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Mary McKenna Diamond Trophy Tournament 2025

Date: January 2nd 2025

Dear Lady Captain/Hon. Secretary

The Mary McKenna Diamond Trophy was launched by the ladies of Woodenbridge Golf Club in 2014, this year we had our largest entry to date 89 teams. This unique scotch foursome's competition commences at provincial level with the 4 provincial winners progressing to the All-Ireland Semi Final & Finals weekend in Woodenbridge Golf Club on September 13th and 14th 2025. On reaching the All-Ireland Finals weekend the four provincial winning teams and their manager are rewarded with 2 night's bed and breakfast inclusive of a gala dinner complimentary of Woodenbridge Golf Club.

Competition Format:

- Scotch Foursomes a team consists of 5 pairings.
- The maximum combined handicap of a pair is 50 meaning both players course handicaps when added together cannot exceed 50.
- Handicap calculations are calculated using players lowest Handicap Index for 2024.
- The Preliminary/First Round of the competition and the Provincial Final are both two leg matches home and away.
- Rounds 2, 3, 4 up the Provincial Final are single leg matches all played at one venue.
- The team that is away for the single leg matches receives two courtesy shots per pairing.
- On completion of round 1 and there on, the teams progressing will be required to reference the draw on the Woodenbridge G.C website to ascertain home or away status for the next round.

September 2024 Woodenbridge G.C hosted Enniskillen G.C., East Cork G.C, The K-Cub and Portumna G.C. who emerged as eventual winners on what was a very special weekend for all involved.

Enclosed is the entry form for 2025 for completion and return not later than 28th February 2025, together with the Entry Fee of €180 using (ref.MK25), payable to Woodenbridge Golf Club.

- Full competition details (including draw when completed) will be on the website www.woodenbridge.ie/diamond-trophy
- The four provincial champions will play the All-Ireland semi-final and final in Woodenbridge Golf Club over the weekend of the 12th & 14th September 2025.

We very much look forward to receipt of your club's entry in the MARY MCKENNA DIAMOND TROPHY 2025. If you have any queries or need clarification on any matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Hilary Gale

Hon Sec. Mary McKenna Committee 2025



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RULES 2025



R & A RULES OF GOLF APPLY – MODEL LOCAL RULE E-5 SHALL NOT BE USED IN MATCHES

1. FORMAT

The Competition format will be **SCOTCHFOURSOMES MATCHPLAY** for female competitors who have reached their 60th birthday on or before 31st December 2024.

2. PAIRINGS

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

3. EXCHANGE OF PAIRINGS

Pairings may play in any handicap order. Prior to the commencement of a team match, the respective team managers shall simultaneously interchange team sheets with the names of the team members, their handicaps and the order of play. The team manager must provide a handicap report of their player's lowest handicap index from the previous year (2024) on the date of the match. A team with an underage player will be disqualified.

4. HANDICAP ALLOWANCE (PLAYING HANDICAPS)

Under the rule of handicapping, in Matchplay, side's first work out their Playing Handicaps and then take their full shots from each other as follows: Scotch/Greensomes Foursomes - each pair determines their side's Playing handicap (60% of the Lowest Course Handicap+40% of the Highest Course Handicap) and then determines their strokes based on the full difference between their Playing Handicap and the opposing pair's.

5. COMBINED HANDICAPS

The maximum combined handicap of a pair is 50, meaning both players course handicaps when added together cannot exceed 50. The course handicap is calculated using the lowest handicap index for 2024 for each player. Pairings with a combined course handicap in excess of 50 are allowed, but the higher handicap player would need to be reduced to meet the requirement of max. 50 combined (see example A). It may then occur that the higher handicap player becomes the lower and 60% applies to her (see example B). An incorrect higher handicap means automatic disqualification of that pairing. (See Rule 3.2C–Rules of Golf).

SHOT CALCULATION EXAMPLES

Example → Venue = Phoenix Golf Club Slope Rating Female = 126

HOME TEAM

Pair:	H. Cap Index. (H.I.)	Course H. Cap (C.H.)	% of C.H.	Pair's Playing H.Cap
Player 1 (lowest)	15.4	17	60% (10.2) 10	22
Player 2 (highest)	28.2	31	40% (12.4) 12	
		17 + 31 = 48 ✓	Add C.H.s	P.H. for the Match

OPPOSITION TEAM (example A)

Pair:	H. Cap Index. (H.I.)	Course H. Cap (C.H.)	% of C.H.	Pair's Playing H.Cap
Player 1 (lowest)	14.5	16	60% (9.6) 10	24
Player 2 (highest)	32.4	36 (too high - 2) = 34	40% (13.6) 14	
		16 + 36 = 52 ✗	Add C.H.s	P.H. for the Match
		16 + 34 = 50 ✓		

OPPOSITION TEAM (example B)

Pair:	H. Cap Index. (H.I.)	Course H. Cap (C.H.)	% of C.H.	Pair's Playing H. Cap
Player 1 (lowest)	23.4	26	40% (10.4) 10	24
Player 2 (highest)	26.2	29 (too high - 5) = 24	60% (14.4) 14	
		26 + 29 = 55 ✗	Add C.H.s	P.H. for the Match
		26 + 24 = 50 ✓		

As you can see from calculations in examples above we can conclude:

Home Team C.H. = 22 ✓ Opposition Team C.H. = 24 → Opposition **GET 2 shots**

On single leg matches make the courtesy shots adjustment at this point.

Courtesy shots apply to the away team on single leg matches ONLY.

6. COURTESY SHOTS

The away team in a single leg match gets 2 courtesy shots per pairing/match.

The courtesy shots adjustment is completed after the shots have been confirmed as above.

E.g. Match 1: Home team calculated to get 4 shots now they get 2.

E.g. Match 2 calculated as a flat match, away pairing now get 2 shots.

7. TEES

All matches are to be played off red tees. All matches to be played to a finish until an overall result has been obtained. There are no halved matches. However, a match "called in" is recorded as a half. If a match continues down the 19th, 20th etc. the exact same shots apply as per first 18 holes played, inclusive of the courtesy shot adjustment where applicable.

8. HOME & AWAY LEGS

For round 1 the team on top of the draw shall have the choice of venue for the first of the two legs. The result will be based on the cumulative total of match wins from the two fixtures. If the overall result produces a draw, the result will be decided that day by a sudden death playoff, commencing on the 1st hole. Each Team Manager shall nominate anyone of the said pairings for the play off. Stroke Allowance will apply.

9. HOME & AWAY STATUS

Home and away status for teams progressing from round 1 and any subsequent rounds will be confirmed on the Woodenbridge G.C. website in the draw section once all results are received.

10. TEAM MANAGERS

If a Team Manager is a player, she should appoint a Substitute Manager who may give advice. (Rule 24.4).

11. BUGGIES

Buggies are only permitted with appropriate medical certificate and are subject to availability.

12. POSTPONEMENTS

All matches must be played by the date specified, no extensions can be permitted. Matches not played shall be scratched, unless one of the clubs has received a walkover.

13. RESULTS

Results of the matches must be communicated by the winning team within two days of the match.

Contact Woodenbridge Golf Club:

- Tel. 0402 35202 ext. 3 (from ROI).
- From Northern Ireland 00353 402 35202
- Email: admin@woodenbridge.ie

14. DISPUTES

Good sportsmanship should be evident, if a dispute arises we encourage managers to settle at the time of the match. 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.

15. FINALS

The Provincial Champions shall play the All-Ireland Semi-Finals and Finals at Woodenbridge Golf Club on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th of September 2025.

16. PRACTICE ROUNDS

Course facilities to be provided to opponents for a practice round without charge for a maximum of 14 players.

NOTE: MEALS/DRINKS

Each team shall be responsible for the cost of their own after match refreshments.



MARY MCKENNA MBE

Mary McKenna, MBE is the patron of this prestigious All-Ireland Senior Club Championship for women over 60 years of age. Mary McKenna is arguably Ireland's greatest ever female golfer and was awarded an MBE (member of the British Empire) for her services to golf by British Ambassador, Dominick Chillcott, in June 2012. The winner of twelve domestic championships and a member of nine consecutive Curtis Cup teams, Mary, who began her career in 1968, also captained the Curtis Cup team on two occasions. Mary McKenna's fantastic achievements include Irish Close Champion 1969, 1972, 1977, 1979, 1981, 1982, 1989 and ILGU Golfer of the Year 1982, 1989, 1990, 1991. Woodenbridge Golf Club are honored to have Mary McKenna, MBE as the competitions patron. Over the entire weekend she attends to welcome the teams, make lots of new friends and present the prizes to the winning teams. The presence of our wonderful golfing legend is always appreciated by all participants.

The core founding value of the Mary McKenna Diamond Trophy is the coming together of all players after every match, this is really important to our Patron Mary McKenna, MBE. The competition was launched in 2014 and has gone from strength to strength and is now the most popular competition for Senior lady golfers. Last year 89 teams entered the Mary McKenna Diamond Trophy.

We wish to express our appreciation to our major sponsor again this year Nurse On Call. Nurse On Call has over 500 client Hospital/Organisations on their books and provide Nurses and Carers country wide. We also acknowledge and thank Woodenbridge Hotel and Lodge, Cassidy Wines who have been supporting this competition for the last 9 years.

MARY MCKENNA DIAMOND TROPHY ROLL OF HONOUR

YEAR	WINNER	RUNNER UP	3 RD PLACE	4 TH PLACE
2024	Portumna Golf Club Connaught	The K Club Leinster	East Cork Golf Club Munster	Enniskillen Golf Club Ulster
2023	Powerscourt Golf Club Leinster	Athenry Golf Club Connaught	Tramore Golf Club Munster	Malone Golf Club Ulster
2022	Portumna Golf Club Connaught	Donabate Golf Club Leinster	Cahir Park Golf Club Munster	Banbridge Golf Club Ulster
2019	Newlands Golf Club Leinster	Co Sligo Golf Club Connaught	Tralee Golf Club Munster	Malone Golf Club Ulster
2018	Slade Valley Golf Club Leinster	Ballinrobe Golf Club Connaught	Malone Golf Club Ulster	East Clare Golf Club Munster
2017	Royal Tara Golf Club Leinster	Belvoir Park Golf Club Ulster	Tuam Golf Club Connaught	Thurles Golf Club Munster
2016	Slade Valley Golf Club Leinster	Belvoir Park Golf Club Ulster	Clonmel Golf Club Munster	Tuam Golf Club Connaught
2015	Woodenbridge Golf Club Leinster	Malone Golf Club Ulster	Roscommon Golf Club Connaught	Cahir Park Golf Club Munster