



# J.B. CARR DIAMOND TROPHY INVITATION 2025



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Dear Hon.Secretary,

### **J.B.CARR DIAMOND TROPHY INVITATION 2025**

Woodenbridge Golf Club have great pleasure to once again invite your Club to enter the 2025 All Ireland J.B. Carr Diamond Trophy Competition.

We now enclose an application form which we would be most obliged if you could complete and return no later than the **14<sup>th</sup> February 2025** if your club wishes to take part in the competition.

The J.B.Carr Diamond Trophy is now one of the largest competitions in the Golfing calendar year and we in Woodenbridge wish to record our deep appreciation to all of the Clubs and teams who have entered in the past.

The entry fee of €180.00 (cheques made payable to Woodenbridge Golf Club) is to accompany the enclosed application form and we look forward to receiving your entry as soon as possible. It is planned that the 2025 competition draw will be made in early March 2025. All participating Clubs will be advised of the draw results by email and these draw results will also be available on the Woodenbridge Golf Club Web site:- [www.woodenbridge.ie](http://www.woodenbridge.ie)

In 2024, the four provinces were represented at the J.B.Carr National Finals by the Provincial Champions Ballinrobe GC, Westmanstown GC, Dungarvan GC & Rossmore GC. Woodenbridge were again delighted to host the finals in early September when Ballinrobe got the better of Westmanstown in an exciting finish to become the very worthy 2024 All Ireland Winners.

The 2025 All Ireland Finals will be held in Woodenbridge over the weekend of 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025. The four provincial winning teams will be guests of the club for two nights B&B at the Woodenbridge Hotel and a Gala Dinner & Presentation of Prizes will take place in the clubhouse on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

We look forward to receiving your completed entry form and in the meantime if we can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact us on the Club number 0402-35202 or email [admin@woodenbridge.ie](mailto:admin@woodenbridge.ie).

Yours sincerely

*Tom Mernagh,*  
Chairman, J.B. Carr Committee.

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## TOURNAMENT RULES 2025

*R&A Rules of Golf Apply – Model Rule E-5 shall not be used in matches*



### 1. RULES 2025

The maximum combined Handicap Index is 30 (Based on lowest Handicap Index in the calendar year 2024. (01/01/24 to 31/12/24).

Stroke allowances for matches will be 50% of the combined Handicap Index difference, rounded, plus courtesy shot to away team per pairing.

E.g. Home Team  $12.3 + 14.8 = 27.1$ .

Away Team  $8.7 + 14.3 = 23.0$ .

Difference  $4.1$  divided by  $2 = 2$ .

Shot Difference  $2 - 1$ . Courtesy = 1

The courtesy shot applies at both venues in home & away matches. The draw determines Home Advantage. In 2 legged matches the team drawn first(top in the draw sheet) will play at home in the first leg. The team at the top of the draw in Single Leg Matches have home advantage & all matches to be played at the course of the team drawn at home. Only players with a fully established handicap index (20 scores) at 31/12/24 are eligible to compete. Player's Scoring Record and lowest Handicap Index for the period can be verified by reference to Golf Ireland Clubhouse Report "Member Score Count"

### 2. FORMAT

The competition format will be SCOTCH FOURSOMES MATCHPLAY for male competitors who have reached their 60th birthday on or before 1st January 2025. A team with an underage player will be disqualified.

### 3. PAIRINGS

Teams will consist of 5 pairings. Players on the team may be changed throughout the tournament. A player may only represent one Club.

### 4. COMBINED HANDICAPS

Please note that the combined handicap index limit is 30. Pairings with a Please note that the combined handicap index limit is 30. Pairings with a combined handicap index in excess of 30 are allowed, but they are limited to a maximum combined handicap index of 30. An incorrect **upper** handicap index means automatic disqualification of that pairing.

### 5. POSTPONEMENTS

All matches must be played by the date specified. Sorry, but no extensions can be permitted. Unplayed matches shall be scratched, unless one of the clubs has received a walkover. Unfortunately, we must strictly adhere to this in the interest of equity and competition efficiency.

### 6. EXCHANGE OF PAIRINGS

Prior to the commencement of a team match, the respective team managers shall simultaneously interchange the names of their teams, their handicap index and the order of play. It is the responsibility of each Team Manager to check with the opposing Team Manager to ensure ALL team players are over 60 years on or before 1st January 2025 before the match commences.

### 7. TEES

All matches are to be played off the weekly summer competition tees. All matches to be played to a finish until an overall result has been obtained. There are no halved matches.

### 8. PLAY OFFS

In the event that 2 legged matches finish with each team having won 5 matches a sudden death play off will be necessary. Each Manager shall nominate a pairing from the 5 pairings that have already participated in the days matches to contest the play off. The Away Team will receive a courtesy shot in such play offs.

### 9. BUGGIES

Buggies are allowed only with appropriate medical certificate.

### 10. MEALS / DRINKS

After match meals and drinks costs shall be shared equally between home and visiting Clubs.

### 11. RESULTS

Results of the matches must be communicated by the winning team within three days. Contact WOODENBRIDGE GOLF CLUB TEL: 0402 35202 (from Republic). If calling from Northern Ireland, use 00353 402 35202. Email: admin@woodenbridge.ie

### 12. FINALS

The Provincial Champions shall play the All Ireland semi-finals and finals at Woodenbridge Golf Club on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th September 2025.

### 13. DISPUTES

In all disputes, the decision of the Woodenbridge Golf Club shall be final. Woodenbridge Golf Club reserves the right to alter and revise the Competition Rules as it sees fit.





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### ROLL OF HONOUR

YEAR	WINNER	YEAR	WINNER	YEAR	WINNER
1996	Courtown	2005	Stackstown	2014	Adare Manor
1997	Galway	2006	Newlands	2015	Ballybofey & Stranorlar
1998	Fermoy	2007	Tuam	2016	Nenagh
1999	Galway	2008	Tralee	2017	Portumna
2000	The Heath	2009	Galway	2018	The K Club
2001	Galway	2010	Ennis	2019	Ballykisteen
2002	Charleville	2011	Thurles	2022	Shannon
2003	Charleville	2012	Ballinrobe	2023	Castlebar
2004	Charleville	2013	Enniscrone	2024	Ballinrobe



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