be as prescribed in the GUI's Tournament Conditions Booklet.
The qualifying teams shall compete in an automatic draw as follows: 1 v 4; 2 v 3.

BARTON SHIELD - CONNACHT

One Strokeplay Qualifying Round over 18 holes shall be played from which four Clubs shall qualify for knockout matchplay the following day at the same venue. The aggregate of the two Foursomes pairings of each Club shall determine the order of qualifiers. In the event of a tie for any placing 1st through 4th the Team Qualifying method shall be as prescribed in the GUI's Tournament Conditions Booklet.
The qualifying teams shall compete in an automatic draw as follows: 1 v 4; 2 v 3.

JUNIOR CUP - CONNACHT

One Strokeplay Qualifying Round shall take place at two Qualifying Venues (North & South) from which four teams shall qualify for knockout match play the following day and at the same venue. The aggregate of the best 4 gross cards from those returned by each Club shall determine the order of the Qualifiers.
In the event of a tie for any of the placings 1st through 4th, the Team Qualifying method shall be as presecribed in the GUI's Tournament Conditions booklet in the year of the Championship. The qualifying teams shall compete in the automatic draw as follows: 1 v 4; 2 v 3.

CECIL EWING SHIELD

1. The Shield shall be called the 'Cecil Ewing Shield'.
2. The Tournament shall be played for annually in accordance with the General Rules as laid down by the G.U.I. (see Connacht Annual or G.U.I. Tournament Conditions Booklet in the year of the event).
3. Each Team shall consist of 10 members and a team Captain may nominate two pairs as reserves.
4. Play shall be by Scotch Foursomes Matchplay.
   Note: In the event of both players from one side losing their balls from the tee shot, or going Out of Bounds from their tee shot, then it shall be the player who teed off first who shall return to the tee to continue play of the hole with the appropriate penalties to apply, i.e. he shall be playing the third stroke of his side from the tee.
5. Handicap Qualification: No Player shall be eligible to compete in this Tournament whose playing Handicap is less than 17. For the purpose of this Tournament the Handicap eligibility shall be deemed to be the lowest playing handicap held by them in the preceding calendar year, and the combined lowest playing handicap of the Pair shall not be less than 36.
6. Age Qualification: No player who is under 22 years of age on the first day of January of the year of the Tournament is eligible to compete.
7. All Matches shall be played off scratch.
8. The Connacht Provincial Council shall fix the Dates for the individual knock-out rounds for the Event.
9. In each round, except the final, competing teams shall on the same day, play three matches on the course of the Club drawn first in each round, and two matches on the course of the other team. It will be the responsibility of the team with the three matches at home to arrange a suitable time on the date specified. If the home club fails to contact their opponents, the opposition will have the right to fix a time for the match. In each leg of the Provincial Final the matches must start no later than 13.00 hours.
10. All rounds must be played by the date specified and no extensions will be granted.
11. Practice: One Practice Session free of charge at the nominated venue for a Club Team and Two Reserve Pairs in fourball or foursomes matches is allowed. Due notification must be given of all intended sessions to the Hosting Club.
    Note: The Provincial Council recommends that Full Greenfees be charged should the permitted number of players be exceeded.
12. Clubs who fail to notify the Provincial Branch Office of their withdrawal in writing at least seven days prior to the day of a tournament shall be fined €500. Failure to pay the fine shall mean non-participation in all Provincial Tournaments for the following year.
13. Winning Team Captains must notify Branch Office within 24 hours with complete results following playing of the match, (Tel, 094 9028141) and return within 72 hours, each of the 'Official Branch Team Sheets' exchanged by both Team Captains.

14. The use of Caddies is prohibited for this event. Penalty for breach of this rule by a player/s is loss of hole (maximum two holes).
15. Penalty for breach of Rule 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 & 11 above shall be disqualification of the team concerned.

CONNACHT BOYS U 15 INTER CLUB (MICHAEL P. O'DONOGHUE CUP)

1. The Cup shall be called the 'Under 15 Inter Club Boys Cup'.
2. The Tournament shall be played for annually in accordance with the General Rules as laid down by the Connacht Branch, G.U.I. (see the Connacht Annual or the G.U.I. Tournament Conditions Booklet).
3. A Club may enter one Team only.
4. Each Team shall consist of five players and a Team Captain may nominate two Reserves. Play shall be in Medal Play and Players must play in Handicap order.
5. Handicap Allowance: Current Official CONGU Handicap on the day and the handicap playing limit shall be 20.
6. Age Qualification: Under 15 years of age on 1st January in the year of the Tournament.
7. The closing date for entries shall be set by the Provincial Council. The Entry Fee shall be fixed by the Provincial Council.
8. No Professional Golfer or any Person whose age exceeds the age limit for the Tournament may act as a Caddie. (Penalty - 2 strokes at each hole on which the breach occurs, up to a maximum of 4 strokes. Any additional breach may lead to disqualification.)
9. Play shall be in Medal Play and the best 4 Cards from 5 returned will count towards the Club's Aggregate Gross Total for the 18 Holes.
10. Practice: One Practice Session free of charge at the nominated Venue for a Club Team & two Reserves for Singles Matches is allowed. Due notification must be given of all intended sessions to the Host Club of the Event.
    Note: The Provincial Council recommends that Full Green Fees be charged should the permitted number of Players be exceeded.
11. Clubs who fail to notify the Provincial Branch Office of their withdrawal in writing, at least seven days prior to the day of a Tournament shall be fined €250. Failure to pay the Fine shall mean non-participation in all Provincial Tournaments for the following year.
12. Penalty for Breach of Rules 2, 4, & 6 above shall be disqualification of the Player(s) concerned.

CONNACHT CLOSE U. 13, 15 & 17

1. The Championships shall be played for annually in accordance with the General Rules as laid down by the Connacht Branch, G.U.I. (see the Connacht Annual or the G.U.I. Tournament Conditions Booklet).
2. The Closing Date for Club's to enter and the entry fee shall be fixed by the Connacht Provincial Council.
3. Players may play at one Venue only and as directed by the Championship Committee, i.e. only at the Venue where their Club has been scheduled to play.
4. Handicap Qualification: Current Official CONGU Handicap on the day.
5. Age Qualification:
   U.13 years of age on 1st of January in the year of the tournament.
   U.15 years of age on 1st of January in the year of the tournament.
   U.17 years of age on 1st of January in the year of the tournament.
6. Play shall be in Stroke Play with Gross Scores counting towards qualification. Twenty-one Players shall qualify from each age Group for the Connacht Close Finals. The number of players to qualify from each Venue shall be proportional to the Entry Field at that Venue with respect to the overall Entry.

Note: Any player entered for the Under 15 or Under 17 Close Championships who is subsequently selected for the Connacht Boys Interprovincial Championship team shall be exempted from the Qualifying phase and guaranteed a place in the finals in his relevant age category. The number of entrants to that age Category to qualify through the strokeplay qualifying phase shall be reduced accordingly.

7. At the Provincial Close Finals prizes shall be awarded to the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Best Gross Scores returned in each Category and the Winners shall be presented with a Perpetual Trophy.
8. No Professional Golfer or any Person whose age exceeds the age limit for the Tournament may act as a Caddie. (Penalty - 2 sttrokes at each hole on which the breach occurs, up to a maximum of 4 strokes. Any additional breach may lead to disqualification.)
9. Penalty for Breach of Rules 1, 4, & 5 above shall be disqualification of the Player(s) concerned.

CONNACHT SENIORS INTER CLUB

1. The Cup shall be called the 'Senior Inter Club Cup'.
2. The Tournament shall be played for annually in accordance with the General Rules as laid down by the G.U.I. (see Connacht Annual or G.U.I. Tournament Conditions Booklet in the year of the Event).
3. Each Team shall consist of 10 members and a team Captain may nominate two pairs as reserves.
4. Play shall be in Fourball Match Play.
5. **Age Qualification:** No person who is under the age of 55years at 00.00hrs on January 1st in the year of the Tournament shall be eligible to play in this tournament.
6. **Handicap Qualification:** Each Match shall be played under handicap and the individual handicap limit shall be 28. Members of competing teams must play off the lowest handicap held by them in the preceding calendar year.
   Match Play Allowance: Lowest Player(s) goes back to scratch, 3/4 difference is given to other player(s).
7. The Connacht Provincial Council shall fix the Dates for the individual knock-out Rounds of the Event.
8. In each round, except the Provincial Final, competing teams shall on the same day, play three matches on the course of the Club drawn first in each round, and two matches on the course of the other team. It will be the responsibility of the team with the three matches at home to arrange a suitable time on the date specified. If the home club fails to contact their opponents, the opposition will have the right to fix a time for the match. In each leg of the Provincial Final the matches must start no later than 13.00 hours
9. Team Captains shall exchange Team Lists using the "Official Branch Team Sheet" prior to the start of the match. Penalty for failure to use an "Official Branch Team Sheet" shall be disqualification.
10. All rounds must be played by the date specified and no extensions will be granted.
11. Practice: One Practice Session free of charge at the nominated venue for a Club Team and Two Reserve Pairs in fourball or foursomes matches is allowed. Due notification must be given of all intended sessions to the Hosting Club.
    Note: The Provincial Council recommends that Full Greenfees be charged should the permitted number of players be exceeded.
12. Clubs who fail to notify the Provincial Branch Office of their withdrawal in writing at least seven days prior to the day of a tournament shall be fined €500. Failure to pay the fine shall mean

non-participation in all Provincial Tournaments for the following year.

13. Winning Team Captains must notify Branch Office within 24 hours with complete results following playing of the match, (Tel, 094 9028141) and return within 72 hours, each of the 'Official Branch Team Sheets' exchanged by both Team Captains.
14. The use of Caddies is prohibited for this event. Penalty for breach of this rule by a player/s is loss of hole (maximum two holes)
15. Penalty for breach of Rule 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 & 10 above shall be disqualification of the Team concerned.

CONNACHT SHIELD

1. The Shield shall be called the 'Connacht Shield'.
2. The Tournament shall be played for annually in accordance with the General Rules as laid down by the G.U.I. (see Connacht Annual or G.U.I. Tournament Conditions Booklet in the year of the event).
3. Each Team shall consist of 10 members and a team Captain may nominate two pairs as reserves.
4. Play shall be in Foursome Match Play.
5. Handicap Qualification: The upper handicap limit for any individual player shall be 20, and the maximum handicap difference between the pair shall be 8.
   Note: Dropping in handicap from a higher handicap to meet either of these requirements shall not be permitted. Members of competing teams must play off their Lowest Handicap held in the preceding calendar year.
   Match Play Allowance: 1/2 of the difference between the aggregate handicaps on either side.
6. The Connacht Provincial Council shall fix the Dates for the individual knock-out rounds for the event.
7. In each round, except the final, competing teams shall on the same day, play three matches on the course of the Club drawn first in each round, and two matches on the course of the other team. It will be the responsibility of the team with the three matches at home to arrange a suitable time on the date specified. If the home club fails to contact their opponents, the opposition will have the right to fix a time for the match. In each leg of the Provincial Final the matches must start no later than 13.00 hours
8. All rounds must be played by the date specified and no extensions will be granted.
9. Team Captains shall exchange Team Lists using the "Official Branch Team Sheet" prior to the start of the match. Penalty for failure to use an "Official Branch Team Sheet" shall be disqualification.
10. Practice: One Practice Session free of charge at the nominated venue for a Club Team and Two Reserve Pairs in fourball or foursomes matches is allowed. Due notification must be given of all intended sessions to the Hosting Club.
    Note: The Provincial Council recommends that Full Greenfees be charged should the permitted number of players be exceeded.
11. Clubs who fail to notify the Provincial Branch Office of their withdrawal in writing at least seven days prior to the day of a tournament shall be fined €500. Failure to pay the fine shall mean non-participation in all Provincial Tournaments for the following year.
12. Winning Team Captains must notify Branch Office within 24 hours with complete results following playing of the match, (Tel, 094 9028141) and return within 72 hours, each of the 'Official Branch Team Sheets' exchanged by both Team Captains.
13. The use of Caddies is prohibited for this event. Penalty for breach of this rule by a player/s is loss of hole (maximum two holes)
14. Penalty for breach of Rule 2, 4, 5, 7 & 9above shall be disqualification of the Team concerned.

JACK O'SULLIVAN TROPHY

1. The Trophy shall be called the 'Jack O'Sullivan Trophy'.
2. The Tournament shall be played for annually in accordance with the General Rules as laid down by the G.U.I. (see Connacht Annual or G.U.I. Tournament Conditions Booklet for the year of the Event).
3. Each Team shall consist of 10 members and a team Captain may nominate two pairs as reserves.
4. Play shall be in Fourball Match Play.
5. Handicap Qualification: The upper handicap limit for any individual player shall be 20, and the maximum handicap difference between the pair shall be 8.
   Note: Dropping in handicap from a higher handicap to meet either of these requirements shall not be permitted. Members of competing teams must play off their Lowest Handicap held in the preceding calendar year.
   Match Play Allowance: Lowest Player(s) goes back to scratch, 3/4 difference is given to other player(s).
6. Age Qualification: No player, who is under 18 years of age on the first day of January of the year of the Tournament, is eligible to compete.
7. The Dates for the individual knock-out rounds of the Event shall be fixed by the Connacht Provincial Council.
8. In each round, except the final, competing teams shall on the same day, play three matches on the course of the Club drawn first in each round, and two matches on the course of the other team. It will be the responsibility of the team with the three matches at home to arrange a suitable time on the date specified. If the home club fails to contact their opponents, the opposition will have the right to fix a time for the match. In each leg of the Provincial Final the matches must start no later than 13.00 hours
9. Team Captains shall exchange Team Lists using the "Official Branch Team Sheet" prior to the start of the match. Penalty for failure to use an "Official Branch Team Sheet" shall be disqualification.
10. All rounds must be played by the date specified and no extensions will be granted.
11. Practice: One Practice Session free of charge at the nominated venue for a Club Team and Two Reserve Pairs in fourball or foursomes matches is allowed. Due notification must be given of all intended sessions to the Hosting Club.
    Note: The Provincial Council recommends that Full Greenfees be charged should the permitted number of players be exceeded.
12. Clubs who fail to notify the Provincial Branch Office of their withdrawal in writing at least seven days prior to the day of a tournament shall be fined €500. Failure to pay the fine shall mean non-participation in all Provincial Tournaments for the following year.
13. Winning Team Captains must notify Branch Office within 24 hours with complete results following playing of the match, (Tel, 094 9028141) and return within 72 hours, each of the 'Official Branch Team Sheets' exchanged by both Team Captains.
14. The use of Caddies is prohibited for this event. Penalty for breach of this rule by a player/s is loss of hole (maximum two holes)
15. Penalty for breach of Rule 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 & 9 above shall be disqualification of the Team concerned.

KENNY CUP

1. The Cup shall be called the 'Kenny Cup'.
2. The Tournament shall be played for annually in accordance with the General Rules as laid down by the Connacht Branch, G.U.I. (see the Connacht Annual or the G.U.I. Tournament Conditions Booklet).
3. A Club may enter a maximum of two Teams.
4. Each Team shall consist of five players and a Team Captain may nominate two Reserves.
5. Handicap Allowance: Current Official CONGU Handicap on the day and the handicap playing limit shall be 18.
6. Age Qualification: Under 17 years of age on 1st January in the year of the Tournament.
7. The entry fee and closing date for receipt of entries shall be fixed by the Connacht Provincial Council.
8. No Professional Golfer or any Person whose age exceeds the age limit for the Tournament may act as a Caddie. (Penalty - 2 sttrokes at each hole on which the breach occurs, up to a maximum of 4 strokes. Any additional breach may lead to disqualification.)
9. (a) Qualifying Stage: Play shall be in Medal Play and the best four from five cards returned will count towards the Club's Aggregate Nett Total for the 18 Holes. The best two Aggregate Nett Totals from each of the two Qualifying Venues shall qualify for the Provincial Semi-finals with the Winners of each Zone playing the Runners-Up from the other Zone.
   (b) Semi Finals & Final Stages: Play shall be by Singles Match Play (Full shot allowance). Players must play in Handicap order. If a Match is all square after 18 Holes the Competitors shall immediately continue to play tie holes until a decision is reached. All matches must be played to a finish.

   Note: In the case of a Club which has entered two Teams at the Qualifying Stage, any player who played on the other of the Club's Teams at the Qualifying Stage may not be included in the Club Team at the Provincial Semi-final or Final.
10. Practice: One Practice Session free of charge at the nominated Venue for a Club Team & 2 Reserves for Singles Matches is allowed. Due notification must be given of all intended sessions to the Host Club of the Event.

    Note: The Provincial Council recommends that Full Green Fees be charged should the permitted number of Players be exceeded.
11. Clubs who fail to notify the Provincial Branch Office of their withdrawal in writing, at least seven days prior to the day of a Tournament shall be fined €250. Failure to pay the Fine shall mean non-participation in all Provincial Tournaments for the following year.
12. Penalty for Breach of Rules 2, 6 & 9(b), above shall be disqualification of the Player(s) concerned.

FRED DALY PLATE (CONNACHT)

1. The Trophy shall be called the Fred Daly 'PLATE'.
2. The Tournament shall be played for annually in accordance with the General Rules as laid down by the G.U.I. (see Connacht Annual or GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet for the year of the event).
3. Each Team shall consist of five (5) Players, and each Team Captain may nominate two (2) Reserves.
4. Entry may be made directly by Clubs who chose not to compete in the Fred Daly Trophy or for those Clubs who enter the Trophy

but are beaten thereafter in Rounds 1 or 2 of the Trophy.

5. Matchplay Format:
   In the rounds 1 through Zone Finals the Teams drawn first shall have 3 Matches at Home and 2 matches Away. Matches shall be played in Singles Scratch Matchplay over 18 Holes and in Handicap Order. Thus, each Team shall play its three (3) lowest Handicap Players (in handicap order, lowest first) either Home or Away in accordance with the Draw, and the next two (2) Players (4 & 5) shall also play in handicap order, either Home or Away in accordance with the Draw.
6. Age Qualification: U18yrs of age on the 1st of January in the year of the event.
7. Practice: One Practice Session free of charge at the nominated Venues for a Club Team + two Reserves for Singles Matches is allowed. Due notification must be given to the Host Club.
   Note: The Branch recommends that Full Greenfees be charged should the permitted number of Players be exceeded.
8. Clubs who fail to notify the Provincial Branch Office of their withdrawal, in writing, at least seven days prior to the first day of the Tournament shall be fined €250.00, failure to pay the fine, shall mean non-participation in all Provincial Tournaments for the following year.
9. Penalty for Breach of Rules 2, 3, 5, & 6, above, shall be Disqualification of the Player(s) concerned.
10. Caddies: No Professional Golfer or person whose age exceeds the age limit for the event may act as a caddie. (Penalty - Loss of Hole to a miximum of 2 Holes and should breach continue, Disqualification).
11. All Matches must be played to a Finish, this is to ensure a complete set of Match Results should a dispute arise, resulting in the disqualification of a Player in accordance with Rule 8 above.

BARTON CUP

1. The Cup shall be called the “Barton Inter-Club Challenge Cup” and shall be competed for annually.
2. The Tournament shall be under the control of the Leinster Branch of the Golfing Union of Ireland. The Leinster Branch authorises the Championship Committee to make a decision in equity when it is impossible to complete a match in accordance with the Rules of Golf.
3. The Tournament is open to all Clubs situate in the Province of Leinster and affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland. Each Club shall be entitled to enter one team.
4. Each team shall consist of ten members and play shall be by foursomes match play. All matches shall be played off scratch.
5. The combined handicap of any pair shall not be lower than 14.
6. For the purpose of this Tournament the handicap applicable shall be deemed to be the lowest playing handicap held by a player during the preceding calendar year.
7 In order to be eligible to compete in the tournament, a player shall have, in the calendar year prior to the event, returned a minimum of four returns in qualifying competitions all of which must be recorded on the handicap records of the player’s home club on or before 31st December in the calendar year prior to the event.
   Note: If a player changes his club during the previous calendar year, it is his responsibility to produce evidence of having competed in a minimum of four Qualifying Competitions.
8. The result of the matches shall be determined by matches won and each match shall be played to a finish unless an overall result has been determined.
9. The Tournament will be played in accordance with the draw

between dates to be fixed each year.

10. The respective Captains of the two teams about to engage in a match shall interchange simultaneously the names of members of their teams in their order of play, together with the names of reserves, not less than 30 minutes before the start of the match.
11. Except in the case of sudden illness or other emergency which is considered by the two Captains or, in the Final, the Branch Official, to be sufficient justification, no alteration can be made in the matter of players or in the order of play.
12. Reserves taking the place of players after the team has been fixed shall be placed in the same position in the team as that occupied by the player who has taken ill or has been withdrawn. Alternatively a pair may be placed in the same position in the team as that occupied by the pair one of whom has taken ill or has been withdrawn.
13. In each round, except in the final, the competing teams shall on the same day, play three matches on the course of one of the teams and two matches on the course of the other team. The course on which the three matches shall be played shall be on the course of the club drawn first in each round.
14. The final shall by played as a home and away match on dates to be arranged by the Provincial Council. In the event of a tie after the second leg of the final selected pairs who had played as pairs on the second day of the final shall immediately play match play over three holes in sequence as shall be prescribed by the Branch before the final. If still tied shall engage in a sudden death play off over the same prescribed holes.
15. In the event of any round falling on or near a date fixed for any other Union Tournament, the Provincial Council may alter the dates for the playing of those rounds and the Clubs concerned must abide by its decision.
16. The Cup shall be held by the club whose team shall win each year, and such club shall be responsible for its safe custody and return to the Secretary of the Branch before the day of the final in the following year.
17. A team Captain is permitted to give advice to his team during the course of play, but may not point out a line for putting.
    A Team Captain playing in the competition may not give advice to a team member, other than his partner.
18. The maximum number of replicas and memento prizes to be provided for the winning team and runners-up shall be 14. The winning club shall also receive a Pennant. The runner-up club shall receive a plaque.
19. The penalty for breach of Rules 5, 6, 7, 11 or 12 shall be disqualification of the team concerned.
    N.B. These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups & Shields.

LEINSTER UNDER 13 BOYS SERIES

1. The Tournament shall be called the Leinster Boys Under 13 Series and shall be competed for annually.
2. The Tournament shall be under the control of the Leinster Branch of the Golfing Union of Ireland.
3. The Provincial Council of the Branch shall appoint a Championship Committee which shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Tournament and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries.
4. 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.
5. Each competitor must be:

(a) under 13 years of age on the 1st January in the year of the Championship.
(b) a member of a club affiliated to the Leinster Branch of which the club is his Home Club
or
resident in Leinster if not a member of an affiliated club.

6. It is not a requirement for competitors to be a member of a Club or to have an official handicap, however in the event of entries exceeding the number of time slots available at each venue, places will be awarded to those with the lowest handicaps and a waiting list will be drawn up. If scratchings occur, entrants on the waiting list will be given the opportunity of competing. Any entrant who is not successful will have his entry fee refunded.
7. The entrance fee payable shall be as decided from time to time by the Leinster Provincial Council.
8. Competitors must conform in all respects with the Rules of Amateur Status and sign the declaration to that effect contained in the entry form. Competitors must reside in Leinster.
9. Entrance fees will not be refunded unless intimation of scratching is received before the closing time and date for entries.
10. The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without stating any reason for so doing and may call for the production of a certificate of birth of any competitor either before or during the Tournament.
11. It shall be obligatory for all competitors in the Championship to play with a 1.68 golf ball which is named on the current list of conforming golf balls.
12. The Championship shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews and in accordance with the Local Rules of the clubs over whose course the Tournament is played.
13. The format of play will be gross stableford played over 18 holes.
14. No caddies are allowed .
15. Ties will be decided as set out in the Tournament Conditions Booklet.
16. The penalty for breach of Rules 5(a) & 14 shall be disqualification of the player.

LEINSTER UNDER 15 CLOSE CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The Cup shall be called the Leinster Boys Under 15 Amateur Close Championship and shall be competed for annually.
2. The Championship shall be under the control of the Leinster Branch of the Golfing Union of Ireland.
3. The Provincial Council of the Branch shall appoint a Championship Committee which shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the Championship and its decision shall be final on all matters relating thereto including acceptance of entries.
4. Competitors must be members of a Leinster Club affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland and under 15 years of age on 1st January in the year of the Championship.
5. The entrance fee payable shall be as decided from time to time by the Leinster Provincial Council.
6. Entry will be limited to the 150 competitors with the lowest exact handicaps at the closing date for entries. In the event of entries exceeding this number a waiting list in the exact handicap order will be drawn up. If scratchings occur, entrants on the waiting list will be given the opportunity of competing. Any entrant whose application is not successful will have his entry fee refunded.
7. Entry shall only be made on the special entry form to be obtained from the Leinster Branch, Golfing Union of Ireland.When

completed by the competitor and certified by the committee of the competitor's club the entry form should be sent to the Leinster Branch, Golfing Union of Ireland with the prescribed entry fee.

8. The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without stating any reason for so doing and may call for production of a certificate of birth of any competitor.
9. Entries may be limited from time to time by the Committee.
10. The Championship will be decided by one round of 18 holes medal play.
11. Ties will be decided as set out in the Tournament Conditions Booklet.
12. No person whose age exceeds the age limit for the Championship may act as caddie. (Penalty - 2 strokes for each hole at which infringement occurs, to a maximum, of 4 strokes). Any further breach will lead to the disqualification of the player.
13. No Professional golfer may act as a caddie.
14. The penalty for breach of Rules 4 & 13 shall be disqualification of the player.

N.B. These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

LEINSTER UNDER 15 INTER-CLUB MATCH PLAY

1. The Tournament shall be under the control of the Leinster Branch and is open to all clubs in Leinster affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland.
2. Each team shall consist of not less than five members who must be:
   a) a member of the club from which he is selected with an official CONGU handicap included on GOLFnet.
   b) under 15 years of age on the 1st January in the year of the Tournament.
3. In cases of doubt, eligibility shall be decided by the Leinster Provincial Council.
4. The format shall be singles match play and each match shall be played to a conclusion.
5. All matches shall be played off current handicap subject to the following:
   (i) boy under 15 years of age on 1st January whose handicap exceeds 14 shall play off 14.
   (ii) boy under 14 years of age on 1st January whose handicap exceeds 18 shall play off 18.
6. Teams shall be placed in order of current official handicap, with the lowest member playing last.
7. Teams shall be placed in zones and shall play a match against each other. There will be a draw for home advantage.
8. Team sheets, which shall indicate the order of play, handicap and date of birth of each player, will be exchanged by Team Managers before each match commences.
9. Results of matches should be reported to the Leinster Branch office without delay.
10. The winner of each group shall go forward to the concluding stages of the Tournament. In the event of a tie in the Group stages, the team with the most Individual Matches won will top the Group; if still a tie, there will be a play-off between the two tied clubs which will take place at the club which did not have home advantage in the first match.
11. No caddies are permitted.
12. The final shall be played on a home and away basis on dates to be arranged by the Provincial Council. In the event of a tie after the second leg of the final, the final pairing that played in the

second leg shall immediately play match play over three holes in such sequence as shall be prescribed by the Branch before the final. If still tied shall engage in a sudden death play off over the same prescribed holes.

13. A team Captain is permitted to give advice to his team during the course of play, but may not point out a line for putting.
    A Team Captain playing in the competition may not give advice to a team member (Penalty: loss of hole on each hole breach occurs).
14. The penalty for breach of Rules 2, 5, or 6 shall be disqualification of the player(s) concerned.
    N.B.These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Union Championships.

METROPOLITAN TROPHY AND PROVINCIAL TOWNS (LEINSTER) CHALLENGE CUP

1. The Trophies shall be called the 'Metropolitan Trophy' and the 'Provincial Towns (Leinster) Challenge Cup' and shall be competed for annually.
2. The Tournaments shall be under the control of the Leinster Branch who have authority to make a decision in equity when it is impossible to complete a match in accordance with the Rules of Golf.
3. a) The Metropolitan Trophy is open to all clubs affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland in the Province of Leinster inside the Metropolitan area viz: a radius of 18 miles from the G.P.O. in Dublin.
   b) The Provincial Towns (Leinster) Challenge Cup is open to all clubs affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland situate in the Province of Leinster outside the Metropolitan area.
   c) Each club is entitled to enter one team.
4. Each team shall consist of nine members and play shall be by singles match play. All matches to be played off scratch.
5. For the purpose of this Tournament the handicap eligibility shall be that the player's lowest playing handicap in the preceding calendar year shall not have been less than nine.
6 In order to be eligible to compete in the tournament, a player shall have, in the calendar year prior to the event, returned a minimum of four returns in qualifying competitions all of which must be recorded on the handicap records of the player's home club on or before 31st December in the calendar year prior to the event.
   Note: If a player changes his club during the previous calendar year, it is his responsibility to produce evidence of having competed in a minimum of four Qualifying Competitions.
7. The result of the team matches shall be determined by matches won, and each match shall be played to a finish unless an overall result has been achieved.
8. The team matches shall be played in accordance with the draws made by the Provincial Council.
9 The respective captains of the two teams about to engage in a match shall interchange simultaneously the names of members of their teams in their order of play, together with the names of reserves not less than 30 minutes before the start of the match.
10. In each round, with the exception of the final, five matches shall be played on the course of the club drawn first and the remaining four matches on the course of the club drawn second.
11. The final shall be played on a home and away basis and in the event of a tie after the second leg the number one pairing that have played in the second leg shall immediately play match play over three holes in such sequence as shall be prescribed by the Branch before the final. If still tied shall engage in sudden death play off over the same prescribed holes.

12. The winning club in each round must notify the results to the Branch Office not later than one working day after the conclusion of the match.
13. Each Trophy shall be held for one year by the winning club and such club shall be responsible for its safe custody and return to the Executive Officer of the Branch before the day of the final in the following year. The winning club shall also receive a Pennant. The Provincial Council shall supply mementoes to the winning team and to the runners-up, if in the opinion of the Council the number of entries justify the awards.
14 A team Captain is permitted to give advice to his team during the course of play, but may not point out a line for putting.
A Team Captain playing in the competition may not give advice to a team member (Penalty: loss of hole on each hole breach occurs).
15. The penalty for breach of Rules 5 and 6 shall be disqualification of the team concerned.
N.B.These Rules must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups and Shields.

LEINSTER FOURBALL TROPHY

1. The Trophy shall be called the 'Leinster Fourball Trophy' and shall be competed for annually.
2. The Tournament shall be under the control of the Leinster Branch of the Golfing Union of Ireland. The Leinster Branch authorises the Championship Committee to make a decision in equity when it is impossible to complete a match in accordance with the Rules of Golf.
3. The Tournament is open to all clubs situated in the Province of Leinster and affiliated to The Golfing Union of Ireland. Each club shall be entitled to enter one team.
4. Each team member must be:-
   (a) of Amateur Status as defined by the R & A Rules
   (b) the holder of an official handicap under the Council of National Golf Union's Unified Handicapping System or similar standard.
   (c) a member of the club from which he is selected but an Honorary Member must have been at some time a fee paying member of the club for a period of two years.
   (d) ordinarily resident in Ireland on 1st January in the year of the Tournament or alternatively if not so resident be a member of a club affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland which shall be his home club. Note: In this context a member is one who pays a Union Subscription.
   (e) 35 years or over on 1st January in the year of the tournament.
5. Each team shall consist of ten members and play shall be by fourball better-ball match play. All matches shall be played off scratch.
6. No player shall be eligible to compete whose playing handicap was lower than 18 on 1st January in the year of the tournament. The combined handicap of any pair shall not be lower than 40 on the 1st January in the year of the tournament. For the purpose of this tournament, the handicap held for eligibility purposes on 1st January in the year of the tournament will remain throughout.
7. In order to be eligible to compete in the tournament, a player shall have, in the calendar year prior to the event, returned a minimum of four returns in qualifying competitions all of which must be recorded on the handicap records of the player's home club on or before 31st December in the calendar year prior to the event.
   Note: If a player changes his club during the previous calendar year, it is his responsibility to produce evidence of having competed in a minimum of four Qualifying Competitions.

8. The result of the matches shall be determined by matches won and each match shall be played to a finish unless an overall result has been determined.
9. The Tournament will be played in accordance with the draw between dates to be fixed each year by the Leinster Branch.
10. The respective Captains of the two teams about to engage in a match shall interchange simultaneously the names of members of their teams in their order of play, together with the names of reserves, not less than 30 minutes before the start of the match.
11. Except in the case of sudden illness or other emergency which is considered by the two Captains or, in the semi final and final, the Branch Official to be sufficient justification no alteration can be made in the matter of players or in the order of play.
12. Reserves taking the place of players after the team has been fixed shall be placed in the same position in the team as that occupied by the player who has taken ill or has been withdrawn. Alternatively a pair may be placed in the same position in the team as that occupied by the pair one of whom has taken ill or has been withdrawn.
13. In each round, except in the final, the competing teams shall on the same day, play three matches on the course of one of the teams and two matches on the course of the other team. The course on which the three matches shall be played shall be on the course of the club drawn first in each round.
14. The final shall be played as a home and away match on dates to be arranged by the Provincial Branch. In the event of a tie after the second leg of the final, selected pairs, who had played as pairs in the second day of the final shall immediately play match play over three holes in sequence as shall be prescribed by the Branch before the final. If still tied, shall engage in a sudden death play off over the prescribed holes.
15. In the event of any round falling on or near a date fixed for any other Union tournament, the Provincial Council may alter the dates for the playing of those rounds and the clubs concerned must abide by its decision.
16. The trophy shall be held by the club whose team shall win each year and such club shall be responsible for its safe custody and return to the Branch Office before final in the following year.
17. A team Captain is permitted is to give advice to his team during the course of play but may not point out a line for putting. A team captain playing the competition may not give advice to a team member, other than his partner.
    Penalty for breach = loss of hole.
18. No caddies are permitted.
    Penalty for breach = disqualification of player.
19. Prizes will be decided by the Provincial Council.
20. The penalty for breach of Rules 4 (e), 6, 7, 10, & 11, shall be disqualification of the team concerned.

ULSTER BRANCH CONDITIONS FOR PROVINCIAL SECTION CUPS AND SHIELDS

These conditions must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups and shields and the specific conditions of each tournament.

SENIOR CUP

One stroke play qualifying round will be played at four selected venues. Four teams from each venue will qualify for the match play stage. Four cards from five will count any ties to be decided, as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet. The qualifying teams will return to their respective qualifying venues and based on the qualifying totals play a match using 1 v 4 and 2 v 3 with the winners playing each other on the same day The winning team from each

venue will, following an open draw, play the semi-final and final at a venue and date set by the Branch.

BARTON SHIELD

The teams will be divided into four venues. An open draw will be made for each venue with the matches being played on 2 dates set by the Ulster Branch, leaving 1 winning team at each venue. These four teams will, following an open draw play the semi finals and final at a venue and date set by the Branch.

JUNIOR CUP, JIMMY BRUEN & PIERCE PURCELL SHIELDS

One stroke play qualifying round will be played at eight venues. The leading four teams at each venue will qualify for the match play stage. Four cards from five will count any ties to be decided, as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet. The qualifying teams will return to their respective qualifying venues and based on the qualifying totals play a match using 1 v 4 and 2 v 3. If the home team qualifies they will play their match at a neutral venue. After completion of the first round matches an open draw will be made and the Branch will set dates and venues for the remaining matches.
Evidence of each player's eligibility to compete must be produced on the day of the qualifying and must be exchanged simultaneously between Team Captains prior to the commencement of a match. If evidence is not available on the day it must be forwarded in the case of the qualifying round to the Branch Office or in the case of a match to the opposing Captain and/or Branch Office within four days. Failure to comply may lead to the disqualification of the team concerned.

IRISH MIXED FOURSOMES

One stroke play qualifying round will be played at eight venues. The leading four teams at each venue will qualify for the match play stage. Four cards from five will count any ties to be decided, as set out in the GUI Tournament Conditions Booklet. The qualifying teams will return to their respective qualifying venues and based on the qualifying totals play a match using 1 v 4 and 2 v 3. If the home team qualifies they will play their match on a neutral venue. After the completion of the first round an open draw will be made and the Branch will set dates and venues for the remaining matches.
Evidence of each player's eligibility to compete must be produced on the day of the qualifying and must be exchanged simultaneously between Team Captains prior to the commencement of a match. If evidence is not available on the day it must be forwarded in the case of the qualifying round to the Branch Office or in the case of a match to the opposing Captain and/or Branch Office within four days. Failure to comply may lead to the disqualification of the team concerned.

FRED DALY TROPHY

An open draw will be made and all matches will be played home and away on dates set by the Branch. Teams will consist of seven players. Seven matches will be played at home and seven matches will be played away. Matches will be played to conclusion but half matches will count as such. In the case of a tie, holes up will apply, being calculated on each individual result e.g. a 4/3 win would be 4 holes. If still tied after a calculation on holes up, the No. 7 players on each side will play tie holes until a conclusion is reached.
The semi-final and final will be played at a neutral venue on one day set by the Ulster Branch.
In the semi-final and final if a match is all square after 18 holes the competitors shall immediately continue to play tie holes until a decision is reached unless an overall result on matches won has already decided the event.
All other conditions are as set out for the National Fred Daly Trophy Competition

FRED DALY PLATE

Any club not in the third round of the Fred Daly Trophy will be invited to enter this Competition. A zoned draw will then be made and the playing conditions will be the same as for the Provincial Section of the Fred Daly Trophy - see above.

The semi-final and final will be played at a neutral venue on one day set by the Ulster Branch.

In the semi-final and final if a match is all square after 18 holes, the competitors shall immediately continue to play tie holes until a decision is reached, unless an overall result on matches won has already decided the event.

BELFAST AND DISTRICT CUP

1. The Cup shall be called the 'Belfast and District Cup' and shall be competed for annually.
2. The Tournament shall be under the control and management of the Ulster Branch of the Golfing Union of Ireland.
3. The Tournament is open to all clubs affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland in the Province of Ulster which are situated within a radius of 45 kilometres of Belfast City Hall. Each club shall be entitled to enter one team.
4. Only a member of the Match & Handicapping 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.
5. The entrance fee shall be as decided from time to time by the Ulster Branch. Entry, accompanied by the fee, must be made with the Secretary of the Branch.
6. Each team shall consist of seven male members and play shall be by singles match play.
7. 1) Each member of the team must be: a) of Amateur Status as defined by the R&A Rules Ltd. 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. d) ordinarily resident in Ireland on and from 31st day of March in the year of the Tournament or alternatively if not so resident be a full member of a club affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland.
   2) In cases of doubt, eligibility shall be decided by the Provincial Council whose decision shall be final.
8. No person shall play for more than one club during the season.
9. All matches shall be played off scratch.
10. No player whose current handicap is 10 or more on the day of the match can take part in this competition.
11. All members of a team shall play on the same day. In the case of the absence of any member of a team his opponent shall be credited with the match. Any player who is not present after the expiration of 30 minutes from the time arranged by the clubs concerned for the start of the first match shall be deemed to be absent.
12. The respective captains shall simultaneously exchange the names of their teams in the order of play, together with the reserves. This order of play so notified shall not be altered after it has been handed over.
13. Reserves taking the place of players after the team list has been handed in shall be placed in the same position in the team as that occupied by the player who has taken ill or has been withdrawn.
14. Each team shall play a home and away match (18 holes), the first match to be played on the course of that club which is drawn first in each tie. Each individual match shall count one point to the winner. A half point shall be awarded to each player in the event of a halved match.
15. Each individual match shall terminate when a winning position

has been reached. Halved matches to be treated as such for the purpose of results.

16. The balance of the match play results shall be carried forward to the return leg, and should the overall result be a tie as regards matches then the number one players shall play a tie hole or holes to decide the result

17 Teams reaching the quarter finals in the preceding year will be seeded into round three in the current year's tournament.

18. Protests must be made to the Secretary or his representative immediately on the completion of the match in question.

19. The Cup shall be held for a year by the winning club and such club shall be responsible for its safe custody and return to the Secretary of the Branch before the day of the final in the following year.

20. A team Captain is permitted to give advice to his team during the course of play, but may not point out a line for putting. A Team Captain playing in the competition may not give advice to a team member. (Penalty: Match Play - Loss of hole)

21. Any competitor who is currently disqualified from participation in any Union or Branch individual championship is not eligible to compete in this event.

22. Competitors are notified that they may be tested for the use of drugs which test, if positive, will lead to automatic disqualification.

23. Any competitor who is not on the first teeing ground when his name is called at or after the time fixed for his starting, will be subject to penalty in accordance with Rule 6-3a. The Championship Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter the times of starting.

24. The penalty for breach of Rules 7, 10, 21 and 22 shall be the disqualification of the team concerned.

N.B. These Conditions must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups and Shields.

ULSTER CUP

1. The Cup shall be called the 'Ulster Cup' and shall be competed for annually.
2. The Tournament shall be under the control and management of the Ulster Branch of the Golfing Union of Ireland.
3. Only a member of the Match & Handicapping 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.
4. The Tournament is open to all clubs in the Province of Ulster affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland. Each club shall be entitled to enter one team.
5. Each team shall consist of seven male members and play shall be by singles match play and all matches shall be played off scratch.
6. 1) Each member of the team must be: a) of Amateur Status as defined by the R&A Rules Ltd. 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. d) ordinarily resident in Ireland on and from 31st day of March in the year of the Tournament or alternatively if not so resident be a full member of a club affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland. e) over the age of 30 years at midnight on the 31st day of March in the year of the Tournament.
   2) No player shall be eligible to compete in this Tournament whose playing handicap was less than 10 in the preceding calendar year.
   3) In cases of doubt, eligibility shall be decided by the Provincial Council whose decision shall be final.
7. The entry fee payable shall be as decided from time to time by

the Ulster Provincial Council. Entry, accompanied by the fee, must be made with the Secretary of the Ulster Branch.

8. All members of a team shall play on the same day. In the case of the absence of any member of a team his opponent shall be credited with the match and with 10 holes. Any player who is not present after the expiration of 30 minutes from the time arranged by the clubs concerned for the start of the first match shall be deemed to be absent.
9. The respective captains of the two teams about to engage in a match shall interchange simultaneously the following, as soon as possible before the time arranged for the start of the match; 1) the names of the members of their teams in order of play, 2) the names of any reserves, 3) evidence of each player's eligibility to compete in the competition. The order of playing so notified shall not be altered after it has been handed over as specified above. If handicap evidence is not available on the day it must be forwarded to the opposing Team Captain and/or Branch Office within four days. Failure to comply will lead to the disqualification of the Team concerned.
10. Reserves taking the place of players after the team list has been handed in shall be placed in the same position in the team as that occupied by the player who has been taken ill or who has been withdrawn.
11. Protests must be made to the Provincial Secretary, or his representative, immediately on the completion of the match in question.
12. Each team shall play a home and away match (18 holes), the first match to be played on the course of that club which is drawn first in each tie. Each individual match shall count one point to the winner. A half point shall be awarded to each player in the event of halved match.
13. Each individual match shall terminate when a winning position has been reached. Holes up shall be that number of holes up at the conclusion of the match. Halved matches to be treated as such for the purpose of results.
14. The balance of the match play results and also of holes up in the first match as set out in Rule 13 shall be carried forward to the return match, and should the result be a tie as regards the matches then the winning team shall be that which is most holes up on the aggregate for the two matches. In the event of a further tie the last player of each team shall play a tie hole or holes to decide the result.
15. The team for return matches need not necessarily consist of the same players.
16. The Cup shall be held for a year by the winning club and such club shall be responsible for its safe custody and return to the Secretary of the Branch before the day of the final in the following year.
17. A team Captain is permitted to give advice to his team during the course of play, but may not point out a line for putting. A Team Captain playing in the competition may not give advice to a team member. (Penalty: Match Play - Loss of hole)
18. Any competitor who is currently disqualified from participation in any Union or Branch individual championship is not eligible to compete in this event.
19. Competitors are notified that they may be tested for the use of drugs which test, if positive, will lead to automatic disqualification.
20. Any competitor who is not on the first teeing ground when his name is called at or after the time fixed for his starting, will be subject to penalty in accordance with Rule 6-3a. The Match & Handicapping Committee or a person appointed by that Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter the times of starting.
21. The penalty for breach of Rules 6, 18 and 19 shall be the disqualification of the team concerned.

N.B. These Conditions must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups and Shields.

ULSTER FOURBALL TROPHY

1. The Salver shall be called the 'Ulster Fourball Trophy' and shall be competed for annually.
2. The Tournament shall be under the control of the Ulster Branch of the Golfing Union of Ireland.
3. Only a member of the Match and Handicapping 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.
4. The Tournament is open to all clubs in the Province of Ulster affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland. Each club shall be entitled to enter one team.
5. Each team shall consist of 10 male members and play shall be by four ball. While the players in each team may be changed for each round, no person shall play for more than one club in the same year. All matches will be played under the Rules of Match Play Fourball, and all matches will be played off scratch.
6. 1) Each member of the team must be: a) of Amateur Status as defined by the R&A Rules Ltd. b) the holder of an official handicap under the Council of National Golf Unions' 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. d) ordinarily resident in Ireland on and from 31st day of March in the year of the Tournament or alternatively if not so resident be a full member of a club affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland. e) over the age of 35 years at midnight on the 31st day of March in the year of the Tournament.
   2) No player shall be eligible to compete in this Tournament whose playing handicap was lower than 17 in the preceding calendar year.
   3) In cases of doubt, eligibility shall be decided by the Provincial Council whose decision shall be final.
7. The entry fee payable shall be as decided from time to time by the Ulster Provincial Council. Entry accompanied by the fee must be made with the Secretary of the Ulster Branch.
8. All members of the team shall play on the same day. In the case of the absence of any pair their opponents shall be credited with the match and 10 holes. Any pair which is not present after the expiration of 30 minutes from the time that the first match commences shall be deemed to be absent. Rule 30-3a of the Rules of Golf will apply.
9. The respective captains of the two teams about to engage in a match shall interchange simultaneously the following, as soon as possible before the time arranged for the start of the match; 1) the names of the members of their teams in order of play, 2) the names of any reserves, 3) evidence of each player's eligibility to compete in the competition. The order of playing so notified shall not be altered after it has been handed over as specified above. If handicap evidence is not available on the day it must be forwarded to the opposing Team Captain and/or Branch Office within four days. Failure to comply will lead to the disqualification of the Team concerned.
10. Reserves taking the place of players after the team list has been handed in shall be placed in the same position in the team as that occupied by the player who has been taken ill or who has been withdrawn.
11. Protests must be made to the Provincial General Secretary, or his representative, immediately on the completion of the match in question.
12. Each team shall play a home and away match (18 holes), the first match to be played on the course of that club which is drawn first in each tie. Each individual match shall count one point to the winner. A half point shall be awarded to each pairing in the event of halved match.

13. Each individual match shall terminate when a winning position has been reached. Holes up shall be that number of holes up at the conclusion of the match. Halved matches to be treated as such for the purpose of results.
14. The balance of the match play results and also of holes up in the first leg as set out in Rule 14 shall be carried forward to the return match, and should the result be a tie as regards the matches then the winning team shall be that which is most holes up on the aggregate for the two legs. In the event of a further tie the last pair of each team shall play a tie hole or holes to decide the result.
15. The Salver shall be held for a year by the winning club and such club shall be responsible for its safe custody and return to the Secretary of the Branch before the day of the final in the following year.
16. The use of Caddies in this competition is not permitted. (Penalty - loss of each hole on which the infringement occurs to a maximum of 2 holes). Any further breach will lead to the disqualification of the pair concerned and a match score of 10 holes.
17. A team Captain is permitted to give advice to his team during the course of play, but may not point out a line for putting. A Team Captain playing in the competition may not give advice to a team member, other than his partner. (Penalty: Match Play - Loss of hole)
18. Any competitor who is currently disqualified from participation in any Union or Branch individual championship is not eligible to compete in this event.
19. Competitors are notified that they may be tested for the use of drugs which test, if positive, will lead to automatic disqualification.
20. The penalty for breach of Rules 6, 17 and 18 shall be the disqualification of the team concerned.

N.B. These Conditions must be read in conjunction with the General Rules for Cups and shields.

BREAKING OF TIES

Method for the breaking of ties where it is not practical to have a play-off:

18 Holes	Decide on last 9 - 6 - 3 - 3 - 1 If still a tiedecide on last 3 - 6 - 7 - 8 of first 9 If still a tiedecide by lot.
36 Holes	Decide on last 18 If still a tie decide as for 18 holes
54 Holes	Decide on last 36 - last 18 If still a tied decide as for 18 holes
72 Holes	Decide on last 54 - last 36 last 18 If still a tie decide as for 18 holes

TEAM EVENTS

Where a competition prescribes a Stroke play Round for Teams comprising 2, 3,4, 5 or more competitors:

a) Discard the card which has the highest score and take the remaining cards.
b) If still a tie continue this procedure, if necessary until only the best card of each team remains.
c) Then proceed as for 18 holes above.

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