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President’s Message

My first year as President of the Irish Ladies Golf Union has flown with much fun and enjoyment!

I have travelled the length and breadth of Ireland and would wish to thank the many Clubs I visited for their warm welcome and generous hospitality, and for their willingness to host our Championships and Tournaments. The selfless contribution given by their Members and Officials made the events so successful and memorable for those who took part.

May I once again thank, and say how much we appreciate, the continuing generous support of our Sponsors AIG and Revive Active and that I look forward to meeting their representatives again.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank most sincerely the Members of the Board, its Sub-Committees, and the Staff at Furze Road whose hard work, loyalty and combined contribution is so essential to the successful running of the Irish Ladies Golf Union.

As we, together, look forward with excitement and anticipation to – not just another golfing year – but the last year under the banner of the Irish Ladies Golf Union, may we also look back with pride, gratitude, and appreciation of the great contribution made by those who have gone before.

With best wishes to you all. May you enjoy good health and much happiness on the fairways in 2020.

Brigid McCaw
President ILGU
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- Ms K. Keating (2010)
- Mrs B. McCaw (2011)
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- Mrs N. Murphy (2012)
- Ms V. Twomey (2013)
- Mrs A. Usher (2016)
- Mrs C. Dowling (2017)
- Mrs B. McCarrick (2017)
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- Ms R. English (2019)
- Ms A. O’Sullivan (2020)
- Ms P. Martin (2020)

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## IRISH LADIES’ GOLF UNION - FIXTURES 2020

### March

**March**
- **Sat 7** Scratch Cup (36 holes)  
  Carlow
- **Thurs 12 – Fri 13** Irish Colleges Match Play Finals Series  
  Woodbrook
- **Sun 15** Scratch Cup (36 holes)  
  Woodbrook
- **Sat 21** Scratch Cup Mabel Harrison (36 holes)  
  Royal Portrush
- **Fri 27** Schools’ Championship (Ulster)  
  Greenacres
- **Sun 29** Scratch Cup (36 holes)  
  Royal Co. Down

### April

**April**
- **Fri 3 – Sun 5** Irish Girls’ Open Stroke Play Championship (U18)  
  Roganstown
- **Tues 7 – Thurs 9** Munster Championship (Women’s & Girls)  
  Tralee
- **Thurs 9** Ulster Adult/Girls Foursomes  
  Holywood
- **Wed 15 – Fri 17** Ulster Championship (Women’s & Girls)  
  Massereene
- **Sat 25** Scratch Cup Vaughan Trophy (36 holes)  
  Lahinch
- **Mon 27** Irish Schools’ Final  
  Milltown

### May

**May**
- **Sun 3** Scratch Cup (36 holes)  
  Hermitage
- **Fri 8 – Sun 10** Irish Women’s Open Stroke Play  
  Co. Louth
- **Wed 13** ILGU Silver & Bronze Medal Finals  
  Headfort (Old & New)
- **Sat 16 – Sun 17** Senior Cup (Connacht)  
  Athenry
- **Sat 16 – Sun 17** Senior Cup (East Leinster)  
  Black Bush
- **Sat 16 – Sun 17** Senior Cup (Mid Leinster)  
  Royal Curragh
- **Sat 16 – Sun 17** Senior Cup (Munster)  
  Muskerry
- **Sat 16 – Sun 17** Senior Cup (Ulster)  
  Bangor
- **Sat 23** Scratch Cup (36 holes)  
  Ballybunion
- **Mon 25 – Tues 26** Ulster Amateur Stroke Play Championship  
  Galgorm & Massereene

### June

**June**
- **Thurs 4 – Sun 7** Irish Women’s Close Amateur Championship  
  Royal Co. Down
- **Fri 12** 9-Hole Challenge – Southern Region  
  Tipperary
- **Fri 12** 9-Hole Challenge – Western Region  
  Tubbercurry
- **Mon 15** Munster Senior Women’s (over 50’s)  
  Macroon
- **Mon 22** Australian Spoons (East Leinster)  
  Killeen & Roganstown
- **Thurs 25 – Fri 26** Connacht Women’s & Girls’ Championships  
  Westport
- **Fri 26** Team of 3 (Mid Leinster)  
  Kilkea Castle
- **Sun 28** Scratch Cup Zara Bolton (36 Hole)  
  Royal Portrush (Dunluce)
- **Tues 30 – Thurs 2** Leinster Girls’ Championship  
  Woodbrook
- **Tues 30 – Fri 3** Irish Senior Women’s Close Amateur Championship  
  Malone

### July

**July**
- **Fri 3 – Sun 5** Arnold Palmer Cup  
  Lahinch
- **Mon 6** Ria Kenny Girls (East Leinster)  
  Elm Park
- **Mon 6** Australian Spoons (Mid Leinster)  
  Kilkenny
- **Mon 6** Peggy Nelson (Ulster)  
  Dunmurry
- **Tues 7 – Thurs 9** Women’s & Girls’ Interprovincial Matches  
  Slieve Russell
- **Wed 15 – Fri 17** Irish Girls’ Close Amateur Championship  
  Strandhill
- **Wed 15** Australian Spoons (Munster)  
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RESPONSIBILITIES OF CLUB HONORARY SECRETARIES
HANDICAP SECRETARIES
COMPETITION SECRETARIES AND COMMITTEES

NOTE

Clubs MUST maintain an accurate list of members (including juniors, on Golfnet as per Bye-Law 2.1.11) entitled to play golf on the course.

Update details by logging onto www.golfnet.ie using your club official’s number and password.
1. RESPONSIBILITIES

1.1 It is the primary responsibility of an Honorary Secretary to:

1.1.1 Be conversant with the Rules of Golf as published by the R&A.
1.1.2 Ensure that the CONGU® Unified Handicapping System (hereafter UHS) is correctly applied in her Club.
1.1.3 Deal promptly with notices sent out by the ILGU.
1.1.4 Prominently display posters etc. in the Clubhouse.
1.1.5 Ensure Club Officers’ details are updated accurately on Golfnet immediately following Club AGM.
1.1.6 Ensure that all members entitled to play golf on the course are registered on Golfnet.
1.1.7 Ensure that the ILGU Head Office is notified of all permanent changes to courses.
1.1.8 Ensure that Club Open Fixtures are updated on Golfnet.

1.2 It is the responsibility of the Ladies’ Committee to help the Honorary Secretary in seeing that these Rules and Regulations are adhered to by the members.

2. ALTERNATE DAY

2.1 For those Clubs which have members who cannot play on the Main Competition Day, the Committee may arrange up to 2 Alternate Days for all or some competitions, complying with the Rules of Golf. Players may enter on only one Alternate Day.

2.2 The following are guidelines for a Committee to enable as many members as possible to play in competitions:

a) The Alternate Day/Days should, if possible, be arranged on a date prior to the Main Day so that the competition is closed at the end of the Main Day;

b) The CSS must be calculated for each day for 18 hole Qualifying Competitions.

2.3 Winner Main Day/Alternate Day: If the Main Day is cancelled and cannot be rearranged, the player/players with the best Net score/scores on the Alternate Day, are the winners of that competition. Similarly, if the Alternate Day is cancelled, the Main Day result stands.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MAY ANY PLAYER PLAY MORE THAN ONCE IN ANY ONE QUALIFYING COMPETITION.

3. ALTERNATE STARTING PLACES

It is in order for ILGU purposes for Clubs to have alternate starting places, provided that the rule is made by the Club Committee and that a notice is posted stating when this is permitted.

4. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

4.1 Convene and hold an Annual General Meeting in accordance with the Rules of the Club.
4.2 Elect a Committee consisting of approximately 6 - 9 elected members, (depending on size of Club), suggest a three year term of office (one third of Committee to retire by rotation) and comprising of at least three of the following officers:

a) Lady Captain;
b) Vice-Captain;
c) Honorary Secretary;
d) Handicap Secretary/Committee;
e) Tournament Secretary.

4.3 Proposals for alteration to your Terms of Competition should not be accepted for voting at an AGM. Committee Procedures 5A places the responsibility with the Club Committee. Such items however should be discussed under ‘Any Other Business’ when a ‘show of hands’ should be used as an indication of the general feeling of the Meeting.

4.4 Only alterations to the Club Constitution or Bye-Laws should be accepted for inclusion on an Agenda as proposals.

5. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS OF DISTRICT/COMPANY**

5.1 Ensure that the business contained in the Agenda for General Meetings of the Company and the District is discussed by the Committee.

5.2 Ensure that any proposal on the Agenda for General Meetings of the Company and the District is considered at a Committee meeting and the Club delegate is instructed how to vote.

5.3 Clubs are entitled to send TWO DELEGATES to the AGM or EGM of the ILGU or the District.

6. **ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION**

Honorary Secretary - Ensure that the Annual Subscription has been paid to the ILGU Office for every female home member (including juniors) entitled to play golf on the course. These subscriptions are due on 1st June each year.

7. **CHANGE OF OFFICERS**

Any change of Honorary Secretary during the year shall be updated immediately on Golfnet and emailed to the Honorary Secretary of the District.

8. **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

8.1 Regular Committee Meetings should be held at which accurate minutes having been agreed should be signed by the Lady Captain/Chairman. The Honorary Secretary should present an Agenda for each meeting.

8.2 The Honorary Secretary must bring all correspondence to Committee Meetings.

8.3 A Lady Captain or Honorary Secretary is not entitled to make any decision, individually or jointly, unless so authorised by the Committee.

8.4 A Committee must respect the confidentiality of the Meeting,

8.5 The allotment of duties of Club Officers is decided by individual clubs.

9. **COMPETITIONS**

The Honorary Secretary/Competition Secretary must see that the competition book, prepared sheet or time sheet is in a prominent place and arrangements (manual or online) are in place for accepting entries and fees. It is the responsibility of the player to see that she has entered the competition in accordance with the method of entry laid down by the Committee and that she has paid her entry fee, if required.
10. TERMS OF COMPETITION

It is the duty of the Committee of an affiliated club to organise competitions for all playing members. The Committee must establish the terms under which a competition is to be played and publish them in advance of the competition (Committee Procedures 5A). The Committee has no power to waive a Rule of Golf. When certain terms have been agreed by the Committee to cover their entry requirements for all competitions, these should be displayed on a permanent notice so that there can be no misunderstanding. It is strongly recommended that Terms of Competition should include the appropriate rule numbers or penalties where applicable.

a) Entry Fee, if required, which must be paid before play commences.
b) Format of competition.
c) Eligibility to play.
d) Handicap stroke allowance.
e) Times of starting and groups. When the Committee allows players to set their own starting time, it has the same status as a starting time set by the Committee.
f) Starting places.
g) Teeing areas to be used.
h) Number of competitors which shall constitute eligibility for prize purposes.
i) Prize structure; net and gross prizes should be clearly displayed.
j) Decision of Ties and Tied Matches.
k) Procedure to be adopted if a suspension of play becomes necessary.
l) Transportation Policy.
m) Include the appropriate rule numbers or penalties where applicable.

For method of entry please see Section 4 Competitions page 24.

11. RESOLVING ISSUES – REFER TO BYE-LAW 61 AND CHECK GENERIC TOURNAMENT TERMS NO. 5

12. DRAWS - AUTOMATIC + AUTOMATIC DRAW TABLE

12.1 When qualifying rounds are held to determine the players who shall take part in the ensuing match play, then the draw for the match is carried out according to the automatic draw and the number given to each qualifier is determined by the score returned, e.g. the lowest score returned will be No. 1; the second No. 2, etc.

12.2 The numerical placings for the automatic draw for 64 players are shown in the first column, 32 in the second column, 16 in the third and 8 in the fourth.
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### 13. DRAWS – UNEVEN + EXAMPLE 1 & 2

#### 13.1 Where a qualifying round is not held and where the number of entries is not to the power of 2 (i.e. 4, 8, 16, 32, 64 etc.), some players will receive a ‘bye’ into the second round.

#### 13.2 The draw may then be done as follows:

13.2.1 First subtract the number of entries from the nearest (higher) power of 2. The remainder will receive a ‘bye’. The ‘byes’ should be placed equally at the top and bottom of the second round, or, if an uneven number, the greater number at the top.

13.2.2 The players who have not received a ‘bye’ should then be placed in pairs in the centre of the first column (Round 1).

13.2.2.1 Example 1. There are 27 entries. Deduct 27 from 32 (the next higher power of
2) and the remainder is 5. These five players are placed in the second round, 3 at the top and 2 at the bottom. The remaining players, 6-27, are then placed in pairs in the first round.

Example 2. There are 19 entries. Deduct 19 from 32 and the remainder is 13. These thirteen players are placed in the second round, 7 at the top and 6 at the bottom. The remaining players 14-19, are then placed in pairs in the first round.

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14. HANDICAP LIMITS/ALLOWANCES

14.1 An overall handicap limit for prizes or for entry in a particular competition may be fixed by a Club Committee. The player must record her full handicap on the card and the Committee must apply the handicap limit of the day.

14.2 The reference to handicaps in all cases refers to Playing Handicaps. Strokes to be taken according to the Handicap Stroke Index: see Regulation 4, Generic Tournament Regulations.
Greensome Handicap = lower hcp x 0.6 + higher hcp x 0.4

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Example 1: Player A (hcp 6) and Player B (hcp 28) receive 15 strokes (3.6 + 11.2 = 14.8)

Example 2: Player A (hcp +4) i.e. better than scratch and Player B (hcp 8) receive 1 stroke
(-4 x .6 + 8 x .4 = -2.4 + 3.2 = 0.8)

15. **ILGU HANDBOOK AND RULES OF GOLF**

15.1 The current copies of the ILGU Handbook and R&A Rules of Golf should always be available for the use of members. A complimentary copy of the ILGU Handbook is sent to all affiliated clubs after each publication and additional copies may be obtained from the ILGU Office at the appropriate price.

15.2 Each Club must purchase the official Guide to the Rules of Golf which includes Committee Procedures and Interpretations, which is available from the R&A, the ILGU Office and in book shops. See Model Local Rules on the R&A website.

16. **ILGU OFFICIAL COMPETITIONS**

16.1 The Honorary Secretary must apply to the ILGU head office for the ILGU Spoon, ILGU Silver and Bronze Medals on the appropriate form between September of current year and January in following year. Forms may be downloaded from the Document Vault on www.golfnet.ie and/or under More/About Us.

16.2 Consult the Tournament Regulations for running ILGU Silver Spoon / Silver and Bronze Medals and Australian Spoons Competitions.

16.3 Where Competitions which necessitate a Qualifying round in your Club, such qualifying round/s must be played in the same format as the final.

16.4 Encourage qualified members (i.e. those within the correct Handicap Categories) and especially juniors to play in National and District Championships and Competitions.
17. INTEGRATION OF NEW MEMBERS AND BEGINNERS

17.1 Organise a meeting for New Members and Beginners to explain Club Administration, Etiquette and Rules etc. Encourage existing members to play with new members, beginners and junior members.

17.2 Appoint a Junior Convenor who is part of the Ladies’ Committee to look after Junior Girls’ Golf.

17.3 Organise junior competitions.

17.4 Permit junior members to play in weekly competitions.

17.5 Encourage junior members to play in National and District Open junior competitions and ILGU junior competitions.

For further information on Juniors, please see the Girls’ U18 Policy Document in the Junior Section of this Handbook (page 71).

18. LIMIT OF PRIZES

The maximum retail value of any prize must comply with the Rules set out in the R&A Rules of Amateur Status.

19. NEW MEMBERS JOINING THE CLUB

When a new member joins a club the Honorary Handicap Secretary must ascertain:-

19.1 If the member holds or has held a handicap issued by any Handicap Authority and if she has any ‘live’ scores.

19.2 If the member holds membership of another club, establish the other Golfnet numbers and which club is the Home Club.

19.3 If she has or has had a Pitch and Putt Union of Ireland handicap, the new member must be asked to produce evidence and particulars of any previous handicap and of any golf or other sport experience. This evidence may be used to adjust her CONGU handicap.

19.4 A new member without a handicap must be asked to return scores in accordance with the CONGU UHS clause 16.2.

20. OPEN DAYS

In the case of Open Days, the Honorary Secretary must return results with the minimum delay via Golfnet or by mail to the players’ Home Clubs.

For eligibility to play in club open day competitions refer to Bye-Law 59.

21. R&A RULES OF GOLF AND AMATEUR STATUS

Please note in particular the following excerpt from R&A Amateur Status Rules:

a) Definition of an Amateur Golfer: The Definition states that an “amateur golfer”, regardless of whether she plays competitively or recreationally, is one who plays golf for the challenge it presents, not as a profession and not for financial gain.

b) The “Retail Value” of a prize is the price at which the prize is generally available from a retail source at the time of the award.

c) A “prize voucher” is a voucher, gift certificate, gift card, or the like approved by the Committee in charge of a competition for the purchase of goods or services from a professional’s shop, a golf club or other retail source.

22. STROKE INDEX

Refer to Handicap Stroke Index advice in the CONGU UHS Online Manual.
ADVICE TO HANDICAP COMMITTEES

Please note the printed CONGU® UHS 2016-2018 Manual is now obsolete and all copies should be discarded. It is recommended that clubs make a downloaded copy of the current CONGU UHS Online Manual available for use by the Committee and members.

N.B. The CONGU Handicapping System will be replaced by the World Handicap System (WHS) on 2nd November 2020. All guidelines will be reviewed and further advice issued to all Golf Clubs in good time prior to that date.

1. **ALLOTMENT OF HANDICAP**

1.1 Decide what terms apply when a member wishes to obtain a handicap, as per CONGU Clause 16. (A minimum of 54 holes or combinations of 9 and 18 hole cards, signed by a responsible person acceptable to the Handicap Committee).

1.2 Check ‘Responsibilities and Discretions’ (CONGU 16.3) when allotting handicaps.

1.3 If a first handicap is being allotted, establish the member’s sporting history, e.g. pitch and putt, hockey, camogie, etc. No handicap should be allotted automatically.

1.4 If a member is re-instating her handicap, ensure that her previous handicap is taken into consideration before allotting a new one.

1.5 Ensure that if a player has changed her category from ‘playing’ to ‘non-playing’ (e.g. on ‘Leave of Absence’ for more than twelve months) or has ceased to be a member of an affiliated Club, a new handicap will be allotted as per CONGU Clause 16. If the player returns to membership within the twelve months, then her original handicap applies.

1.6 If a player has ceased to be a member of your Club, she should be deactivated on Golfnet and every effort made to recover her swipe card. The Club must ensure that a copy of the player’s handicap record will/can be provided on request, as per CONGU Clause 6.11 and for a longer period if possible.

2. **ANNUAL HANDICAP REVIEW**

2.1 Success in club, inter-club and match play/team and society competitions must be regarded as notable performances and taken into consideration.

**Note:** Handicap adjustments for success in ILGU District finals and National semi-finals and finals are decided by the ILGU National Handicap Committee but clubs are not precluded from considering other notable performances by these players. Cuts imposed by the ILGU must be implemented as soon as possible and before the AHR is run.

2.2 Consideration should also be given to adjustments made by previous Handicap Committees.

2.3 Determine handicap accuracy based on player’s performance in non-qualifying competitions and her handicap adjustments already made in Qualifying Competitions. Consider scores returned when player’s handicap is not adjusted due to reduction only CSS or 1 shot limit 1SL.

2.4 Increase and decrease handicaps as appropriate. (Approval of ILGU Advisor is required for all increases and Category 1 decreases).

2.5 Consider handicap increases based on player’s request.

2.6 Complete Annual Handicap Review documentation and return to your ILGU Advisor. (This is a very important process in the monitoring of handicaps in your Club, both from the members point of view and for the ILGU).

2.7 On approval, advise individual players of any adjustments which come into effect no later than 31st December (All players must be notified of handicap changes before processing and all documentation must be retained).
2.8 Complete End of Year procedure.

3. CATEGORY 1 PLAYERS

3.1 Identify your Category 1 players.

3.2 Alert them to the importance of reporting all National and International scores, including CSS/CBA, if available and recording results in the ‘Away’ Book.

3.3 Contact your ILGU Advisor regarding the allocation of a Category 1 handicap.

3.4 Handicap adjustments or recommendations for adjustment to Category 1 players, or players who become Category 1 due to any adjustments, must be referred to your ILGU Advisor.

3.5 All players, including Overseas, with handicaps 3.4 or less should submit scores from outside the CONGU jurisdiction to The National Handicap Committee by September 30th at the latest, for possible year-end adjustment.

4. COMPETITIONS

4.1 Ensure that players are aware of the method required to indicate their intention to play, either by signing a book or by computer. (A player who fails to enter a qualifying competition in the required manner, apart from Entry Fee, is deemed to have neither a score for the competition nor a score for handicap purposes)

4.2 All 18 hole and as many as possible 9 hole singles competitions should be Qualifying, providing Competition Play Conditions prevail.

4.3 Ensure that a sufficient number of Qualifying Competitions are run so that members’ handicaps will be adjusted to their ability through play.

4.4 If a competition is not “run” by your Club Handicap Committee, and your system is used for entries and ascertaining prize winners, make sure that it is setup as non-qualifying. “Swap Days” with neighbouring Clubs may be run as Qualifying Competitions.

4.5 The full handicap must be recorded on scorecards in all forms of competition.

4.6 All scores returned in a competition set up as Qualifying must be recorded for handicap purposes irrespective of whether or not there are sufficient number of entries for prize purposes and must not be deleted or treated as abandoned. Guidance on whether to cancel a round is given in the Committee Procedures Section 6E(4).

4.7 The scores of a player who has failed to pay the required Entry Fee still count for handicap purposes and must be recorded.

4.8 Advise all competitors to use Home Club swipe cards for all Qualifying Competitions (both Home & Away).

4.9 Visitor verification in Golfnet should be used by the Club on Open Days to assist in identifying unknown visitors playing in the competition.

4.10 9 hole Qualifying Competitions have a number of specific requirements, full details of which are contained in Clause 22 of the CONGU Online Manual.

4.10.1 Clubs may conduct 9 hole Qualifying Competitions over a designated 9 hole course for which an SSS has been allocated by the Union.

4.10.2 9 hole Qualifying Competitions may be Stroke or Stableford but all scores will appear as Stableford on the player’s handicap record.

4.10.3 The player must ensure that her EXACT handicap is used to calculate the competition playing handicap allowance when playing at her away club or in an Open 9 hole competition.

4.10.4 The 9 hole handicap allowance must be calculated as shown in clause 22.3 of the UHS Online Manual and handicap strokes taken according to the stroke index for the designated course.
4.10.5 No CSS is calculated.
4.10.6 If 18 hole and 9 hole Qualifying Competitions are run on the same day, players must choose which competition they wish to enter.
4.10.7 A 9 hole Qualifying Competition may not be played as part of an 18-hole competition.

5. **ON COMPLETION OF COMPETITION**

5.1 Ensure that all cards are recorded, including NRs, before calculating CSS.
5.2 Display Competition Standard Scratch and list all alterations to playing Handicaps of members. Process all ‘Away’ scores. (This should be done frequently throughout the year; particularly during the playing season).
5.3 Check and process ‘Unprocessed Away Scores’ frequently throughout the year.
5.4 Check that ‘Away’ scores are not duplicated if entered manually. Only in exceptional circumstances and with concrete evidence (such as a card) should they be entered manually.
5.5 Display new Club handicap list. (Note: handicap increases are not valid until they are posted).
5.6 Upload handicap records to Golfnet as soon as possible after each Competition.

6. **COMPUTER SOFTWARE**

6.1 Ensure that the software used to maintain computerised handicap records is provided by an Independent Software Vendor currently licensed by CONGU (list available on CONGU website).
6.2 Ensure that you are using the latest version of the software.
6.3 Have contact details for the software support personnel.

7. **COURSE**

7.1 Have a measured course and a Standard Scratch Score in accordance with Clause 9 of CONGU Regulations.
7.2 Have a current Certificate of Course measurement on file and provide a copy to the ILGU.
7.3 Submit a “Notification of Changes to Course Length” form to the ILGU Head Office for all permanent course changes. This form may be downloaded from the Document Vault on www.golfnet.ie and/or under More/About Us.
7.4 Apply to ILGU Head Office for issuance of a Standard Scratch Score for a 9 hole course as required for 9 hole Qualifying Competitions.
7.5 If the playing length of the course has been increased or reduced temporarily by between 100 and 300 yards the SSS must be increased or reduced by one shot and notify the ILGU Advisor.
7.6 If there are more than two temporary greens or the playing length of the course has been increased or reduced by more than 300 yards the club must contact the ILGU Advisor.
7.7 The club must notify the ILGU Advisor when the course has been restored to its full playing length and the official Standard Scratch Score re-instated.
7.8 The adoption of preferred lies can allow Qualifying Competitions to be run under acceptable playing conditions. Clubs should, whenever practicable, play competitions as Qualifying Competitions during the preferred lie period. If winter rules are in operation they must comply with R&A Rules Ltd Committee Procedures E-2 and E-3. Please note Committee Procedures E-2 allows players to clean the ball in the general area. It is expected that the use of preferred lies outside of the preferred lies period would only be used in extreme circumstances.

The preferred lies period extends from November 1st to April 30th.
8. **OVERSEAS SCORES**

8.1 Ensure all scores, including CSS, recorded within the CONGU jurisdiction, are returned to the “Home” club promptly for immediate handicap adjustment as appropriate.

8.2 Scores recorded outside the CONGU jurisdiction must also be returned to the ‘Home’ Club but may not be used to directly adjust handicaps unless the competition has been approved as a qualifying competition by the ILGU and a CSS or its equivalent has been calculated. These scores should be recorded by the Handicap Committee and may be used in support of a Clause 23 General Play or Annual Review revision.

9. **GENERAL PLAY ADJUSTMENTS**

9.1 Handicaps may be reduced during the year due to exceptional circumstances without application to the ILGU Advisor, but application to the ILGU Advisor must be made for increases.

9.2 Circumstances that may be regarded as ‘exceptional’ include:

9.2.1 Impaired golfing ability resulting from extended illness or injury.

9.2.2 The need to correct a handicap that was allocated at an inappropriate level.

9.2.3 The return of a series of good scores in Qualifying Competitions, within a short time frame by a hitherto infrequent competitor.

9.2.4 A number of good playing performances, probably three or more, in Non-Qualifying Competitions by a player who otherwise may not participate with any regularity in Qualifying Competitions. Examples of Non-Qualifying Competitions may include Mixed Foursomes.

9.2.5 Four-Balls etc. For society/non-qualifying scores see CONGU Clause 17.3/1.

9.2.6 Player’s handicap continually not adjusted due to reduction only CSS/1SL.

9.2.7 Player’s handicap continually adjusted due to incomplete scores.

10. **HANDICAP COMMITTEE**

10.1 Appoint a Handicap Secretary who chairs the Handicap Committee.

10.2 Have a minimum of 3 persons on Committee, the majority of whom must be Club members.

10.3 Have a good working knowledge of CONGU & WHS regulations.

10.4 Have contact details for your ILGU Advisor.

10.5 Use current ILGU guidelines only.

10.6 Encourage new members to join the Committee and establish a rota for membership.

10.7 Meet regularly or as required.

10.8 Review all non-qualifying and Society Scores in accordance with the provisions of Clause 23b. Establish a disciplinary procedure for players who persistently fail to return non-qualifying ‘Away’ scores.

10.9 Establish a disciplinary procedure for players who persistently fail to return their score card in Qualifying Competitions.

10.10 Ensure that the Appeals Procedure is readily available to members.

10.11 Retain all handicap records in accordance with CONGU 6.11.

10.12 Carry out handicap responsibilities in accordance with CONGU 7.

10.13 Members must have only one Home Club. Ensure the membership status of all members is correctly recorded on Golfnet, particularly with regard to ‘Home and Away’ membership.

10.14 Ensure that ALL members (including juniors) entitled to play golf on the course, irrespective of handicap status, are registered on Golfnet.
11. HANDICAP DOCUMENTATION

11.1 Display a full list of current playing and exact handicaps for all members in the ladies’ locker room.

11.2 Display how a handicap may be obtained.

11.3 Provide a book for players to record all Away and non-qualifying scores (including society scores, team events and match play competitions).

11.4 Provide a book to record Supplementary Scores.

11.5 Provide a handicap certificate on request.

11.6 When a player changes her Home Club, send a copy of her current handicap record sheet to her new Club, OR, if transferring to your club, apply to ILGU Head Office to have her Handicap Records transferred on Golfnet and, if necessary, request a copy from her old Club for your records.

REMINDER

Ultimately, it is the Player who is responsible for the accuracy of her own handicap, and ensuring that she is playing off the correct handicap at any given time. Players should be made aware of their responsibilities, pursuant to CONGU 8, particularly regarding immediate effectiveness of any decreases in handicap.

GUIDELINES ON ANNUAL HANDICAP REVIEW REPORT (COMPUTERISED)

1st January – 31st December 2020

The purpose of Annual Handicap Reviews is that handicaps are regulated at each Home Club so that they reflect players’ relative playing ability in qualifying and non-qualifying competitions. Uniformity in handicapping is only achieved by all Handicap Committees applying the same principles sensibly and consistently.

Affiliated Clubs are required to carry out an Annual Review of the handicaps of all Home Members. The Handicap Committee must adjust her handicap to an appropriate figure when they consider that it is too high, or too low, and does not reflect potential playing ability.

NOTE: All handicap adjustments become effective once players have been notified and they are entered in the Club software. All AHR adjustments must be made no later than 31st December 2020.
ILGU HANDICAP APPEALS PROCEDURE

N.B. The CONGU Handicapping System will be replaced by the World Handicap System (WHS) on 2nd November 2020. All procedures will be reviewed and issued to all Golf Clubs in good time prior to that date.

1. HANDICAP ADJUSTMENTS BY HOME CLUB

Where the handicap of a member of an Affiliated Club (hereinafter referred to as “member”) has been adjusted under Clause 23 of the CONGU® Handicapping System (hereinafter referred to as “UHS”), she may appeal the decision. Prior to the initiation of any procedure, the parties should familiarise themselves with Clauses 6, 7 and 8 of the “UHS”.

1.1 Procedure
The Irish Ladies’ Golf Union recommends the following procedure to be made available to a “member” dissatisfied with the determination made by the Club towards her pursuant to Clause 23 of the “UHS”.

a) If the “member” is dissatisfied with any handicap adjustment made by the Handicap Committee of her Home Club, she should in the first instance notify the Handicap Committee and request that they would issue her with the reasons for the adjustment. She may then request the Handicap Committee to reconsider the decision and may make such representations, in writing, as she sees fit.

b) If this does not resolve the matter the “member” may bring the matter to her Ladies’ Club Committee by lodging an appeal with the Honorary Secretary (see 1.2 below for Appeal Procedure at Club level)

c) If the “member” remains dissatisfied, she may appeal in writing to the District Handicap Advisor of her Area Authority (District) within 28 days of receiving notification of the initial decision (see 1.3 below for Appeal Procedure at District Level).

d) The Area Authority (District) will, at this point, request a report in writing on the matter from the Ladies’ Club Committee.

e) The decision of the Area Authority will be final and will be communicated forthwith to the National Handicapping Committee.

1.2 Appeal to the Home Club

a) Any “member” wishing to appeal against a handicap adjustment made by the Home Club pursuant to Clause 23 of the “UHS” must lodge her appeal in writing within 14 days of the adjustment, setting out the grounds of her appeal with the Honorary Secretary of the Home Club (Ladies’ Club).

b) On receipt of a written appeal, the Ladies’ Club Committee shall appoint an Appeal Committee of at least three in number who can be fairly said to have no conflict of interest in the matter. The Appeal Committee must be competent in Handicapping Affairs and must have primary regard at all times to the “UHS”.

c) Any handicap adjustment made by the Home Club will stand pending the outcome of the appeal.

d) The Appeal Committee shall, in as timely a manner as possible, adjudicate upon the matter taking into consideration the written evidence from the appellant and from the Handicapping Committee, and shall seek such further evidence, written or oral, as it thinks fit.

e) The Appeal Committee may uphold, amend or rescind the decision of the Handicapping Committee having due regard to the “UHS”.

f) The Appeal Committee shall communicate its decision to the appellant within 14 days of its decision.
1.3 **Appeal to the Area Authority (District)**

a) Any “member” who, having appealed against a handicap adjustment made by the Home Club pursuant to Clause 23 of the “UHS” and, having had such appeal heard wishes to further appeal the decision, must lodge her appeal in writing, setting out the grounds of her appeal, with the District Handicap Advisor of her Area Authority (District).

b) The Area Authority shall appoint an Appeal Committee of at least three who can be fairly said to have no conflict of interest in the matter. The Appeal Committee must include a nominee from a panel appointed for such purpose by the National Handicapping Committee of the Union. This nominee must not be a member of the District Executive in the District where the issue has arisen and shall Chair the proceedings.

c) Any handicap adjustment made by the Home Club as per the determination of the Club’s Appeal Committee shall stand pending the outcome of the second appeal.

d) The Appeal Committee shall, in as timely a manner as possible, adjudicate upon the matter taking into consideration the written evidence from the appellant and from the Handicapping/Ladies’ Committee(s), and shall seek such further evidence, written or oral, as it thinks fit.

e) The Appeal Committee may uphold, amend or rescind the decision of the Ladies’ Club having due regard to the “UHS”.

f) The determination of the Appeal Committee shall be final, and shall be communicated forthwith to the appellant and to the National Handicapping Committee for the purpose of the establishing of an evolving case law.

g) Any appellant who remains dissatisfied at the completion of this procedure may appeal exclusively by referral to Just Sport Ireland, within 14 days from receipt of such decision, for final and binding arbitration in accordance with the Just Sport Ireland Arbitration Rules.

2. **HANDICAP ADJUSTMENTS BY IRISH LADIES’ GOLF UNION**

Where the handicap of a “member” has been adjusted by direction of the Irish Ladies’ Golf Union following the District and/or National Matchplay competitions, she may appeal the decision through her Home Club as part of the Annual Handicap Review. Any amendments must be approved by the District Handicap Advisor.

3. **HANDICAP SUSPENSIONS BY HOME CLUB**

Where the handicap of a “member” of an Affiliated Club has been suspended under Clause 24 of the “UHS”, she may appeal the decision. Prior to initiation of any procedure the parties should familiarise themselves with Clauses 6, 7 and 8 of the “UHS”.

3.1 **Suspension of Handicap**

The Union directs that all disciplinary matters pursuant to Clause 24 of the “UHS” will be heard by the Club, who alone shall have the authority to suspend the handicap of a “member” under that Clause. In dealing with such disciplinary matters, the Home Club must have regard to the following points:

a) The principles of natural justice must always apply when handing down a sanction of suspension.

b) The rules relating to Handicap Suspensions are set out principally in Clause 24 of the Unified Handicapping System. Where a “member” has persistently or blatantly failed to comply with the obligations and responsibilities of the “UHS” or where a serious breach of the Rules of Golf and Amateur Status has occurred, her handicap may be suspended.

c) Clubs must put in place a process whereby minor infractions are dealt with by way of oral or written warnings. Suspension of handicaps should only arise where there have been repeated breaches or where there is a single serious breach.
d) Where a Handicap Committee believes that there are sufficient grounds to justify a suspension of a player's handicap, it shall make a complaint to the Ladies’ Club Committee who may refer it to the Club Committee/Council who should then appoint a Disciplinary Sub-Committee, who can be fairly said to have no conflict of interest, to investigate and hear the matter. The Disciplinary Sub-Committee shall first decide whether there is a prima facie case in which event they shall notify the “member” that they intend to investigate the matter. In the event that the matter proceeds to such an investigation, the “member” shall be furnished with details of the allegation made against her and shall be afforded an opportunity of stating her own case in writing.

e) The Disciplinary Sub-Committee shall, in a timely manner, adjudicate upon the matter taking into consideration the written evidence from the appellant and from the Ladies’ Club and may seek such further evidence, written or oral, as it thinks fit.

f) The decision of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee shall be made as a recommendation to the Club Committee/Council for their final approval and communicated as soon as possible by the Honorary Secretary of the Club to the “member”.

3.2 Appeal of the Area Authority (District)

a) Any “member” wishing to appeal against a handicap suspension handed down by the Home Club pursuant to Clause 24 of the “UHS”, and related solely to a breach of the Rules of Golf and Amateur Status and/or the “UHS” must lodge her appeal in writing within 14 days of notification of the suspension, with the District Secretary of her Area Authority (District).

b) The Area Authority shall appoint an Appeal Committee of at least three who have no conflict of interest in the matter. The Appeal Committee must include two nominees from the Executive of the Area Authority in question and a further nominee from the Executive of another Area Authority, who shall Chair the proceedings.

c) Any handicap suspension made by the Home Club will be lifted pending the outcome of the appeal.

d) The Appeal Committee shall, in a timely manner as possible, adjudicate upon the matter taking into consideration the written evidence from the appellant and from the Handicapping/Ladies’ Committee(s) and shall seek such further evidence, written or oral, as it thinks fit.

e) The Appeal Committee may uphold, amend or rescind the decision of the Ladies’ Club Committee having due regard to the Rules of Golf & Amateur Status and/or the “UHS” as applicable.

f) The Appeal Committee shall communicate the decision in writing to the appellant within 14 days of its decision.

g) Any appellant who remains dissatisfied at the completion of this procedure may appeal exclusively by referral to Just Sport Ireland, within 14 days from receipt of such decision, for final and binding arbitration in accordance with the Just Sport Ireland Arbitration Rules.

4. Handicap Suspensions by Irish Ladies’ Golf Union or Relevant District

Where a serious breach of the Rules of Golf, Amateur Status or the “UHS” occurs at an event or Championship controlled by the ILGU or one of its Districts, the Union/District (as applicable) reserves the right to suspend the relevant “member’s” handicap.

ILGU Handicap Appeals Procedure – Effective 2018
ILGU GENERIC & NATIONAL TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS AND TERMS
ILGU GENERIC TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

The following Regulations and Terms, with any additions, Local Rules or amendments as published by the Irish Ladies Golf Union Limited (hereafter referred to as ILGU) or National/District Tournament Committee at the golf course, shall apply under the Rules of Golf (Committee Procedures 5C) to all Championships/Tournaments run by the ILGU at National and District Level.

1. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEES

1.1 All Tournaments shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Ltd and the Championship/Tournament Committees.

1.2 NATIONAL COMPETITIONS: The Tournament Committee should include the Chief Executive, Chairman of Rules and the ILGU Tournament Administrator. If a matter arises during an event, the Tournament Committee shall consist of a Board Member, Chief Rules Official and Staff member.

DISTRICT COMPETITIONS: The Tournament Committee shall include District Secretary or Chairman of Tournaments, District Chair of Rules/Chief Rules Official and District Executive Member. The quorum is two, one of whom must be the CRO.

1.3 All members of such Tournament Committees shall have the power to vote.

1.4 The Tournament Committee reserves the right to alter times of starting and pairings.

1.5 The Tournament Committee reserves the right to alter the number and value of prizes.

1.6 The Tournament Committee reserves the right to refuse/withdraw an entry.

1.7 The date and the venue of all Championships/Tournaments shall be determined by the ILGU or the relevant District Committee.

1.8 In the event of adverse conditions, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to alter the Terms of the Championship to achieve a result.

2. NATIONAL AND DISTRICT TROPHIES/PRIZES

2.1 All ILGU trophies are perpetual trophies and must be returned to the ILGU Head Office on or before March 31st in each year. The ILGU Inter-Club Championship Trophies must be returned on or before August 1st in each year. Trophies may not be taken out of Ireland.

2.2 No player may win a gross and a net prize, except a player can win an age group prize in either category, regardless of winning any other trophy or prize.

2.3 District Trophies must be returned to the District Secretary by the date specified in relevant District Championship/Tournament Regulations.

3. ENTRIES – NATIONAL/DISTRICT

3.1 Entry fees shall be determined by the ILGU/District Executive Committee and shall be submitted to the ILGU Head Office/relevant Chairman of Tournaments by the appointed closing date. Late entries will not be accepted. Fees will not be refunded after the closing date has passed.

3.2 Submission of an entry does not guarantee entry in any Championship.

3.3 All entries shall be subject to the approval of the ILGU Tournament Committee.

3.4 The exact Handicap at closing date of entry will be used for administration purposes.

3.5 Data Protection

The Irish Ladies Golf Union will only store and use your personal information in relation to current or future events, in adherence with GDPR guidelines.
4. **HANDICAP ALLOWANCES**

Handicap Allowances are in accordance with the CONGU® Handicap Allowances. The following handicap allowances apply in the following forms of play. The reference to handicaps in all cases refers to Playing Handicaps. Strokes to be taken according to the Handicap Stroke Index. Where a match play card is in use the match play index must be used.

**Match play**

- **Singles**: Full difference between the handicaps of the two players
- **Foursomes**: 1/2 of the difference between the aggregate handicaps of each side
- **Greensomes**: Full difference between the Greensome* handicaps (Appendix F CONGU UHS)
- **Four ball**: Lowest handicapper to concede strokes to the other three players based on 90% of the difference between the handicaps.

**Stroke play**

- **Singles**: Full handicap
- **Foursomes**: 1/2 of the aggregate handicap of partners
- **Greensomes**: Full Greensome* handicap Appendix F CONGU UHS
- **Four ball**: Each partner receives 90% of handicap

**Par**

- **Singles**: Full handicap
- **Foursomes**: 1/2 of the aggregate handicap of partners
- **Greensomes**: Full Greensome* handicap Appendix F CONGU UHS
- **Four ball**: Each partner receives 90% of handicap

**Stableford Competitions**

- **Singles**: Full handicap
- **Foursomes**: 1/2 aggregate handicap of partners
- **Greensomes**: Full Greensome* handicap Appendix F
- **Four ball**: Each partner receives 90% of handicap

*Calculation of Greensome handicap = (lower hcp x 0.6) + (higher hcp x 0.4)

Handicap Limit/Allowances. See table 14.2 (page 21).

5. **TIES: ALL TIES SHALL BE DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:**

5.1 **Match Play:**

In the event of a tie in a team competition an aggregate of holes up in matches shall determine the result. If still a tie the lowest handicap Match (that is the players listed as No. 1 on the team sheet) shall play-off hole by hole commencing at the first hole of the Home/Neutral venue.

5.2 **Stroke Play:**

5.2.1 9 Holes: Decide on last 6, 3, 1. If still a tie decide on last 8, 7, 6, etc. If still a tie decide by chance (such as tossing a coin).

5.2.2 18 Holes: Decide on last 9, 6, 3, 1 holes. If still a tie decide on last 3, 6, 7, 8 of first 9 holes. If still a tie decide by chance.

5.2.3 36 Holes: Decide on last 18. If still a tie decide as for 18 holes.

5.2.4 54 Holes: Decide on last 36, last 18. If still a tie decide as for 18 holes.

5.2.5 72 Holes: Decide on last 54, 36, 18. If still a tie decide as for 18 holes.

5.2.6 In the case of handicap prizes, decide on the net score on the same basis.
6. **RESOLVING ISSUES – NATIONAL/DISTRICT**

Before the result of the match is final (see Rule 20.1a), if there is a rules issue which is not settled by the Team Manager/ Captain, details must be sent in writing within 48 hours to the ILGU Head Office / District Honorary Secretary. Each Manager/ Captain is entitled to present her case. When a request for a ruling is being made after the result of the match is final please see Rule 20.1b (3).

7. **RETURNING OF SCORE CARD**

A player's scorecard is officially returned to the Committee when she has stepped out of the Recording Office at all National and District events.

8. **RESULT OF COMPETITION**

8.1 Official Result Card, with signature of winner and with result of match, should be given to a Rules Official or to the Tournament Office as soon as possible.

8.2 Match play: The result of a match is treated as having been officially announced when it has been recorded in the Tournament Office.

9. **COMPETITION CLOSED**

9.1 Stroke play: The Competition is treated as closed when the result has been officially announced at the Prize giving.

9.2 In stroke play qualifying followed by match play, the stroke play competition is treated as closed when the player has teed off in her first match.

10. **MEDIA**

The ILGU, in line with GDPR, may use video, photographs and similar references to competitions, in practice and play, in the publicity arrangements prior to, during and after ILGU Championships/ Tournaments and Interclub Competitions.

11. **DRESS CODE**

The ILGU requests that neat casual dress be worn on the course and in the clubhouse for all Championships/Tournaments.

12. **SAFEGUARDING**

The Irish Ladies Golf Union is fully committed to the guidelines contained in the Code of Ethics and Golf Practice for Children’s Sport in Ireland and in the Code of Ethics for Golf for Young People, or the most up to date equivalents.

13. **SPECTATOR GUIDELINES**

The ILGU welcome spectators to all its events. To ensure that all players feel comfortable on the course and enjoy their game these guidelines should be observed:

- Walk in rough & maintain a distance of at least 25 yards from players
- Acknowledge good shots by all players equally
- Do not give advice or interact with players
- Do not give Rulings or call Penalties on players
• Do not disturb the play of others by moving or making noise
• Be aware of the players in the groups behind
• Do not move a player’s bag as this may be construed as caddying.

Breaches of these guidelines may be reported to the Tournament Office.

14. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND WEATHER CONDITIONS:

14.1 All participating clubs are required to have a measured course and a standard scratch score in compliance with standard scratch regulations.

14.2 Clubs with more than two temporary greens must contact the District Chairman of Tournaments before any ILGU Inter-Club event.

14.3 If Winter rules are in operation they must comply with the Model Local Rule (MLR) E-2 and E-3 in Committee Procedures.

14.4 Portable mats are prohibited in all District and National match play competitions.

14.5 If the course is closed at any venue or play suspended due to the course being temporarily unplayable and it is impossible to complete matches, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to make a decision in a way that is reasonable and fair as to when/where matches will be resumed/played.

14.6 When play is suspended, a team/player(s) that has already commenced play must resume play of the re-scheduled match.

• Any player(s) who is unable to resume play in the re-scheduled match must concede their match.
• A team/player(s) which have not commenced play may be substituted even if team sheets have already been exchanged prior to the re-scheduling of the match.
• When a team has commenced play and play is suspended, condition 7.3.11.1 of the AIG Ladies Cups and Shields Regulations is applicable to those players who had not commenced their match.
• Every effort should be made to agree a suitable date.
• In exceptional circumstances a short extension to accommodate a re-scheduled match may be granted by the Tournament Committee.

14.7 Team Managers do not have the authority to modify Local Rules of the host club or to introduce Local Rules unless permission is sought from the District Tournament Committee/District Chair of Rules. In exceptional circumstances the District Tournament Committee/District Chair of Rules may authorise an alteration to Local Rules.

14.8 Use of Model Local Rule E5 is not permitted.

ILGU GENERIC TOURNAMENT TERMS

The following Regulations and Terms, with any additions, Local Rules or amendments as published by the Irish Ladies Golf Union Limited (hereafter referred to as ILGU) or District Tournament Committee at the golf course, shall apply under the Rules of Golf (R&A Committee Procedures 5c) to all Championships/Tournaments run by the ILGU at National and District Level. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to amend, alter or change any Term or Regulation in very exceptional circumstances.

1. ELIGIBILITY

1.1 Amateur Golfer: The R&A Rules of Amateur Status apply to all members of the ILGU. A person who acts contrary to the Rules may forfeit her status as an amateur golfer and as a result will be ineligible to play in amateur competitions.
1.2 Gender: Players must be of the female gender and have been female at birth or have had the female gender assigned. For the avoidance of doubt, the Irish Ladies Golf Union reserves the right to carry out a confidential case-by-case evaluation at any time either prior to or after the Championship/Tournament if in its reasonable opinion such an evaluation is or becomes necessary. A copy of the Gender Policy is available in the ILGU Handbook and in the ILGU Tournament Office.

1.3 Participating Golf Clubs must be affiliated to the Irish Ladies Golf Union.

1.4 All participating competitors must be members of the affiliated Clubs which they represent.

1.5 Overseas competitors entering in ILGU Championships must be members of their Federation/Union/Association or equivalent.

1.6 Team Events: In all ILGU Inter-Club match play events (except Girls Inter-Club) a player must have been an elected member of the club she represents on or before 1st March in the year of the Tournament.

1.7 An Honorary Member of a club which is not her home club, is not eligible to play on the team of that club unless, at the time of Honorary Membership being conferred, she was a member of that club.

1.8 All categories of members (including junior members) with a CONGU Handicap are eligible to play in ILGU events except where otherwise stated in the Terms.

1.9 Overseas players, refer to Bye-Law 57 and 58 for eligibility in National Close and Open Events.

Penalty for breach of 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.9: Disqualification.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WHERE THE SANCTION OF “GENERAL PENALTY” IS USED, THIS MEANS A 2 STROKE PENALTY IN STROKE PLAY OR LOSS OF HOLE IN MATCH PLAY.

2. TIME OF STARTING (RULE 5.3)

3. CADDIES (RULE 10.3)

3.1 In girls’ competitions where caddies are permitted, competitors must not engage any person as a caddie whose age exceeds the age limit for the Championship/Tournament.

3.2 A player is prohibited from using a caddie during the Round in ILGU Foursomes and Four-ball Championships/Tournaments.

Penalty for breach of 3.1 or 3.2: The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which there is a breach of this Policy. If the breach occurs between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole.

4. HANDICAP

4.1 Competitors may be requested to furnish evidence of handicap and/or CDH Number.

4.2 The final responsibility for playing off the correct handicap rests with the player.

4.3 Competitors holding a CONGU handicap and an overseas authority handicap/WHS handicap index must enter all ILGU Championships using their CONGU handicap. The CONGU competition handicap held and maintained by the players’ home club must be used for all purposes.

Penalty for failure to enter in compliance with 4.3: Disqualification.

5. RESOLVING ISSUES

Before the result of the match is final (see 20.1a); if there is a rules issue which is not settled by the Team Manager/ Captain, details must be sent in writing within 48 hours to the ILGU Head Office/District Honorary Secretary. Each Manager/ Captain is entitled to present her case. When a request for a ruling is being made after the result of the match is final please see Rule 20.1b (3).
6. ADVICE IN TEAM COMPETITIONS (RULE 24)
Each team may appoint one person who may give advice to members of that team. This person must not be a professional golfer, must be identified to the Committee before giving advice and must not walk onto a putting green to give advice.

Penalty for breach of Rule 24: General Penalty

7. ANTI-DOPING
Competitors who are on medication and in doubt as to their clinical status should seek advice from Sport Ireland. Please refer to www.sportireland.ie for anti-doping education, medicines/TUE’s & testing overview. Competitors may be tested for the use of drugs, which if positive, will lead to automatic disqualification.

The Irish Ladies Golf Union adopts the Irish Anti-Doping Rules and is fully supportive of Sport Ireland’s Anti-Doping Programme. The Anti-Doping Rules of the Irish Ladies Golf Union are the Irish Anti-Doping Rules as amended from time to time.

8. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES
DMD’s are permitted but must conform to rule 4.3.

9. TRANSPORTATION
Players must not ride on any form of transportation during the round unless permitted by the Committee in accordance with the ILGU Transportation Policy. A copy of the Transportation Policy is available in this ILGU Handbook and from the ILGU Tournament Office.

Penalty for breach of Term: See Policy Document.

10. PACE OF PLAY (RULE 5.6)
A player must not unreasonably delay play, either when playing a hole or between two holes and must play in accordance with the Pace of Play Policy.

A copy of The ILGU Pace of Play Policy is available in this ILGU Handbook and is available from the ILGU Tournament Office

Penalty for breach of Rule 5.6: See Policy Document.

POLICY DOCUMENTS

P.1 ILGU TRANSPORTATION POLICY

1.1 Aim

1.1.1 The Transportation Policy of the Irish Ladies Golf Union as referred to in the relevant Tournament Terms and ILGU Hard Card provides for Terms permitting players/caddies to use transport when playing golf.

1.1.2 The ILGU wishes to encourage the participation in golf of all players including the participation of persons with disabilities whenever possible.

1.1.3 It is recommended that other associations and golf clubs should take separate legal advice in the event that they wish to put in place a transportation policy appropriate to their specific needs.
**Exception:** In the following Elite Championships; Irish Women’s Close, Irish Women’s Open Stroke Play, Irish Girls’ Close, Irish Girls’ Open Stroke Play, Women’s and Girls’ Interprovincial Matches, District Championships, Senior Women’s Close and Senior Women’s Open Stroke Play, players/caddies are not permitted to use a buggy.

1.2 **Definitions**

1.2.1 **‘Disability’** has the same meaning as provided in the Irish Disability Act (2005) and UK Disability Discrimination Act (1995) which is as follows:

*A person has a disability if he/she has an enduring physical, sensory, mental health or intellectual impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his/her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.*

1.2.2 **‘Golf Buggy’** means any vehicle deemed by the ILGU to be a golf buggy.

1.2.3 **Valid medical confirmation of disability** means a valid medical certificate obtained from a registered general practitioner or consultant registered with the Irish Medical Council or Medical Practitioners in Country of Residence of Competitor which certifies that the player/caddie suffers with a disability as defined by the aforesaid legislation and which necessitates the use of a buggy. The Medical Certificate must have been issued within the preceding 12 months of the event and must show the contact details of the issuing Medical Practitioner.

**Note:** Medical certificates will only be accepted for a disability as defined and will not apply to short term injuries or illnesses.

1.2.4 In order to be permitted to use a golf buggy on grounds of disability, players/caddies must apply for permission from the ILGU Head Office, 103-105 Q House, 76 Furze Road, Sandyford Industrial Estate, Dublin 18, who will issue an ILGU Buggy Certificate. In accordance with the provisions of Clause 1.2.3, the player/caddie must produce a valid medical certificate signed and certified. The medical certificate, along with a Transportation application and consent form must be sent to the ILGU Head Office. Permission to use a buggy will be given for a period of time as decided by the ILGU. If permission has not already been obtained, players/caddies must apply for an ILGU Buggy Certificate at least 10 days prior to the event.

1.3 **Persons who may use a Golf Buggy (please note exception to this in 1.1.3)**

1.3.1 **Competitors:** A Golf Buggy may be utilised only by a competitor in possession of an ILGU Buggy Certificate, and then only if (a) the Host Club permits the use of such vehicles and (b) no Health & Safety considerations prevent the use of such vehicles. In such circumstances, it is the responsibility of the person concerned to source a buggy, not the ILGU. The buggy may be used only by the person named on the certificate and may only carry her equipment and caddie. Where the disability prevents the player from driving the buggy, she may nominate a third party to drive the buggy for her who must be approved by the Committee.

1.3.2 **Caddies:** A person in possession of an ILGU Buggy Certificate who intends to caddy for an able-bodied competitor may utilise a golf buggy under the same terms as 1.3.1 above. The able-bodied competitor, in such circumstances, may not use the buggy.

1.3.3 **Under 18 Competitors:** Where a player is under the age of 18 years and has met the criteria in 1.3.1 above, the Committee shall reserve the right to specify that the golf buggy is driven by a person having parental responsibility for the player, or, in the case that such a person is unable or not competent or qualified to do so, another person of the Committee’s choice. Any restrictions regarding caddies specified in the Event Terms must be adhered to in this process.

1.3.4 Any individual intending on using a buggy on the grounds of medical disability must ensure they produce the ILGU Buggy Certificate at any event in which they intend to use a buggy.

1.3.5 **Team Captains/Others:** The Tournament Committee will, in its absolute discretion, decide on whether a Team Captain or other party may use a buggy.
1.4 Terms on the use of Golf Buggies

1.4.1 A player/caddie who has been granted permission to use a golf buggy must accept full responsibility for any loss or injury sustained by anybody which results from the use of the golf buggy.

1.4.2 A player, caddie or any other person intending to use her own buggy (having been so permitted by the ILGU) must hold personal and third party insurance at all times and may be required to produce proof of said insurance policy to the Tournament Committee at any event.

Penalty for breach of Transportation Policy: The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which there is a breach of this Policy. If the breach occurs between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole.

1.5 Committee Discretion on the use of a Golf Buggy

1.5.1 Where the use of a buggy by a player, caddie or third party is permitted, the Tournament Committee shall have regard to the following additional health and safety considerations before granting approval at a particular event:

1.5.1.1 Any relevant weather conditions.
1.5.1.2 The condition of and suitability of the golf buggy.
1.5.1.3 The topography and ground conditions.
1.5.1.4 Any other relevant considerations which might affect the safe use of a golf buggy or impact on the safety of others.

1.5.2 If at any particular time the Tournament Committee believes on grounds of Health and Safety a golf buggy should not be used by a player/caddie/relevant third party the Committee may:

1.5.2.1 Refuse to grant permission for the use of a golf buggy, and shall inform the player, caddie or relevant third party.
1.5.2.2 Revoke any permission to use a golf buggy already granted by the ILGU to a player/caddie/relevant third party by virtue of the consideration of any new Health and Safety issue by the Committee.

1.6 During a round, a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or later approved by the committee. A player who will play or has played under stroke or distance is always authorized to ride on motorized transportation.

P.2 PACE OF PLAY POLICY

2.1 Time allowed

Each player is responsible for playing without unreasonable delay (Rule 5). Where a Rules Official is in attendance each hole will be given a maximum completion time based upon the length and difficulty of the hole. The maximum time allotted for the completion of 18 holes will be posted prior to play.

2.2 Definition of ‘Out of Position’

2.2.1 The first group will be considered to be ‘out of position’ if, at any time during the round, the group’s cumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes completed. Any following group will be considered ‘out of position’ if the group is more than the starting interval behind the group in front.
2.2.2 The Chief Rules Official at the event reserves the right to time a group when necessary. Further, if a player is determined by the Chief Rules Official to be unreasonably slow, she may be timed individually at the Chief Rules Official's discretion, regardless of whether her group is out of position.

2.3 Procedure when group is Out of Position

2.3.1 If a decision is taken to time the group, each player in the group will be subject to Individual timing by the Official who will advise each player that she is ‘out of position’ and is being timed.

2.3.2 The maximum time allocated per shot is 40 seconds. 10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play:

1) on a par three hole  
2) her approach shot  
3) a chip or putt.

The timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach her ball, she has had a few seconds to select her club and she is able to play without distraction.

Time spent determining yardage will count as time taken for the next stroke.

On the putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace her ball, repair ball marks and move loose impediments on her line of play. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

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

Penalty for breach of Term: (for singles and foursomes)

1st Bad Time       Verbal warning from referee
2nd Bad Times      Penalty of 1 stroke
3rd Bad Times      General Penalty
4th Bad Times      Disqualification

Penalty for breach of Term: (for four-ball)

1st Bad Time       by either player on the side - Verbal warning from referee
2nd Bad Times      Player involved - Penalty of 1 stroke
3rd Bad Times      Player involved - General Penalty
4th Bad Times      Both players (side) disqualified from match

2.4 Procedure when again ‘Out of Position’ during same round

If a group is ‘out of position’ more than once during a round, the above procedure will apply on each occasion. Bad times and application of penalties during the same round will be carried forward until the round is completed. A player will not be penalised if she has a second bad time before being advised of her earlier bad time.

2.5 Ready Golf (for Stroke Play only)

The ILGU encourages players to play “Ready Golf” in all Stroke Play events. This is being introduced to improve Pace of Play and increase the enjoyment for all players.

Simply put, “ready golf” means that each golfer within a group hits when ready.

If you reach your ball and are ready to hit, while other members of your group are not yet prepared, then go ahead and hit – even if it is not your turn – provided it is safe to do so. Examples of Ready Golf include:

- Hitting a shot when safe to do so if a player farther away faces a challenging shot and is taking time to assess their options.
- Shorter hitters playing first from the tee or fairway if longer hitters have to wait.
• Hitting a tee shot if the person with the honour is delayed in being ready to play.
• Hitting a shot before helping someone to look for a lost ball.
• Putting out even if it means standing close to someone else’s line.
• Hitting a shot if a person who has just played from a greenside bunker is still farthest from the hole but is delayed due to raking the bunker.
• When a player’s ball has gone over the back of a green, any player closer to the hole but chipping from the front of the green should play while the other player is walking to their ball to assess their shot.
• Marking scores upon immediate arrival at the next tee, except that the first player to tee off marks their card immediately after teeing off.

P.3 ILGU GENDER POLICY

3.1 Aim of Policy

3.1.1 This Policy is the Gender Policy referred to in the ILGU Handbook and in the Terms of Competition for all ILGU Championships. It sets out the circumstances in which transgender players may participate in events organised and managed by the Irish Ladies Golf Union.

3.1.2 The ILGU is committed to equality issues and welcomes the participation of all female players in golfing competitions. This Policy is in accordance with current legislation and seeks to secure the concept of fair competition.

3.1.3 For the purposes of this Policy any reference to a ‘member of the Committee’ shall refer to a member of the ILGU Championship Committee with responsibility for taking decisions relating to a player’s gender, after consultation with a medical expert.

3.1.4 For the purposes of this Policy any reference to a ‘medical expert’ shall refer to an individual with appropriate medical expertise as appointed by the ILGU from time to time.

3.1.5 For the purposes of this Policy any reference to a ‘competition’ shall refer to the particular competition the player, whose gender is being questioned, wishes to enter.

3.1.6 This policy has been prepared specifically for the Irish Ladies Golf Union. Other associations and golf clubs should take separate legal advice in the event that they wish to adopt a gender policy appropriate for their specific needs.

3.2 Proof of Gender

3.2.1 It shall be a term of any competition organised by the Irish Ladies Golf Union that players must be of the female gender. Where a player has had the female gender assigned, proof of gender must be provided in confidence to the Chief Executive of the ILGU no later than 14 days prior to the commencement of the competition in accordance with clause 3.2.3 of this Policy. The penalty for a breach of this term may be disqualification.

3.2.2 If, in the opinion of the Committee, there is uncertainty as to a player’s gender either prior to, or once a competition has commenced, then, in order to ensure fair competition, a member of the Committee may ask a player to provide proof of gender in confidence to a medical expert. Such a request for proof of gender must be made in writing to the player and with regard to the player’s privacy rights. Any request should include the following information:

(a) Detail of the types of proof required to establish the gender of a player (as detailed in clause 3.2.3); and

(b) That a player has a period of 7 days within which to respond.

3.2.3 The following shall be regarded as proof of a player’s gender:

(a) Evidence of legal recognition of a player’s assigned gender as conferred by an appropriate official authority; and
(b) Evidence that surgical anatomical changes have been completed, including external genitalia changes and gonadectomy and
(c) Hormonal therapy appropriate for the assigned gender has been administered in a verifiable manner and for a sufficient length of time to minimize gender-related advantages in competitions.

3.2.4 For the purposes of clause 3.2.3 (b) of this Policy a player’s gonadectomy must have occurred no later than two years before commencement of the competition.

3.2.5 In exceptional cases, proof of gender provided in accordance with clause 3.2.3 of the Policy may not be regarded as sufficient, in which case the ILGU has the discretion to require further physical proof of gender from the player.

3.2.6 A player who provides proof of gender in accordance with clauses 3.2.1, 3.2.3, 3.2.4, and if necessary 3.2.5, of this Policy shall be eligible to participate in the competition. A member of the Committee shall take a decision as to a player’s eligibility for competition after consultation with the medical expert.

3.2.7 A player who does not provide proof of gender in accordance with clauses 3.2.1, 3.2.3, 3.2.4, and if necessary 3.2.5, of this Policy may not be entitled to participate in the competition other than at the discretion of the Committee member, after consultation with the medical expert.

3.2.8 In the event that proof of gender is required once a competition has commenced, the player shall continue to participate in the competition until a decision is reached in accordance with this Policy. A decision that a player has not provided proof of gender in accordance with clauses 3.2.1, 3.2.3, 3.2.4, and if necessary 3.2.5, will not result in that player’s disqualification from the competition until such times as the period for any appeal has expired. In the event that a player is disqualified from the competition then any award, prize and/or ranking arising from participation in the competition shall be forfeited.

3.2.9 In the event that proof of gender is required after a competition, and a decision is taken that a player has not provided proof of gender in accordance with clauses 3.2.1, 3.2.3, 3.2.4, and if necessary 3.2.5, of this Policy, the player may be required to forfeit any award, prize and/or ranking in the competition.

3.2.10 A member of the Committee must inform the player of any decision taken under clauses 3.2.6 and 3.2.7, the reasons for it and the right to appeal any decision to the Appeals Committee under this Policy.

3.2.11 Appeal Process

Any decision by a Committee Member:-

3.2.11.1 Refusing a player permission to participate in the competition under clause 3.2.6;
3.2.11.2 Disqualifying a player from the competition under clauses 3.2.9;
3.2.11.3 Forfeiting any award, prize or ranking awarded to the player under clauses 3.2.9 or 3.2.10 can be appealed by the player to the Appeals Committee comprising three members of the ILGU Championship Committee. The Committee shall take decisions by majority vote, after consultation with a medical expert who shall not be the same medical expert involved in consultation.

3.2.12 An appeal under clause 3.2.11 shall be made in writing by the player to the Appeals Committee within 5 working days of the date of the initial decision. Any written appeal request shall also include a statement by the player of the reasons why she is seeking to appeal the decision.

3.2.13 The Appeals Committee shall after consultation with a medical expert (who shall not be the same medical expert involved in consultation), make a decision on an appeal and communicate it to the player in writing with 10 working days of the initial appeal.
3.2.14 Urgent Appeals Process

3.2.14.1 In exceptional circumstances where a player has appealed against a decision on the day of a competition, then an Urgent Appeals Committee shall be established comprising the Chief Referee, the Chief Executive of the ILGU or an appointed deputy and an ILGU Board Member to take any decision regarding the player’s participation in this competition.

3.2.14.2 After consultation with a medical expert different from the one who advised on the initial decision, the Urgent Appeals Committee will be required to reach a prompt decision to enable the player’s participation in the competition if this is appropriate.

3.2.15 Privacy

The ILGU recognises that, in accordance with law, it and its officers must not disclose any information obtained from a player in accordance with this Policy unless:

(a) The disclosure of that information does not enable the player to be identified;

(b) The player to whom the information relates has agreed to its disclosure; or

(c) It has obtained legal advice that such disclosure is in accordance with law.

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NATIONAL TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

1. IRISH WOMEN’S CLOSE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

1.1 Prizes

Championship Match play: Winner: Trophy, Memento, Voucher; Runner-Up: Memento, Voucher; Semi-Finalists & Quarter-Finalists: Voucher.

The winner shall be the Champion Irish Woman Golfer and the Cup shall be held in that year by the Club from which the winner has entered.

Plate Match play (Ita Wallace Trophy): Winner: Trophy, Voucher; Runner-Up & Semi-Finalists: Voucher.


U18 Stroke play Qualifying (Sybil Meharg Trophy): Gross winner: Trophy, Voucher.

Player must be under the age of 18 years of age at 00:00 on the first day of January in the year of the Championships. A player is entitled to win the Under 18 Trophy regardless of winning any other Trophy/Prize.

Online entry will be available on www.golfnet.ie.

The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

1.2 Regulations

1.2.1 Handicap limit 12.

1.2.2 Entries shall be limited to 72 players with the lowest exact handicap on the closing date.
1.2.3 Competitors must register at the Tournament Office not later than the appointed time and date for that Championship. Competitors may register by email, text, telephone or in person.

1.2.4 Competitors shall play 36 holes qualifying on day 1.

1.2.5 A draw shall be made for the qualifying rounds and published on the ILGU website.

1.2.6 The leading 32 available players shall qualify for Championship match play on day 2 using the automatic draw.

1.2.7 The leading 16 of the remaining players that are available shall qualify for Plate match play using the automatic draw.

1.2.8 In the event of a tie for the last match play place(s) the tie shall be in accordance with Generic Regulation 5.

1.2.9 Round: In Stroke play the round is 18 holes. In match play the round of 18 holes is extended by as many holes as required for a match to be won.

1.2.10 Immediately after a match the winner should sign the official result card and return it to a Rules Official or the Tournament Office.

1.3 Terms

1.3.1 Competitors must comply with the Eligibility Generic Terms and in addition meet with one of the following qualification criteria:

   1.3.1.1 Irish Nationality of father, mother, grandmother or grandfather;
   1.3.1.2 Birth of Competitor in Ireland; or
   1.3.1.3 Five (5) years’ residence in Ireland.

1.3.2 Competitors must hold a CONGU handicap or overseas equivalent.

1.3.3 No player shall compete who has ever played against Ireland or competed in the Close Championship of any other country within the last ten years, except in the Girls’ Internationals and the Girls’ Close Championship.

1.3.4 Caddies are permitted

   Penalty for breach of 1.3.1, 1.3.2, 1.3.3: Disqualification.
   Penalty for breach of 1.3.4 is in accordance with Generic Term 3 Penalty Statement.

2. IRISH WOMEN’S OPEN AMATEUR STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

2.1 Prizes

   Winner (Clarrie Reddan & Philomena Garvey Trophy): Trophy, Memento, Voucher; Runner-Up, 3rd, 4th, 5th: Voucher; 1st, 2nd Net: Voucher; Gross Round 1, 2 & 3: Voucher.

   U18 Winner (Cathy Smith Trophy): Trophy, Voucher. Player must be under 18 years of age at 00:00 on the first day of January in the year of the Championships. A player is entitled to win the U18 Trophy regardless of winning any other Trophy/Prize.


Online entry will be available on www.golfnet.ie.
The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

2.2 Regulations

2.2.1 Handicap limit 9.

2.2.2 Entries shall be limited to the 80 competitors with the lowest exact handicap on the closing date.

2.2.2.1 Overseas players are required to furnish certificate of handicap by email before the closing date.

2.2.2.2 In addition the ILGU is entitled to add up to 10 players.

2.2.3 Competitors must register at the Tournament Office not later than the appointed time and date for that Championship. Competitors may register by email, text, telephone or in person.

2.2.4 The Championship shall consist of 54 holes stroke play played over the round of 18 holes.

2.2.5 18 holes will be played on each day.

2.2.6 The draw for the 1st and 2nd round will be made and published on www.golfnet.ie.

2.2.7 There will be a cut to 50 available players (+ ties) after 36 holes.

2.2.8 For the final 18 holes, the pairings and starting times shall be determined by the qualifying scores from day one, players with the lowest scores starting at the end of the field.

2.2.9 In the event of a tie for the Championship, to determine the winner there shall be a hole-by-hole play-off immediately after the final card has been returned.

2.2.10 Play-off holes will be identified and posted in advance of the Championship.

2.3 Nations Cup

2.3.1 At Registration, any country may nominate a Team/s of 2 or 3 players to represent their country.

2.3.2 The two lowest scores returned in each round shall count.

2.3.3 In the event of a tie for first place, the order will be decided as follows:

2.3.3.1 The lowest individual score for the 3rd round as per Generic Regulation 5.1.

2.3.3.2 If still a tie, the lowest individual score for the 2nd round as per Generic Regulation 5.1.

2.3.3.3 If still a tie, the lowest individual score for the 1st round as per Generic Regulation 5.1.

2.3.3.4 If still a tie, the decision will be made by chance (such as tossing a coin).

2.4 Terms

2.4.1 The Championship shall be open to all golfers who must comply with Generic Eligibility Terms

2.4.2 Competitors must hold a CONGU handicap or overseas equivalent.

2.4.3 Caddies are permitted.

Penalty for breach of 2.4.1, 2.4.2: Disqualification.

Penalty for breach of 2.4.3 is in accordance with Generic Term 3 Penalty Statement.
3. IRISH SENIOR WOMEN’S CLOSE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

3.1 Prizes

**Championship Match play:** Winner: Trophy, Memento, Voucher; Runner-Up: Voucher; Semi-Finalists: Voucher.

**Plate Match play (Shirley MacDonald Trophy):** Winner: Trophy, Voucher; Runner-Up: Voucher.

**Stroke play Qualifying (Therese O’Reilly Trophy):** Gross Winner: Trophy, Voucher; 2nd, 3rd, 1st 18, 2nd 18, Over 60: Voucher;

**Net:** 1st, 2nd, 3rd; 1st 18, 2nd 18; Over 60yrs.

Online entry will be available on www.golfnet.ie.

The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

3.2 Regulations

3.2.1 Handicap limit 15.

3.2.2 Entries shall be limited to 99 competitors with the lowest exact handicap on the closing date. There shall be a ballot, if necessary, for the final place(s).

3.2.3 Competitors must register at the Tournament Office not later than the appointed time and date for that Championship. Competitors may register by email, text, telephone or in person.

3.2.4 There will be 18 holes stroke play qualifying on days 1 and 2 followed by two flights of match play (Championship and Plate).

3.2.5 The draw for the qualifying rounds shall be published on the Golfnet website.

3.2.6 The leading 16 available players shall qualify for the Championship match play using the automatic draw.

3.2.7 The leading 16 of the remaining players that are available shall qualify for Plate match play using the automatic draw.

3.2.8 In the event of a tie for the last match play place(s) the tie shall be in accordance with Generic Regulation 5.

3.2.9 Round: In stroke play the Round is 18 Holes. In match play the round of 18 holes is extended by as many holes as required for a match to be won.

3.2.10 Immediately after a match the winner should sign the official result card and return it to a Rules Official or the Tournament Office.

3.3 Terms

3.3.1 Competitors must have attained the age of 50 years at 00.00 hours on the first day of the Championship.

3.3.2 Competitors must comply with Eligibility Generic Terms and in addition meet with one of the following qualification criteria;

3.3.2.1 Irish Nationality of father, mother, grandmother or grandfather;

3.3.2.2 Irish Nationality by birth; or

3.3.2.3 Five (5) years’ residence in Ireland.

3.3.3 Competitors must hold a CONGU handicap, or overseas equivalent.

3.3.4 Caddies are permitted.

**Penalty for breach of 3.3.1, 3.3.2, 3.3.3: Disqualification of the player.**

**Penalty for breach of 3.3.4 is in accordance with Generic Term 3 Penalty Statement.**
4.1 Prizes

**Championship Trophy:** Winner: Trophy, Memento, Voucher; Runner-Up: Voucher; 3rd & 4th: Voucher.

**Best Gross over 60 years (Roma English Trophy):** Winner: Trophy, Voucher.

**Net (Eileen Connolly Trophy):** Winner: Trophy, Voucher; Runner-Up: Voucher.

**Net over 60 years (Bagenalstown Cup):** Winner: Trophy, Voucher.

**Gross Round 1, 2 and 3:** Voucher.

**Net Round 1, 2 and 3:** Voucher.

**Nations Cup:** Voucher.

Online entry will be available on www.golfnet.ie.

The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

4.2 Regulations

4.2.1 Handicap limit 15.

4.2.2 Entries shall be limited to 81 competitors with the lowest exact handicap on the closing date. There shall be a ballot, if necessary, for the final place(s).

4.2.2.1 Overseas players are required to furnish certificate of handicap by email before the closing date.

4.2.3 Competitors must register at the Tournament Office not later than the appointed time and date for that Championship. Competitors may register by email, text, telephone or in person.

4.2.4 The Championship shall consist of 54 holes stroke play played over rounds of 18 holes.

4.2.5 One round will be played on each day. There will be a cut of 40 available players plus ties after 36 holes.

4.2.6 For the final 18 holes, the pairings and starting times shall be determined by the qualifying scores, players with the lowest scores starting at the end of the field.

4.2.7 In the event of a tie for the Championship, to determine the winner there shall be a hole by hole play-off as soon as possible after the final card has been returned.

4.2.8 Play-off holes shall be identified and posted in advance of the Championship.

4.3 Nations Cup

4.3.1 At Registration, any country may nominate a Team/s of 2 or 3 players to represent their country.

4.3.2 The two lowest scores returned in each round shall count.

4.3.3 In the event of a tie for first place, the order will be decided as follows:

4.3.3.1 The lowest individual score for the 3rd round as per Generic Regulation 5.1.

4.3.3.2 If still a tie, the lowest individual score for the 2nd round as per Generic Regulation 5.1.

4.3.3.3 If still a tie, the lowest individual score for the 1st round as per Generic Regulation 5.1.

4.3.3.4 If still a tie, the decision will be made by chance (such as tossing a coin).

4.4 Terms

4.4.1 Competitors must have attained the age of 50 years at 00.00 hours on the first day of the Championship
4.4.2 Competitors must comply with Eligibility Generic Terms.
4.4.3 Competitors must hold a CONGU handicap or overseas equivalent.
4.4.4 Caddies are permitted.

Penalty for breach of 4.4.1, 4.4.2, 4.4.3: Disqualification of the player.
Penalty for breach of 4.4.4 is in accordance with Generic Term 3 Penalty Statement.

5. WOMEN’S & GIRLS’ INTERPROVINCIAL MATCHES

5.1 Prizes
Women’s Winners: Trophy and Memento (8)
Girls’ Winners: Trophy and Memento (9)

5.2 General
5.2.1 Interprovincial matches shall be played between teams from the four Provinces according to rota where possible.
5.2.2 The Ulster, Munster, East & Mid Leinster and Connacht District Tournament Committees shall arrange for the selection of Teams.
5.2.3 The Draw to be in the following format:
Round 1  Round 2  Round 3
A v B     D v B     B v C
C v D     C v A     A v D
Draw for Team A, B, C & D rotate annually.

5.3 Teams
5.3.1 Each team shall consist of 7 players and a non-playing Captain.

The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

5.4 Regulations
5.4.1 A player may declare for the Province in which she was born or the Province in which she resides or has resided, the Province in which her club is situated, or the Province in which her father, mother or grandparents were born.
5.4.2 The names of the players and of the Captain should be submitted to the ILGU Head Office at least two weeks prior to the Tournament.
5.4.3 The team list for each morning match should be submitted to the Tournament Office no later than 18.00hrs on the day prior to the match and the team list for each afternoon match should be submitted 30 minutes before play is scheduled to commence.
5.4.4 Each Province shall play each other by match play which will consist of 3 Foursomes matches and 5 Singles matches.
5.4.5 Should any player whose name has already been submitted be incapacitated by illness, accident or other unavoidable occurrence, a reserve may be submitted up to the time the player is due to start from the first tee.
**Girls’ team** – the reserve shall play in order of handicap. If any match has started, the reserve shall play in order of handicap of the remaining players. If no reserve is available the match concerned must be conceded. In Foursomes if a reserve is substituted, pairings must play in order of combined current handicap. If the first match has started the remaining pairs must play in order of combined current playing handicap. If a reserve is not available the match concerned must be conceded.

**Women’s team** – the reserve shall replace the named unavailable player.

5.4.6 No shots will be conceded.

5.4.7 The round is 18 holes.

5.4.8 A team win shall count as 1 point. A halved match shall count as a half point. A lost match shall count as 0 points.

5.4.9 If a player retires before completion of a match, she loses the remaining holes to be played subject to a maximum result of 10 & 8.

If a player concedes prior to the start of a match or is disqualified, the result is 10 & 8.

5.4.10 Ties: In the event of a tie between Provinces the aggregate number of individual matches won including halved matches shall determine the winning Province. If still a tie, the result shall be determined on holes up. If still a tie the trophy shall be held for an equal period of time by each of the tied Provinces.

5.4.11 Practice: Practice outside the official practice rounds will be at the expense of the competitor who should not request additional complimentary practice rounds.

5.5 **Terms**

5.5.1 Competitors must hold a CONGU handicap or overseas equivalent.

5.5.2 Competitors on the girls’ team must be under 18 years of age at 00.00hrs on the 1st January in the year of the Tournament.

5.5.3 The girls’ team must play in handicap and combined handicap order.

5.5.4 Caddies are not permitted.

*Penalty for breach of 5.5.1, 5.5.2 and 5.5.3 shall result in Disqualification of the player/pair.*

*Penalty for breach of 5.5.4 is in accordance with Generic Term 3 Penalty Statement.*

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**6. SENIOR CUP: DISTRICT AND NATIONAL**

6.1 **Prizes**

**National:** Winners: Cup, Pennant & Memento (8); Runners-Up: Memento (8).

**District:** Winners: Trophy, Pennant & Memento (8); Runners-Up: Memento (8).

The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms and separate District Regulations/Terms.

6.2 **Regulations: District**

In addition to National Regulations 6.3.3, 6.3.4 and 6.3.6 the following shall apply:

6.2.1 The competition shall be open to all ILGU affiliated clubs in their respective Districts. Each District must have a minimum entry of 4 teams.
6.2.2 Entries with names, which must be submitted to the District Chairman of Tournaments (by the closing date on the entry form), shall be limited to the 16 teams with the lowest aggregate handicaps. If the aggregate handicap of any of the teams is the same, the handicaps of the 4 lowest of the 5 players shall be aggregated, and the lowest aggregate shall determine the ratings. If still a tie, the ratings shall be determined, in similar manner, by the handicaps in descending order of the remaining members of the teams. If still a tie the ratings shall be determined by lot.

6.2.3 The names of the players, in order of handicap, should be submitted to the Tournament Director no later than 40 minutes before each team’s first match and no later than 30 minutes before subsequent matches.

6.2.4 The team of 5 players named at the time of entry must be at the venue for their teams first match unless any of these 5 players is suddenly incapacitated by accident, illness or other unavoidable, unforeseeable occurrence, in which case she may be substituted up to the time the player is due to start from the first tee by one of the team captains reserves, subject to Tournament Committee approval.

The reserve shall play in order of handicap. If any match has started, the reserve shall play in order of handicap of the remaining players. If a reserve is not available the match concerned must be conceded.

6.2.5 No club may enter more than one team.

6.2.6 All matches shall be played to a finish unless the team has already won. No tied matches.

6.3 Regulations: National

6.3.1 The District Final Winners shall play in the All-Ireland Quarter-Finals.

6.3.2 The District Final Runners-up (3 teams) with the lowest aggregate of 5 handicaps shall play in the All-Ireland Quarter-finals.

6.3.3 All matches shall be played to a finish unless one team has already won.

6.3.4 The names of the players in order of handicap should be submitted to the Tournament Office no later than 40 minutes before the morning and afternoon matches.

6.3.5 Reserves are permitted.

6.4 Terms: District Senior Cup & National Senior Cup

6.4.1 Handicap: At time of entry the handicap limit is 14. Players must hold a CONGU handicap.

6.4.2 The team must consist of 5 players.

6.4.3 On the day of Competition or in subsequent rounds the Team Captain may use any number of reserves if desired who do not need to be in the handicap range/limit.

6.4.4 The Tournament shall be in the form of Singles match play, played in order of handicap and no shots to be conceded.

6.4.5 Any player playing out of order of handicap order shall be disqualified for that match and the opponent shall be awarded the match. There will be no further penalty other than to the offending player.

Example

If a 5 handicap player plays before a 4 handicap player, the 5 handicap player is disqualified.

If three or more players play out of order the team is disqualified.

6.4.6 No player may play for more than one club in any one year.

6.4.7 Caddies are permitted.
**6.5 Seeding: National**

The seeding for the National Quarter-Finals shall be as follows:

6.5.1 The District Honorary Secretary shall submit the names and handicaps of the five players of the winning and runner-up teams who played in the District Final to the ILGU Head Office on or before a date to be advised.

6.5.2 The winning teams are ranked first, using the lowest aggregate of the five handicaps. The eligible runner-up teams are selected using the lowest aggregate of the five handicaps. They are then ranked for the National Final which consists of eight teams in total.

6.5.3 If the aggregate handicap of any of the teams is the same, the handicaps of the 4 lowest of the 5 players shall be aggregated, and the lowest aggregate shall determine the ratings. If still a tie, the ratings shall be determined, in similar manner, by the handicaps in descending order of the remaining members of the teams. If still a tie the ratings shall be determined by chance (such as tossing a coin).

6.5.4 The quarter-final pairings shall play as follows:

(1) 1 v 8  (2) 5 v 4  (3) 3 v 6  (4) 7 v 2

6.5.5 The semi-final pairings shall play as follows:

Winner (1) v Winner (2)
Winner (3) v Winner (4)

**6.6 Seeding: District**

6.6.1 Refer to District pages.

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**7. AIG LADIES’ CUPS & SHIELDS**

District and National Regulations and Terms.

7.1 Prizes

**National (Foursomes):** Winners: Trophy, Pennant, Memento (9); Runners-Up: Memento (9).

**District (Foursomes):** Winners: Pennant, Memento (9); Runners-Up: Memento (9).

**National (Singles):** Winners: Trophy, Pennant, Memento (8); Runners-Up: Memento (8).

**District (Singles):** Winners: Pennant, Memento (8); Runners-Up: Memento (8).

7.2 General

7.2.1 The Championships shall be open to all ILGU affiliated clubs.

7.2.2 The Championships consist of 4 Singles and 2 Foursomes Inter-Club match play divisions.

7.2.3 The venue and date for District Matches shall be arranged by each District Executive. For early rounds please refer to separate District Pages in ILGU Handbook.

7.2.4 Where possible, District Executive Committees will allocate neutral venues for all District Singles matches and where relevant, District Foursomes matches.
7.2.5 The venue and date for National Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and Finals shall be determined by The Board and shall be under the Management of the Tournament Committee.

7.2.6 The winning club in each round will be posted on the ILGU website www.golfnet.ie

The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms and also individual District Regulations and Terms.

7.3 Regulations

7.3.1 A club may enter only one team in each of the divisions.

7.3.2 A team/panel may change for each round/leg.

7.3.3 All matches shall be played to a finish unless one team has already won. (Ulster – see District Regulations)

7.3.4 If there is a tie, the round is extended by as many holes as are required for a match to be won. A match must not be called in unless there is an overall result that is confirmed beyond doubt.

7.3.5 Clubs are responsible for their own expenses.

7.3.6 Should a player be disqualified, her opponent will be awarded the match unless the opponent has already won.

7.3.7 The club drawn top of the draw shall have the honour on the first tee.

7.3.8 Team Sheets:

7.3.8.1 In District Matches, each Team Manager or her Deputy should exchange simultaneously the team sheets at each venue at least 30 minutes before play, setting out the names of team members in current playing handicap order including any reserves for that match. Team entry sheets should include the player’s current playing handicap.

7.3.8.2 In District and National Finals team sheets with the names of the players, in order of current playing handicap, including any reserves should be submitted to the Tournament Office not later than 45 minutes before tee time. Team entry sheets should include current playing handicap.

Note: If an error is discovered in the submitted team sheet, this error may be corrected up to the point of play of the match concerned.

7.3.9 Resolving Issues: (District)

Before the result of the match is final (see 20.1a); if there is a rules issue which is not settled by the Team Manager/Captain, details must be sent in writing within 48 hours to the District Honorary Secretary. Each Manager/Captain is entitled to present her case. When a request for a ruling is being made after the result of the match is final please see 20.1b (3).

7.3.10 Practice:

It is the Team Captain’s responsibility to name the team panel which may be permitted one free practice round if the host club permits.

7.3.11 Substitution:

7.3.11.1 Should any player be incapacitated by illness, accident or other unavoidable occurrence, a reserve may be substituted up to the time the player is due to start from the first tee. The reserve shall play in order of handicap. If any match has started, the reserve shall play in order of handicap of the remaining players. If a reserve is not available the match concerned must be conceded.

7.3.11.2 In Foursomes, if a reserve is substituted, pairings must play in order of combined current playing handicap. If the first match has started the remaining pairs must play in order of combined current playing handicap. If a reserve is not available the match concerned must be conceded.
7.3.12 Ties:
Please refer to separate District Pages in ILGU Handbook.

7.3.13 Results:
The Captain of the winning team should report the result of each match to the District Chairman of Tournaments within 24 hours.

7.4 Terms

7.4.1 The Names and Handicap ranges for Singles/Foursomes Interclub match play are as follows:

7.4.1.1 Junior Cup: Handicap Range 9 – 15
7.4.1.2 Intermediate Cup: Handicap Range 16 – 21
7.4.1.3 Minor Cup: Handicap Range 22 - 27
7.4.1.4 Challenge Cup: Handicap 28 and above (maximum playing handicap is 33)
7.4.1.5 Senior Foursomes: minimum combined 14.
7.4.1.6 Junior Foursomes: minimum combined 35. Maximum combined 41. Handicap Range 15+.

7.4.2 Current playing handicap applies at the time of the match. The final responsibility for playing off the correct handicap rests with the player.

7.4.3 Players must have played 3 qualifying competitions in the previous 12 months from the date of player's first match.

7.4.4 Handicap allowance.

7.4.4.1 Junior Cup and Senior Foursomes: no shots conceded.
7.4.4.2 Intermediate Cup, Minor Cup: shots conceded, full difference between the handicaps of the two players.
7.4.4.3 Challenge Cup: shots conceded, full difference between the handicaps of the two players. However, the maximum handicap limit of 33 applies.

Example:
Player A is on the Challenge cup team. Her handicap is 36. Her opponent has a handicap of 31. The maximum handicap allowed in the Challenge Cup is 33. For calculation purposes Player A's handicap is reduced to 33. Player A receives two shots.

7.4.4.4 Junior Foursomes: shots conceded, half the difference between the aggregate handicaps of each side.

7.4.5 Players on the panel at District Finals (7 in Singles and 8 in Foursomes) will remain eligible to compete in the National Finals even if their handicaps reduce below the handicap range. Current playing handicap applies at the time of the match.

Example 1
A player on the Challenge Cup, whose handicap on the day of the District Final is 28, is still eligible for the Challenge Cup in the National Finals even if she subsequently reduces her handicap to 26. Player plays off current handicap of 26.

Example 2
A pairing on the Senior Foursomes, whose combined handicap is 14 on the day of the District Final, is still eligible for the Senior Foursomes in the National Finals even if their combined handicap is subsequently reduced to 12. Player plays off current handicap.

Example 3
A pairing on the Junior Foursomes, whose combined handicap on the day of the District Final is 35, (A is 15 and B is 20), is still eligible for the Junior Foursomes in the National Finals even if A's handicap is reduced to 12. Player plays off current handicap of 12.
7.4.6 Players must have a current CONGU Playing Handicap.

7.4.7 In Inter-club matches a player must have been an elected member of the club she represents on or before March 1st in the year of the Tournament.

7.4.8 A player who is a member of more than one club may play for both clubs. However, she cannot play Singles or Foursomes in both clubs. She may play Singles in one and Foursomes in the other.

7.4.9 In Singles match play a team must consist of 5 players nominated from a panel of a maximum of 7 (except where 7.3.11 applies).

7.4.10 In Foursomes match play, a team must consist of 3 pairs nominated from a panel of a maximum of 8 players (except where 7.3.11 applies).

7.4.11 In Singles match play players must play in order of handicap. In Foursomes match play, players must play in order of combined handicap. A player/pair playing out of handicap order shall be disqualified from that match and her opponent awarded the match. There is no further penalty provided the remaining players play in order of handicap.

Example
If an 18 handicap player plays before a 17 handicap player, the 18 handicap player is disqualified.

If three or more players in singles or two or more foursomes pairs play out of order the team is disqualified.

7.4.12 Caddies: In all matches (including Finals) caddies are permitted in Singles Competitions.

7.4.13 Caddies are not permitted in Foursomes matches.

7.4.14 Step Down Player:

7.4.14.1 In singles and foursomes a club may elect to play one or more players from the above handicap range for a particular round but they must play off the highest handicap in the competition range. E.g.

a) A player off 25 handicap can be selected for the Intermediate Cup but she must play off 21 handicap.

b) In Junior foursomes a pairing with a combined gross handicap of 45 must play off a maximum handicap of 41.

7.4.14.2 A player may play for her correct division and a step down division.

7.4.15 In accordance with Rule 24, each team may appoint one person who may give advice to members of that team at each venue. This person must be identified to the Committee before giving advice and must not walk onto a putting green to give advice. The advice giver must not be a professional golfer.

Penalty for breach of 7.4.1, 7.4.2, 7.4.3, 7.4.4, 7.4.5, 7.4.6, 7.4.7 and 7.4.8, 7.4.14 shall result in Disqualification of player/pair.

Penalty for breach of 7.4.9 and 7.4.10 shall result in Disqualification of the team.

Penalty for breach of 7.4.12 and 7.4.13 shall be in accordance with Generic Term 3 Penalty Statement.

Penalty for breach of 7.4.15 shall be in accordance with Rule 24 penalty statement.
8. REVIVE ACTIVE LADIES FOURBALL

8.1 Prizes

National Winners: Cup, Pennant, Memento (11); Runners-Up: Memento (11).
Regional Winners: Pennant, Prize (11); Runners-Up: Prize (11).

Entry forms may be downloaded from www.golfnet.ie.

8.2 General

8.2.1 A Regional draw will take place for the first and preliminary round to decide order of play between clubs.
8.2.2 A team may be chosen for each round.
8.2.3 The date, venue and time of the Final, Semi-Finals and Regional Finals will be arranged by the ILGU Head Office.
8.2.4 The winning club in each round will be posted on the ILGU website www.golfnet.ie

The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

8.3 Regulations

8.3.1 The format of the Competition is 18 holes Fourball match play.
8.3.2 The winner is the team that wins three out of five matches. All matches shall be played to a result unless a team has already won. The round of 18 holes is extended by as many holes as are required for a match to be won.
8.3.3 A team shall consist of 10 players.
8.3.4 Each club is limited to the entry of one team.
8.3.5 A club with Home Status may choose any three of the pairings to play at home. The remaining two pairings shall play away. A club with Away Status may choose any three of the pairings to play away. The remaining two pairings shall play at home.
8.3.6 Top of the draw will indicate Home Status while the bottom of the draw will indicate Away Status for the preliminary and first round only.
8.3.7 For second and subsequent rounds consult the club number on the Draw Sheet. The first club number drawn will have ‘Home’ status.
8.3.8 The Team Entry Sheet, signed by a member of the Handicap Committee, detailing the names of the competitors, their current playing handicaps and their pairings should be exchanged at least 30 minutes before the agreed tee off time. Players should ensure their handicap recorded on the sheet is correct.
8.3.9 In each Fourball match, the lowest handicap player gets no shots and will concede strokes to the other three players based on 90% of the difference between the full CONGU handicap allowances.
8.3.10 In the event of a pair being disqualified for a breach of a Rule or Term prior to the match being played the opposing pair shall be awarded the Match win.
8.3.11 In the event of a pair being disqualified for a breach of a Rule or Term after the match has been played the opponents shall be awarded the match unless the opponents have already won.
8.3.12 The Team Manager of the winning team is responsible for reporting the result of the match to the ILGU Head Office within 48 hours of the match being completed.
8.3.13 The HOME club should contact the opposing club to arrange the time and date for the next match as soon as possible after the result is posted on the website.
8.3.14 Each participating club is responsible for the expenses incurred by their team.

8.4 Terms

8.4.1 A player who is a member of more than one club may only play for one club throughout this Competition in any year.

8.4.1.1 In Inter-club matches a player must have been an elected member of the club she represents on or before March 1st in the year of the tournament.

8.4.1.2 Players must have played 3 qualifying competitions in the previous 12 months from the date of player’s first match.

8.4.2 The combined handicap limit of each pair must not be less than 19 or more than 46.

8.4.3 Step Down: The club may elect to play one or more players with a higher handicap. In such a case, if the combined limit exceeds 46 the higher handicapped player must reduce her handicap to achieve the combined limit.

8.4.4 Each pair must play in combined handicap order at each venue.

Note: In the Regional Finals and the National Semi-Finals and Final the team must play in combined handicap order.

8.4.5 The matches must be played on a home and away basis on the same day and should be played at approximately the same time. Three matches at home and two matches away.

8.4.6 A choice of at least two days, one of which must be a weekend day, must be offered by each Team Captain. The last day must not be offered as one of the two days.

8.4.7 If a day cannot be arranged for the match it must be played on the last day. If one or other of the teams cannot play on the last day the match must be conceded.

8.4.8 Clubs must give courtesy of their course for the match.

8.4.9 Caddies are not permitted.

8.4.10 In accordance with Rule 24, each team may appoint one person who may give advice to members of that team at each venue. This person must be identified to the Committee before giving advice and must not walk onto a putting green to give advice.

Penalty for breach of 8.4.1, 8.4.2 or 8.4.3, 8.4.4: Disqualification of pair involved.

Penalty for breach of 8.4.5: Disqualification of team members at the venue.

Penalty for breach of 8.4.6, 8.4.8: Disqualification of team.

Penalty for breach of 8.4.9: as per Generic Term 3 Penalty Statement.

Penalty for breach of 8.4.10: as per Rule 24 Penalty.
9. AUSTRALIAN SPOONS

Presented to the LGU in 1967 by the Australian Ladies Golf Union to support players representing Ireland at International Competitions. Clubs are invited to hold an 18-hole Stableford Greensomes competition for the Spoons.

9.1 Prizes

The Spoons will be held for one year by the club from which the winning Net pair enters.


**District Qualifying venues:** Winners, Gross, Runners-Up, 3rd & 4th: Vouchers.

For calculation of Greensome Handicap please refer to the table under ‘Responsibilities of Club Honorary Secretaries’ of the ILGU Handbook.

Rules of Golf apply, except that both partners may drive and then may choose either drive. The partner of the player whose drive is chosen plays the second shot and so on in accordance with the provisions of Rule 22 thereafter.

The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

9.2 Terms

9.2.1 The winning pair (net) from each club will qualify to play in the District qualifying venue.

9.2.2 The best gross pair from each club will qualify to play in the District qualifying venue provided that at least 10 pairs have entered the competition at club level.

9.2.3 All the entry fees paid by all competitors must be sent to the Honorary Secretary or the nominated District Official on the entry form by a date to be decided by the relevant District Executive Committees.

9.2.4 All categories of members (including juniors) are eligible to play.

9.2.5 No Handicap Limit.

9.3 District Qualifying Venues – Stableford Greensomes

The winning pair (net) and the best gross pair (if applicable) from each club or 2nd, 3rd in the event of the winners and/or best gross pair not being available will qualify to play in a District qualifying venue on a date to be arranged by the District Executive Committee. Vouchers will be awarded.

9.4 National Final – Stableford Greensomes

The winners, runners-up, gross, 3rd and 4th best pairs from each District venue or substitute 5th and 6th if necessary will qualify to play for the Australian Spoons, Memento Spoons and Vouchers.
10. ILGU SILVER & BRONZE MEDAL COMPETITIONS

10.1 Introduction
All ILGU Medal Competitions are Qualifying Competitions for handicap purposes, as defined in the CONGU Unified Handicapping System and must be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Ltd and with Local Rules and Bye-Laws of the club which must not contravene any Regulations of the Irish Ladies Golf Union.

The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

10.2 ILGU Medals

10.2.1 Number of ILGU Medal Competitions: The Committee must run a minimum of four and a maximum of sixteen stroke play competitions for the Silver (handicap up to and including 20) and Bronze (handicap 21+). Medals are awarded annually to each affiliated club. Any, or all, of these competitions may be played in conjunction with a club stroke play competition, as authorised by the Committee for the period commencing 1st January and ending on the 31st December in the same year.

Clubs are permitted to use maximum score form of stroke play in their Medal Competitions Rule 21.2.

10.2.2 Qualifications
A player belonging to more than one affiliated club may compete in ILGU Medal competitions held at each of these clubs and may play for two medals on the same day, provided they are not played on the same course.

10.2.3 Terms of Entry

10.2.3.1 Registering Intention to Compete: On the day of an ILGU Medal Competition a player must register her intention to compete by ensuring that her entry has been inserted in the competition entry list, manually or by computer as required by the Committee in the Terms of Competition.

10.2.3.2 Minimum number of entries: Should only one player enter the competition her score must be recorded and count for ILGU Medal purposes.

10.2.3.3 There shall be no compulsory draw or entry fee for players competing in the ILGU Medal Competitions. The Committee may make its own terms regarding draws, starting times and entry fees for any competitions played in conjunction with the ILGU Medal Competition.

10.2.4 More than one Course
Where a club has more than one course, the ILGU Medal Competitions need not all be played on the same course provided that, all competitors in the Silver Division play the same course in any one competition and all the competitors in the Bronze Division play the same course in any one competition.

10.2.5 Alternate Day
For those clubs which have members who cannot play on the main Medal Day, the Committee may arrange up to a maximum of two Alternate Days for all or some of the ILGU Medal Competitions, complying with the Rules of Golf.

10.2.5.1 The Alternate Day should, if possible, be arranged on a date prior to the Main Day so that the competition is closed at the end of the Main Day.

10.2.5.2 Under no circumstances may any player compete twice in the same ILGU Medal Competition.
10.2.6 Fixing of Dates

10.2.6.1 Main Day: The dates of the ILGU Medal Competitions (minimum four and up to sixteen) at each affiliated club shall be fixed by the beginning of the ILGU year.

10.2.6.2 Alternate Day/s must be arranged within seven days of the Main Day, preferably prior to the Main Day, in the same ILGU year and may be on any day of the week.

10.2.7 Change of Dates

10.2.7.1 The date of an ILGU Medal Competition may only be altered should the course be pronounced unavailable by the Club Committee, or if the Committee or its authorised representative considers that for any reason the course is not in a playable condition, or that there are circumstances which render the proper playing of the game impossible.

10.2.7.2 The new date must be within two calendar months of the date originally fixed and within the same ILGU year and must be posted in the clubhouse. A change of date may be applied to a Main or an Alternate Day separately.

10.2.8 Silver and Bronze Medals

10.2.8.1 The Silver and Bronze Medals will be played for annually. The winners will be those who return the lowest aggregate of four Net Scores in ILGU Medal Competitions from 1st January to 31st December. Where more than one course has been used the aggregate score shall be calculated as the aggregate of the Net Differentials between the Standard Scratch Score and the Net Score returned.

10.2.8.2 For the Silver Medal all four scores must be returned whilst the player has a Playing Handicap of 20 or under, and, for the Bronze, whilst she has a Playing Handicap of 21 or above.

10.2.8.3 The winning of a Silver Medal supersedes the winning of a Bronze Medal in any club in the same year.

10.2.8.4 If two or more competitors tie, the winner shall be decided on the Net Score of the last 9, 6, 3 or 1 hole(s) of all four cards added together. If still a tie, decision shall be by play-off over eighteen holes on current Playing Handicap.

10.2.8.5 Only medal winners are eligible to play in National Finals. If this is not possible then a club will not be represented.

Exception: In the event of a player winning the medal at both her home and away club, the player will represent her home club in the National final and her away club may be represented by the runner-up.

10.2.8.6 The venue and dates for the ILGU Medal finals may be obtained from www.golfnet.

10.2.9 Gold Medals

The Irish Ladies Golf Union will award Gold Medals annually. The ILGU shall be responsible for the organisation of the annual competitions. Winners of the Silver and Bronze divisions respectively, in their own club during the current ILGU Year, are eligible to compete for the Gold Medals, playing off her current handicap in the category in which she qualified.

10.2.10 A club which does not permit a junior member with a CONGU handicap of 35 or less to compete and win in ILGU Medal Competitions is not entitled to receive a Silver and Bronze Medal (see Junior Policy).

10.2.11 The name of the winners shall be sent to the ILGU Head Office before 31st January of the following year.
10.3 Decisions on ILGU Medal Competitions

10.3.1 Change of Date: If more than two temporary greens are in use on the day of an ILGU Medal Competition, the scores will not count for handicap purposes and the ILGU Medal Competition must be postponed or cancelled.

10.3.2 Winner Main Day/Alternate Day: If the Main Day is cancelled and cannot be re-arranged, the player in each Division with the best Net Score on theAlternate Day, is the winner of that Medal Competition. Similarly, if the Alternate Day is cancelled, the Main Day results stand.

11. ILGU SILVER SPOON - 18 HOLES STROKE PLAY

11.1 Prizes
The ILGU awards a Silver Spoon annually to each affiliated club.

The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

11.2 General

11.2.1 The Spoon is awarded to the member of the club who returns the lowest aggregate of three net stroke play scores in a qualifying competition on that Club course during the year. All members, including junior members, with a CONGU handicap are eligible to compete and win.

11.2.2 Any number of cards are allowed to each player but only one score counts in each calendar month.

11.2.3 If two or more competitors tie, the winner shall be decided on the Net Score of the last 9, 6, 3 or 1 hole(s) of all three cards added together.

If still a tie, decision shall be by play-off over eighteen holes on current Playing Handicap.

11.2.4 Scores shall be published each month in the clubhouse.

11.2.5 The name of the winner shall be sent to the ILGU Head Office before 31st January of the following year.

11.2.6 No handicap limit.

11.2.7 Clubs are permitted to use maximum score form of stroke play. Rule 21.2.

12. THE 9-HOLE CHALLENGE

12.1 General
The 9-Hole Challenge is under the joint control and management of the Irish Ladies Golf Union and the Golfing Union of Ireland.

12.2 Eligibility

12.2.1 Participants must be members of a Golf Club affiliated to either the Irish Ladies Golf Union or the Golfing Union of Ireland
12.2.2 The R&A Rules of Golf apply.
12.2.3 Players must have a CONGU handicap.
12.2.4 No Handicap Limit

12.3 Entry (Clubs)
12.3.1 Participating clubs must submit an entry form to the ILGU or GUI. Entrants must have qualified to represent the club through a legitimate club competition along the lines specified in the entry form.
12.3.2 A club that does not currently have a CONGU SSS rating for 9 holes must complete an application for an SSS rating.

12.4 Format
12.4.1 Club Qualifying Competitions
Each participating club shall hold a qualifying competition, which may be conducted in one of the following formats:
12.4.1.1 An individual men’s qualifying competition and an individual women’s qualifying competition in which the winner of each will form the club’s team or
A mixed team competition (one female, one male, both Stableford scores added together)
12.4.1.2 The winners will advance to the regional qualifier.
12.4.1.3 In either circumstance, these competitions must be qualifying for handicapping purposes.
12.4.1.4 Club handicapping software must be used in any singles format run by the club.
12.4.1.5 There is no age limit for this competition; however, a pair may only include one player (male or female) who is under 18 years of age in the year of the event. Where a club runs separate qualifying competitions and both of the winners are under 18, the club will gain an extra team in the regional finals, with the U18 winners playing on separate teams.

12.4.2 Designated Regional Finals (ILGU/GUI)
12.4.2.1 Four designated regional finals will take place at dates and times arranged in advance by the ILGU and GUI over 9 holes rated for Standard Scratch.
12.4.2.2 The combined singles Stableford scores of each team member will count towards the team’s total.
12.4.2.3 The winner of each regional final shall qualify for the grand final at the venue of The Open.

12.5 Decision of Ties
12.5.1 Ties in the regional final will be resolved in the following manner:
12.5.1.1 Take the best 9-hole card of each team.
12.5.1.2 If still tied, decide on the last 6, 3, 1 of the best 9-hole card of each team.
12.5.1.3 If still tied, repeat the process of 12.5.1.1 and 12.5.1.2 for the other card.
12.5.1.4 If still tied, decide by chance (such as tossing a coin).
12.5.2 Ties in the qualifiers will be decided on the basis of the last 6-3-1, and if still tied will be decided by chance (such as tossing a coin).

12.6 Prizes
12.6.1 The winner of each regional final will qualify for the 9-Hole Championship to be held at the venue for The Open Championship.
12.6.2 It will be at the discretion of participating golf clubs as to whether they award prizes for the leading places in their qualifying competition.

12.7 Practice

12.7.1 For qualifying competitions and regional finals, the provisions of Rule 5 of the Rules of Golf will apply, in addition to any restrictions imposed by the golf club or the GUI/ILGU.

12.7.2 There will be no practice play allowed at The Open Championship venue but range and putting green access will be available on the morning of the final.

12.8 Caddies

Caddies are not permitted.

*Penalty for breach of this rule is in accordance with Generic Term 3 Penalty Statement.*

12.9 Transportation

The Policies of the ILGU & GUI on the Use of Golf Buggies will govern the use of golf buggies where such is permitted by the Committee on the grounds of medical disability.

12.10 Pace of Play

12.10.1 “Ready Golf” is fully encouraged.

12.10.2 The provisions of Rule 5.6 shall be applied to players.

12.11 Distance Measuring Devices.

DMDs are permitted at all events but must conform to Rule 4.3.

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13. IRISH GIRLS’ CLOSE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP (U18)

13.1 Prizes

**Championship Match play (Blake Cup):** Trophy, Memento, Voucher; Runner-Up & Semi-Finalists: Memento, Voucher; Quarter-Finalists: Voucher.

**Plate Match play (Pat Fletcher Trophy):** Winner: Trophy, Memento, Voucher; Runner-Up & Semi-Finalists: Voucher.

**Stroke play Qualifying (Muwick Cup):** Gross Winner: Trophy, Memento, Voucher; Runner-Up: Voucher.

**Net Stroke play Qualifying (Dorothy Glendinning Trophy):** Winner: Trophy, Memento, Voucher; Runner-Up: Voucher.

**Gross Stroke play Qualifying U-16 (Violet Haslett Cup):** Winner: Trophy, Memento, Voucher; Runner-Up: Voucher.

**Consolation 18 holes Stableford (May Fitzgibbon Trophy):** Winner: Trophy & Voucher; Runner-Up: Voucher.

A player is entitled to win the Under 16 Trophy regardless of winning any other trophy/prize.

Online entry will be available on www.golfnet.ie.
The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

13.2 Regulations
13.2.1 Handicap limit 18.
13.2.2 Entries shall be limited to the 72 competitors with the lowest exact handicap on the closing date.
13.2.3 Competitors must register at the Tournament Office not later than the appointed time and date for that Championship. Competitors may register by email, text, telephone or in person.
13.2.4 Competitors shall play 2 qualifying rounds of 18 holes stroke play on day 1.
13.2.5 A draw shall be made for the qualifying rounds.
13.2.6 The leading 16 available players shall qualify for match play for the Championship using the automatic draw on day 2. The next available 16 players shall qualify for the Plate match play using the automatic draw.
13.2.7 Ties will be in accordance with Generic Regulation 5.
13.2.8 A Stableford competition will be run on day 2 for non-qualifiers.
13.2.9 In stroke play the round is 18 holes and in match play the round of 18 holes is extended by as many holes as required for a match to be won.

13.3 Terms
13.3.1 Competitors must comply with the Eligibility Generic Terms.
13.3.2 The Championship shall be open to all competitors who are under 18 years of age at 00.00hrs on the 1st day of January in the year of the Championship and who are members of a club affiliated to the ILGU, or overseas equivalent, subject to one of the following qualifications:
   13.3.2.1 Irish Nationality of father, mother, grandmother or grandfather;
   13.3.2.2 Birth of competitor in Ireland; or
   13.3.2.3 Five (5) years’ residence in Ireland.
13.3.3 Competitors must hold a CONGU handicap, or overseas equivalent.
13.3.4 Caddies are permitted. Girls may not engage any person as a caddie whose age exceeds the age limit for the Championship/Tournament.

Penalty for breach of 13.3.1, 13.3.2, 13.3.3: Disqualification.
Penalty for breach of 13.3.4 is in accordance with Generic Term 3 Penalty Statement.

14. IRISH GIRLS’ OPEN AMATEUR STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP (U18)

14.1 Prizes
Winner: Trophy, Memento, Voucher; Runner-Up, 3rd, 4th, 5th: Voucher; 1st, 2nd Net: Voucher; Gross Round 1, 2 & 3: Voucher.
Nations Cup: Trophy & Voucher
Online entry will be available on www.golfnet.ie.
The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

14.2 Regulations

14.2.1 Handicap limit 12.

14.2.2 Entries shall be limited to the 90 competitors with the lowest exact handicap on the closing date.

14.2.2.1 Overseas players are required to furnish certificate of handicap by email before the closing date.

14.2.2.2 In addition the ILGU is entitled to add up to 10 players.

14.2.3 Competitors must register at the Tournament Office not later than the appointed time and date for that Championship. Competitors may register by email, text, telephone or in person.

14.2.4 The Championship shall consist of 54 holes stroke play played over the round of 18 holes.

14.2.5 18 holes will be played on each day.

14.2.6 There will be a cut to the top 50 available players (+ ties) after 36 holes.

14.2.7 For the final 18 holes, the pairings and starting times shall be determined by the qualifying scores, players with the lowest scores starting at the end of the field.

14.2.8 In the event of a tie for the Championship, to determine the winner there shall be a hole-by-hole play-off immediately after the final card has been returned.

14.2.9 Play-off holes will be identified and posted in advance of the Championship.

14.3 Nations Cup

14.3.1 At Registration, any country may nominate a Team/s of 2 or 3 players to represent their country.

14.3.2 The two lowest scores returned in each round shall count.

14.3.3 In the event of a tie for first place, the order will be decided as follows:

14.3.3.1 The lowest individual score for the 3rd round as per Generic Regulation 5.1.

14.3.3.2 If still a tie, the non-counting score for the 2nd round as per Generic Regulation 5.1.

14.3.3.3 If still a tie, the non-counting score for the 1st round.

14.3.3.4 If still a tie, the decision will be made by chance (such as tossing a coin).

14.4 Terms

14.4.1 The Championship shall be open to all competitors who are under 18 years of age at 00.00hrs on the 1st day of January in the year of the Championship and who are members of a club affiliated to the ILGU, or overseas equivalent.

14.4.2 Competitors must hold a CONGU handicap or overseas equivalent.

14.4.3 Caddies are permitted. Girls may not engage any person as a caddy whose age exceeds the age limit for the Championship/Tournament.

Penalty for breach of 14.4.1, 14.4.2: Disqualification of the player.

Penalty for breach of 14.4.3 is in accordance with Generic Term 3 Penalty Statement.
15. ILGU JUNIOR MEDAL COMPETITIONS (U18)

The ILGU Junior Medal is presented to each affiliated Club annually. It is open to all U18 female juniors who are registered on Golfnet.

15.1 Prizes

National Final ( Stableford)

Net: Overall Winner: Gold Medal, Voucher; Gross: Winner: Silver Medal, Voucher;

Net (Handicap + to 20): Silver Medal, Voucher

Net (Handicap 21 – 54): Bronze Medal, Voucher; 2nd & 3rd Best Net: Voucher

The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

15.2 Regulations

15.2.1 The Club Junior Medal is awarded to the player with the lowest aggregate of 3 net score differentials (relative to CSS), one in each month June, July and August.

15.2.2 The ILGU will award Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals annually. At the annual National Final in October, the Gold Medal will be awarded to the player returning the best net Stableford Score and a Silver Medal to the gross winner. In addition, with regard to the remainder of the competitors, a Silver Medal will be awarded to the player with best net score of players with handicap up to 20. The Bronze Medal will be awarded to the best net score handicap 21 – 54.

15.2.3 The 10 juniors who have reduced their handicap by the greatest margin in the period March 1 – August 31, irrespective of recording a qualifying score in each month, will be the first to qualify to compete for the National Gold, Silver and Bronze Junior Medals at the final in October. Ties for the top 10 will be determined by the most Qualifying Competitions recorded over this period, followed by the lowest aggregate score recorded in this period.

15.2.4 In addition, the lowest 50 (+ties) aggregate of counting scores will also qualify for the final.

15.2.5 A maximum number of Qualifying Competitions does not apply and any, or all, of these Competitions may be played in conjunction with a club stroke play or Stableford (V. Par not eligible) Competition, as authorized by the Committee. Net differential scores (relative to CSS) may be on a HOME or AWAY course and only one score per month June, July and August may count.

15.2.6 Players must be registered on Golfnet as either a Junior/Juvenile member.

15.3 Terms

15.3.1 Players must be under 18 years of age at 00.00hrs on the 1st day of January in the year of the Tournament.

15.3.2 Eligible players must be registered on Golfnet.

15.3.3 Players must have a CONGU handicap.

15.3.4 Counting scores must be returned in Qualifying Competitions for handicap purposes, as defined in the CONGU Unified Handicapping System and must be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Ltd and with Local Rules and Bye-Laws of the club which must not contravene any Regulations of the ILGU.

15.3.5 Caddies are permitted. Girls may not engage any person as a caddie whose age exceeds the age limit for the Championship/Tournament.

Penalty for breach of 15.3.1, 15.3.2, 15.3.3, 15.3.4: Disqualification of player.

Penalty for breach of 15.3.5 is in accordance with penalty statement in Generic Term 3.
16. IRISH SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP

16.1 Prizes

National Senior Cup: Winners: Cup, Pennant, Voucher; Runners-Up: Voucher; Individual Gross & Net: Voucher.


Gross Best Individual (Mary Nowlan Cup): Winner: Cup & Voucher.


Junior players are only eligible for Junior Individual prizes at National and District level, irrespective of what team they play on.

A player cannot win more than one prize at National and District level. Exception Mary Nowlan Cup.

The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

16.2 Regulations

16.2.1 Maximum handicap of 36 applies (no step down).

16.2.2 The Championship shall be open to all primary and second level schools in Ireland.

16.2.3 The Senior Cup will be open to all ages/years. The Junior Cup will be open to all competitors up to Junior Cert/GCSE’s (up to and including year 10).

16.2.4 A team may not enter into both the Senior and Junior Cup.

16.2.5 The Tournament, at National and District level, shall be in the form of 18 holes gross Stableford Singles. While gross scores count for the Championship, full shot allowance will apply for handicap purposes.

16.2.6 Each school entered in the Championship shall play in their District qualifier in order to qualify for the National Finals.

16.2.7 A school may enter one or more team/player which should be named ‘Team A’ and ‘Team B’ etc. and should be submitted on separate entry forms. School team/individual players must play in District qualifier where the school is located.

16.2.8 Each team should consist of 3 players with 2 scores to count. A team of 2 players may enter and both scores shall count. Teams may have 3 players in the National Final even if they had only 2 players in the District qualifier.

16.2.9 A school may enter an individual player at District level.

The individual with the highest gross stableford score at District level, whether they are a member of a team or not shall progress to National level to compete for individual prize.

16.2.9.1 The team with the highest aggregate gross Stableford score entered in the Senior Cup competition, shall win the Senior Cup.

16.2.9.2 The team with the highest aggregate gross Stableford score entered in the Junior Cup competition, shall win the Junior Cup

16.2.9.3 A team may not be entered in both competitions.

16.2.10 In the event of a tie, at either District or National level, the winning team shall be decided according to the best individual score of the teams concerned. If still a tie it shall be decided in accordance with ILGU Generic Regulation 5
16.2.11 Should the Senior or Junior Cup winning team from the District qualifying competition be unable to compete in the National Finals, the team with the next best aggregate gross score in that category (or 3rd, 4th etc.) shall be eligible to play in substitution.

16.2.12 A teacher or other responsible adult should accompany each team at all rounds of the Tournament.

16.3 Terms
16.3.1 A player shall remain eligible to play for the school that she represented at the qualifying competition even if she ceases to attend that school.
16.3.2 A player must have a CONGU handicap or overseas equivalent.
16.3.3 A player may not play for more than one team throughout the competition.
16.3.4 Caddies are not permitted.

Penalty for breach of 16.3.2 and 16.3.3: Disqualification of player.
Penalty for breach of 16.3.4 is in accordance with Generic Term 3 Penalty Statement.

17. GIRLS’ INTER-CLUB NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY (U19)

17.1 Prizes
National: Winners: Trophy, Pennant, Memento; Runners-Up: Memento.
Provincial: Winners: Pennant, Memento; Runners-Up: Memento.

17.2 General
17.2.1 The Trophy shall be played for annually between ILGU affiliated clubs in each Province.
17.2.2 The Tournament Committee will hold a meeting with the Team Captains on the evening prior to the Semi-Finals.

The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms and also separate District Regulations/Terms.

17.3 Regulations
17.3.1 Maximum playing handicap of 36 applies. Step down permitted.
17.3.2 Each team entered in the Tournament shall play in a Provincial qualifier.
17.3.3 The Tournament shall be in the form of Singles match play played in the order of handicap.
17.3.4 The Provincial qualifying competitions shall be run by the Connacht, Leinster, Munster and Ulster Districts.
17.3.5 The winning Provincial Club shall play in the All Ireland Semi-Final/Final.
17.3.6 At each Provincial qualifying competition, the team Captains should submit the names of their teams, in handicap order, at least 30 minutes before the match is due to start. A reserve, if any, should also be named on the team sheet.
17.3.7 Each club may enter a maximum of two teams. If two teams are entered they shall be named ‘A Team’ and ‘B Team’ respectively.
17.3.8 Applicable for the Leinster Qualifier (East and Mid Leinster)
In the event that the number of entries exceeds 16 teams, the following criteria will apply:
1) Entries shall be limited to 16 teams.
2) Entries will be on the basis, in the first instance, of one team per club with the lowest aggregate handicaps.
3) Clubs with second teams will fill any remaining spaces up to a maximum of 16 based on their lowest aggregate handicaps.

4) Seeding – the two teams with the lowest aggregate handicaps

17.3.9 Should a player become incapacitated by illness, accident or other unavoidable occurrence, the reserve may be substituted up to the time a player is due to start from the first tee. The reserve shall play in order of handicap of the remaining players. If no reserve is available the match must be conceded.

17.3.10 All matches shall be played to a result unless a team has already won. The Round of 18 holes is extended by as many holes as are required for a match to be won.

17.3.11 Shots to be conceded as per CONGU match play allowances.

17.3.12 For the National Semi-Final, the names for the morning matches must be submitted at the Tournament meeting with the Captains, while for the National Final matches they must be submitted as soon as the results of the Semi-finals are known.

17.4 Terms

17.4.1 The Tournament shall be open to competitors who are under 19 years of age at 00.00hrs on the 1st day of January in the year of the Tournament.

17.4.2 Each team must consist of three players. A reserve may be named on the submitted team at the discretion of the captain.

17.4.3 A player must be a member of the club she represents.

17.4.4 A player shall not play for more than one team throughout the competition.

17.4.5 A competitor who is a member of more than one club shall only represent her nominated club throughout the Competition.

17.4.6 Players on a team must play in order of handicap.

17.4.7 Should a player play off an incorrect handicap and this affects the number of strokes given or received and/or the order of play, such player shall be disqualified for that match and the opponent awarded the match unless she (opponent) has already won the match. Only the offending player will be disqualified.

17.4.8 Caddies are not permitted.

17.4.9 Advice: In accordance with Rule 24, each team may appoint one person who may give advice to members of that team. She must be identified to the Committee before giving advice and not must not walk onto a putting green to give advice.

Penalty for breach of 17.4.1, 17.4.3, 17.4.4, 17.4.5, 17.4.6, 17.4.7: Disqualification of player.

Penalty for breach of 17.4.2: Disqualification of team.

Penalty for breach of 17.4.8 is in accordance with Generic Term 3 Penalty Statement.

Penalty for breach of 17.4.9 is in accordance with Rule 24 Penalty.
JUNIOR GOLF AND COACHING PROGRAMMES
1. RESPONSIBILITY/ROLE OF CLUB JUNIOR CONVENOR/COMMITTEE/ILGU

1.1 A Junior Convenor in the Club will:
   1.1.1 Facilitate contact with the Officers, Council/Committee and the Secretary/Manager.
   1.1.2 Enable junior issues to be aired, discussed, reviewed and properly documented.
   1.1.3 Enable junior fixtures to be integrated with the club’s other fixtures and detailed in the club fixture list.
   1.1.4 Give juniors a representative on the Ladies’ Club Committee.

1.2 The Role of Junior Convenor
   1.2.1 All matters affecting the rights and interests of a junior member must be discussed with the Junior Convenor.
   1.2.2 Nominate a Boy/Girl Junior Captain(s) (subject to approval of Club Council/Committee).
   1.2.3 Appoint adult team captains to all junior teams representing the club.
   1.2.4 Junior Convenor should form a Junior Committee to comprise of the following:
      1.2.4.1 Adult playing member of the club;
      1.2.4.2 Club Professional;
      1.2.4.3 Junior Captain(s);
      1.2.4.4 One parent;
      1.2.4.5 Three junior members.
   1.2.5 Be responsible for enlisting the help of fellow club members in the promotion of junior golf.
   1.2.6 Speak at Club functions – Give update and make members aware of junior activities.

1.3 Junior Club Committee is responsible for:
   1.3.1 Junior membership – encouraging club to remove all age restrictions.
   1.3.2 Upholding the rules of the club.
   1.3.3 Preparing “Introductory Guide to New Junior Members”.
   1.3.4 Disciplining – Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children’s Sport.
   1.3.5 Arranging junior club competitions.
   1.3.6 Encouraging juniors to play in the weekly club competitions.
   1.3.7 Maximising use of playing facilities for juniors.
   1.3.8 Educating junior members in basic Rules of Golf and course etiquette.
   1.3.9 Arranging coaching sessions.
   1.3.10 Approving junior dress codes that are reasonable and take account of modern trends.
   1.3.11 Seeking funding for junior projects.
   1.3.12 Progress junior members into full membership.
   1.3.13 Application of the CONGU UHS for junior members.
   1.3.14 Junior section on noticeboard.
   1.3.15 Ensure all junior members are registered on the Centralised Database of Handicaps (Golfnet), irrespective of whether or not they have acquired an official CONGU handicap.
   1.3.16 Ensure the club has a policy document outlining which competitions juniors can enter, when they can play and what prizes they can win, in accordance with the ILGU Junior Policy Document.
1.4 ILGU

1.4.1 Encourage juniors to enter the ILGU District and National Championships.
   1.4.1.1 Irish Girls’ Close Championship. H’Cap limit 18.
   1.4.1.2 Irish Girls’ Open Stroke Play Championship. H’Cap limit 12.
   1.4.1.3 Girls’ Interprovincials Selected by Province.
   1.4.1.4 District Girls’ Championships H’Cap as per District.
   1.4.1.5 Girls’ Interclub National & Provincial Challenge Trophy.
   1.4.1.6 ILGU Junior Medal Competition as per qualification.
   1.4.1.7 Irish Schools’ Championship.

1.4.2 Advise respective ILGU District Junior Development Committee Member or District Chairman of Junior Development of any promising junior who may be considered for Regional/High Performance/Horizon support.

2. GIRLS UNDER 18 - POLICY DOCUMENT

2.1 Introduction

With ageing club memberships and the overall decline in golf participation, junior members have never been more important to the future of golf clubs. Similarly, never before have children had more variety and opportunity in terms of activities, all competing to occupy their spare time and attract their talent. These factors present a challenge for golf to improve its ‘offer’ to young people, and encourage them to start and stay in the game.

There are many reasons why golf is appealing to young people and their parents/guardians:

- Golf welcomes players of all ages and abilities
- Golf is a fun and challenging game with low risk of injury
- The skill sets required are different in comparison to traditionally popular sports such as GAA, rugby or hockey
- Golf is a lifelong activity and is suitable for individuals, families, teams and groups
- Golf can provide networking opportunities and can be more social than other sports
- Golf promotes skills and values such as leadership, sportsmanship, communication, self-management, respect, honesty and perseverance
- There are fantastic role models in Irish Golf at both professional and amateur level
- Golf is one of the most popular individual sports in Ireland

2.2 Policy

The purpose of this policy document is to set out the ILGU policy in the area of junior golf in an effort to provide clarity to clubs on current best practice.

The ILGU is totally committed to developing junior golfers as they are the future of the sport. We will endeavor to assist clubs in every way possible to implement this Junior Policy. All affiliated clubs must be compliant with the following policy and are required to implement all elements as soon as is practical. The ILGU Board reserves the right to sanction clubs in breach of this policy.

Every golf club must have a clear policy, derived from the ILGU policy, outlining the rights of junior members. This should be clearly displayed on the ladies’ noticeboard.

All juniors who hold a CONGU handicap should have the same playing rights as lady members with a CONGU handicap. It is important that lady members understand and are aware of the playing rights of juniors.
2.3 Girls’ Junior Convenor

2.3.1 Appoint a Junior Convenor for the development of Girls under 18. The girls’ junior convenor should be part of the overall Junior Committee within the club and will work on the development of Junior Golf (Boys and Girls) but will have a primary responsibility for the development of girls’ golf.

2.3.2 The Junior Convenor should be nominated onto the Ladies Committee or a representative of the Junior Committee invited to attend each committee meeting to provide an update on girls’ golf.

2.4 Responsibilities of the Ladies’ Committee

2.4.1 Support the work of the Junior Convenor and the Junior Committee in the development of girls’ golf within the club, while also encouraging the ladies’ membership to support the junior section of the club.

2.4.2 Table Junior Girls’ Golf as an agenda item for every committee meeting.

2.4.3 Put in place a structured programme to support Junior Girls which will include the following:

2.4.3.1 All Junior Girls must be registered on the Centralised Database of Handicaps (Golfnet), once they become a member of the club, irrespective of whether they acquired a CONGU handicap or not. This allows an accurate picture to be painted of the number of active girls playing golf.

2.4.3.2 Ensure Junior Girls are facilitated in obtaining a CONGU handicap.

2.4.3.3 All Junior Girls with a CONGU handicap should be allowed to compete in and win ladies’ competitions but Junior Girls with a CONGU handicap of 36 or less must be allowed to compete in and win ladies’ competitions. Additionally, it is not in order to introduce restrictions, e.g. juniors must play with an adult, as such restrictions place barriers to girls competing in these competitions.

2.4.3.4 It is at the discretion of clubs to designate up to six competitions as “Majors”. Girls with a CONGU handicap of 35 or less must be allowed to compete in these competitions but may be restricted from winning first and second prize only. The only circumstance where it is acceptable for juniors to be restricted from playing in major competitions is where the timesheet cannot accommodate adult female competitors.

(Clubs should clearly publish and display prizes which girls are not eligible to win).

The ILGU Board reserves the right to sanction clubs in breach of item 2.4.3 of this policy. The procedure for Resolution of Issues is outlined in 61.2 of this handbook.

2.5 Dress Code

Clubs are encouraged to introduce a relaxed dress code in relation to juniors. The ILGU recommends neat casual dress on the course and in the club house.

2.6 Safeguarding

2.6.1 Under the Children First Act 2015, it is now a legal requirement for all golf clubs to produce a Safeguarding Policy and display their Safeguarding Statement. In addition to this, clubs should:

2.6.1.1 Complete appropriate Vetting Checks. This is now mandatory for all those involved in any work or activity which is carried out by a person, a necessary and regular (once a week or more) part of which consists mainly of the person having access to, or contact with children or vulnerable persons. A person
may not be engaged to do relevant work or activities relating to children or vulnerable persons unless that person has been subject to the vetting procedures under the Act. Failure to comply with this duty is an offence under the Act.

2.6.1.2 Sign Code of Conducts annually (leaders, juniors, parents)
2.6.1.3 Appoint a Club Children’s Officer and Designated Liaison Person
2.6.1.4 Arrange appropriate training for all those working with juniors
2.6.1.5 Communicate Safeguarding procedures to staff, coaches, volunteers, parents, members & juniors

2.6.2 Vetting checks shall not apply where a person gives assistance/provides supervision on an occasional basis at an event or activity other than where such assistance includes the coaching, mentoring, counselling, teaching or training of children or vulnerable persons. However, they should be aware of their conduct in dealing with juniors and must sign the Leaders’ Code of Conduct.

2.6.3 Role of the Club Children’s Officer: Club Children’s Officers should be child centered in focus and have as the primary aim, the establishment of a child centered ethos within the club. S/he is the link between the children and the adults in the club. S/he also takes responsibility for monitoring and reporting to the Club Management Committee on how club policy impacts on young people and Sports Leaders. The Children’s Officer should be a member of or have access to, the Club Management Committee and should be introduced to the young people in an appropriate forum. The Children’s Officer full role is available at www.cgigolf.org/safeguarding/

2.6.4 Role of the Designated Liaison Person: Every club/organisation should designate a person to be responsible for dealing with any concerns about the protection of children. The designated person is responsible for reporting allegations or suspicions of child abuse to Health Services Executive or Social Services (NI) and/or An Garda Síochána/PSNI. It is recommended that this person is a senior club person. However, if there is difficulty identifying a separate individual to take this role, the Children’s Officer can be appointed as designated person once the club/organisation is clear about the responsibilities of the each role. The organisation’s child protection policy and procedures should include the name and contact details of the designated person and the responsibilities attached to the role. The Designated Liaison Person’s full role is available at www.cgigolf.org/safeguarding/

Further information and all forms and policies can be found by visiting www.cgigolf.org/safeguarding/
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- Fermoy
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- Lee Valley
- Macroom
- Mahon
- Mallow
- Mitchelstown
- Monkstown
- Muskerry
- Raffeen Creek
- Skibbereen
- Youghal

- Ballykisteen
- Cahir
- Co. Tipperary
- Dungarvan
- Gold Coast
- Lismore
- Nenagh
- Slievenamon
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- **Portstewart**
- **Royal Portrush**
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- **Cliftonville**
- **Dunmurry**
- **Fortwilliam**
- **Hilton Templepatrick**
- **Lambeg Ladies**
- **Lisburn**
- **Malone**
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- **Carrickfergus**
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- **Ashfield**
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- **Crossgar**
- **Kilkeel**
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- **Helen’s Bay**
- **Holywood**
- **Kirkistown Castle**
- **Knock**
- **Royal Belfast**
- **Scrabo**
- **Shandon Park**
- **Temple**
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- **Omagh**
- **Rossmore**
- **Slieve Russell**
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- **Ballybofey & Stranorlar**
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- **Narin & Portnoo**
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- **Rosapenna**
- **Ballyliffin**
- **Buncrana**
- **City of Derry**
- **Faughan Valley**
- **Foyle**
- **Greencastle**
- **North West**
- **Roe Park**
- **Redcastle**

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### Notes
- **ULSTER JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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### JUNIOR FIXTURES 2020

#### March
- **Fri 27**  
  Schools’ Championship (Ulster)  
  Greenacres

#### April
- **Fri 3 – Sun 5**  
  Irish Girls’ Open Stroke Play Championship (U18)  
  Roganstown
- **Tues 7 – Thurs 9**  
  Munster Championship (Women’s & Girls)  
  Tralee
- **Thurs 9**  
  Ulster Adult/Girls Foursomes  
  Holywood
- **Wed 15 – Fri 17**  
  Ulster Championship (Women’s & Girls)  
  Massereene
- **Mon 27**  
  Irish Schools’ Final  
  Milltown

#### June
- **Thurs 25 – Fri 26**  
  Connacht Women’s & Girls’ Championships  
  Westport
- **Tues 30 – Thurs 2**  
  Leinster Girls’ Championship  
  Woodbrook

#### July
- **Mon 6**  
  Ria Kenny Girls (East Leinster)  
  Elm Park
- **Tues 7 – Thurs 9**  
  Women’s & Girls’ Interprovincial Matches  
  Slieve Russell
- **Wed 15 – Fri 17**  
  Irish Girls’ Close Amateur Championship  
  Strandhill
- **Wed 22**  
  Connacht Girls’ U16  
  Castlerea
- **Thurs 23**  
  Girls’ Inter-Club – Ulster Qualifier  
  Knock
- **Wed 29 – Thurs 30**  
  Girls’ Inter-Club – Connacht Qualifier  
  Ballina
- **Wed 29 – Thurs 30**  
  Girls’ Inter-Club – Leinster Qualifier  
  Tulfarris
- **Wed 29 – Thurs 30**  
  Girls’ Inter-Club – Munster Qualifier  
  Blarney

#### August
- **Thurs 13 – Fri 14**  
  Mid Leinster Championship (Women’s & Girls)  
  Athy
- **Fri 21**  
  Girls’ Inter-club National Finals  
  New Ross
- **Sun 23**  
  Ulster Girls Foursomes  
  Portstewart

#### September
- **Sat 12**  
  U21 Seapoint Scratch Cup  
  Seapoint
- **Fri 18**  
  Irish Schools Qualifier 2020 (Connacht)  
  Castlerea
- **Tues 22**  
  Irish Schools Qualifier 2021 (Connacht)  
  Roscommon
- **Tues 22**  
  Irish Schools Qualifier 2021 (East Leinster)  
  Clontarf

#### October
- **Fri 23**  
  Irish Schools Qualifier 2021 (Mid Leinster)  
  Carlow
- **Wed 28**  
  ILGU Junior Medal National Final  
  Seapoint
I. **ILGU GOLF PARTICIPATION MODEL**

Once a female participant engages in golf in Ireland, the ILGU aims to ensure that she continues to play golf for life.

To this end the ILGU, through the Golf Participation Model, has put in place a number of interventions to support both the participation and performance of female golfers. Female golfers outside of these interventions are encouraged to continue to participate as life-long participants within golf clubs in Ireland.

The aim of the ILGU Golf Participation Model (GPM) is to build a lasting coaching and training structure which provides all levels of participants with the appropriate coaching opportunities, therefore affording players the opportunity to be the best player they can be.
## 1.1 SUMMARY

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<td>High Performance</td>
<td>Participants are committed to pursuing golf as their number one priority and investing the time and effort required to perform at international level.</td>
<td>Any</td>
<td>High Performance Panel</td>
<td>Staff: Eoin Holligan HP Manager: David Kearney ILGU HP Committee</td>
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<td>Funded Performance</td>
<td>Participants aim to compete on the international stage and represent Ireland at international team events, while also pursuing personal goals.</td>
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<td>Horizon Performance</td>
<td>Participants aiming to join the Elite Performance Programme in years to come.</td>
<td>U18</td>
<td>Horizon Performance</td>
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<td>U16 Development</td>
<td>Girls are introduced to the first stage of their HP journey to becoming an international class golfer; using a strengths based approach.</td>
<td>U16</td>
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<td>Provincial</td>
<td>Girls are provided with the opportunity to play and meet other players at Regional/Provincial Programme</td>
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<td>Club</td>
<td>Girls are provided with a framework that caters for them from a beginner to getting a handicap of 35, and then have an opportunity to participate in scheduled activity outside of their home club with girls of similar standard (stage five and six)</td>
<td>U18</td>
<td>Golf4Girls4Life Stages One to Six</td>
<td>Pro: Club PGA Professional Staff: Maria Dunne/ Jennifer Hickey &amp; Michelle Carroll ILGU Junior Development Committee CGI Participation Officers</td>
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<td>CGI</td>
<td>Girls get the opportunity to try golf at a local school and progress to their local club where they will experience golf in a safe and fun environment.</td>
<td>8+</td>
<td>Golf4Girls4Life Recruitment Programme</td>
<td>Pro: Club PGA Professional Staff: Michelle Carroll &amp; CGI Participation Officers ILGU Junior Development Committee CGI Participation Officers</td>
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## 2. GOLF4GIRLS4LIFE RECRUITMENT & RETENTION FRAMEWORK (STAGES ONE TO FOUR)

The Irish Ladies Golf Union (ILGU) and Confederation of Golf in Ireland (CGI) joined together, with the support of the Professional Golfers Association (PGA) to create the Golf4Girls4Life Framework.

The overarching aim stages one to four of the framework is to map the progression of girls from beginner level, through to achieving a handicap of 35, at an appropriate rate for them as individuals. This involves ensuring they become proficient in all elements of the game as well as becoming integrated into the club environment with the result of increased participation and retention of girls. Support resources and educational workshops are available that cover the following:
• How to form links with the local primary schools and running awareness days in the schools and/or Club
• How to use the framework to build sustainable structures within the club (which includes journals for each stage)
• Ensuring that each club create a safe environment for children by adhering to Golf’s Safeguarding Policy
• Advice for PGA Professionals on how to run engaging lessons using techniques such as Teaching Games for Understanding (TGfU) and Guided Discovery
• Rules & Etiquette activities that can be simply delivered to the girls
• The importance of social activities and calendar of events

STAGES FIVE & SIX

Stage Five aim: Give girls the opportunity to experience golf outside of their golf club, with the objectives being:
• To create an environment where girls can socialise and develop their skills with girls of similar ages and standards
• To give girls an introduction to a variety of competition
• To introduce girls to common rules & etiquette associated with various forms of competition

Stage Six Aim: Facilitate girls to become the best they can be, with the objectives being:
• To increase girls awareness of playing opportunities available to them at District and National events
• To continue to advance girls skill development and independent learning
• To increase the girls awareness to the selection criteria for the Provincial Development Programme

3. REGIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAMME

The aim of the Provincial Development Programme is to provide girls with an opportunity for development and progression at provincial/regional level

Objectives:
• To increase girls’ awareness on playing opportunities available to them at District & National events
• To fill the gap between club/G4G4L and High Performance coaching and development
• Encourage girls of the same location, standard and aspiration to play and practice together
• To continue to advance the girls’ skill development and independent learning
• To increase the girls’ awareness to the selection criteria for Interprovincial Teams and encourage “pride in the province”

4. HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAMME

The Irish Ladies Golf Union’s High Performance Programme (HPP) is devised to develop high performance amateur players and ultimately deliver golfing success on a world stage. The programme sees the High Performance Panel, Horizon Performance Panel, U16 Development Panel and Funded Performance Panel selected which is actively managed by David Kearney, High Performance Manager.

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Connacht Tournament Regulations and Terms

1. **CONNACHT OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

1.1 **Prizes**

**Section 1: Handicap 12.4 and under**


Julie Conroy Cup Best Gross U18: Winner: Trophy and Voucher.

**Section 2: Handicap 12.5 to 26.4**


Best Gross U18: Winner: Voucher.

1.2 **General**

1.2.1 The Championship shall be under the management of a Tournament Committee appointed by the Connacht District Executive Committee.

1.2.2 Competitors may only win one voucher but may win more than one trophy.

1.2.3 The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make changes where necessary. The Committee's decision is final.

1.2.4 Online entry will be available on www.golfnet.ie.

1.2.5 The draw will be posted on www.golfnet.ie.

1.2.6 Trophies must be returned to the District Executive by May 1st in each year.

The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

1.3 **Regulations**

1.3.1 Championships Section 1: (Handicap 12.4 & Under).

Entries will be limited to 54 players with lowest exact handicap on the closing date. 36 holes stroke play on Day 1- and 18-holes stroke play on Day 2.

1.3.2 Championship Section 2: (Handicap 12.5 to 26.4).

Entries will be limited to 45 players with lowest exact handicap on the closing date. 18 holes stroke play on Day 1- and 18-holes stroke play on Day 2.

1.3.3 In the event of a tie for the Championship there will be a hole by hole play-off immediately after the final card has been returned. Play-off holes will be posted in advance of the Championships.

1.3.4 Competitors must register at the ILGU Registration Desk in the Clubhouse between 18:00 and 19:00hrs on the evening prior to the first day of the Championship. Competitors may register by email, text, telephone or in person.
1.4 Terms
1.4.1 Eligibility: Competitors must comply with the Generic Terms on Eligibility.
1.4.2 Championship: Competitors in Section 1 must hold a CONGU playing handicap or overseas equivalent of 12.4 and under.
1.4.3 Championship: Competitors in Section 2 must hold a CONGU playing handicap or overseas equivalent of 12.5 to 26.4.
1.4.4 The U18 Category of the Championship Sections 1 & 2 shall be open to girls under 18 years of age at 00:00hrs on the 1st day of January in the year of the Championship and who are members of a club affiliated to the ILGU or overseas equivalent.
1.4.5 Caddies are permitted subject to Generic Term 3.

Penalty for breach of 1.4.1, 1.4.2, 1.4.3, or 1.4.4: Disqualification. Penalty for breach of 1.4.5 is in accordance with Generic Term 3 Penalty Statement.

2. SENIOR CUP
2.1 The format of Senior Cup has been standardised across all 5 Districts. Please refer to Senior Cup National Tournament Regulations and Terms.
2.2 The Connacht District must have a minimum entry of four teams.
2.3 Seeding Connacht
The seeding for Connacht will be based on the winners and runners up from the previous year. All other teams will be seeded in order of lowest aggregate of the five handicaps at the time of entry. Entry forms may be downloaded on www.golfnet.ie.

3. GOLFSTYLE CONNACHT SENIOR’S COMPETITION (OVER 50)
Sponsored by GolfStyle, Galway (Declan Cunningham)

3.1 Prizes
Championship: 1st, 2nd, Net, Gross, 3rd, 4th, 5th Net; Front 9 & Back 9

3.2 General
3.2.1 The Championship shall be under the management of a Tournament Committee appointed by the Connacht District Executive Committee.
3.2.2 The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make changes necessary. The Committee’s decision is final.
3.2.3 The draw will be posted on www.golfnet.ie.

The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

3.3 Regulations
3.3.1 Competition format is 18 holes Stableford.
3.3.2 The ILGU Transportation Policy does not apply to this event.
3.4 Terms
3.4.1 Eligibility: Competitors must comply with the Generic Terms on Eligibility.
3.4.2 This event is open to all ladies over the age of 50 years on the day of the Championship who are members of a Golf Club affiliated to the Connacht District.
3.4.3 Players must hold a CONGU playing handicap of 36 or under on the closing date.
**Penalty for breach of 3.4.1, 3.4.2 or 3.4.3: Disqualification.**

4. GOLFSTYLE CONNACHT GIRLS’ UNDER 16 STABLEFORD COMPETITION

Sponsored by: GolfStyle Galway (Declan Cunningham)

4.1 Prizes

**Connacht Girls’ Trophy:** Winner Best Gross: Trophy and Voucher; 2nd Gross

**Brenda Gearty Trophy Best Gross U14:** Winner: Trophy & Voucher

**Bentley Plate Best Net U16:** Winner: Trophy and Voucher; 2nd Net

**Leonard Dodd Shield Best Net U12:** Winner: Trophy & Voucher

4.2 General

4.2.1 The Competition shall be under the management of a Tournament Committee appointed by the Connacht District Executive Committee.

4.2.2 The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make changes where necessary. The Committee’s decision is final.

4.2.3 Online entry will be available on www.golfnet.ie.

4.2.4 The draw will be posted on www.golfnet.ie.

4.2.5 Trophies must be returned to the District Executive by May 1st in each year.

**The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.**

4.3 Regulations

4.3.1 The Competition shall consist of 18 holes stableford, played over the round of 18 holes.

4.3.2 Competitors, if not already registered, must register at the ILGU Registration Desk at least 45 minutes before their tee time.

4.4 Terms

4.4.1 Eligibility: Competitors must comply with the Generic Terms on Eligibility.

4.4.2 The Connacht Girls Trophy shall be confined to all girls under 16 years of age at 00.00hrs on the 1st day of January in the year of the Competition and who are members of a club affiliated to the ILGU, or overseas equivalent.

4.4.3 The U14 Trophy shall be open to girls under 14 years of age at 00.00hrs on the 1st day of January in the year of the Competition.

4.4.4 The U12 Cup shall be open to girls under 12 years of age at 00.00hrs on the 1st day of January in the year of the Championship.

4.4.5 Competitors must hold a CONGU playing handicap of 35 or less on the closing date.

4.4.6 Caddies are permitted subject to Generic Term 3.

**Penalty for breach of 4.4.1, 4.4.2, 4.4.3, 4.4.4 or 4.4.5: Disqualification. Penalty for breach of 4.4.6 is in accordance with ILGU Generic Term 3 Penalty Statement.**
5. AIG LADIES CUPS & SHIELDS

5.1 Prizes

District Singles: Winners: Pennant, Memento (8); Runners Up: Memento (8)
District Foursomes: Winners: Pennant, Memento (9); Runners Up: Memento (9)

5.2 General

5.2.1 The Championship shall be under the management of a Tournament Committee appointed by the Connacht District Executive Committee.

5.2.2 The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make changes where necessary. The Committee’s decision is final.

5.2.3 The Championships consist of 4 singles and 2 foursomes Inter-Club Match Play Divisions.

5.2.4 Entry forms can be downloaded from Golfnet www.golfnet.ie.

5.2.5 The draws will be posted on www.golfnet.ie.

5.2.6 Clubs who do not play their fixtures within the times specified on the draw sheet will be disqualified unless exceptional circumstances are brought to the attention of the District Tournament Committee before the last day of the time period.

The following are in addition to AIG Ladies Cups and Shields National Tournament Regulations and Terms, and must also be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

5.3 Regulations

5.3.1 Round: In match play the round is extended for as many holes as are required to achieve a win.

5.3.2 Singles

5.3.2.1 All singles matches up to and including quarter-finals will be played on a home and away basis. These singles matches must be played on the allocated date or if both teams are in agreement they may be played on the previous Saturday, Sunday or Bank Holiday Monday (if appropriate).

5.3.2.2 The team on the top of the draw is the home team and has the honour on the first tee.

5.3.2.3 Three matches shall be played at home and two matches away in handicap order at each venue.

5.3.2.4 Home and away matches should be played on the same date at approximately the same time.

5.3.2.5 In home and away matches if either course is closed due to weather conditions, all matches should be played on the other course if playable. If both courses are closed team managers should contact the District Chairman of Tournaments.

5.3.2.6 The venue, date and time of District semi-finals and finals will be determined by the District Executive.

5.3.3 Foursomes

5.3.3.1 All Matches shall be played at a neutral venue.

5.3.3.2 The venue, date and time of all foursome matches will be determined by the District Executive.
5.4 Terms

5.4.1 Eligibility: Competitors must comply with the Generic Terms on Eligibility.

5.4.2 A player must have been an elected member of the club she represents on or before 1st March in the year of the Tournament.

*Penalty for breach of 5.4.1 or 5.4.2: Disqualification*

6. CONNACHT TROPHY

6.1 Prizes

*Winning team:* Trophy and Vouchers; Runners up: Vouchers

6.2 General

6.2.1 The Championship shall be under the management of a Tournament Committee appointed by the Connacht District Executive Committee.

6.2.2 The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make changes where necessary. The Committee's decision is final.

6.2.3 Entry forms, timesheet details and venues on Golfnet www.golfnet.ie.

6.3 Regulations

The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

6.3.1 The Championship shall be open to all clubs in the Connacht District affiliated to the ILGU.

6.3.2 The Championship shall consist of teams of five players who shall play one qualifying round of 18 holes Stableford at one of two venues. Teams to mark their venue preference on application form. Time sheet availability at each venue may result in clubs not getting first choice of venue.

6.3.3 The two teams from each venue with the leading scores, determined by the aggregate of the three best scores from each team, shall qualify for the semi-final singles match play at a neutral venue at a later date. The final shall be a singles match play to be held on a later date.

6.3.4 Each club will be represented for the match play rounds by the original team of five players. However a maximum of two substitutes may be permitted.

6.3.5 No player shall play for more than one club in any one year.

6.3.6 Each club may enter up to two teams. In the event of the tournament being oversubscribed places for second teams will be decided by ballot.

6.3.7 Ties shall be in accordance with ILGU Generic Regulations – the total of the team’s three cards on back nine etc.

6.3.8 All matches shall be played to a finish unless a team has already won.

6.3.9 Caddies are permitted for the semi-finals and final match play rounds only.

6.4 Terms

6.4.1 Competitors must hold a CONGU handicap. Maximum playing handicap 36 but step down permitted.

6.4.2 Competitors must present ILGU card or number.

6.4.3 In singles match play the players must play in handicap order. Full shots difference conceded. Any player playing out of handicap order shall be disqualified for that match and the opponent shall be awarded the match.
6.4.4 Team sheets with the names of the players, in order of current playing handicap, including any reserves must be handed into the Tournament Office at least thirty minutes before play. The team sheet must include the players’ current playing handicap.

6.4.5 No player can win more than one voucher.

6.4.6 The winning club shall be responsible for the safe custody of the trophy, which must be returned to the Connacht District Honorary Secretary when requested.
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East Leinster Tournament Regulations and Terms

1. LEINSTER CHAMPIONSHIP

1.1 Prizes

**Winner:** Trophy & Voucher; Runner-Up and Semi-Finalists: Voucher.

**Stroke play Qualifying 36 Holes (Josephine Connolly Salver):** Gross Winner: Trophy & Voucher; Runner-Up & 3rd, Best Net 36, 2nd Net 36, Gross & Net 1st & 2nd 18: Voucher

1.2 General

1.2.1 The Championship shall be under the management of a Tournament Committee appointed by the East Leinster Executive Committee. The Committee, whose decision shall be final, will settle all issues.

1.2.2 The draw will be published on www.golfnet.ie.

1.2.3 The winners are responsible for the safe custody of the Trophies which must be returned to the ILGU by 31st March each year.

1.2.4 The Trophies shall not leave Ireland.

1.2.5 Gross prizes take precedence over net prizes.

1.2.6 Competitors should register at the East Leinster Tournament Office at the venue no later than 45 minutes before tee off time.

The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms

1.3 Regulations

1.3.1 Competitors in the Leinster Championship must have a CONGU handicap not exceeding 9.4. A player, whose handicap increases before start of play, may be offered a place in the Leinster Junior Championship – Duggan Cup – should a place become available.

1.3.2 Competitors shall play two qualifying rounds of 18 holes stroke play on the first day of the Championships. The 16 competitors available with the leading aggregate gross scores shall qualify for match play for the Leinster Championship.

1.3.3 In stroke play the round is 18 holes. In match play, the round of 18 holes is extended by as many holes as are required for a match to be won.

1.3.4 Draws for the match play shall be made according to the automatic draw and shall be posted as soon as possible after the qualifying rounds have been completed.

1.4 Terms

Competitors must comply with Eligibility Generic Terms.

*Penalty for breach of 1.4: Disqualification.*
2. LEINSTER CHAMPIONSHIP - DUGGAN CUP (HANDICAP 10-18)

2.1 Prizes

**Winner:** Trophy (Duggan Cup) & Voucher; Runner-Up & Semi-Finalists: Voucher.

**Qualifying:** Gross Winner, Runner-Up & 3rd: Voucher; Net, 1st, 2nd & 3rd: Voucher.

Online entry will be available on www.golfnet.ie.

2.2 General

2.2.1 The Championship shall be under the management of a Tournament Committee appointed by the East Leinster Executive Committee. The Committee, whose decision shall be final, will settle all issues.

2.2.2 The draw will be published on www.golfnet.ie.

2.2.3 The winner is responsible for the safe custody of the Trophy which must be returned to the ILGU Head Office in Furze Road by 31st March each year.

2.2.4 The Trophy shall not leave Ireland.

2.2.5 Gross prizes take precedence over net prizes.

The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

2.3 Regulations

2.3.1 Competitors must have a CONGU handicap between 10 and 18. A player, whose handicap has fallen below 9.4 before start of play, may be offered a place in the Leinster Championship should a place become available.

2.3.2 Competitors shall play one qualifying round of 18 holes stroke play on the first day of the Championship. The 16 competitors available with the leading gross scores shall qualify for match play for the Leinster Junior Championship – Duggan Cup.

2.3.3 In stroke play the round is 18 holes. In match play the round of 18 holes is extended by as many holes as are required to achieve a win.

2.3.4 The draw for the match play stage of the Championship shall be made according to the automatic draw and shall be posted as soon as possible after completion of play of the qualifying round.

2.3.5 Each match, including the final, shall consist of the round of 18 holes. The round of 18 holes is extended by as many holes as are required to achieve a win.

2.3.6 Competitors should register at the East Leinster Tournament Office at the venue no later than 45 minutes before tee off time.

2.4 Terms

Competitors must comply with ILGU Eligibility Generic Terms.

*Penalty for breach of 2.4: Disqualification.*
3. EAST LEINSTER SENIOR CUP

The following are in addition to Senior Cup National Tournament Regulations and Terms and must also be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

3.1 Terms District Senior Cup

For District Senior Cup, the team of 5 players named at the time of entry must be at the venue for their first match unless any of these 5 players is incapacitated by accident, illness or other sudden unavoidable, unforeseeable occurrence, in which case she may be substituted by one of the Team Captain’s reserves subject to Tournament Committee approval.

Penalty for breach of 3.1: Disqualification of the team concerned.

3.2 Seeding East Leinster

The seeding for East Leinster will be based on the winners and runners up from the previous year. All other teams will be seeded in order of lowest aggregate of the 5 handicaps at the time of entry.

Entry Forms may be downloaded on www.golfnet.ie.

4. EAST LEINSTER OVER 50’S COMPETITION

4.1 Prizes

Mary Nowlan Cup (Over 70): Winner: Trophy & Voucher; 2nd: Voucher.

Online entry will be available on www.golfnet.ie.

The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

4.2 General

4.2.1 The Championship shall be under the management of a Tournament Committee appointed by the East Leinster Executive Committee. The Committee, whose decision shall be final, will settle all issues.

4.2.2 The winners are responsible for the safe custody of the Trophies which must be returned to the ILGU Head Office in Furze Road by 31st March each year.

4.2.3 The trophies shall not leave Ireland.

The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

4.3 Regulations

4.3.1 The Tournament is open to female golfers aged 50 and over who hold a CONGU handicap.

4.3.2 Max playing handicap 36.

4.3.3 The Competition is 18 holes stableford.

4.3.4 Competitors should register at the East Leinster Tournament Office at the venue not later than 45 minutes before tee off time.

4.3.5 The ILGU Transportation Policy does not apply to this event.
4.4 Terms
4.4.1 Competitors must comply with ILGU Eligibility Generic Terms.
4.4.2 Caddies are permitted subject to Generic Term 3.

Penalty for breach of 4.4.1: Disqualification. Penalty for breach of 4.4.2 is in accordance with Generic Term 3.

5. CLUB COMMITTEE TEAM CHALLENGE

5.1 Prizes: Winners, Runners-Up, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th.

The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

5.2 General
5.2.1 The Competition shall be run under the management of a Tournament Committee appointed by the East Leinster Executive Committee.
5.2.2 The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make changes where necessary. The Tournament Committee’s decision is final.

5.3 Regulations
5.3.1 The Competition shall be open to all ILGU affiliated members in the East Leinster District.
5.3.2 All entrants must be either current or past club committee members.
5.3.3 Teams of 3 (two best scores to count) – Stableford – Max. handicap 36 – step down allowed.
5.3.4 Entry details will be advised on www.golfnet.ie, approximately 1 month before the competition.
5.3.5 Entries will be on first come, first served basis, subject to the following:
  5.3.5.1 Each club may enter a maximum of two teams. If two teams are entered they shall be named ‘A’ Team and ‘B’ Team respectively.
  5.3.5.2 In the event that the competition is oversubscribed the following criteria will apply:
      5.3.5.2.1 Entries will be on the basis, in the first instance, one team per club i.e. the ‘A’ Team.
      5.3.5.2.2 Clubs with second teams will fill any remaining spaces, by lot.
5.3.6 The draw will be posted on www.golfnet.ie.

6. LEINSTER GIRLS’ CHAMPIONSHIP (U18 YEARS)

6.1 Prizes
Championship Match play (Judy O’Brien-Kenney Cup): Winner: Cup & Voucher; Runner-Up & Semi-Finalists: Voucher.
Plate Match play: Winner: Shield & Voucher; Runner-Up: Voucher.
The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

6.2 General
6.2.1 The Championship shall be under the management of a Tournament Committee appointed by the East Leinster Executive Committee. The Committee, whose decision shall be final, will settle all issues.

6.2.2 The draw will be published on www.golfnet.ie

6.2.3 The winners are responsible for the safe custody of the Trophies and must be returned to the ILGU Head Office by 31st March each year.

6.2.4 The trophies shall not leave Ireland.

6.2.5 Gross prizes take precedence over net prizes.

6.3 Regulations
6.3.1 The Championship shall be open to all who hold a CONGU Handicap of 20 or under.

6.3.2 The Competitors shall play two qualifying rounds of 18 holes stroke play on the first day of the championship. The 16 competitors available with the leading gross scores shall qualify for match play for the Leinster Championship. The next 8 of the remaining available players shall qualify for match play for the Leinster Plate.

6.3.3 The draw for the match play stage of the Championship and the Plate shall be made according to the automatic draw and shall be posted as soon as possible after completion of play of the qualifying round.

6.3.4 Each match, including the final, shall consist of the round of 18 holes. The round of 18 holes is extended by as many holes as are required for a match to be won.

6.3.5 Competitors should register at the East Leinster Tournament Office at the venue no later than 45 minutes before tee off time.

6.4 Terms
6.4.1 Competitors must comply with ILGU Eligibility Generic Terms.

6.4.2 Competitors must be under 18 years of age at 00.00hrs on the 1st day of January in the year of the Championship.

6.4.3 Caddies are permitted. A player is prohibited from engaging a golf professional or assistant professional to serve as her caddie during the round. Girls may not engage any person as a caddie whose age exceeds the age limit for the Championship.

Penalty for breach of 6.4.1, 6.4.2: Disqualification. Breach of 6.4.3: In accordance with penalty statement Generic Term 3.

7. LEINSTER GIRLS’ TROPHY (U18 YEARS)

7.1 Prizes
Match play (Margaret Mc Cormack Trophy): Trophy & Voucher; Runner-Up: Voucher.
Qualifying (Peggy Sibley Spoon): 1st Gross: Trophy & Voucher; 1st Net: Voucher;
Online entry will be available on www.golfnet.ie.
The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

7.2 General
7.2.1 The Competition shall be under the management of a Tournament Committee appointed by the East Leinster Executive Committee. The Committee, whose decision shall be final, will settle all issues.
7.2.2 The draw will be published on www.golfnet.ie.
7.2.3 The winners are responsible for the safe custody of the Trophies and must be returned to the ILGU Head Office by 31st March each year.
7.2.4 The trophies shall not leave Ireland.
7.2.5 Gross prizes take precedence over net prizes.

The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

7.3 Regulations
7.3.1 Competitors must hold a CONGU Handicap.
7.3.2 Handicap range 21-36 – no step down allowed.
7.3.3 The Competitors shall play one qualifying round of 18 holes stableford from the Ladies Medal tees. The 8 competitors available with the leading gross scores shall qualify for match play for the Leinster Junior Girls’ Trophy.
7.3.4 The draw for the match play stage shall be made using the automatic draw and shall be posted as soon as possible after completion of play of the qualifying round.
7.3.5 Each match, including the final, shall consist of the round of 18 holes. The round of 18 holes is extended by as many holes as are required for a match to be won.
7.3.6 Competitors should register at the East Leinster Tournament Office at the venue no later than 45 minutes before tee off time.

7.4 Terms
7.4.1 Competitors must comply with ILGU Eligibility Generic Terms.
7.4.2 Competitors must be under 18 years of age at 00.00hrs on the 1st day of January in the year of the Competition.
7.4.3 Caddies are permitted. A player is prohibited from engaging a golf professional or assistant professional to serve as her caddie during the round. Girls may not engage any person as a caddie whose age exceeds the age limit for the Championship.

Penalty for breach of 7.4.1, 7.4.2: Disqualification. Breach of 7.4.3: In accordance with penalty statement Generic Term 3.

8. RIA KENNY TROPHY (U18 YEARS)

8.1 Prizes
Best Gross: Trophy and Voucher; 1st, 2nd, 3rd Net: Voucher
Online entry will be available on www.golfnet.ie.
The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

8.2 Regulations
8.2.1 The format of the competition is 18 holes singles stableford.
8.2.2 Max playing handicap is 36 – no step down.

8.3 Terms
8.3.1 Competitors must comply with ILGU Eligibility Generic Terms.
8.3.2 Competitors must be under 18 years of age at 00.00hrs on the 1st day of January in the year of the tournament.
8.3.3 Caddies are permitted. A player is prohibited from engaging a golf professional or assistant professional to serve as her caddie during the round. Girls may not engage any person as a caddie whose age exceeds the age limit for the Championship.

Breach of 8.3.1, 8.3.2: Disqualification. Breach of 8.3.3: In accordance with penalty statement Generic Term 3.

9. AIG LADIES CUPS & SHIELDS

9.1 Prizes
District Foursomes: Winners: Pennant, Memento (9); Runners Up: Memento (9)
District Singles: Winners: Pennant, Memento (8); Runners Up: Memento (8)

9.2 General
9.2.1 The Competition shall be run under the management of a Tournament Committee appointed by the East Leinster Executive Committee.
9.2.2 The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make changes where necessary. The Tournament Committee’s decision is final.

The following are in addition to AIG Ladies Cups and Shields National Tournament Regulations and Terms and must also be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

9.3 Regulations – Senior Foursomes – Minimum Combined 14
9.3.1 The names of the players in order of handicap, including any reserves, should be submitted to the Tournament Office no later than 45 minutes before tee time (see National Tournament Regulations).
9.3.2 Competitors shall play an 18 holes stroke play qualifying round at the selected neutral venues to qualify for the match play stage. Two of 3 scores from each team to count, one score is discarded. Four teams from each venue will qualify for the match play stage. Total number of qualifiers 16.
9.3.3 The 16 qualifiers from the stroke play qualifying stage will be entered into an open draw to play in the match play stage in one of two venues. The winners of the match play at each venue qualify to play in the District finals. No Club shall have home advantage.
9.3.4 In foursomes qualifying stroke play, the non-counting score will be used to decide a tie. If still a tie ILGU Regulation 5 will apply to the non-counting score and if still a tie decided by chance.
9.4 Regulations – Junior Foursomes – No Tied Matches
MINIMUM HANDICAP IS 15. MINIMUM COMBINED IS 35. MAXIMUM COMBINED IS 41.
Shots allowed as per Handicap table.

9.4.1 All Junior Foursomes matches are to be played at a neutral venue which will be decided by the District Executive.

9.4.2 Two suitable dates, one of which must be a weekend date, are to be offered by the neutral venue.

9.4.3 Top of the draw is to arrange tee time with the Neutral Venue Liaison Official and also have the honour on the 1st tee.

9.4.4 Clubs entering must agree to facilitate the playing of the match on their course on a weekend. See Term 9.6.1.

9.4.5 Matches to be played on an agreed date on or before the assigned final date.

9.4.6 If a day cannot be arranged for the match it must be played on the last day. If one or other of the teams cannot play on the last day the match must be conceded.

9.5 Regulations – Singles – No Tied Matches

9.5.1 The ILGU is not responsible for the organisation of matches between clubs for the 1st Round.

9.5.1.1 Matches shall be played on a Home and Away basis – 3 matches at Home and 2 matches Away in handicap order at each venue.

9.5.1.2 Top of the draw will indicate Home advantage where 3 matches shall be played.

9.5.1.3 Top of the draw has the honour on the 1st tee.

9.5.1.4 Two suitable dates (one must be a weekend date) to be offered by the Home Club.

9.5.1.5 Matches to be played on an agreed date on or before the assigned final date.

9.5.1.6 Matches being played on a Home and Away basis should be played on the same date at approximately the same time.

9.5.1.7 In Home and Away matches if either course is closed due to weather conditions, all matches shall be played on the other course if playable. If both courses are closed the Team Managers should contact the Tournament Secretary of the District.

9.5.1.8 Teams of less than five players (Challenge Team ONLY): the team with the home advantage must play three matches at home, otherwise if a team has no home advantage they must send three players away.

9.5.2 From the 2nd Round up to the District Final, all singles matches will be played at neutral venues organised by the East Leinster District Tournament Committee.

9.6 Terms

9.6.1 It is a condition of the AIG Interclub Matchplay Series that a club must make their course available on weekend dates as a Neutral Venue. A choice of dates is provided with the Team Entry Form and clubs are required to complete the form.

9.6.2 Singles – AIG Challenge Cup Only
Ties: In the event of a tie in the Challenge Cup (where both teams have only 4 players or less) an aggregate of “Holes Up” in played matches shall determine the result. If there is still a tie the lowest handicap match (i.e. the players listed as no. 1 on the team sheets) shall play-off hole-by-hole commencing at the first hole of the Home or Neutral Venue.

Penalty for breach of 9.6.1: Non-acceptance of the club’s team entries.
9.7 Resolving Issues (East Leinster District)

Before the result of the match is final (see 20.1a); if there is a rules issue which is not settled by the Team Manager/Captain, details must be sent in writing within 48 hours to the District Honorary Secretary. Each Manager/Captain is entitled to present her case. When a request for a ruling is being made after the result of the match is final please see 20.1b.
Mid Leinster District

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1. MID LEINSTER SENIOR CUP

The format of Senior Cup has been standardized across all 5 Districts. The following are in addition to Senior Cup National Tournament Regulations and Terms and must also be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

1.1 For District Senior Cup, the team of 5 players named at the time of entry must be at the venue for their first match unless any of these 5 players is incapacitated by accident, illness or other sudden unavoidable, unforeseeable occurrence, in which case she may be substituted by one of the Team Captain’s reserves subject to Tournament Committee approval.

*Penalty for breach of Condition 1.1: Disqualification of the team concerned.*

1.2 Seeding will be based on the winners and runners up from the previous year. All other teams will be seeded in order of lowest aggregate of the 5 handicaps at the time of entry.

1.3 In the Mid Leinster District a Plate Competition will be run for 1st round losers, provided at least 4 teams are available to compete.

2. MID LEINSTER WOMEN’S AND GIRLS’ OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

2.1 Prizes

**Senior Championships:** Winner: Trophy & Voucher; 2nd & 3rd Gross; Best Net; Gross 1st 18, 2nd 18, 3rd 18; Net 1st 18, 2nd 18, 3rd 18.

**U21 (Olive Langan Perpetual Cup):** 54-hole Gross Winner: Trophy & Voucher.

**U18 (Kitty McCann Trophy):** 54-hole Gross Winner: Trophy & Voucher.

**Junior Championships:** Winner: Trophy & Voucher; 2nd, 3rd Gross; Best Net; Gross 1st 18, 2nd 18, Net 1st 18, 2nd 18.

**U18 (Garryhinch Cup for Girls):** 36-hole Gross Winner: Trophy & Voucher

2.2 General

2.2.1 The Championships shall be under the management of a Tournament Committee appointed by the Mid Leinster Executive Committee.

2.2.2 The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make changes where necessary. The Committee's decision is final.

2.2.3 Competitors may only win one voucher but may win more than one trophy

2.2.4 The winners are responsible for the safe custody of the trophies, which must be returned to the Mid Leinster Honorary Secretary by 30th May each year.

2.2.5 The draw will be posted on www.golfnet.ie. Online entry will be available on www.golfnet.ie.

**The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.**

2.3 Regulations

2.3.1 Senior Championships (Handicap 12 and under).
Entries will be limited to 60 players with the lowest exact handicap on the closing date. The Championships will consist of 54 holes stroke play; 36 holes stroke play on day 1 and 18 holes stroke play on day 2.

2.3.2 Junior Championships (Handicap 13-30).
Entries will be limited to 60 players with the lowest exact handicap on the closing date; 18 holes stroke play on day 1 and 18 holes stroke play on day 2.

2.3.3 In the event of a tie for the Senior/Junior Championships, U21 Olive Langan Perpetual Cup, U18 Kitty McCann Trophy, Garryhinch Cup for Girls, the tie shall be in accordance with Generic Regulation 5.2.

2.3.4 Competitors must register at the ILGU Registration Desk in the Clubhouse between 15.00 and 18.00 on the evening prior to the first day of the Championships. Competitors may also register by email, text or telephone.

2.4 Terms

2.4.1 Competitors in the Senior Championship must have a CONGU maximum handicap of 12, or overseas equivalent.

2.4.2 The Olive Langan Perpetual Cup will be open to all competitors in the Senior Championships who are under 21 years of age at 00.00hrs on the 1st day of January in the year of the Championship.

2.4.3 The Kitty McCann Trophy will be open to all competitors in the Senior Championships who are under 18 years of age at 00.00hrs on the 1st day of January in the year of the Championship.

2.4.4 Competitors in the Junior Championship must have a CONGU minimum handicap of 13, maximum 30, or overseas equivalent.

2.4.5 The Garryhinch Cup for Girls will be open to all competitors in the Junior Championships who are under 18 years of age at 00.00hrs on the 1st day of January in the year of the Championship.

2.4.6 Caddies are permitted.

Penalty for breach of 2.4.1, 2.4.4: Disqualification.

3. JOE MCLoughlin Seniors’ Trophy

3.1 Prizes
Winner: Trophy, 2nd, Gross, 3rd, 4th, Front nine, Back nine.

3.2 General

3.2.1 The Competition shall be under the management of a Tournament Committee appointed from time to time by the Mid Leinster Executive Committee.

3.2.2 The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make changes where necessary. The Committee’s decision is final.

3.2.3 Competitors must present Official ILGU Swipe Cards.

3.2.4 The winner is responsible for the safe custody of the trophy, which must be returned to the Mid Leinster Honorary Secretary by 30th May each year.

3.2.5 Caddies are permitted.
3.3 Regulations
3.3.1 The Competition is open to all ILGU affiliated members, aged 50 years and over, from all Districts.
3.3.2 The Competition will take the form of 18 holes stableford singles.
3.2.3 The ILGU Transportation Policy does not apply to this event.

4. AIG LADIES CUPS & SHIELDS

4.1 Prizes
District Foursomes: Winners: Pennant, Memento (9); Runners Up: Memento (9)
District Singles: Winners: Pennant, Memento (8); Runners Up: Memento (8)

4.2 General
4.2.1 The Competition shall be run under the management of a Tournament Committee appointed from time to time by the Mid Leinster Executive Committee.
4.2.2 The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make changes where necessary. The Committee's decision is final in all matters.
4.2.3 Round: In match play the round is extended by as many holes as are required to achieve a win.

The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic and National Tournament Regulations and Terms.

4.3 Regulations – Singles/Foursomes
4.3.1 All matches will be played at Neutral Venues up to the District Finals
4.3.2 Two suitable dates (one must be a weekend date) must be offered by the neutral venue.
4.3.3 Matches may be played on an agreed date on or before the assigned final date. If team managers cannot agree on a date and time to play a match the match must be played on the assigned final date (provided the course is available).
4.3.4 If, on the agreed date, the course is closed, team managers should arrange a new date provided it is before the final date of that round. If outside the final date, team managers should contact the District Chairman of Tournaments.
4.3.5 In the event of a tie in the Challenge Cup where both teams only have four players, an aggregate of ‘Holes Up’ in PLAYED MATCHES shall determine the result. If this does not produce a winner, the lowest handicap pair shall play off on a hole by hole basis commencing at the first hole.
4.3.6 Team Managers must confer and the team manager at the top of the draw to contact Neutral Venue whose responsibility it is to reserve match time at club (30/40 minutes).
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Munster Tournament Regulations and Terms

1. WOMEN AND GIRLS’ MUNSTER SENIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1.1 Prizes

Munster Senior Championship: Winner: Trophy and Voucher; Runner-Up, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th: Vouchers (women or girls).

Munster Women’s over 39’s: Winner Trophy and Voucher


Net (Margaret O’Sullivan Trophy): 1st Net: Voucher; 2nd Net: Voucher;

Gross: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Round: Vouchers (women or girls).

1.2 General

1.2.1 The Munster Senior Championship Trophy shall be awarded to the winner of the Munster Senior Championship woman or girl and shall be held for one year.

1.2.2 Women’s over 39 Trophy shall be awarded to the competitor in the Senior Championship who is aged over 39 on the 1st day of January in the year of the Championship.

1.2.3 The de Courcey Cup will be awarded to the winner of the Girls’ Munster Championship and shall be held for one year.

1.2.4 The Margaret O’Sullivan Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the best net and shall be held for one year.

1.2.5 The draw for the 1st and 2nd rounds will be published on the website www.golfnet.ie.

1.2.6 Competitors may only win one voucher but may win more than one trophy.

1.2.7 Winners are responsible for the safe custody of the trophies which must be returned to the Munster District Honorary Secretary when requested.

Online entry will be available on www.golfnet.ie.

The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

1.3 Regulations

1.3.1 Handicap limit not exceeding 9.4. Entries shall be limited to the players with the lowest exact handicap on the closing date for entry. A player whose handicap increases before the start of play, may be offered a place in the Munster Championship if space is available

1.3.2 Competitors may register at the ILGU Tournament Office not later than 18.00hrs on the day prior to the first round of the Championship. Registration closes 45 minutes prior to your tee time.

1.3.3 The Championship shall consist of 54 holes stroke play, played over the round of 18 holes.

1.3.4 36 holes will be played on day one and 18 holes on day two.

1.3.5 There will be a cut off of 36 players (+ ties) after 36 holes.

1.3.6 For the final 18 holes, the pairings and starting times shall be determined by the qualifying scores from day one. Players with the lowest scores start at the end of the field.

1.3.7 In the event of a tie for the Championship there shall be a hole-by-hole play-off immediately after the final card has been returned to determine the winner. Play-off holes will be identified and posted in advance of the Championship.
1.4 Terms

1.4.1 The Championship shall be open to all amateur women and girl golfers who are members of a club affiliated to the ILGU, or overseas equivalent.

1.4.2 The Girls' Championship shall be open to all amateur girl golfers who are under 18 years of age at 00.00hrs on the 1st day of January in the year of the Championship and who are members of a club affiliated to the ILGU, or overseas equivalent.

1.4.3 Competitors must have a CONGU handicap, or overseas equivalent.

1.4.4 Caddies are permitted subject to Generic Term 3.

Penalty for breach of 1.4.1, 1.4.2 or 1.4.3: Disqualification. Penalty for breach of 1.4.4 is in accordance with Generic Term 3.

2. WOMEN AND GIRLS' MUNSTER JUNIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

2.1 Prizes

Munster Junior Championship: Winner: Trophy and Voucher; Runner-Up and 2 Semi-Finalists: Vouchers.

Leading Qualifier Women (Margaret O'Sullivan Trophy): Winner: Trophy and Voucher.

Leading Qualifier Girls (Alice Coman Trophy): Winner: Trophy and Voucher.

2nd Gross, 1st Net and 2nd Net: Vouchers.

2.2 General

2.2.1 The Munster Junior Championship Trophy shall be awarded to the winner of the Munster Junior Championship and shall be held for one year (woman or girl).

2.2.2 The Margaret O'Sullivan Trophy shall be awarded to the leading woman qualifier (over 18 years of age) of the Munster Junior Championship and shall be held for one year.

2.2.3 The Alice Coman Trophy will be awarded to the leading girl (Under 18) qualifier of the Munster Junior Championship and shall be held for one year.

2.2.4 There will be a plate competition consisting of 18 holes stableford for non-qualifiers to the match play, which will be run on the second day of the competition.

2.2.5 Competitors may only win one voucher but may win more than one trophy.

2.2.6 The winners are responsible for the safe custody of the trophies, which must be returned to the Munster District Honorary Secretary when requested.

Online entry will be available on www.golfnet.ie.

The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

2.3 Regulations

2.3.1 Handicap limit 10 to 18. Entries shall be limited to the players with the lowest exact handicaps on the closing date for entry.

2.3.2 Competitors may register at the ILGU Office at the Tournament venue not later than 18.00 hours on the day prior to the qualifying round. Registration closes 45 minutes prior to your tee time.

2.3.3 Competitors shall play one qualifying round of 18 holes stroke play.

2.3.4 The leading available 16 players shall qualify for match play according to the automatic draw,
which shall be published as soon as possible after the close of play. Ties for the last place(s) shall be resolved according to ILGU Generic Regulations.

2.3.5 Each Match, including the final, shall consist of the round of 18 holes. The round of 18 holes is extended by as many holes as are required for a match to be won.

2.4 Terms

2.4.1 The Championship shall be open to all amateur women golfers who are members of a club affiliated to the ILGU, or overseas equivalent.

2.4.2 Competitors must hold a CONGU playing handicap, or overseas equivalent.

2.4.3 The Girls' Championship shall be open to all amateur girl golfers who are under 18 years of age at 00.00hrs on the 1st day of January in the year of the Championship and who are members of a club affiliated to the ILGU, or overseas equivalent.

2.4.4 A competitor who enters the Junior Championship and subsequently has her handicap reduced to 9.4 or under at the time of the competition, may be offered a place in the Munster Senior Championship if space available.

2.4.5 Caddies are permitted subject to Generic Term 3. Penalty for breach of 2.4.1, 2.4.2 or 2.4.3: 2.4.4: Disqualification. Penalty for breach of 2.4.5 is in accordance with Generic Term 3.

3. AIG LADIES CUPS & SHIELDS

3.1 Prizes

District Foursomes: Winners: Pennant, Memento (9); Runners Up: Memento (9)

District Singles: Winners: Pennant, Memento (8); Runners Up: Memento (8)

3.2 General

3.2.1 The Championship shall be under the management of a Tournament Committee appointed by the Munster District Executive.

3.2.2 The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make changes where necessary. The Committee's decision is final.

3.2.3 Entry forms may be downloaded from www.golfnet.ie.

3.2.4 The draws will be posted on www.golfnet.ie.

The following are in addition to AIG Ladies Cups and Shields National Tournament Regulations and Terms and must also be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

3.3 Regulations

3.3.1 Singles:

3.3.1.1 The ILGU is not responsible for the organisation of singles matches between clubs for Rounds 1 and 2.

3.3.1.2 Top of the draw will indicate home advantage and all matches will be played at the home venue.

3.3.1.3 Two suitable dates (one of which must be a weekend date) must be offered by the home team.

3.3.1.4 The visiting team has the honour on the first tee.
3.3.1.5 Matches must be played on or before the assigned final date.
3.3.1.6 Any changes to the draw sheet date must be sanctioned by the Tournament Committee.
3.3.1.7 From Round 3 up to and including the District Final, matches will be played at venues organised by the District Tournament Committee.

3.3.2 Foursomes:
3.3.2.1 The venue, date and time of all foursomes matches will be determined by the District Tournament Committee.
3.3.2.2 Matches to be played on the date and venue listed on the draw sheet.
3.3.2.3 Any change to the draw sheet date must be sanctioned by the District Tournament Committee.
3.3.2.4 If the course is closed due to weather conditions, the team managers must contact the District Chairman of Tournaments.

4. THE EILEEN MURPHY PERPETUAL MEMORIAL TROPHY

4.1 Prizes
Best Net: Winners: Trophy & Memento; Runners-Up, Gross, & 3rd: Voucher.

4.2 General
4.2.1 18 holes stableford greensomes open to all clubs in the Munster District affiliated to the ILGU.
4.2.2 Time sheet – Details on www.golfnet.ie.
4.2.3 Competitors must present ILGU swipe card or number.

The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

4.3 Terms
4.3.1 Handicap Limit: 30. Step down allowed. Step down player must play off 30 handicap.
4.3.2 Qualifying round to be played at Club level in the same format.
4.3.3 The winning pair from each club to qualify for the Munster Final.
4.3.4 The winner is responsible for the safe custody of the trophy, which must be returned to the Munster District Honorary Secretary when requested.

5. EILEEN ROUGHAN TROPHY (GIRLS UNDER 18 YEARS)

5.1 Prizes
Winner: 1st Net Eileen Roughan Trophy & Voucher; Runner Up: Voucher; Gross: Trophy and Voucher
Best Lahinch Girl Net: Trophy and Voucher
The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms

5.2 General
5.2.1 The Competition shall be under the management of a Tournament Committee.
5.2.2 The Committee, whose decision shall be final, will settle all issues.
5.2.3 The draw will be published on www.golfnet.ie.
5.2.4 Competitors may win more than one trophy but only one voucher.

5.3 Regulations
5.3.1 All competitors must have a CONGU handicap. Handicap range up to 36. Step down allowed.
5.3.2 The format of the competition is 18 holes singles stableford.
5.3.3 Competitors must register at the Tournament Office at the venue least 30 minutes before their tee time

5.4 Terms
5.4.1 The Competition is open to all members of a club affiliated to the ILGU and have a CONGU handicap or overseas equivalent.
5.4.2 Competitors must be under 18 years of age at 00.00hrs on the 1st day of January in the year of the competition.
5.4.3 Caddies are not permitted.
5.4.4 The trophies remain in the safe custody of Lahinch Golf Club

6. ELEANOR TIVY CUP

6.1 Prizes
Winning Team: Trophy Pennant & Voucher; Runners-Up: Voucher;

6.2 General
6.2.1 18 holes singles stableford open to all clubs in the Munster District affiliated to the ILGU.
6.2.2 Time Sheet – Details on www.golfnet.ie
6.2.3 Competitors must present ILGU swipecard or number.

The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

6.3 Terms
6.3.1 Each club to be represented by one team of three players.
6.3.2 Players must hold a CONGU playing handicap of 21 to 32 inclusive. Step downs allowed.
6.3.3 Winning team to be determined on the highest aggregate of the three net cards returned.
6.3.4 Ties shall be settled in accordance with ILGU Generic Regulations - the total of the team’s 3 cards, on back 9 etc.
6.3.5 No player may win more than one voucher.
6.3.6 The winner is responsible for the safe custody of the trophy, which must be returned to the Munster District Honorary Secretary when requested.
7. **MUNSTER CUP**

7.1 **Prizes**

**Winning Team:** Trophy, Pennant & Voucher.

**Runners-Up:** Voucher.

**Individual Gross:** Voucher.

**Individual Net:** Voucher.

The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

7.2 **General**

7.2.1 18 holes singles stroke play open to all clubs in the Munster District affiliated to the ILGU.

7.2.2 Time Sheet – Details on www.golfnet.ie

7.2.3 Competitors must present ILGU swipcard or number.

The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

7.3 **Terms**

7.3.1 Each club to be represented by one team of three players.

7.3.2 Players must hold a CONGU handicap of 20 or under, no step downs allowed.

7.3.3 Winning team to be determined on the lowest aggregate of the three net cards returned.

7.3.4 Ties shall be in accordance with ILGU Generic Regulations - the total of the team’s 3 cards, on back 9 etc.

7.3.5 No player may win more than one voucher.

7.3.6 The winner is responsible for the safe custody of the trophy, which must be returned to the Munster District Honorary Secretary when requested.

8. **MUNSTER SENIORS’ COMPETITIONS (OVER 50’S)**

8.1 **Prizes**

**Overall Winner:** 1st Prize; Runner up and Gross

**Silver:** Winner, 2nd & 3rd Prize

**Bronze:** Winner, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Prize

Prize Winners may only win one prize at each venue.

8.2 **General**

8.2.1 Entry Fee, time sheet details and venue on www.golfnet.ie.

8.2.2 Competitors must present ILGU swipcard or number.

8.2.3 The ILGU Transportation Policy does not apply.

8.2.4 More prizes may be awarded on the day based on the number of competitors.
The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

8.3 Regulations
8.3.1 The competition will take the form of an 18 holes singles stableford event.
8.3.2 The competition shall be open to all ILGU affiliated members in the Munster District aged 50 and over on the day of the competition.

9. O’LEARY INSURANCES GIRLS TROPHY INCLUDING A DEVELOPMENT TROPHY

Sponsored by O’Leary Insurances

9.1 Prizes
O’Leary Insurances Winner: 1st Gross: O’Leary Trophy and Voucher; 2nd Gross: Voucher; Net: Voucher

9.2 General
9.2.1 The Competition shall be under the management of a Tournament Committee.
9.2.2 The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make changes where necessary. The Committee’s decision is final.
9.2.3 The draw will be posted on www.golfnet.ie.

9.3 Regulations
The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

9.3.1 The O’Leary Competition, maximum handicap 18, shall consist of 18 holes stroke.
9.3.2 The Development Competition shall consist of handicap range 19 up to 36 (step down allowed) played over 18 holes stableford.
9.3.3 Competitors must register at the ILGU Registration Desk at the venue at least 45 minutes before their tee time.

9.4 Terms
9.4.1 The Competition shall be confined to all girls under 18 years of age at 00.00hrs on the 1st day of January in the year of the Competition.
9.4.2 Competitors must hold a CONGU handicap, or overseas equivalent.
9.4.3 The winner is responsible for the safe custody of the Trophy, which must be returned to the Munster District Honorary Secretary when requested
9.4.4 Caddies are permitted but must be under 18 years of age at 00.00hrs on the 1st day of January in the year of the competition.
10. **RYAN CUP (GIRLS UNDER 16 YEARS)**

10.1 **Prizes**
**Winner:** 1st Net: Trophy & Voucher; Runner Up: Voucher; Gross Winner: Voucher.

The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

10.2 **General**
10.2.1 The Competition shall be under the management of a Tournament Committee.
10.2.2 The Committee, whose decision shall be final, will settle all issues.
10.2.3 The draw will be published on www.golfnet.ie.

10.3 **Regulations**
10.3.1 All competitors must have a CONGU handicap. Handicap range up to 36. Step down allowed.
10.3.2 The format of the competition is 18 holes singles stableford.
10.3.3 Competitors must register at the Tournament Office at the venue at least 30 minutes before their tee time.

10.4 **Terms**
10.4.1 The Competition is open to all members of a club affiliated to the ILGU and have a CONGU handicap or overseas equivalent.
10.4.2 Competitors must be under 16 years of age at 00.00hrs on the 1st day of January in the year of the competition.
10.4.3 Caddies are not permitted.
10.4.4 The winner is responsible for the safe custody of the Trophy, which must be returned to the Munster District Honorary Secretary when requested.

11. **SENIOR CUP**

The following are in addition to the Senior Cup National Tournament Regulations and Terms and must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

11.1 **Seeding**
The seeding for Munster will be based on the winners and runners up from the previous year.
All other teams will be seeded in order of lowest aggregate of the 5 handicaps at time of entry.

11.2 Depending on number of teams entered in the Senior Cup, a Plate Competition may be run as part of this event.
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Ulster Tournament Regulations and Terms

Must be read in conjunction with ILGU Generic & National Tournament Regulations & Terms.

I. ULSTER WOMEN’S AND GIRLS’ OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

1.1 Prizes

Women’s Championship

Winner: Scratch Cup & Voucher

Section 1: Handicaps + - 8.4
Winner: Teddy Morrison Salver & Voucher; Runner-up: Voucher; Best Net: Voucher

Section 2: Handicaps 8.5 - 15.4
Winner: Sybil Meharg Trophy & Voucher; Runner-up: Voucher; Best Net: Voucher

Section 3: Handicaps 15.5 – 21.4
Winner: Mourne Cup and Voucher; Runner-up: Voucher; Best Net: Voucher

Best Gross Senior (Over 50 yrs): Voucher

Best Gross U18: Voucher

Girls’ Championship

Fred Daly Championship Winner: Cup & Voucher; Runner-up: Voucher

Girls’ Plate McLeod Winner: Cup & Voucher; Runner-up: Voucher

Murland Cup Handicaps 21-35.4: Winner: Cup & Voucher; Runner-up: Voucher

Best 18 holes Qualifying Gross: Voucher

Best 18 holes Qualifying Net: Voucher

Non-Qualifiers’ Competition: Clandeboye Goblet & Voucher

1.2 General

1.2.1 The Championships will be under the management of a Tournament Committee appointed by ILGU (Ulster District) Executive Committee.

1.2.2 The Tournament Committee reserves the right to change the terms of each of the Championships to achieve a result.

1.2.3 On-line entry will be available on www.golfnet.ie.

1.2.4 The draw will be posted on www.golfnet.ie.

1.2.5 The following Championships shall be held at the one venue but on different days:

1.2.6 No player may win a gross and net prize but may win an age group prize in either section. (See generic regulations). A player can also win a match play and stroke play prize

1.2.7 Gross takes precedence over net

The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

1.3 Regulations

Ulster Women’s Open Championships

In the event of oversubscribed entries, the Tournament Committee will have the right to limit entries to the lowest exact handicap entered in each section on the closing date. Unsuccessful entrants shall be added to a waiting list and final places will be determined by ballot.
1.3.1 Competitors in the Ulster Women’s Open Championship Section 1 (Teddy Morrison Trophy) must have a CONGU handicap not exceeding 8.4 at the date of entry.

Competitors in the Ulster Women’s Open Championship Section 2 (Sybil Meharg Salver) must have a CONGU handicap not exceeding 15.4 at the date of entry.

Competitors in the Ulster Women’s Open Championship Section 3 (Mourne Cup) must have a CONGU handicap not exceeding 21.4 at the date of entry.

A Competitor whose handicap reduces after the date of entry may either be entered into the appropriate competition section, if a place is available, or play off her lower handicap in the section in which she originally entered.

A Competitor whose handicap increases after the date of entry shall play off the maximum handicap permitted for the section in which she has entered.

1.3.2 The Ulster Women’s Open Championship Sections 1, 2 and 3 shall consist of 18 holes stroke play.

1.3.3 The draw will be made and published on www.golfnet.ie.

1.3.3.1 The draw will be made separately for each championship. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to change the draws.

Ulster Girls’ Open Championship

In the event of oversubscribed entries, the Tournament Committee will have the right to limit entries to the lowest exact handicap entered in each section on the closing date. Unsuccessful entrants shall be added to a waiting list and final places will be determined by ballot.

1.3.4 Handicap 20.4 & under (on the day of competition) shall play 18 holes on Day 1. The 8 competitors with the leading gross scores shall qualify for match play on Days 1 & 2 for the Ulster Girls’ Open Championship. The next 8 competitors shall qualify for match play on Days 1 & 2 for the McLeod Cup.

1.3.5 Handicap 20.5-35.4 (on the day of competition) shall play 18 holes stableford on Day 1. The 4 competitors with the leading gross stableford point scores shall qualify for match play for the Murland Cup on Day 2.

1.3.6 Non-Qualifiers from both sections will play 18 holes stableford on Day 2 for the Clandeboye Goblet.

1.3.7 In event of a tie for the championship, to determine the winner, there shall be a hole by hole play-off immediately after the final card has been returned

1.3.7.1 Play-off holes will be identified and posted in advance of the Championships.

1.3.8 Practice rounds: It is each Competitor’s responsibility to organise her own practice round.

1.4 Terms

1.4.1 The Ulster Women’s Open Championships will be open to all golfers who comply with the Generic Eligibility Terms

1.4.2 The Ulster Girls’ Open Championship will be open to all golfers who comply with the Generic Eligibility clause and who are under 18 years of age at 00.00hrs on the 1st day of January in the year of the championship.

1.4.3 Competitors must hold a CONGU handicap or overseas equivalent.

1.4.4 Competitors should register at the Tournament Office no later than 45 minutes before their start time or the night before by email, text, telephone, or in person. Failure to register on time may result in the Competitor not being included in the draw.

1.4.5 Caddies are permitted in the Ulster Women’s Open Championship.

1.4.6 Caddies are permitted in the Ulster Girls’ Open Championship provided their age does not exceed the age limit for entrants for the Girls’ Championship.
Penalty for breach of 1.4.1, 1.4.2, 1.4.3: Disqualification. Penalty for breach of 1.4.5 or 1.4.6 are in accordance with Generic Term 3 Penalty Statement

Note: players holding an overseas handicap may be required to furnish proof of handicap

2. SENIOR CUP

The following are in addition to Senior Cup National Tournament Regulations and Terms and must also be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

2.1 Handicap Limit 14.

2.2 In the Ulster District, a Plate competition may be run at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

2.3 Seeding

2.3.1 The four teams with the 5 lowest aggregate handicaps at time of entry shall be seeded 1:2:3:4, using the automatic draw.

2.3.2 If the aggregate handicaps of any of the teams are the same, the 4 lowest aggregate handicaps of those teams will determine the seeding.

2.3.3 If the aggregates are still the same, the process will be continued in descending order of the handicaps of the remaining members of the team.

2.3.4 If there is still a tie, the seeding shall be decided by chance (such as tossing a coin).

2.3.5 There will be an open draw for the remaining places.

3. NELLIE GARRETT CUP

3.1 Prizes

Winner: Cup & Vouchers; Runners-up: Vouchers; 3rd: Vouchers

3.2 General

3.2.1 The Competition shall be under the management of a Tournament Committee appointed by the Ulster District Executive Committee.

3.2.2 The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make any alterations in the terms it considers necessary.

3.2.3 Official ILGU Golfnet (Swipe) cards should be brought to all competitions.

The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

3.3 Regulations

3.3.1 The Competition shall be open to all ILGU affiliated members in the Ulster District.

3.3.2 Entry forms can be downloaded from the Golfnet website www.golfnet.ie.

3.3.3 The draw will be posted on www.golfnet.ie.

3.3.4 The competition will take the form of an 18 holes stableford foursomes event.

3.3.5 Pairs with handicaps totalling more than 56 at the time of the club qualifying competition are not eligible to compete in the District final.
3.3.6  The winning pair from each club or 2nd, 3rd or 4th pair etc. will qualify to play in the final. The pair must have played together in the qualifying round.
3.3.7  The winning club to hold the Cup for one year.

4.  VETERANS’ CUP

4.1  Prizes
    Winner: Cup & Voucher; 2nd: Voucher; 3rd: Voucher; Gross: Voucher.

4.2  General
    4.2.1  The Competition shall be under the management of a Tournament Committee appointed by the Ulster District Executive Committee.
    4.2.2  The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make any alterations in the terms it considers necessary.
    4.2.3  Official ILGU Golfnet (Swipe) cards should be brought to all competitions.

The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

4.3  Regulations
    4.3.1  The competition shall be open to all ILGU affiliated members in the Ulster District who are 50 years and over on the day of the competition.
    4.3.2  The competition will take the form of an 18 holes stableford competition.
    4.3.3  Choose playing partners.
    4.3.4  No player may win more than one prize.
    4.3.5  Information can be downloaded from the Golfnet website www.golfnet.ie.

5.  DAISY FERGUSON TROPHY

5.1  Prizes
    Winner: Trophy & Voucher; 2nd: Voucher; 3rd: Voucher.

5.2  General
    5.2.1  The competition shall be under the management of a Tournament Committee appointed by the Ulster District Executive Committee.
    5.2.2  The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make any alterations in the terms it considers necessary.
    5.2.3  Official ILGU Golfnet (Swipe) cards should be brought to all competitions

The following Regulations and Terms must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

5.3  Regulations
    5.3.1  The Competition shall be open to all ILGU affiliated members in the Ulster District.
5.3.2 Entry forms can be downloaded from the Golfnet website www.golfnet.ie.

5.3.3 The draw will be posted on www.golfnet.ie.

5.3.4 The competition will take the form of stableford greensomes with full handicap allowance: (Lower Handicap x 0.6 + Higher Handicap x 0.4. If handicaps are equal, half the combined handicaps).

5.3.5 Pairs with handicaps totalling more than 56 at the time of club qualifying are not eligible to compete in the final.

5.3.6 The winning pair from each club shall qualify to play in the final. If, on the day of the final, the winning pair is not available, then the 2nd, 3rd, 4th pair etc. may play. Pairs must have played together in the qualifying round.

6. **PEGGY NELSON TROPHY**

6.1 **Prizes**

   **Winner:** Trophy & Voucher; 2nd: Voucher; 3rd: Voucher.

6.2 **General**

   6.2.1 The Competition shall be under the management of a Tournament Committee, appointed by the Ulster District Executive Committee.

   6.2.2 The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make any alterations in the terms it considers necessary.

6.3 **Regulations**

   6.3.1 Competition shall be open to all ILGU affiliated members in the Ulster District.

   6.3.2 Each club will hold an 18 holes stableford competition and send the winning qualifiers (or 2nd, 3rd etc.) in the following classes: (A) Handicaps 15 or under; (B) Handicaps 16 – 24; (C) Handicaps 25 - 36.

   6.3.3 A team of three players will represent each club.

   6.3.4 If a Club has no class (A) player, an extra class (B) player may be substituted but must play off a handicap of 15.

   6.3.5 If a qualifying player reduces her handicap after qualifying, she may still compete in the final, playing off her current handicap in the class in which she qualified.

   6.3.6 If a qualifying player increases her handicap after qualifying, which results in her moving to another class, she may still compete in the final, playing off the maximum handicap in the class in which she qualified.

   6.3.7 The Final will be an 18 holes stableford team competition.

   6.3.8 Best TWO scores to count at each hole and all THREE scores to count at par 3s.

   6.3.9 In the event of a tie, the 3rd card shall count.

   6.3.10 The winning club to hold the Trophy for one year.

   6.3.11 Entry forms can be downloaded from the Golfnet website www.golfnet.ie.

   6.3.12 The draw will be posted on www.golfnet.ie.
7. GIRLS’ INTER-CLUB CHALLENGE TROPHY

7.1 Prizes

**Winners:** Pennant & Voucher; Runners-Up: Vouchers; 3rd & 4th Mementoes.

7.2 General

7.2.1 All matches, including preliminary matches (if necessary), will be played at a nominated venue.

7.2.2 The venues and dates for all matches will be determined by the District and will be under the Management of the Tournament Committee.

7.2.3 The format of the competition will be match play.

7.2.4 The Tournament Committee will determine the terms of competition.

The following are in addition to the Girls’ Inter-Club National Tournament Regulations and Terms and must also be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

7.3 Terms

All matches must be played to a conclusion, unless one team has already won.

8. AIG LADIES’ CUPS & SHIELDS

8.1 Prizes

**District (Foursomes):** Winners: Pennant, Memento (9); Runners-Up: Memento (9).

**District (Singles):** Winners: Pennant, Memento (8); Runners-Up: Memento (8).

8.2 General

8.2.1 The Championships consist of Inter-Club match play in singles and foursomes divisions.

8.2.2 All matches will be played home and away up to the semi-finals.

8.2.3 Two dates are to be offered by the Home Club, one of which should be at the weekend if possible. Matches should be arranged as early as possible within the draw dates.

8.2.4 The District reserves the right to impose a date for the playing of a match in a case where clubs have been unable to mutually agree a date on which to play the match.

8.2.5 Clubs who do not play their fixtures within the times specified on the draw sheet will be disqualified unless exceptional circumstances are brought to the attention of the District Tournament Committee before the last day of the time period.

The following are in addition to AIG Ladies’ Cups and Shields National Tournament Regulations and Terms and must also be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Terms.

8.3 Regulations

8.3.1 Entry forms can be downloaded from the Golfnet website www.golfnet.ie.

8.3.2 The Competition shall be open to all ILGU affiliated members in the Ulster District.

8.3.3 Matches may be tied at Home & Away venues.

8.3.3.1 At Neutral venues, each match must be played to a finish unless one side has already won.
8.3.4 For home and away matches, the visiting team shall have the honour on the 1st tee.
8.3.5 At neutral venues, the team on the top of the draw shall have the honour on 1st tee.
8.3.6 Draws will be posted on www.golfnet.ie.

8.4 Terms
8.4.1 If, after both Home and Away matches have been played, there is an even number of matches resulting in a tie, the winning team shall be decided on holes up.
8.4.2 If a tie results because of a player/pair having been disqualified, the other team automatically wins.
8.4.3 If there is still a tie, the lowest handicap match, i.e. those players who were listed on the team sheets as Number 1 and played at Number 1 on the team, will play off hole-by-hole, commencing on the first hole at the venue where the second leg is played.

9. ISPS ULSTER WOMEN’S OPEN STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The ISPS Ulster Women’s Open Stroke Play Championship is under the joint control and management of the Irish Ladies Golf Union and the Golfing Union of Ireland.

9.1 Prizes
Winner: Championship Trophy, Memento & Voucher
2nd: Voucher
3rd: Voucher
Best Net: Voucher

9.2 Format
9.2.1 An individual women’s championship and an individual men’s championship will be played concurrently.
9.2.2 The top 2 players in the Women’s Championship and the top 2 players in the Men’s Championship will qualify for the ISPS World Invitational Tournament.
9.2.2.1 If either of the top 2 players are unable to play in the ISPS World Invitational Tournament, the next placed player in their respective Championship will be offered a place, subject to the Committee’s discretion.
9.2.3 The Championship comprises 3 rounds of stroke-play over 2 days with 36 holes being played on Day 1 and 18 holes being played on Day 2.
9.2.4 After the first 36 holes, a cut will be made with the leading competitors plus ties qualifying to play a further 18 holes on Day 2.
9.2.5 A draw shall be made for the qualifying rounds and published on Golfbox.
9.2.6 The R&A rules of Amateur Status apply.
9.2.7 The regulations and terms of this clause must be read in conjunction with the ILGU Generic National Tournament Regulations and Terms.

9.3 Eligibility and Entries Regulations and Terms
9.3.1 The Women’s Championship will be open to all women golfers who must comply with the ILGU and the Championship eligibility Regulations and Terms.
9.3.2 Competitors must hold a CONGU handicap or overseas equivalent.
9.3.3 Entries shall be limited to a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 30 female competitors with the lowest exact handicap on the closing date for entries. The number of competitors will be confirmed by the Committee immediately after the closing date for entries.

9.3.4 Entries must be made online via Golfbox.

9.3.5 A maximum playing handicap limit of 9 applies for tournament entry.

9.3.5.1 In the event of oversubscribed entries to the Championship, the lowest exact handicaps on the closing date will determine entry.

9.3.6 Unsuccessful entrants will be included on a waiting list and will be allocated a place in the field, in the order they have been assigned, when withdrawals occur.

9.3.7 Any entrant who is not offered a place in the draw will have her fee refunded.

9.3.8 An entrant who is given a place in the draw and subsequently withdraws shall not be entitled to a refund.

9.3.9 Oversea entrants are required to furnish their certificate of handicap by email before the closing date.

9.4 The Committee

9.4.1 The Committee reserves the right to alter the times of starting.

9.4.2 In the event of a tie for the Championship only, the players concerned will immediately play 3 holes of stroke play over such holes as are designated by the Committee. If there is still a tie, those players who are tied, will play sudden death until a winner is found over such holes as have been designated by the Committee.

9.4.3 The Committee shall identify and publish play-off holes in advance of the Championship.

9.4.4 In the event of adverse conditions, the Committee reserves the right to alter the format of the Championship to achieve a result.

9.5 Registration

Competitors must register at the Tournaments Office not later than the appointed time and date for the Championship.

Competitors may register in person or by text, telephone or email.

9.6 Practice Rounds and Caddies

9.6.1 Competitors in the Official Practice round may not play more than one ball from tee to green.

9.6.2 The Host Club is under no obligation to provide tee times to competitors for practice rounds outside the times agreed for the official practice round, whether a green fee is paid or not.

9.6.3 Caddies are permitted.
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COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE AND NOT HAVING A SHARE CAPITAL

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION OF IRISH LADIES GOLF UNION LIMITED
1. The name of the Company is “Irish Ladies’ Golf Union Limited” (hereinafter called “the Company”).

2. The registered office of the Company will be situated in Ireland.

3. The main object for which the Company is established is to promote and administer the game of ladies’ and girls’ golf in Ireland in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Ltd (hereinafter called the “R&A”) and in particular:

4. **Subsidiary Objects**
   a) To uphold the Rules of the Game and to recognise the R&A as the ruling authority for determining the Rules of Golf and the Rules of Amateur Status;
   b) To co-operate with the R&A, Council of National Golf Unions Ltd (hereinafter called CONGU®), the European Golf Association (hereinafter called EGA) and other national and international golf associations;
   c) To maintain, regulate and enforce the CONGU® Unified Handicapping System (hereinafter called UHS) and the Course Rating System of the United States Golf Association and any successors thereto;
   d) To maintain and regulate Championships and such other Tournaments as may be deemed appropriate;
   e) To act as the representative member for Irish Ladies’ Golf on relevant international bodies;
   f) To select, train and manage teams to represent Ireland at international Ladies’ and Girls’ events;
   g) To employ the funds of the Company in such manner as is deemed best in the interest of Irish Ladies’ Golf;
   h) To support actively and promote Equal Status Legislation in golf clubs who are affiliated to the Company;
   i) To make, maintain and publish such Rules and Regulations as may be considered necessary for the above objects;

5. **The Powers of the Company are:**
   a) To acquire and undertake the assets and liabilities to be transferred to the Company by, and to carry out the powers, obligations and general objects of the unincorporated union known as the Irish Ladies’ Golf Union (hereinafter called the “Union”) and to indemnify the Union, its officers, volunteers and members, members of its Central Council, any other committees, sub-committees and its employees against all costs, claims, demands, actions and proceedings relating to those assets and liabilities and the undertaking of the Union in respect of all liabilities, obligations and commitments (whether legally binding or not) of the Union transferred to the Company and also in respect of the costs and expenses and outgoings from or attributable to the transfer of assets and undertakings;
   b) To purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire or by any other means, acquire and protect, any freehold, leasehold, or other property, lands or buildings, or any estate or interest, and any real or personal property or rights whatsoever which may be considered necessary, advantageous or useful to the Company;
   c) To employ such officials, staff or employees as are deemed advantageous or necessary to the Company from time to time;
   d) To provide or contribute towards the salaries, wages, or other remuneration properly arising from the employment of any person for the purposes of the Company;
   e) To borrow, raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as the Company shall think fit and in particular to issue debentures, debenture stock, perpetual or otherwise, bonds, obligations and securities of all kinds and to secure the repayment of any money borrowed, raised, or owing by mortgage, charge, or loan upon the whole or any part of the Company’s property or assets,
whether present or future, and also by a similar mortgage, charge, or lien to secure and guarantee
the performance by the Company of any obligation or liability it may undertake; provided that no
mortgagee or other person or company that advance money to the Company shall be concerned
to enquire into the necessity or propriety of raising money or as to the amount required or the
application thereof;

f) To invest any moneys requiring investment in any manner which may be thought fit, whether
Trustee investments or otherwise or in the purchase of freehold or leasehold properties with
power from time to time to vary such investments;

g) To guarantee, support or secure, whether by mortgaging or charging all or any part of the
undertaking, property and assets both present and future of the Company or both the performance
and discharge or any contract, obligation or liability of a Company or of any person or corporation
with whom or which the Company has dealings or having a business or undertaking in which
the Company is concerned or interested whether directly or indirectly and in particular to give
security for any debts, obligations or liabilities of any Company;

h) To pay or remunerate any person, firm or Company for rendering services for and on behalf of the
Company and to pay any costs, charges or expenses incurred or sustained by or in connection with
the formation and incorporation of the Company;

i) To draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, negotiate and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange,
warrants, Bills of Lading and other negotiable or transferable instruments;

j) To develop, improve, manage, cultivate, exchange, let on lease or otherwise mortgage, charge, sell,
dispose of, turn to account, grant rights and privileges in respect of, or otherwise deal with all or
any part of the property and rights of the Company;

k) To effect insurances and to take such other measures as may be considered necessary or expedient
for the purposes of safeguarding and securing the Company and its Directors, members, employees
and people using its premises and any property of which the Company may be a trustee, manager,
agent or custodian, against liability, loss and damage of every description;

l) To enter into and carry into effect any arrangement with any person, firm, company or Government
or Government Body or authority that may seem conducive to the Company’s objects and to apply
for, promote, and obtain from any person, firm, company or Government or Government body or
authority any contracts, concessions, privileges, charters, decrees and rights which the Company
may think desirable and to carry out and exercise and comply with same;

m) To act as agents, brokers and as trustees for any person, firm or company and to establish agencies
and branches and appoint agents and others to assist in the conduct or extension of the Company’s
business;

n) To grant pensions, gratuities, allowances or charitable aid to any person who may have served the
Company as an employee, or to the wives, husbands, children or other dependents of such person
provided that such pensions, gratuities, allowances or charitable aid shall be no more than that
provided by an occupational pension scheme and provided that such occupational pension scheme
has been operated by the Company and the beneficiary of the pensions, gratuities, allowances or
charitable aid, or their spouse or parent, has been a member of the occupational pension scheme
while employed by the Company; and to make payments towards insurance and to form and
contribute to provident and benefit funds for the benefit of any person employed by the Company
and to subscribe or guarantee money for charitable objects.

o) To purchase or otherwise acquire and undertake all or any part of the business, property, goodwill,
assets, liabilities and transactions of any person, firm or company carrying on any business which
this Company is authorised to carry on;

p) To undertake and execute the office of nominee, trustee, executor, administrator, registrar,
secretary, committee or attorney for any purpose and either solely or jointly with others and
generally to undertake, perform and fulfil any office of trust or confidence;

q) To accept payment for any property or rights sold or otherwise disposed of or dealt with by the
Company in whatever form and on such terms as the Company may determine;
r) To establish, promote or otherwise assist any company and to promote or otherwise assist any 
person or firm for the purpose of acquiring all or any of the properties and/or liabilities or for 
furthering any of the objects of this Company or for the purpose of instigating or opposing any 
proceedings or applications which may be considered necessary, advantageous or useful to the 
Company;
s) To apply the whole or any part of the assets properly vested in the Company whether capital or 
income 
i. in or towards payment of the expenses of the Company, or 
ii. for or towards all or any of the purposes aforesaid or hereinafter mentioned;
t) To enter into any partnership or joint arrangement or arrangement for sharing profits with any 
company having objects similar or in part similar to those of the Company and to give whatever 
undertakings are considered necessary by the Company;
u) To procure the Company to be registered or recognised in any place outside Ireland;
v) To take over from existing trustees and hold either alone or jointly, all or any existing charitable 
or benevolent funds, investments and bursaries established for or used in connection with these 
objects or objectives or the community or social services or allied undertakings;
w) To do all such other things as may to the Company in its absolute discretion be deemed incidental 
or conductive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them;
x) It is hereby declared that in the construction of this clause the word “company”, except where 
used in reference to the Company, shall be deemed to include any person or partnership or other 
body of persons, whether incorporated or not incorporated, and whether domiciled in Ireland or 
elsewhere, and words denoting the singular number only shall include the plural number and vice 
versa.
y) Provided that the Company shall not support with its funds or endeavour to impose or procure 
to be observed by its members or others any regulation or restriction which if an object of the 
Company would make it a trade union.

6. **Use of Income and Property**
The income and property of the Company shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the 
objects set out in this memorandum. No portion of the Company's income and property shall be paid 
or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit 
to the members of the Company or to any Affiliated Club or Participating Individual (as those terms 
are defined in the Articles of Association of the Company). However, nothing shall prevent any payment 
good faith by the Company of reasonable and proper remuneration to any officer or servant of the 
Company, or to any member of the Company, or to any Affiliated Club or Participating Individual, in 
return for any services actually rendered to the Company, nor prevent the payment of interest at a 
rate not exceeding five per cent per annum on money lent or reasonable and proper rent for premises 
demised or let by any member; Affiliated Club or Participating Individual to the Company; but so that 
no member of the Board of Directors of the Company shall be appointed to any salaried office of the 
Company or any office of the Company paid by fees, and that no remuneration or other benefit in 
money or money's worth shall be given by the Company to any member of such Board of Directors, 
except repayment of out-of-pocket expenses and interest at the rate aforesaid on money lent or 
reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let to the Company; provided that the provision 
last aforesaid shall not apply to any payment to any company of which a member of the Board of 
Directors may be a member, and in which such member shall hold more than one hundredth part of 
the capital, and such member shall not be bound to account for any share of profits she may receive in 
respect of any such payment.

7. No amendments of any kind shall be made to the provisions of clauses 5(y) and 10 of the 
Memorandum of Association and no amendments shall be made to the Memorandum and Articles of 
Association to such extent that they would alter the effect of Clauses 5(y) and 10 of the Memorandum 
of Association, such that there would be non-compliance with the requirements of section 24(1) (a) 
and (b) of the Companies Act 1963.
8. **Amendment of Memorandum**

No addition, alteration or amendment shall be made to or in the provisions of the memorandum for the time being in force unless the same;

(a) shall be passed by members at a general meeting of the Company pursuant to section 10 of the Companies Act, 1963 by special resolution as defined in section 141 of the Companies Act, 1963 as amended and extended and in accordance with that section, and

(b) shall previously have been approved in writing by the Revenue Commissioners

9. **Limited Liability**

The liability of the members is limited.

10. **Guarantee**

Every member of the Company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Company in the event of its being wound up while she is a member, or within one year afterwards, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Company contracted before she ceases to be a member, and the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding one euro (€1).

11. **Dissolution**

If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Company there remains, after satisfaction of all its debts and liability, any property whatsoever, it shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Company. Instead, such property should be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having main objects similar to the main objects of the Company or in default of there being any such institution any other institution or institutions having as their object the support and promotion of the game of golf in Ireland. The institution or institutions to which the property is to be given or transferred shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Company under or by virtue of this memorandum or, if more restrictive by law. Members of the Company shall select the relevant institution or institutions at or before the time of dissolution and if insofar as effect cannot be given to such provision, then the property shall be given or transferred to some charitable object.

12. **Keeping of Accounts:**

Annual Audited accounts shall be kept and made available to the Revenue Commissioners on request.

We, the several persons whose names and addresses are subscribed, wish to be formed into a Company in pursuance of this Memorandum of Association.

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COMPANIES ACTS, 1963 TO 2006
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IRISH LADIES’
GOLF UNION LIMITED
ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
For the purposes of these Articles of Association the following terms shall have the meanings hereinafter ascribed to them.

“the Act” means the Companies Acts, 1963 to 2006;

“Alliance” means a group of individuals who run regular golf competitions for their members, all of whom are members of affiliated golf clubs;

“Affiliation” means the acceptance by the Board of a ladies golf club, ladies branch of a recognised golf club, Ladies University or other club as an Affiliated Club of the Company and the term “Affiliated Club(s)” shall be construed accordingly;

“Auditors” mean the auditors for the time being of the Company;

“Articles” mean these Articles of Association as originally framed or as from time to time altered by Special Resolution;

“Board” means the Board of Directors of the Company;

“Bye-Laws & Regulations” mean the Rules, Regulations and Bye-laws for the time being adopted by the Board;

“Chairman” means the Chairman of the Board of Directors nominated in accordance with Articles 43 and 44

“Chief Executive” means any person appointed by the Board to perform the duties of Chief Executive;

“Company” means the Irish Ladies’ Golf Union Limited.

“Club” means a ladies golf club or ladies branch of a recognised golf club or Ladies University club in Ireland which has regularly appointed office bearers who are responsible for the administration of female golf in accordance with the Articles, Bye-Laws and Regulations of the Company

“Committee” means a committee established by the Board in accordance with these Articles;

“Directors” mean the members of the Board of Directors of the Company or the Directors present at a meeting of the Board of Directors and includes any person occupying the position of Director by whatsoever name called;
“District” means one of the five Districts namely into which Ireland is divided for the purposes of the administration of ladies’ golf or the subsequent geographical regions that may succeed Districts, pursuant to these Articles and any applicable rules;

“District Executive Committee” means the committee elected at the Annual General Meeting of each District comprising, officers, elected club delegates and such other persons as are from time to time in place;

“District Director” means a member of the Board nominated by her District Executive Committee or an Affiliated Club and elected at an Annual General Meeting of the Company;

“District Secretary” means a person elected by a District Executive Committee in accordance with these Articles;

“Honorary Member” is a person who is elected by the Board in recognition of their service to the Union or the Company, their special distinction in the game of golf or their significant contribution to society in general. Honorary Members are elected for one year and may be re-elected annually;

“Honorary Life Member” Honorary Life is a person who is elected at an Annual General Meeting of the Company on the recommendation of the Board, on the grounds of exceptional service rendered to the Union or the Company, or to golf in general or their special distinction in the game of golf. They are elected for the person’s lifetime and Honorary Life Membership ceases on death;

“Ireland” means the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland;

“Irish Representatives” mean individuals nominated by the Board to represent the Company on other organisations;

“Non-Voting Member” means a Past-President, Honorary Life Member, Honorary Member, Members of District Executive Committees members of Committees of the Board and Non-Voting Club Delegates, as defined in Articles 33, who are admitted from time to time as members of the Company pursuant to these Articles and the Bye-Laws and Regulations and who are entitled to receive notice of and attend at general meetings without a vote;

“Nominated Director” means a member of the Board of Directors of the Company who has been nominated by the Nominations Committee and elected at an Annual General Meeting of the Company;

“Participating Individual” means a female member of an Affiliated Club and shall include all categories of female club members excluding pavilion or house members;

“Past Chairman” means a person who has held the position of Chairman of the Board for a full term;

“Past President” means a person who has held the position of President of the Union or Company;

“President” means the President of the Company as elected by the members pursuant to Article 40;

“President-Elect” means a person elected by the Board and confirmed by the Company in General Meeting from time to time in accordance with the Bye-Laws and Regulations of the Company;

“Secretary” means any person appointed to perform the duties of the Secretary of the Company;

“Seal” means the Common Seal of the Company;

“Societies” mean golf societies in Ireland that run golf competitions for their members, some of whom may be members of affiliated clubs and which societies do not administer handicaps;
“Subscriptions” mean the Capitation Fee payable by every participating individual of an Affiliated Club in accordance with Article 10 and the Byelaws and Regulations of the Company; “The Office” means the registered office for the time being of the Company; “Voting Member” means a Voting Club Delegate, as defined in Article 33, Director and District Secretary who is admitted from time to time as a member pursuant to these Articles and the Bye-Laws and Regulations, and is entitled to receive notice of, attend and vote at general meetings; “Union” means the unincorporated union known as the Irish Ladies Golf Union; Expressions referring to writing shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be construed as including references to printing, lithography, photography and any other modes of representing or reproducing words in a visible form.

Unless the contrary intention appears, words or expressions contained in these Articles shall bear the same meaning as in the Act, or any statutory modification thereof in force at the date at which these Articles become binding on the Company. Words in the singular include the plural and vice versa.

SECTION 2: MEMBERSHIP

Members

1. For the purpose of Registration the number of the members of the Company is declared unlimited.
2. The Company shall consist of the following categories of members:
   Voting Members
   a) Voting Club Delegates of such clubs as were at the time of incorporation of the Company, duly admitted members of the Union under the constitution of the Union in force immediately prior to the incorporation of the Company, which clubs shall be deemed to be Affiliated clubs;
   b) Voting Club Delegates of Affiliated Clubs;
   c) Directors, including the Chairman; and
   d) District Secretaries.
   Non-Voting Members
   a) Honorary Life Members;
   b) Honorary Members;
   c) Members of District Executive Committees who are not Voting Members;
   d) Members of Committees of the Board who are not Voting Members; and
   e) Non-Voting Club Delegates.
3. The Chairman shall upon election be a member of the Company.
4. Subject to the provisions of Section 27 of the Companies Act 1963, the rights and liabilities attaching to any members of the Company may be varied from time to time by a Special Resolution of the Company.
5. Membership of the Company shall cease:
   a) If a member resigns by notice in writing to the Chief Executive at the registered office;
   b) In the case of a Voting Club Delegate or Non-Voting Club Delegate if the subscription of the Affiliated Club which they represent is more than three months in arrears such club shall be deemed to cease to be an Affiliated Club and the said delegate shall be deemed to have resigned accordingly unless the Board otherwise decides;
c) In the case of the Chairman, Director or District Secretary who are members their membership shall cease on the date they cease to hold such office;

d) In the case of Honorary Life Members their membership shall cease on death;

e) In the case of Honorary Members their membership shall cease on the date they cease to hold Honorary Membership; and

f) In the case of Members of District Executive Committees and Committees of the Board their membership shall cease on the date they cease to hold such office;

6. On appointment, the name of each Member shall be entered in the Register of Members to be kept at the Office and in the case of Voting Club Delegates and Non-Voting Club Delegates the name of the club that they represent shall also be entered in the Register against their names.

7. Every member is bound by and must submit to the Articles, Bye-Laws and Regulations of the Company. It shall be the responsibility of each Voting Club Delegate and Non-Voting Club delegate to bring the Bye-Laws and Regulations to the attention of Participating Individuals in the Affiliated Club that they represent.

8. Any person ceasing by death, resignation or otherwise to be a Member of the Company shall not, nor shall their representatives, have any claim upon or interest in the funds of the Company and shall not be entitled to return of any subscription fees.

9. In the case of former Affiliated Clubs who are deemed to have ceased to be Affiliated Clubs:

a) The Voting Club Delegates and Non-Voting Club Delegates shall be struck off the Register of Members;

b) Such Clubs shall not be entitled to hold themselves out as Affiliated Clubs or to administer or maintain or hold themselves out as administering or maintaining handicaps for their members under the Articles and Bye-Laws and Regulations of the Company; and

c) Such Clubs shall not be reinstated as an Affiliated Club except as a newly Affiliated Club and on payment of all arrears of subscription or otherwise, due and payable to the Company.

10. Affiliated Clubs shall pay the appropriate subscriptions set by the Board for the period from 1st January 2009 and annually thereafter for every Participating Individual entitled to play golf on their course. This sum is to be calculated per capita for every person who is a female member of an Affiliated Club which is deemed to be her Home Club excluding Honorary Life Members and Honorary Members of the Company.

11. Notwithstanding Article 110 any variation or revocation of Bye-Laws and Regulations relating to:

a) Categories of membership of the Company, or

b) The rights, privileges and obligations of different categories of membership, shall require the approval of the members in General Meeting by Special Resolution.

12. Honorary Membership

a) All Life Vice-Presidents of the Union, being the persons listed in the First Part of the Schedule hereto, shall, upon incorporation of the Company, be Honorary Life Members;

b) All Past Presidents of the Union, being the persons listed in the Second Part of the Schedule hereto, shall, upon incorporation of the Company, be Honorary Life Members;

c) All Past Presidents and all Past Chairmen shall immediately upon leaving office become Honorary Life Members, notwithstanding that the maximum number of Honorary Life Members hereinafter mentioned is thereby exceeded;

d) The Board, or any committee to which it delegates the power, shall be entitled to nominate and recommend one or more persons to the members for election as Honorary Life Member(s) at a General Meeting, and the members shall be entitled to elect such person(s) to be Honorary Life Member(s) accordingly, provided always that the number of Honorary Life Members at any one time shall not exceed twenty five (25) or such greater or lesser number as the members may determine at General Meeting from time to time;

e) The Board may nominate and elect any person to be an Honorary Member for a period of one year, and may re-elect such person(s) annually.
SECTION 3: MEETINGS OF THE COMPANY

General Meetings

13. All General Meetings of the Company shall be held in Ireland.

14. The Company shall hold a General Meeting in every calendar year as its Annual General Meeting at such time and place as may be determined by the Directors and shall specify the meeting as such in the notices calling it, provided that every Annual General Meeting except the first shall be held not more than fifteen months after the holding of the last preceding Annual General Meeting and that so long as the Company holds its first Annual General Meeting within eighteen months of the date of incorporation, it need not hold it in the year of its incorporation. All General Meetings other than Annual General Meetings shall be called Extraordinary General Meetings.

15. The Directors may, whenever they think fit, convene an Extraordinary General Meeting, and Extraordinary General Meetings shall also be convened by such requisitions as provided by section 132 of the Act. If at any time there are not within Ireland sufficient Directors capable of acting to form a quorum, any Director may convene an Extraordinary General Meeting in the same manner as nearly as possible as that in which meetings may be convened by the Directors.

Notice of General Meetings

16. Subject to sections 133 and 141 of the Act, an Annual General Meeting and a meeting called for the passing of a Special Resolution shall be called by twenty one (21) days’ notice at the least, and a meeting of the Company, other than an Annual General Meeting or a meeting for the passing of a Special Resolution, shall be called by fourteen (14) days’ notice at the least. The notice shall be exclusive of the day on which it is served or deemed to be served and of the day for which it is given and shall specify the place, the day and the hour of meeting and, in the case of special business, the general nature of that business, and shall be given in the manner herein mentioned, to such persons as are, under the Articles of the Company, entitled to receive such notices from the Company including all Voting Members and all Non-Voting Members as defined in Article 2; but, with the consent of the Auditors and of all the members having the right to vote thereat, or of such proportion of them as is prescribed by the Act in the case of meetings other than Annual General Meetings or meeting to pass a Special Resolution, a meeting may be convened by such notice as those members may think fit.

17. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice by any person entitled to receive notice, shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.

Proceedings at General Meetings

18. All business shall be deemed to be special that is transacted at an Extraordinary General Meeting and all business that is transacted at an Annual General Meeting shall also be deemed to be special, with the exception of the consideration of the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet, the Reports of the Directors and the Auditors, the election by members of the Directors and the appointment of, and the fixing of the remuneration of, the Auditors.

19. No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum is present when the meeting proceeds to business. Save as herein otherwise provided, one-sixth of Voting Members must be personally present to constitute a quorum.

20. If within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of members, shall be dissolved; in any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place, or to such other day and at such other time and place as the Directors may determine, and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, the members present shall be a quorum.

21. The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall preside as Chairman at every General Meeting of the Company, or if she is not present within fifteen (15) minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or is unwilling to act, the Directors present shall elect one of their number to be Chairman of the meeting.

22. If at any meeting no Director is willing to act as Chairman or if no Director is present within fifteen (15) minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the representatives of members present shall choose one of their number to be Chairman of the meeting.
23. The Chairman may, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present and shall, if so directed by the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place. When a meeting is adjourned for thirty (30) days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of the original meeting. Save as aforesaid, it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.

24. At any General Meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands, unless a poll is, before or upon the declaration of the result of the show of hands, demanded by at least two Members present. Unless a poll be so demanded a declaration by the Chairman of the meeting that a resolution has been carried or carried unanimously or by a particular majority, or lost, or not carried by a particular majority, and an entry to that effect in the book containing the minutes of proceedings of the Company shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against such resolution. A demand for a poll may be withdrawn.

25. A Special Resolution within the meaning of section 141 of the Companies, Act, 1963 including any Special Resolution to change these Articles of Association, must be proposed and passed by not less than three-fourths of the votes cast by Voting Members and entitled to vote in accordance with Article 32.

26. If a poll is demanded in the manner aforesaid, it shall be taken at such time and place and in such manner as the Chairman of the meeting shall direct, and the result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.

27. The demand for a poll shall not prevent the continuance of a meeting for the transaction of any business other than that on which a poll has been demanded.

28. Where there is an equality of votes, the Chairman of the meeting at which the show of hands/poll takes place shall be entitled to a casting vote.

29. Subject to section 141 of the Act, a resolution in writing signed by all the members for the time being entitled to attend and vote on such resolution at a General Meeting shall be as valid and effective for all purposes as if the resolution had been passed at a General Meeting of the Company duly convened and held, and if described as a Special Resolution shall be deemed to be a Special Resolution within the meaning of the Act.

30. The Annual General Meeting shall be held for the following purposes:
   a) To approve the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting;
   b) To receive the Annual Report of the Board;
   c) To receive and approve the Annual Accounts duly audited;
   d) To confirm the election of the President if appropriate;
   e) To confirm the election of the President-Elect if appropriate;
   f) To confirm the election of Honorary Life Member(s), if appropriate;
   g) To elect or re-elect the Directors if appropriate;
   h) To elect or re-elect the Chairman if appropriate;
   i) To confirm the appointment of Auditors;
   j) To confirm the appointment or reappointment of the Irish Representatives on External Organisations and their respective deputies, if appropriate;
   k) To decide on any resolution which may have been submitted to the meeting in accordance with these Articles;
   l) To notify members of any new members and any new Affiliated Club(s) of the Company; and
   m) To transact any other business of which due notice has been given.

Votes of Members

31. Save as herein provided, every Voting Member present shall be entitled to one vote

32. Members shall be entitled to vote as follows:
a) Voting Club Delegates representing Affiliated Clubs consisting of under fifty (50) Participating Individuals shall have one (1) vote.
b) Voting Club Delegates representing Affiliated Clubs consisting of fifty (50) to Ninety Nine (99) Participating Individuals shall have two (2) votes.
c) Voting Club Delegates representing Affiliated Clubs consisting of one hundred (100) and over Participating Individuals shall have three (3) votes.
d) Other Voting Members shall have one (1) vote each.

33. Every Affiliated Club shall be entitled to have two representatives who shall be members of the Company. One of these representatives shall be known as “Voting Club Delegate” and shall have the right to vote at General Meetings in accordance with Article 32. The other representative shall be designated as “Non-Voting Club Delegate” and shall not have the right to vote at General Meetings provided always and notwithstanding any other provision in these Articles, that if the Voting Club Delegate is unable to attend or vote at a General Meeting then the Non-Voting Club Delegate shall, for the purposes only of that General Meeting, be deemed to be the Voting Club Delegate of that Affiliated Club and entitled to vote accordingly. Voting Club Delegates and Non-Voting Club Delegates shall be nominated by Affiliated Clubs from time to time in accordance with the Bye-Laws and Regulations and thereafter Affiliated Clubs shall apply promptly to the Secretary for the admission of such Voting Club Delegates and Non-Voting Club Delegates as members of the Company, and the Board shall admit them to membership at its first meeting after receipt of such application.

34. Save as herein expressly provided, no Voting Member other than a Voting Member duly registered, shall be entitled to vote on any question, at any General Meeting. Those attending a General Meeting shall be entitled to vote in one capacity only.

35. As specified in Article 2, Non-Voting members are entitled to attend General Meetings. In addition, the Board at its discretion may invite others to attend in a non-voting capacity.

36. Only Voting Members are entitled to address the meeting unless invited by the Chairman.

37. No objection shall be raised to the qualification of any voter except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is given or tendered, and every vote not disallowed at such meeting shall be valid for all purposes. Any such objection made in due time shall be referred to the Chairman of the meeting whose decision shall be final and conclusive.

SECTION 4: THE BOARD

The Board of the Company

38. The Board of the Company shall consist of the following Directors:

a) The Chairman;
b) The President;
c) One Director representing each District of the Company; and
d) Such other Directors as may be nominated by the nominations Committee from time to time and whose election is confirmed at an Annual General Meeting of the Company.

39. Unless otherwise determined by Ordinary Resolution, the number of Directors shall be subject to a maximum of twelve (12) and shall not be less than five (5).
SECTION 5. DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY

President

40. The President shall serve for a term of two years and shall be a Director of the Company for her term of office. The President shall be nominated by the Board, and her election shall be confirmed by the members at the Annual General Meeting following such nomination.

41. If, in the office of President, a casual vacancy occurs the Directors shall, nominate an individual(s) to perform the duties of President for the remainder of the year in which the vacancy occurred.

42. If, in the office of President, a permanent vacancy occurs in the first year of her term of office, the Directors shall, nominate an individual(s) to perform the duties of President for the remainder of the year and in the subsequent year the President-Elect shall automatically be confirmed as President.

Chairman

43. A Chairman of the Board shall be selected by the Nominations Committee and nominated to an Annual General Meeting and her election confirmed at the Annual General Meeting. The Chairman shall have a term of office of four years subject to Article 53 and extension under Article 54.

44. The Chairman shall be a Director of the Company and, in addition to her individual vote, shall have a casting vote at Board Meetings and General Meetings.

District Directors

45. The District Director shall be nominated at an Annual General Meeting of the District where the vacancy occurs.

46. A nomination for the office of District Director shall in the first instance be made by:
   a) Any one Affiliated Club in the District, and/or
   b) The relevant District Executive Committee to the relevant District Annual General Meeting.

47. Nominations for District Director to the relevant District Annual General Meeting shall be seconded by another Affiliated Club in the same District and must be received in writing by the relevant District Secretary in advance of the District Annual General Meeting in accordance with the Bye-Laws and Regulations.

48. Each District Annual General Meeting shall consider such nomination(s) as aforesaid and nominate its District Director to an Annual General Meeting of the Company, and at the Annual General Meeting of the Company the members shall confirm the election such nominee as District Director.

49. District Directors shall have a term of office of four years.

50. In the event of a vacancy occurring by resignation or otherwise of a District Director during her term of office, the relevant District Executive Committee shall nominate a person to fill the vacancy and such person shall be co-opted by the Board as District Director to serve until the term of office of the original District Director is completed. The Director so co-opted shall, if nominated in due course, be eligible for election as a Director in her own right.

Nominated Director

51. Nominated Directors shall be selected by the Nominations Committee and nominated to the Annual General Meeting where their election as Directors shall be confirmed.

52. The Nominated Directors shall have a term of office of four years subject to extension under Article 54.

Rotation of Directors

53. At the fourth Annual General Meeting and at the Annual General Meeting in every subsequent year one-quarter of the Directors for the time being, or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest one-quarter, shall retire from office.
The terms of office for the Directors shall be as follows:

a) No District Director may serve for more than one four year term consecutively, save that she may serve for one additional term as a nominated Director if nominated in accordance with Articles 51 and 52;

b) No Nominated Director may serve for more than one four year term consecutively, save that she may serve for a further maximum of two years in order to maintain the rota for retiring;

c) A nominated Director is not eligible for election as a District Director for a period of one year after her retirement;

d) The Chairman may serve for one term of four years and is eligible for re-election annually for a further maximum period of two years in addition to any immediate prior service as a Director; and

e) The President may serve for a maximum period of two years and is not eligible for re-election as President.

The maximum term of office for any Board member is eight (8) consecutive years after which period she must retire for one year.

The Company may from time to time by Ordinary Resolution increase or reduce the number of Directors and may also determine in what rotation the increased or reduced number is to go out of office.

The Company may by Ordinary Resolution of which extended notice has been given in accordance with section 142 of the Act remove any Director before the expiration of her period of office, notwithstanding anything in these Articles or in any agreement between the Company and such Director. Such removal shall be without prejudice to any claim such Director may have for damages for breach of any contract of service between her and the Company.

The Company may by Ordinary Resolution appoint another person in place of a Director removed from office under Article 57. A person appointed in place of a Director so removed shall be subject to retirement at the same time as if she had become a Director on the day on which the Director in whose place she is appointed was last elected a Director.

**Disqualification of Directors**

The office of Director shall be vacated if a Director:

a) holds any office or place of profit under the Company; or

b) is adjudged bankrupt in Ireland or Great Britain or makes any arrangement or composition with her creditors generally; or

c) becomes prohibited from being a Director by reason of any order made under section of the Act; or

d) becomes of unsound mind; or

e) resigns her office by notice in writing to the Company; or

f) fails to attend three consecutive meetings or 60% of meetings in a year unless the Directors determine otherwise;

 g) is convicted of an indictable offence unless the Directors otherwise determine; or

h) is directly or indirectly interested in any contract with the Company and fails to declare the nature of her interest in the manner required by section 194 of the Act or Article 60.

**Conflict of Interest**

It shall be the duty of a Director who is directly or indirectly interested in a contract or proposed contract with the Company to declare the nature of her interest at a meeting of the Directors of the Company. The Director concerned must make the declaration required by this Article at the meeting of the Directors at which the question of entering into the contract is first taken into consideration, or if the Director was not, at the date of that meeting, interested in the proposed contract, at the next meeting of the Directors held after she became so interested, and in a case where the Director becomes interested in a contract after it is made, the said declaration shall be made at the first
meeting of the Directors held after the Director becomes so interested. A general notice given to the Directors of the Company by a Director to the effect that she is a member of a specified company or firm and is to be regarded as interested in any contract which may, after the date of the notice, be made with that Company or firm, shall be deemed to be a sufficient declaration of interest in relation to any contract so made. The Director so concerned must:

a) withdraw from the meeting for that item unless expressly invited to remain in order to provide information;
b) not be counted in the quorum for that part of the meeting; and
c) withdraw during the vote and have no vote on the matter nor seek to influence the vote of any other Directors in the matter.

61. A copy of every declaration made and notice given pursuant to section 194 of the Act and/or Article 60, shall within three (3) days after the making or giving thereof, be entered in a book kept for this purpose. Such book shall be open for inspection without charge by any Director, Secretary, Auditor or member of the Company at the registered office of the Company and shall be produced at every General Meeting of the Company, and at any meeting of the Directors if any Director so requests in sufficient time to enable the book to be available at the meeting.

62. It shall be the duty of a Director who is directly associated with a club or entity that has a particular interest in a matter to be considered by the Directors to declare the nature of the interest at the first meeting of the Directors at which the matter is first taken into consideration. The Director so concerned must, unless the Directors otherwise determine:

a) withdraw from the meeting for that item unless expressly invited to remain in order to provide information; and
b) not be counted in the quorum for that part of the meeting; and
c) withdraw during the vote and have no vote on the matter nor seek to influence the vote of any other Directors in the matter.

Remuneration

63. No remuneration shall be payable under any circumstances to any of the Directors in respect of services as Director, or on any Committee of the Board to which the Directors may delegate powers. The Directors may be paid all travelling, hotel and other expenses properly incurred by them in attending and returning from meetings of the Directors or any committee of the Directors or General Meetings of the Company or in connection with the business of the Company.

SECTION 6: POWERS OF THE BOARD, DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEES

64. The functions of the Board are:

a) The formulation, in conjunction with management, of the strategic plan to achieve the vision, mission and goals of the Company;
b) The approval of the annual business plan, operational plan and budgets;
c) The monitoring of the implementation of the strategic plan and annual business plan and budgets of the Company and assessment of performance against key performance indicators;
d) The co-ordination of the work of committees, advisory groups, and trading companies of the Company;
e) The formulation and implementation of good corporate governance principles and practices;
f) To ensure that the Company operates as an effective business and member services organisation;
g) To recruit, remove, monitor and evaluate performance of the Chief Executive;
h) To determine delegations of authority and accountabilities of the Chief Executive;
i) To approve expenditure, contracts and commitments that fall outside the authority of the Chief Executive;

j) To ensure that there is a sound system of internal control and risk management policy and process in place to identify and manage risk;

k) To ensure that appropriate codes and policy frameworks exist to promote effective governance of the Company through clear written procedures and regular review and updating of:
   1) The policies of the Company;
   2) Strategic and annual operational plans;
   3) Terms of reference for Committees and Special Advisory groups;
   4) Clearly defined and delegated powers/limits of authority for decision making for the Executive, Standing Committees and Staff;
   5) Risk and audit policies; and
   6) Standard operating policies and procedures.

l) To approve the Affiliation of a golf club to the Company;

m) To admit Voting Club Delegates and Non-Voting Club Delegates as members of the Company; and

n) To adopt and amend from time to time the Bye-Laws and Regulations of the Company.

65. The Board, or any committees to whom it delegates its powers, shall have the power to make, vary and revoke Bye-Laws and Regulations, including (without limitation):
   a) Regulations as to the function, role and operation of the committees and District committees to assist the Board in the administration of the Company;
   b) Mandatory regulations, other than rules relating to their membership, for Affiliated Clubs;
   c) Regulations for the selection of competitors to represent Ireland in international matches and competitions and the management of any team of competitors so selected;
   d) Regulations setting out disciplinary procedures for members;
   e) Regulations for the affiliation of Clubs;
   f) Regulations for the administration, promotion and organisation of National Championships and all tournaments under the control of the Company; and
   g) Regulations for the administration and organisation of all Training under the control of the Company.

66. The Directors may from time to time make, vary and repeal Bye-Laws and Regulations for the regulation of the affairs of the Company and the conduct of its officers, servants and members, and such Bye-Laws and Regulations may prescribe the subscription to be paid by Participating Individuals and the privileges to be enjoyed by any member or Affiliated Club, provided that no Bye Laws and Regulations shall be made which are inconsistent with the provisions of the Act or the Memorandum and Articles of Association for the time being of the Company or which would amount to such an addition to or alteration of these Articles as could legally only be made by Special Resolution passed and confirmed in accordance with the Act.

67. The Directors may from time to time and at any time by power of attorney, appoint any Company, firm or person or body of persons, whether nominated directly or indirectly by the Directors to be the attorney or attorneys of the Company for such purposes and with powers, authorities and discretions (not exceeding those vested in or exercisable by the Directors under these Articles) and for such period and subject to such conditions as they may think fit, and any such powers of attorney may contain such provisions for the protection and convenience of persons dealing with any such attorney as the Directors may think fit, and may also authorise any such attorney to delegate all or any of the powers, authorities and discretions vested in him/her.

68. All cheques, promissory notes, drafts, bills of exchange and other negotiable instruments, and all receipts for moneys paid to the Company shall be signed, drawn, accepted, endorsed or otherwise executed as the case may be, by such person or persons and in such manner as the Directors shall from time to time by resolution determine.
69. The Directors shall cause proper minutes to be kept of all appointments of officers made by the Directors and of the proceedings of all meetings of the Company, of the Directors and of Committees of the Directors and all business transacted at such meetings, and any such minutes of any meetings, if purporting to be signed by the Chairman of such meeting, or by the Chairman of the next succeeding meeting shall be sufficient evidence without further proof of the facts therein stated.

70. The Directors shall have particular responsibility for signing-off the strategic plan and monitoring its subsequent implementation and review, and for ensuring that the Company operates within agreed financial parameters and in accordance with the law.

71. Directors may not appoint any person as their alternate to attend or vote at Directors meetings in their place.

**Borrowing Powers**

72. Subject to Article 73, the Directors may exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow money and to mortgage or charge its undertaking and property or any part thereof, and to issue debentures, debenture stock and other securities, whether outright or as security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company or of any third party.

73. Any new borrowing of the Company after the date of adoption of these Articles shall require the approval of the members in General Meeting provided however that the Board shall be authorised to negotiate and enter into borrowing facilities after the date of adoption of these Articles for and on behalf of the Company provided that the aggregate amount of all facilities (to the extent that they remain due and outstanding to the lender thereof) shall not be greater than twenty percent (20%) of the subscription income of the Company as disclosed in the Audited Financial Statements of the Company for the financial period immediately preceding the financial period in which the new facilities is proposed.

**Proceedings of Directors**

74. The Directors may meet together for the despatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they think fit, save that they shall hold at least four meetings each year. Questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. In case of equality of votes the Chairman shall have a further or casting vote. Two (2) Directors may, and the Secretary shall, on the requisition of two Directors, summon a meeting of the Directors. If the Directors so resolve it shall not be necessary to give notice of a meeting of Directors to any Director who being resident in Ireland is for the time being absent from Ireland.

75. The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Directors may be fixed by the Directors and unless so fixed shall not be less than five (5).

76. The continuing Directors may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their number but, if and so long as their number is reduced below the number fixed by or pursuant to the Articles of the Company as the necessary quorum of Directors, the continuing Directors or Director may act for the purpose of increasing the number of Directors to that number or of summoning a General Meeting of the Company, but for no other purpose.

77. If at any meeting the Chairman is not present within fifteen (15) minutes after the time appointed for holding the same, the Directors present may choose one of their number to be Chairman of the meeting.

78. The Directors may delegate any of its powers to Committees consisting of such member or members of the Directors and such other persons as they think fit, and any Committee so formed shall, in the exercise of the powers so delegated, conform to any regulations imposed on it by the Directors. The meetings and proceedings of any such Committee shall be governed by the provisions of these Articles for regulating the meetings and proceedings of the Directors so far as applicable and so far as the same shall not be superseded by any Bye-Laws and Regulations made by the Directors.

79. The Directors shall appoint a Chairman of each Committee. If at any meeting the Chairman is not present within fifteen (15) minutes after the time appointed for holding the same, the members present may choose one of their number to be Chairman of the meeting.

80. A Committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper. Questions arising at any meeting shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members present, and when there is an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.
81. All acts done by any meeting of the Directors or by any person acting as a member of the Directors or any Committee shall, notwithstanding that it be afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any such person acting as aforesaid, or that she or any of the Directors was disqualified, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed.

82. A resolution in writing signed by all the Directors or any Committee of the Directors who are entitled to receive notice of a meeting of the Directors or of such Committee shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Directors or of such Committee duly convened and constituted.

83. The Directors may at any time appoint any person to the Board of Directors but only to fill a casual vacancy and provided that the prescribed maximum is not thereby exceeded. Any Director so appointed shall retain her office only until the next Annual General Meeting and shall, if nominated, be eligible for election as a Director in her own right.

Accounts

84. The Directors shall cause proper books of account to be kept relating to:
   a) all sums of money received and expended by the Company and the matters in respect of which the receipt and expenditure takes place;
   b) all sales and purchases of goods by the Company; and
   c) the assets and liabilities of the Company.

85. Proper books shall not be deemed to be kept if there are not kept such books of account as are necessary to give a true and fair view of the state of the Company’s affairs and to explain its transactions.

86. The books of account shall be kept at the office or, subject to section 147 of the Act, at such other place as the Directors think fit, and shall at all reasonable times be open to the inspection of the Directors.

87. The Directors shall from time to time determine whether and to what extent, at what times and places and under what conditions or regulations the accounts and books of the Company or any of them shall be open to the inspection of members not being Directors, and no member (not being a Director) shall have any right of inspecting any account or book or document of the Company except as conferred by statute or authorised by the Directors or by the Company in General Meeting.

88. The Directors shall from time to time in accordance with sections 148, 150, 157 and 158 of the Act cause to be prepared and to be laid before the Annual General Meeting of the Company such profit and loss accounts, balance sheets, group accounts and reports as are required by those sections to be prepared and laid before the Annual General Meeting of the Company.

89. A copy of every balance sheet (including every document required by law to be annexed thereto) which is to be laid before the Annual General Meeting of the Company, together with a copy of the Directors Report and Auditors Report shall, not less than twenty one (21) days before the date of the Annual General Meeting, be sent to every person entitled under the provisions of the Act to receive them.

90. Annual audited accounts shall be made available to the Revenue Commissioners on request.

SECTION 7: APPOINTED OFFICIALS OF THE COMPANY

Secretary

91. The Secretary shall be appointed by the Directors for such term, at such remuneration and upon such conditions as they may think fit, and any Secretary so appointed may be removed by them.

92. A provision of the Act or these Articles requiring or authorising a thing to be done by or to a Director and the Secretary shall not be satisfied by its being done by or to the same person acting both as Director and as, or in place of, the Secretary.
District Secretary

93. A District Secretary is elected annually by a District Executive Committee and her election confirmed at a District Annual General Meeting. She may serve for a term of four years. On completion of her four year term of office as District Secretary she shall not be eligible for re-election as District Secretary or appointment to any other District role for a period of one year.

94. An individual who serves less than four years as District Secretary shall be eligible for election to any other District role to a maximum term of six years.

Chief Executive

95. A Chief Executive may be appointed by the Directors for such term and at such remuneration and upon such conditions as they may think fit, and any Chief Executive so appointed may be removed by them. The Directors shall put in place arrangements for the line management of the Chief Executive and for the monitoring and appraisal of his/her performance.

96. The Chief Executive shall not be a Director, but shall be entitled to attend all meetings of the Directors (except where his/her own remuneration or performance is being discussed) and shall act as advisor to the Directors.

SECTION 8: NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

97. The Board shall establish a Nominations Committee which shall consist of five persons, one of whom shall be a Board member. No person who is likely to become a candidate for nomination as a Director shall be a member of the Nominations Committee. The Nominations Committee may include members who have no involvement with the management or administration of the Company.

98. No Director of the Company other than the appointed Board member is eligible to be a member of the Nominations Committee.

99. The Nominations Committee may consult as widely as possible, including Affiliated Clubs, the Irish Sports Council and the Sports Council for Northern Ireland, other stakeholders in the sport, and the governing bodies of other sports, in its quest for suitable nominees.

100. The Nominations Committee shall be responsible for nominating persons for the office of Director pursuant to Articles 38, 39 and 51, the office of Chairman pursuant to Article 43, the person(s) to represent the Company on the Ladies’ Golf Union, and such other offices or representative positions as may be required pursuant to these Articles or the Bye-Laws and Regulations.

101. The Nominations Committee shall bring its nominations to the Directors at least one month before the date of the Annual General Meeting at which meeting the election shall take place. The Board will not have a veto on the nominations put before an Annual General Meeting.

SECTION 9: DISCIPLINE AND APPEALS

102. The Board may determine disciplinary regulations (including appeal rights and procedures), the rules of sport and the rules of such other competitions as are within the control of the Company. These shall be sent to each entity and shall bind all officials and members of teams and squads selected by the Company, and all persons (including teams selected by other persons, Affiliated Clubs or Districts) engaged in matches or other events organised by or under the auspices of the Company.

103. The Company condemns the use of prohibited substances or methods, a practice generally known as doping, in sport and it supports the drug testing programmes and educational initiatives of the Irish Sports Council, the Sports Council of Northern Ireland and other drug testing authorities. The Board shall make Regulations for the purpose of prohibiting doping, imposing sanctions and dealing with such
related matters as the Board shall consider appropriate from time to time and subject to such Bye-
Laws and Regulations the Board shall adopt the Irish Anti-Doping Rules of the Irish Sports Council and
the Sports Council of Northern Ireland as amended from time to time or such variation thereof as the
Board shall determine.

104. A person may be suspended from any competition held, squad, panel or team organised by the
Company or any of its Districts, wherever held, from the time that the Company receives notification
that the A Sample indicates the presence of a prohibited substance, or the Company becomes aware
that any breach of applicable anti-doping rules may have occurred.

105. The Company recognises the R&A as the governing body for the Rules of Golf and the Rules of
Amateur Status. The Company agree to adhere and implement the Rules of Golf and the Rules of
Amateur Status as laid down by the R&A and in the event of a dispute regarding either set of rules
shall refer to the R&A for a final and binding decision.

106. The Company agrees to maintain, regulate and enforce the CONGU® UHS. Any disputes regarding
handicapping shall be considered by the Board and if necessary, shall be referred to CONGU® whose
decision shall be final and binding.

107. Any dispute arising out of or in connection with such of the Bye Laws and Regulations or other
regulations made by the Board, or these Articles as concern suspension discipline and appeals arising
out of participation in golf or golf competition or any decision or action taken pursuant thereto may be
referred to Just Sport Ireland for final and binding arbitration in accordance with the Just Sport Ireland
arbitration rules (as amended from time to time).

108. The Company is fully committed to safeguarding the wellbeing of Participating Individuals, Affiliated
Clubs, spectators and followers of the game of golf, and all children/minors involved in or around the
game of golf. Every Participating Individual should, at all times, show respect and understanding for their
rights and safety and the rights and safety of all other persons or clubs involved in the game of golf, and
conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the principles of the Company. In particular the Company
subscribes to the guidelines contained in the Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport in
Ireland and Participating Individuals and Affiliated Clubs should observe such Code.

109. The first priority of the Company is the welfare of the young people and the Company is committed
to providing a safe environment that will allow participants to perform to the best of their ability, free
from bullying and intimidation.

SECTION 10: AMENDMENTS AND GENERAL CONDITIONS

Bye-Laws and Regulations

110. The Bye-Laws and Regulations of the Company shall be adopted by the Board and may be altered or
amended by decision of the Board from time to time.

Amendment

111. These Articles may be altered only at a General Meeting by Special Resolution proposed, notified and
passed in accordance with Section 141 of the Act. Notice of any proposed alterations must be given by
resolution of the Board or in writing to the Secretary at least thirty (30) days before the date of the
General Meeting.

112. No addition, alteration or amendment shall be made to or in the provisions of these Articles for the
time being in force, unless the same shall have been previously approved in writing by the Revenue
Commissioners.

The Company Seal

113. The Company Seal shall be used only by the authority of the Directors or committee of Directors
authorised by the Directors in that behalf, and every instrument to which the seal shall be affixed shall
be signed by a Director and shall be countersigned by the Secretary or by a second Director or by
some other person appointed by the Directors for the purpose.
Audit

114. Auditors shall be appointed and their duties regulated in accordance with sections 160 to 163 of the Act.

Notices

115. A notice may be given by the Company to any member either personally, or by sending it by post to her registered address, or by sending it by e-mail to the address provided by her. Where a notice is sent by post, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected by properly addressing, prepaying and posting a letter containing the notice, and to have been effected in the case of a notice of a meeting at the expiration of seventy two (72) hours after the letter containing the same is posted and in any other case at the time at which the letter would be delivered in the ordinary course of post. Where a notice is sent by e-mail, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected by properly addressing and sending a message containing the notice, and to have been effected in the case of a notice of a meeting at the expiration of 24 hours after the message containing the same is sent and in any other case at the time at which the message would be delivered in the ordinary course of e-mail.

116. Notice of every General Meeting shall be given in any manner hereinbefore authorised to:
   a) every member; and
   b) the auditor for the time being of the Company; and
   c) the legal advisor for the time being of the Company.
   No person other than the above shall be entitled to receive notices of General Meetings.

We, the several persons whose names and addresses are subscribed, wish to be formed into a Company in pursuance of this Articles of Association.

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IRISH LADIES’ GOLF UNION LIMITED
BYE LAWS AND REGULATIONS
These Bye-Laws and Regulations should be read in conjunction with the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company (ILGU).

1. **AFFILIATION**

   1.1 Affiliation is open to ladies' golf clubs or ladies' branch of a recognised golf club or ladies' university club in Ireland which has regularly appointed office bearers who are responsible for the administration of female golf in accordance with the Articles, Bye-Laws and Regulations of the ILGU.

   1.2 Every member of an Affiliated Club shall be a member (participating individual) of the ILGU and shall include all categories of female club members with any playing rights.

2. **TERMS OF AFFILIATION**

   To be eligible for membership of the Irish Ladies’ Golf Union Ltd., Member Clubs must have and comply with a Constitution and Rules appropriate to a golf club.

   2.1 Subject to the approval of the Board any ladies' golf club/branch may be affiliated to the ILGU provided they shall:

   2.1.1 Accept and comply with the Memorandum of Association, Articles of Association, Bye-Laws and Regulations of the ILGU.

   2.1.2 Accept and comply with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A.

   2.1.3 Accept and comply with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by the R&A.

   2.1.4 Accept and Comply with the UHS as prescribed by CONGU®.

   2.1.5 Be proposed by the ladies' branch of one club and seconded by the ladies' branch of another. The Proposer and seconder must have been affiliated to the ILGU for a minimum of five years.

   2.1.6 Have access to a course or links of a standard which warrants the allocation of an official Scratch Score.

   2.1.7 Have a club house or premises which shall be the official address of the club.

   2.1.8 Hold an Annual General Meeting before a specified date each year at which only members of the Ladies’ Club/Branch are entitled to vote and non-voting observers, if permitted, are in attendance. The Officers and Committee of the Ladies’ Club/Branch are elected annually at the AGM from among the voting members to administer the affairs of the club for the ensuing year.

   2.1.9 Have a Ladies’ Club comprising of at least 3 of the following officers: Captain, Vice-Captain, Hon. Secretary, Tournament Secretary and Handicap Secretary/Committee.

   2.1.10 Have a minimum of 15 amateur female voting members. Clubs with less than 15 female voting members may be accepted for membership at the discretion of the Board on payment of a fee equivalent to a minimum of 15 members.

   2.1.11 Maintain an accurate register of all members on Golfnet.

   2.2 All proposed alterations or amendments in the constitution of an affiliated club which affects Bye-Law 1, 2, 3, 4 (Affiliation) must be submitted to the ILGU for prior approval.

   2.3 The facilities of the course and clubhouse must be made available to the ILGU and District Executives where the club is located at reasonable intervals as may be agreed.

   2.4 An affiliated Club that wishes to move to another course or links of an affiliated club or public or private golf facility from that, which its affiliation to the ILGU was granted, must seek prior approval from the Board of the ILGU if it wishes to retain its affiliation. The decision of the Board is final.

   2.5 University Club Affiliation

   Subject to the approval of the Board any Ladies’ University Club may be affiliated to the ILGU provided:
2.5.1 it has a group of female amateur golfers, each of whom is a student member of the same Irish university, who shall have joined together to play golf subject to the rules of their association and being approved in advance by the ILGU Board;
2.5.2 each member is a home club member of an affiliated club who is the handicapping authority for the player;
2.5.3 the annual ILGU capitation fee is payable at the player’s home club;
2.5.4 the University Club is not a handicapping authority and cannot allocate or maintain CONGU® handicaps;
2.5.5 that the committee seek approval from the ILGU in advance of running a qualifying competition; and
2.5.6 that the appropriate University Club affiliation fee as prescribed by the Board is paid by the 1st June annually.
2.5.7 its members must abide by the Rules of Golf, the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by the R&A, the rules of CONGU® and the Articles, Bye-Laws and Regulations of the ILGU.

2.6 Alliance
With effect from the 1st October 2008 and subject to the approval of the Board any Ladies’ Alliance may be associated to the ILGU provided:
2.6.1 all alliance members are members of a recognised golf club affiliated to the ILGU;
2.6.2 that each member holds a current CONGU® handicap or overseas equivalent;
2.6.3 the alliance is not a handicapping authority and cannot allocate or maintain CONGU® handicaps;
2.6.4 it organises and runs for its members qualifying competitions as defined by CONGU®;
2.6.5 it pays the appropriate association fee to the ILGU; and
2.6.6 its members must abide by the Rules of Golf, the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by the R&A, the rules of CONGU® and the Articles, Bye-Laws and Regulations of the ILGU.

3. APPLICATIONS AND PROCESS FOR AFFILIATION
3.1 Affiliation to the ILGU as a club shall be conditional on the following:
3.1.1 The applicant can only be a club as provided in Bye-Law 2 and Bye-Law 2.5 University Club.
3.1.2 The application for membership can only be made on the form prescribed by the ILGU which may be obtained from the ILGU office.
3.2 The completed form must be accompanied by:
3.2.1 The appropriate fee fixed from time to time by the ILGU Board.
3.2.2 A copy of the proposed Constitution of the applicant Club.
3.2.3 A completed and signed undertaking as prescribed in sub-clause 2.3.
3.2.4 A certificate of measurement of the course(s), the subject of the application, carried out by a qualified surveyor.
3.2.5 Supporting letters from the proposing and seconding Clubs as prescribed in Bye-Law 2.1.5.
3.3 On being advised that the proposed constitution and other documents are in order, the District Executive shall appoint two members to visit the Club and meet the Officers and Committee of the Ladies’ Club. The executive members shall confirm that:
3.3.1 The course or links warrants the allocation of a Standard Scratch Rating in compliance with 2.1.6.
3.3.2 The clubhouse and facilities are in place and comply with normal club facilities.
3.3.3 There are a minimum of 15 fee playing Home Lady Members.
3.3.4 The Officers and committee are in place and the administration of female golf is under the sole control of the Ladies' Committee.

3.3.5 Following the inspection visit the District executive members shall complete a report for Board consideration.

3.4 On being satisfied that the application is in order and having received a favourable report from the District Executive the Board will approve the affiliation at its next meeting and the Club will be entered in the ILGU records as an affiliated Golf Club.

3.5 If the report from the District Executive is unfavourable or the conditions of affiliation as outlined in Bye-Law 2 have not been fully complied with by the applicant, the office shall notify the decision of the Board in writing to the applicant as soon as possible after the relevant Board meeting.

4. **ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS**

4.1 On every 1st June each affiliated golf club shall pay:

4.1.1 a per capita subscription of a sum prescribed by the Board based on information recorded in the Central Database of Handicaps as at 1st May each year and payable on the 1st June each year. This sum to be paid by each female member entitled to play golf excluding Life Honorary and Honorary Members of the ILGU;

4.1.2 such sums to be calculated per capita for every person who is a female member of the club which is deemed to be her home club;

4.1.3 Female member shall include all categories of female club members with playing rights.

4.2 Clubs in Arrears

4.2.1 The annual subscription, payable on 1st June, shall be deemed to be in arrears if unpaid by the 31st August.

4.2.2 A club which is in arrears shall no longer be affiliated and, therefore, its members shall cease to be members of the ILGU and shall not be entitled to hold handicaps.

4.2.3 Any affiliated club which is in arrears shall be struck off the register.

4.2.4 Any club wishing to withdraw from the ILGU shall give notice in writing to that effect to the Chief Executive and shall pay all arrears due at the date of such notice. A club having complied with this rule and wishing to re-join shall re-apply on the prescribed form.

5. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

5.1 The status of a member of an affiliated club when granted Leave of Absence is as follows:

5.2 The handicap of a member who is on Leave of Absence for more than twelve months or has ceased to be a member of an affiliated club shall lapse; She obtains a new handicap as per CONGU 16; If the player returns to membership within the twelve months, then her original handicap applies;

5.3 She will not be required to pay an ILGU subscription for the period of her Leave of Absence;

5.4 During her period of Leave of Absence she shall not be eligible to represent her club in inter-club competitions or compete in open competitions;

5.5 A member who is granted Leave of Absence must be designated “Non-playing” on the Centralised Database of Handicaps on Golfnet until such time as she resumes her role as a playing member.

5.6 The name and handicap number of all members on Leave of Absence must be forwarded to the ILGU Head Office.

6. **ILGU FINANCIAL YEAR**

6.1 The financial year of the ILGU shall be from 1st October to 30th September.
6.2 A duly audited statement of accounts in respect of each financial year shall be presented for approval at the next Annual General Meeting of the ILGU.
6.3 The auditor must be appointed at each Annual General Meeting.
6.4 In the event of the resignation of the auditor during the year an alternative auditor must be appointed by the Board.

7. DISTRICT FINANCIAL YEAR
7.1 The financial year of each district shall close on 31st August in each year.
7.2 All expenses must be claimed within two months and expenses claimed after the 31st August annually for expenditure incurred before 1st July may result in forfeiture of the claim.
7.3 The financial accounts shall be circulated to clubs at least one week before the Annual General Meeting of a district.

8. FUNDS FOR DISTRICT MANAGEMENT
8.1 Each district will have a separate bank account(s) which will have joint signing authorities between the district and the Chief Executive.
8.2 The Districts may be paid a grant annually from central accounts. The grants will be agreed by the Audit and Risk Committee and approved by the Board. They will take into account any surplus/deficit brought forward from the previous year and their planned activities for the coming year.
8.3 The Board is accountable for all ILGU finances including the income and expenditure of all districts.
8.4 All funds in district accounts must be applied by the District Executive solely for the management of its district and the development/promotion of its golf.
8.5 All expenditure outside the norm must receive prior approval from the Chief Executive.

9. TRAVELLING AND OTHER EXPENSES
9.1 It is the policy of the ILGU to reimburse volunteers and staff for ordinary, necessary and reasonable travel and accommodation costs when directly connected with or pertaining to the transaction of ILGU business.
9.2 When submitting expense claims for reimbursement, volunteers, players and staff are expected to neither gain nor lose financially.
9.3 Travel and accommodation expenses shall be allowed to the following:
   9.3.1 Directors
   9.3.2 Committees of the Board
   9.3.3 District Executive Members and Committees of the Executive
   9.3.4 Rules Officials and Course Raters
9.4 Claimants must travel by the most cost effective method: e.g. rail, economy class air travel or charging mileage.
9.5 All out of pocket expenses will be paid subject to 9.4 above: e.g. tolls, parking charges, taxi fares etc. (relevant receipts to be provided).
9.6 Accommodation/hotel expenses will be paid for each night away from home on ILGU business.
9.7 The sterling equivalent rate will be set by the Board at its first meeting of the year and may be subject to change.
9.8 As a sports organisation it is the policy of the ILGU that expenses for alcohol will not be reimbursed.
9.9 Expenses allowances are reviewed annually by the Board and no claims will be paid over the prescribed limits.
9.10 All expenses must be claimed within two months and expenses claimed after the 30th September annually for expenditure incurred before the 1st August may result in forfeiture of the claim.

10. **HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS OF THE ILGU**

10.1 Shall consist of:

10.1.1 Past Presidents;
10.1.2 Past Board Chairmen
10.1.3 Life Vice Presidents;
10.1.4 Persons elected at an Annual General Meeting on the recommendation of the Board on the grounds of exceptional service to the ILGU, to golf in general, of special distinction in the game of golf or their significant contribution to society in general.

10.2 The number of Honorary Life Members at any one time shall not exceed 25 with the exception that all Past Presidents and Past Board Chairmen of the ILGU shall, immediately upon leaving office, become Honorary Life Members which may cause the maximum number to be exceeded.

10.3 Each District Executive may put forward names for consideration by the Board.

10.4 Nominations from Board members and District Executive Committees must be received by the Chief Executive four weeks prior of the Annual General Meeting.

10.5 Nominations must be in writing and should provide reasons for nomination covering a brief history of the individual’s role in golf administration, international administration, representative golf, significant achievements in golf or other contribution to society.

10.6 Selected candidate(s) will be presented to the Annual General Meeting of the ILGU for ratification.

11. **HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE ILGU**

11.1 Honorary Members are elected annually by the Board in recognition of their service to the ILGU, their special distinction in the game of golf or their significant contribution to society in general.

11.2 Honorary Membership of the ILGU is for a term of twelve months and individuals may be re-elected annually at the discretion of the Board.

12. **THE BOARD - TERMS OF REFERENCE**

12.1 Ensure that the objects of the ILGU, as detailed in the Articles of Association, are addressed and delivered and that the policies and activities of the ILGU are consonant with these objectives.

12.2 Carry out the duties of the Board as specified in Section 6 of the Articles of Association (Powers of Board, Directors and Committees).

12.3 Develop and monitor ILGU policies which provide direction and boundaries for the Board, District Executives, Committees and the Chief Executive.

12.4 The policies will cover the following: (Article 64)

12.4.1 the formulation, in conjunction with management, of a strategic plan to achieve the vision, mission and goals of the ILGU;

12.4.2 the approval of the annual business plan, operational plan and budgets;

12.4.3 the monitoring of the implementation of the strategic plan, annual business plan and budgets of the ILGU and assessment against key performance indicators;

12.4.4 the co-ordination of the work of committees, advisory groups and trading companies (if any) of the ILGU;

12.4.5 the formulation and implementation of good corporate governance principles and practices;
12.4.6 ensure that the ILGU operates as an effective business and member services organisation;
12.4.7 recruitment, removal, monitoring and evaluation of the performance of the Chief Executive;
12.4.8 determine delegations of authority and accountabilities of the Chief Executive;
12.4.9 approval of expenditure, contracts and commitments that fall outside the authority of the
Chief Executive;
12.4.10 ensure that there is a sound system of internal control and risk management policy and
process in place to identify and manage risk;
12.4.11 ensure that appropriate codes and policy frameworks exist to promote effective governance
of the ILGU through clear written procedures and regular review and updating of:
12.4.11.1 The policies of the ILGU;
12.4.11.2 Strategic and annual operational plans;
12.4.11.3 Terms of reference for committees and special advisory groups;
12.4.11.4 Clearly defined and delegated powers/limits of authority for decision making for
the executive, standing committees and staff;
12.4.11.5 Risk and audit policies; and
12.4.11.6 Standard operating policies and procedures.
12.4.12 approve the affiliation of a golf club to the ILGU;
12.4.13 admit Voting Club Delegates and Non-Voting Club Delegates as members of the ILGU;
12.4.14 adopt and amend from time to time the Bye-Laws and Regulations of the ILGU.

13. COMPOSITION AND DUTIES OF COMMITTEES OF THE ILGU BOARD

13.1 All committees of the ILGU are subordinate to the Board.
13.2 The Board shall appoint all members of all committees.
13.3 The Chairman and Chief Executive shall be entitled to attend all committee meetings of the ILGU, with
the exception of the Nominations Committee. (Ref. Article 9)
13.4 The names of the members of all committees of the Board shall be published each year.
13.5 Committees shall have terms of reference clearly defining their role and the boundaries of their
authority. The Board reserves the right to modify and change such terms of reference.
13.6 The standard term of office for ILGU volunteers shall be four (4) years and they may be reappointed
for a further term of four (4) years, unless specified otherwise. The maximum term of office is eight
(8) consecutive years after which they must retire for a minimum of one (1) year, unless specified
otherwise.
13.7 In the event of a vacancy occurring by resignation or otherwise, the Board shall appoint a replacement.
13.8 Every reasonable effort should be made to establish and maintain a rota which ensures that no more
than one-quarter of the members retire in any one year.
13.9 All committee members are entitled to a vote.
13.10 The Chair shall, in addition to her own vote, have a casting vote unless specified otherwise.
13.11 Board members shall hold their position for their term of office as Board members.
13.12 Committees may not make binding decisions or speak for the Board.
13.13 The function of committees is, primarily, to solve problems and/or make recommendations to the
Board.
13.14 Committees shall not exercise authority over staff nor shall they delegate tasks to any staff unless
previously agreed with the Chief Executive.
13.15 All committees shall submit written reports to the Board in accordance with the schedule agreed at
the start of the year.
13.16 All committees shall record minutes of each meeting.

13.17 All committees are empowered to request attendance of any person/persons for advice or guidance on special matters of interest to the committee.

13.18 It is recommended that all committees have a standard term of office. Term of office will be fours (4) years (max 8 consecutive years) unless specified otherwise in the regulations of the Committee. A full term is understood to mean 4 years.

14. CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE BOARD AS A GROUP

The Irish Ladies’ Golf Union Limited is the representative and governing body of ladies’ golf on the island of Ireland.

The Board is responsible for the management of the ILGU and Board members have responsibility to act in the best interest of the ILGU and its members as a whole.

The responsibilities of Board members fall into two categories: those which they undertake collectively; and those which apply to them as individuals. Collective responsibility means that the Board as a group has shared responsibilities and values which are different from, and wider in scope, than the responsibilities of individuals (in this case the individual members of the Board).

All Board members are equal and each member has one (1) vote. The Chairman, in addition to her own vote, has a casting vote at Board and General Meetings.

Individual Board members do not represent nor are they accountable to particular interests (e.g. Districts or Committees or Clubs); rather they are part of a process of collective decision making undertaken in the interests of the ILGU as a whole.

Board members contribute equally and openly as individuals to the ILGU’s decision-making, each acting in the way she considers best and each exercising individual judgment. This ensures that the Board’s decisions and policies reflect the thinking and input of individual Board members; that thinking and input together make up the collective will of the Board.

15. INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF BOARD MEMBERS

As individuals, all Board members have a duty in discharging their responsibilities as members of the Board to:

• Observe the highest standards of integrity, confidentiality and objectivity.
• Exercise care and diligence in the conduct of the ILGU’s business.
• Explain and support the policies adopted by the Board even where these may differ from their individual views.
• Refrain from making public statements which are at variance with the Board’s agreed position even where that position may differ from their individual views.
• Ensure they avoid conflict of interests and do not use their position on the Board to promote private interests.
• Assist in the running of Tournaments as required.
• Undertake ambassadorial duties as required by the President, Chairman and the Board.
• Act as liaison between committees and the Board and District Executive Committees and the Board ensuring two way accurate communication.
• Represent the ILGU on external bodies as required.
• Attend all Board meetings.
16. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

A conflict of interest arises when your private interests compete with your professional duties. A conflict of interest may arise, for example, if a board member influences the awarding of a contract to a company owned by a family members. It is legal to award a contract to the best qualified company, even if that company is owned by a relative, but the board members themselves could not be part of the decision making process. This would be a conflict of interest, because their own family would benefit financially from her position. A conflict of interest can also happen in relation to connections the board member might have that are unrelated to family connections, but to do with other with whom she may have a business connection. Refer to articles 60, 61 and 62.

17. CONFLICT OF LOYALTY

This arises where a board member may be involved in board decision and may be (or perceived to be) potentially influenced by considerations other than the best interests of the organisation. This might happen when the board member has come onto the board as a nominee of a particular group e.g. members in a particular county, a funding body, beneficiaries or staff. His situation may possibly cause the board member to think that they should act in the interests of the grouping which nominated them. However, in all cases, regardless of their route on a board of directors, all board members should act in the interest solely of the organisation on whose board that they sit, rather than acting in the interests of the group which nominated them. Conflicts of loyalty may be sufficiently serious to amount to conflicts of interest.

18. ELECTION OF ILGU PRESIDENT – REFER TO ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

19. ELECTION OF ILGU CHAIRMAN - REFER TO ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

20. ELECTION OF ILGU PRESIDENT-ELECT

20.1 To be eligible for election a person must have served a full term on a District Executive Committee, or a committee of the Board of the ILGU, or have served a minimum of three (3) years on the Board of the ILGU.

20.2 Nominations for the office of President Elect shall be made by the following:

20.2.1 Directors of the ILGU have one nomination each.

20.2.2 Each District Executive Committee is entitled to nominate one person.

20.2.3 Past Presidents are entitled to nominate one person.

20.3 All nominations for the office of President-elect shall be voted on by the Board and her election ratified at the Annual General Meeting of the ILGU.

20.4 She shall hold office for one (1) year from the date of such Meeting and thereafter shall be entitled to succeed as President, subject to Articles of Association.

20.5 The President Elect is entitled to attend, without a vote, all meetings of the Board.

20.6 Current members of the ILGU Board are not eligible for nomination as President Elect.

20.7 Past Presidents Meeting to agree nomination. Meeting to be called by the immediate Past President who will also chair the meeting. Followed by a lunch hosted by the current President who will receive the nomination.
21. **ELIGIBILITY FOR DIRECTORS/DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEMBERS**

All Board members and District Executive members must at all times be a member of an affiliated club, paying an ILGU subscription.

22. **ELECTION OF BOARD DISTRICT DIRECTORS**

22.1 The District Directors shall consist of:

22.1.1 One (1) director from each district, who shall at all times during her tenure, be a member of an affiliated club.

22.1.2 Eligibility qualifications are listed under the Role and Responsibilities outlined following these Bye-Laws.

22.1.3 She shall be nominated and elected as follows:

22.1.3.1 one (1) candidate shall be nominated and selected by each district.

22.1.3.2 no candidate may be nominated without her prior consent.

22.1.3.3 nominations for membership of the Board from District Executive members must be received by the Honorary Secretary of the district at least seven days before the district meeting at which such nomination is agreed.

22.1.4 Nominations for membership of the Board from clubs must be:

22.1.4.1 proposed by one (1) club and seconded by another club;

22.1.4.2 received by the relevant District Honorary Secretary at least 45 days before the District Annual General Meeting at which selection shall take place.

22.1.4.3 nominations may be made in writing, email or fax and in the case of email or fax; confirmation in writing must be received by the District Honorary Secretary within five (5) days of such date.

22.1.5 Each District Annual General Meeting shall consider such nomination(s) and select its District Director to go forward for election at an Annual General Meeting of the ILGU.

22.1.6 A current member of a District Executive Committee is not eligible for nomination as a District Director.

**COMMITTEES OF THE ILGU BOARD**

Unless otherwise stated the term of office of external members on all committees shall be four (4) years after which they may be appointed annually for a further two (2) years.

Unless otherwise stated the term of office of Board members on Committees shall be their term of office on the Board.

23. **NATIONAL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

23.1 Purpose of the Committee:

23.1.1 To review and propose changes to the Articles and Bye-Laws of the Union to ensure they reflect the administration and rules of the organisation.

23.1.2 To support the Board in understanding the Governance function and bring governance issues to the attention of the Board.

23.1.3 To assess the knowledge of the Board on Governance by revisiting the Governance questionnaire annually.

23.1.4 To maintain a register of required amendments to Bye-Laws for review.
23.2 Regulations governing the Committee:
23.2.1 The committee shall consist of a maximum of 6 members, two of whom shall be members of the Board.
23.2.2 The committee shall meet a minimum of three (3) a year.
23.2.3 Three members shall form a quorum.

24. NATIONAL AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE
24.1 Purpose of the Committee:
24.1.1 to ensure that the interests of members are properly protected in relation to financial reporting, internal control and legal responsibilities.
24.1.2 to provide the Board with an oversight of the financial position and accounting affairs of the ILGU.
24.1.3 to take all reasonable steps to ensure the quality and reliability of the financial information provided to the Board for their decision making.
24.1.4 to keep under review the effectiveness of the ILGU’s internal control policies and procedures for the identification, assessment and reporting of risks.
24.1.5 to agree and review external audit strategies and procedures and ensure compliance with legislation and current best practice.
24.1.6 to confirm and action the findings of the external audit.

24.2 Regulations governing the Committee:
24.2.1 The committee shall consist of a maximum of five (5) members, two (2) of whom shall be Directors of the ILGU.
24.2.2 The Audit and Risk Committee will meet at minimum of three (3) times each year.
24.2.3 Three (3) members shall form a quorum.
24.2.4 The chairman shall be the Board member with responsibility for Finance.
24.2.5 At least one (1) member of the committee should have a professional accountancy qualification and recent, relevant financial experience.
24.2.6 All members should be financially literate.
24.2.7 The committee shall have free access to the auditors and they may invite the auditor to attend meetings as required.

25. NATIONAL CONGU® COMMITTEE
25.1 The National CONGU® Committee is divided into two work streams:
25.1.1 National Handicap Committee and
25.1.2 USGA Course Rating Committee.
25.2 Both work streams may have a common chairman who shall be a member of the Board.

26. NATIONAL HANDICAP COMMITTEE
26.1 Purpose of the Committee:
The purpose of this committee is to ensure consistent implementation of the CONGU® UHS in all affiliated clubs. This will be achieved by:
26.1.1 having fully trained and knowledgeable Handicap Advisors at national and district level.
26.1.2 having a structure in place that facilitates two way communication between the National Handicap Committee and all District Handicap Committees.
26.1.3 ensuring a consistent interpretation of the various rules between the ILGU and the Golfing Union of Ireland.

26.1.4 providing clubs and districts with clear concise statements on the interpretation of UHS (both verbal and written).

26.2 Regulations governing the Committee:

26.2.1 The committee shall consist of a minimum of six (6) members.

26.2.2 The Committee shall meet when required.

26.2.3 Three (3) members shall form a quorum.

26.2.4 The Chairman may be the Board member with responsibility for CONGU®.

26.2.5 In addition to the Chairman, the committee shall consist of:

- 26.2.5.1 five (5) members who are the lead Handicap Advisors in their Districts.
- 26.2.5.2 ILGU representatives on the CONGU® Board and Technical Committee must be members of the committee.
- 26.2.5.3 an administrator with responsibility for Handicapping and Course Rating.

26.2.6 All committee members must have a detailed knowledge of the CONGU® Handicapping system.

26.2.7 2/3 members of the National Handicap Committee will represent the ILGU on the joint GUI/ILGU WHS Committee.

27. NATIONAL USGA COURSE RATING COMMITTEE

27.1 Purpose of the Committee:

The purpose of this committee is to ensure that all affiliated courses are rated in accordance with the regulations of the United States Golf Association.

27.2 Regulations governing the Committee:

27.2.1 The committee shall consist of a minimum of four (4).

27.2.2 The committee shall meet when required.

27.2.3 Three (3) members shall form a quorum.

27.2.4 The chairman may be the Board member with responsibility for CONGU®.

27.2.5 In addition to the Chairman, the committee will consist of:

- 27.2.5.1 three (3) experienced raters representing different geographical areas;
- 27.2.5.2 ILGU representatives on the CONGU® Board and Technical Committee must be members of the committee;
- 27.2.5.3 an administrator with responsibility for Handicapping and Course Rating.

27.2.6 Each member will have a detailed knowledge of USGA Course Rating.

27.2.7 2/3 members of the National Course Rating Committee will represent the ILGU on the joint GUI/ILGU Course Rating Committee.

28. NATIONAL HIGH PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

28.1 Purpose of the Committee:

28.1.1 The purpose of the High Performance Committee is to lead and oversee the development of a High Performance and Development programme which will achieve the objectives and targets as defined by the Board.

28.1.2 The primary responsibility for the development and implementation of the programme rests with the High Performance Manager.
28.1.3 The programme must include all elements of High Performance including competition models, technical coaching, sports medicine, sports science, IT support, talent identification and player selection.

28.1.4 The Committee will have responsibility to oversee the implementation of the programme at National and District level and provide regular updates to the Board through the High Performance Director.

28.1.5 The High Performance Manager reports to the Chief Executive.

28.1.6 The High Performance Committee is responsible for the allocation of grants to players.

28.1.7 The High Performance Committee is responsible for the selection of players to the HP, Horizon, Under 16 Development and Funded Player Programmes.

28.1.8 Overall responsibility for the High Performance budget, as agreed by the Board, rests with the Chief Executive who may delegate elements to the High Performance Manager.

28.1.9 The Committee has a responsibility to have oversight of the budget and ensure initiatives are properly costed and within the agreed budget.

28.2 Regulations Governing the Committee:

28.2.1 The Committee shall consist of a maximum of six (5) members.

28.2.2 The Committee shall meet a minimum of two (2) times a year.

28.2.3 Three (3) members shall form a quorum.

28.2.4 The chairman shall be the Board member with responsibility for High Performance.

28.2.5 In addition to the Chairman, the Committee shall consist of:

- 28.2.5.1 the High Performance Manager;
- 28.2.5.2 two others with in depth knowledge/experience of elite golf/elite sport;
- 28.2.5.3 an administrator with responsibility for High Performance.

29. NATIONAL JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

29.1 Purpose of the Committee:

29.1.1 To increase the number and standard of girls playing golf at club and district level.

29.1.2 To implement the junior development elements of the National Training Programmes defined by the National High Performance Committee.

29.1.3 To exchange information and liaise with the Confederation of Golf in Ireland, District Junior Committees, Regional (District) Training Administrators, the High Performance Committee and the Board in matters concerning girls’ golf.

29.1.4 To assist the National and Regional (District) Training Committees in the delivery of coaching as requested by them.

29.1.5 To ensure child protection guidelines are implemented and adhered to in all aspects of girls’ golf.

29.2 Regulations governing the Committee:

29.2.1 The committee shall consist of seven (7) members.

29.2.2 The committee shall meet not less than two (2) times a year and not more than three (3) times per year.

29.2.3 Three (3) members shall form a quorum.

29.2.4 The Chairman shall be the Board member with responsibility for Junior Development.

29.2.5 In addition to the Chairman the committee shall consist of:

- 29.2.5.1 The chairman, or deputy, of each of the five District Junior Development Committees;
29.2.5.2 the Executive Director/CGI Women and Girls’ Coordinator;
29.2.5.3 the Junior Development Officer (ILGU Staff Member).

30. NATIONAL NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

30.1 Purpose of the Committee:
30.1.1 To identify and nominate persons for the positions of Chairman of the Board and Nominated Directors as required.
30.1.2 The Nominations Committee is responsible for identifying and selecting the most suitable individuals for each vacancy subject to criteria defined for each role.
30.1.3 The Committee puts forward the candidate’s name(s) for election at the Annual General Meeting of the ILGU.

30.2 Regulations governing the Committee:
30.2.1 Members of the Nominations Committee shall be selected by the Board.
30.2.2 The committee should meet when required.
30.2.2 Three (3) members shall form a quorum.
30.2.4 The committee shall elect a chairman.
30.2.5 The committee is a single purpose committee and elected by the Board annually if required.
30.2.6 The committee will reflect a geographical spread across the country.
30.2.7 The committee shall carefully consider each candidate’s dedication to the objectives of the ILGU, her qualifications (golf and other) for the position being considered and if she is likely to have the time to devote to the office.
30.2.8 A candidate must be contacted while the committee is still in session to make sure she will serve if nominated and elected.

31. NATIONAL RULES COMMITTEE

31.1 Purpose of the Committee:
31.1.1 The primary purpose of the Rules Committee is to ensure appropriately qualified Rules Officials officiate and assist at National Tournaments.
31.1.2 In conjunction with the GUI and PGA they will co-ordinate and run a National Rules Seminar and Level 2 R&A Exam when required.
31.1.3 They may nominate two candidates to attend R&A TARS who (a) have reached the required standard from the examination and (b) meet the criteria set down by the ILGU.
31.1.4 The Board has the final decision on who attends the R&A Rules School.
31.1.5 The Chairman of the National Rules Committee, with the assistance of the Office, will maintain an updated register of Rules Officials.
31.1.6 Review terms of competition annually and incorporate changes.

31.2 Regulations governing the Committee:
31.2.1 The committee shall consist of five (5) ILGU qualified rules officials and one Board member.
31.2.2 The committee shall meet up to three (3) times a year.
31.2.3 Three (3) members shall form a quorum.
31.2.4 The Chairman shall be the Board member on the committee.
31.2.5 Each member may serve for a maximum period of five (5) years after which period she shall retire for a minimum of one (1) year.
32. NATIONAL SELECTION COMMITTEE

32.1 Purpose of the Committee:

32.1.1 The primary purpose of the committee is to select the strongest teams available to represent Ireland irrespective of province, district or age.

32.1.2 The Irish Teams to be selected are:

32.1.2.1 The Women’s Home Internationals.
32.1.2.2 The Girls’ Home Internationals.
32.1.2.3 The Women’s European Team Championships.
32.1.2.4 The Girls’ European Team Championships.
32.1.2.5 The Espirito Santo.
32.1.2.6 Various Nations Cup teams in International events.

32.1.3 Selection of HP, Horizon, Under 16 and Funding panels will be the responsibility of the High Performance Committee.

32.2 Regulations governing the Committee:

32.2.1 The committee shall consist of a maximum of six (6) members.

32.2.2 The minimum attendance at events for selectors is as follows:

32.2.2.1 All National Selectors are expected to attend the following events:
  a) The Irish Women’s Close Championship.
  b) The Irish Girls’ Close Championship.
  c) The Women’s and Girls’ Interprovincials.

32.2.2.2 Two (2) National Selectors attend the Girls’ Interprovincials.

32.2.2.3 A National Selector may attend District Championships, Home Internationals and European Team Championships.

32.2.3 The Chairman has the discretion to agree additional attendance, if required, following consultation with the High Performance Manager and Chief Executive.

32.2.4 Three (3) members shall form a quorum.

32.2.5 The Chairman may be the International Selector.

32.2.6 The High Performance Manager shall have the casting vote.

32.2.7 The committee shall consist of the following:

32.2.7.1 the international selector,
32.2.7.2 the High Performance Manager,
32.2.7.3 the Girls’ and Ladies’ Team Captain as appropriate.

32.2.8 A member of the selection committee shall not be eligible for selection on a team selected by that committee.

33. SENIOR SELECTION COMMITTEE

33.1 The Senior Selection Committee will consist of the Seniors’ Captain, Immediate past Captain, one person proposed by the National Seniors’ Committee and appointed by the Board.

33.2 The purpose of the committee is to:

1) Select the Irish Senior Team for Home Internationals and European Team Championships
2) To arrange practice for the Team
3) Review Seniors’ Order of Merit as deemed necessary
4) Suggest refinements to the Tournament Review Committee on the Senior Women’s Open and Senior Women’s Close.
33.2.1 The term of office for the Captain is two years and the Selector appointed by the Board shall be for three years. The immediate past Captain acts as a Selector for two years.

34. **NATIONAL TOURNAMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

34.1 Purpose of the Committee:

34.1.1 The primary purpose of the committee is to review all national tournaments and championships and propose areas for improvement.

34.1.2 Select the appropriate venues for tournaments according to criteria agreed by the Board.

34.1.3 Liaise with the National Rules Committee to ensure terms of competition are accurate and reflect the requirements of the tournament.

34.1.4 Ensure a consistent standard is maintained across all National Tournaments.

34.1.5 Where national tournaments originate from district events (ILGU Inter-Club Championship) ensure a consistent interpretation of the terms of competition and standard clear communication is issued to clubs.

34.2 Regulations governing the Committee:

34.2.1 The committee shall consist of minimum five (5) members.

34.2.2 The committee shall meet a minimum of two (2) times a year.

34.2.3 Three (3) members shall form a quorum.

34.2.4 The Chairman shall be a member of the Board.

34.2.5 In addition to the Chairman, the committee shall consist of:

34.2.5.1 one (1) member of the National Rules Committee.

34.2.5.2 three (3) others with in-depth knowledge of ILGU tournaments.

34.2.5.3 Member(s) of staff with responsibility for managing tournaments

34.2.6 The five (5) District Tournament Chairmen, or their deputies, shall be invited to attend meetings where district tournaments that lead to National finals are being reviewed.

34.2.7 Reports from all national tournaments will be collated by the office; suggested changes reviewed by the committee and put to the Board for decision as appropriate.

35. **DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES**

35.1 Each District Executive Committee shall consist of the following members, each with a vote:

35.1.1 District Honorary Secretary.

35.1.2 District Chairman.

35.1.3 Seven (7) elected Members.

35.1.4 Three (3) nominated Members.

35.2 An Executive Committee may invite any other individual to attend for all or such part of a meeting as may be relevant.

35.3 The officials of the district are the District Honorary Secretary and the District Chairman.

35.4 Unless otherwise determined by the Board, the number of District Executive Members shall be subject to a maximum of twelve (12) and shall not be less than eight (8).

36. **DISTRICT EXECUTIVE TERMS OF OFFICE**

36.1 Each member shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting for a term not exceeding four (4) years (subject to 36.3), after which period she shall retire unless appointed District Honorary Secretary, District Chairman or appointed Chairman of CONGU® Junior Development, Tournament, Training or Rules. Two (2) of these positions as Chairman must be filled by elected members.
36.2 The maximum term of office for any District Executive Member including District Honorary Secretary, Chairman and nominated positions is eight (8) consecutive years after which period she must retire for a minimum of one (1) year.

36.3 Term of office of District Executive members may be extended for one year (2020) to facilitate the transition to Golf Ireland.

37. **ELECTION OF DISTRICT HONORARY SECRETARY**

37.1 The District Honorary Secretary is elected annually by a District Executive Committee and her election confirmed at a District Annual General Meeting.

37.2 She may serve for a maximum term of four (4) years and is not eligible for re-election as District Honorary Secretary or appointment to any other district role for a minimum period of one (1) year.

37.3 An individual who serves less than 4 years as District Secretary shall be eligible for election to any other district role to a maximum term of 6 years (article 94).

37.4 District Hon. Secretaries may extend her term for one year (2020) to facilitate the transition to Golf Ireland.

38. **ELECTION OF DISTRICT CHAIRMAN**

38.1 A Chairman shall be elected by a District Executive Committee.

38.2 She shall serve for a term of two (2) years which may be extended by one (1) year to facilitate a rota and to facilitate the transition to Golf Ireland, after which she shall retire. Subject to Bye-Law 46.10 she shall not be eligible for re-election to that office for a minimum of one (1) year.

38.3 The Chairman shall have, in addition to her own vote, a casting vote.

38.4 In the absence of the Chairman, the Executive Committee shall, before proceeding to business, appoint an elected member to chair the meeting. Such chairman shall have, in addition to her own vote, a casting vote.

38.5 Nominations, in writing, from members of a District Executive Committee for the office of Chairman must be received by the Honorary Secretary of the District at least seven (7) days before the district meeting at which such nomination takes place.

38.6 In the case of email or fax, confirmation in writing must be received by the District Honorary Secretary of that district within five (5) days of such date.

38.7 A secret vote shall be taken if more than one nomination has been received.

38.8 If no nomination has been received any person present may nominate a Chairman.

38.9 To be eligible for election as District Chairman an individual must have served a full term on the District Executive Committee or be a current member of the Executive with a minimum of two (2) years’ service.

39. **ELECTION OF DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

39.1 Each district is divided into four (4) zones and must have a minimum of one (1) elected representative per zone.

39.2 Each of the seven (7) elected members of a District Executive Committee shall represent a different club.

39.3 Four (4) representatives shall be nominated and elected by the clubs in their relevant zone and the remaining three (3) representatives shall be nominated and elected by all clubs in the district.

39.4 The District Honorary Secretary will advise clubs of all vacancies by 1st August each year.

39.5 Nominations to fill vacancies amongst the elected members of a District Executive Committee may be
made in writing, email or fax by any one club in the relevant zone and/or district and shall be sent to
the District Honorary Secretary by the date specified by the District Executive Committee.

39.6 In the case of email or fax, confirmation in writing must be received by the District Honorary
Secretary of that district within five (5) days of such date.

39.7 An Honorary Member of a club, which is not her Home Club, is not eligible for election unless, at the
time of her Honorary Membership being conferred, she was a member of that club.

39.8 A current member of the Board is not eligible for election as a member of her District Executive
Committee or for appointment to any office thereon.

39.9 A member of the Board who has retired shall be eligible for election to a District Executive
Committee at the first Annual General Meeting of such district held subsequent to the date of her
retirement.

40. DISTRICT NOMINATED COMMITTEE MEMBERS

40.1 Nominated members shall not exceed four (4).

40.2 They shall be elected by the District Executive to fill the positions of Chairman of three (3) of the
following committees – CONGU®, Junior Development, Tournament, Training or Rules as required.

40.3 Nominations, in writing, from members of a District Executive Committee for the office of Chairman
of required committees must be received by the Honorary Secretary of the District at least seven (7)
days before the district meeting at which such selection takes place.

40.4 In the case of email or fax, confirmation in writing must be received by the District Honorary
Secretary of that district within five (5) days of such date.

40.5 A secret vote shall be taken if more than one nomination has been received.

40.6 If no nomination has been received any person present may nominate a Chairman for the required
committees.

41. DISTRICT EXECUTIVE CASUAL VACANCIES

41.1 In the event of a vacancy occurring, by resignation or otherwise, during the term of office of a member,
a District Executive Committee may co-opt a substitute.

41.2 The member so co-opted shall fill the vacancy until the end of the original member’s term of office and
thereafter shall, if nominated, be eligible for election in her own right.

42. DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

42.1 The first meeting of a District Executive Committee in each year shall be held as soon as possible after
the District Annual General Meeting.

42.2 The Chairman, in addition to her own vote, shall have a casting vote at all district meetings.

42.3 A schedule of all Executive meetings for the year should be agreed at the first Executive meeting after
the first meeting of the new Board (normally February).

42.4 Executive meetings should take place approximately two (2) weeks after Board meetings.

42.5 The minutes of the previous meeting shall be circulated to the Executive approximately three (3)
weeks after the date of such Executive meeting and the Agenda for the next meeting shall be circulated
at least seven (7) days before a meeting is due to take place.

42.6 The District Honorary Secretary shall convene a special meeting of a District Executive Committee
within seven (7) days of receipt of a request signed by four members of such committee entitled to
vote.

42.7 The District Honorary Secretary shall give at least seven (7) days’ notice of such meeting to all
members of the District Executive Committee.
42.8 A District Director shall not automatically attend District Executive Meetings. However, she may be invited by the Executive to attend a specific meeting or part of a meeting.

43. DISTRICT CHAIRMEN/SECRETARIES MEETINGS WITH BOARD CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE

43.1 The primary purpose of these meetings is to maintain open communication between the District Executive Committees and the Board on ILGU activities.

43.2 Meetings shall be scheduled a minimum of four (4) times a year.

44. DISTRICT EXECUTIVE QUORUM

44.1 Five (5) committee members shall form a quorum.

45. DISTRICT MINIMUM MEETING ATTENDANCE

45.1 If a member of a District Executive Committee fails to attend at least half of the District Executive Meetings in any one (1) year, she shall, unless the District Executive Committee decides otherwise, cease to be a member of such committee and shall not be eligible for re-election for a minimum of one year.

46. COMPOSITION AND DUTIES OF COMMITTEES OF DISTRICT EXECUTIVES

46.1 There shall be a minimum of five (5) committees of the District Executives namely – CONGU®, Junior Development, Tournaments, Training and Rules.

46.2 All committees of the District Executive are subordinate to the executive.

46.3 The District Executive shall appoint all members of all committees.

46.4 The names of the members of all committees of the Executive shall be published each year.

46.5 The District Honorary Secretary shall be entitled to attend all committee meetings of the district.

46.6 The District Chairman shall be entitled to attend all committee meetings of the district.

46.7 Committees shall have terms of reference clearly defining their role and the boundaries of their authority. The Board reserves the right to modify and change such terms of reference.

46.8 The standard term of office for ILGU volunteers shall be four (4) years and they may be reappointed for a further term of four (4) years, unless specified otherwise. The maximum term of office is eight (8) consecutive years after which they must retire for a minimum of one (1) year, unless specified otherwise.

46.9 In the event of a vacancy occurring, by resignation or otherwise, the District Executive shall appoint a replacement.

46.10 Every reasonable effort should be made to establish and maintain a rota which ensures that no more than one-quarter of committee members retire in any one (1) year.

46.11 All committee members are entitled to a vote.

46.12 The Chairman shall, in addition to her own vote, have a casting vote, unless specified otherwise.

46.13 Executive members shall hold their positions for their term of office as Executive members.

46.14 Committees may not make binding decisions or speak for the Executive. The function of committees is primarily to solve problems and/or make recommendations to the Executive.

46.15 All correspondence to clubs must be co-ordinated through the District Honorary Secretary.

46.16 All committees shall submit written reports to the Executive in accordance with an agreed schedule.

46.17 All committees shall record minutes of each meeting.
46.18 All committees are empowered to request attendance of any person/persons for advice or guidance on special matters of interest to the committee.

47. DISTRICT CONGU® COMMITTEE

47.1 Purpose of the Handicap Committee:
47.1.1 The purpose of the committee is to ensure a consistent implementation of the CONGU® UHS in all clubs across the district.
47.1.2 Provide clubs with assistance and a clear concise message on the interpretation of CONGU®.
47.1.3 Visit newly affiliated clubs to familiarise the Handicap Secretary/Committee with their responsibilities.
47.1.4 Complete the annual handicap review of clubs as required under CONGU®.
47.1.5 Complete handicap audits as required.
47.1.6 Identify and train assistant Handicap Advisors within each district zone as required.

47.2 Regulations governing the Committee:
47.2.1 The committee shall consist of the District Handicap Advisors.
47.2.2 The committee shall meet two (2) times a year.
47.2.3 Three (3) members shall form a quorum.
47.2.4 The Chairman shall be the Executive member with responsibility for CONGU®.
47.2.5 To be eligible for appointment as a District Handicap Advisor an individual must have served a minimum of three (3) years as a Club Handicap Secretary.
47.2.6 The Chairman of the District Handicap Committee, or her deputy, shall represent her district on the National Handicap Committee.

48. DISTRICT JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

48.1 Purpose of Committee:
48.1.1 The primary purpose of the committee is to increase the number and standard of girls playing golf at club and district level.
48.1.2 To ensure the junior development structure, as defined by the National Junior Development Committee, is implemented in each district in a consistent manner.
48.1.3 To ensure the ILGU Junior Policy is known and implemented in all clubs in each district.
48.1.4 To support clubs in the implementation of the Junior Club Coaching Programme as defined by the National Junior Development Committee.
48.1.5 To work closely with the District Tournament and Regional (District) Training Administrators to ensure junior girls are competing in appropriate competitions.
48.1.6 To work closely with the Confederation of Golf Development Officer and CGI to ensure clubs who have completed a CGI programme are supported as they integrate new junior members into the club.
48.1.7 To ensure girls with potential are identified for additional coaching.
48.1.8 To ensure child protection guidelines are implemented and adhered to in all aspects of girls’ golf.

48.2 Regulations governing the Committee:
48.2.1 The committee shall consist of a maximum of eight (8) members.
48.2.2 The Committee shall meet not less than three (3) times a year and not more than four (4) times per year.
48.2.3 Three (3) members shall form a quorum.
48.2.4 The Chairman shall be the District Executive member with responsibility for Junior Development and referred to as the District Junior Convenor.
48.2.5 In addition to the Chairman, the committee will consist of:
   48.2.5.1 The relevant Confederation of Golf Development Officer and CGI.
   48.2.5.2 Up to six (6) volunteers each representing a cluster (group) of clubs within the district.
48.2.6 Each member of the committee, with the exception of the District Junior Convenor and Confederation of Golf Development Officer and CGI, will be allocated a specific number of clubs within her district. These committee members will develop a relationship with the relevant club junior convenors to understand the number of girls playing golf and bring forward suggestions on how the clubs might be supported. They will also ensure club junior convenors are aware of the appropriate coaching and competition opportunities for girls at cluster, district and national level.
48.2.7 The Chairman of the District Junior Development Committee, or her deputy, will represent her district on the National Junior Development Committee.
48.2.8 Committee members may be requested to assist at district tournaments and training.

49. DISTRICT RULES COMMITTEE

49.1 Purpose of the Committee:
   49.1.1 The primary purpose of the Rules Committee is to ensure appropriately qualified referees officiate and assist at ILGU district tournaments.
   49.1.2 Along with the GUI, co-ordinate and help run the Level 2 R&A Rules Seminar.
   49.1.3 Assist the District Honorary Secretary/District Executive in the resolution of queries/issues received from clubs regarding the Rules of Golf and Terms of Competition.
   49.1.4 Undertake Rules Talks in clubs at the request of the District Honorary Secretary.

49.2 Regulations governing the Committee:
   49.2.1 The committee shall consist of a maximum of five (5) members.
   49.2.2 The committee shall meet up to twice a year.
   49.2.3 Three (3) members shall form a quorum.
   49.2.4 The Chairman shall be the District Executive member with responsibility for Rules.
   49.2.5 In addition to the Chairman, the committee shall consist of a minimum of three ILGU Qualified Rules Officials.
   49.2.6 To be eligible for appointment by a District Executive Committee an individual must be an ILGU Qualified Rules Official.
   49.2.7 The Chairman of the District Rules Committee shall represent her district on the National Rules Committee.

50. DISTRICT SELECTION COMMITTEE

50.1 Purpose of Committee:
   50.1.1 The sole purpose of the committee is to select the strongest team available to represent their Province for:
      50.1.1.1 Women’s Interprovincials, and
      50.1.1.2 Girls’ Interprovincials.
   50.1.2 Selection of teams will be the responsibility of the District Selection Committee.
50.2 Regulations governing the Committee:

50.2.1 The committee shall consist of a maximum of six (6) members.
50.2.2 The committee shall meet at least one (1) time per year.
50.2.3 Three (3) members will form a quorum.
50.2.4 The committee shall consist of:
   50.2.4.1 The National Selector from the District.
   50.2.4.2 Two (2) Representatives from the District Executive
   50.2.4.3 The Team Captain of the team being selected.

50.3 The Chairman shall be elected at the first meeting of the committee. The Chairman shall have the casting vote.

51. DISTRICT TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

51.1 Purpose of the Committee:

51.1.1 Organise and run all district championships and tournaments, including Inter-Club match play events, to the highest standards.
51.1.2 Advise clubs of closing dates for championships, collect entry fees, complete draws and timesheets and publish to clubs as appropriate.
51.1.3 Prepare an annual schedule of volunteers assisting at tournaments.
51.1.4 Schedule and agree all district tournaments in line with the annual fixtures calendar.
51.1.5 Nominate venues for district championships and tournaments for consideration by the Executive.
51.1.6 Update the district section of the ILGU website with all relevant tournament information.

51.2 Regulations governing the Committee:

51.2.1 The committee shall consist of maximum of six (6) members.
51.2.2 The committee shall meet not less than two (2) times a year, one of which should be after the district inter-club finals so that feedback can be available for a meeting of the National Tournament Review Committee.
51.2.3 Three (3) members shall form a quorum.
51.2.4 The Chairman shall be the Executive member with responsibility for Tournaments.
51.2.5 In addition to the Chairman, the committee shall consist of the following:
   51.2.5.1 One District Rules Official.
   51.2.5.2 One member of the District Junior Development Committee.
   51.2.5.3 A volunteer with knowledge of fixtures at district and national level.
   51.2.5.4 A volunteer with good knowledge/experience of elite events (desirable).
   51.2.5.5 A volunteer with knowledge of inter club events.
   51.2.5.6 A committee member can represent more than one of the above areas to ensure the number does not exceed six (6).
51.2.6 The District Chairman of Tournaments, or her deputy, shall represent her district at meetings with the National Tournament Review Committee.

52. GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE IRISH LADIES' GOLF UNION LIMITED

52.1 Motions & Amendments

52.1.1 The Board may bring forward any motion to an Annual General Meeting.
52.1.2 Any affiliated club through its Voting Club Delegate may, at the Annual General Meeting, bring forward any motion(s) pertaining to the Articles of the Company provided it is seconded by another affiliated club through its Voting Club Delegate and notice thereof in writing is given by both clubs to the Chief Executive by 1st October.

52.1.3 Motions from clubs pertaining to the Articles of the Company will be posted on the ILGU website from the 8th October each year showing the motion and the proposing and seconding affiliated clubs.

52.1.4 Any amendment to a motion signed by the proposing and seconding affiliated club must be sent in writing and received by the Chief Executive by 1st November.

52.1.5 Any amendment(s) to a motion will be posted on the Company website from the 8th November.

52.1.6 No amendment(s) to a motion will be accepted after the 1st December.

52.1.7 Twenty-one (21) days before an Annual General Meeting the Chief Executive shall send, to those entitled to attend, the Agenda of the business to be brought before that meeting in accordance with the Articles of the Company.

52.1.8 A motion pertaining to the Articles of the Company must be carried by at least three fourths of the votes cast by voting members present at the Annual General Meeting.

52.2 Representation and Voting

52.2.1 Representation and voting shall be as per the Articles (31–37) of the Company.

52.2.2 Non-Voting members as defined in Articles 2 and 33 are entitled to attend General Meetings.

52.2.3 In addition the following are invited to attend in a non-voting capacity:

52.2.3.1 Incoming Board Members;
52.2.3.2 ILGU Representatives on international organisations EGA/CONGU® etc.;
52.2.3.3 Past Chairman and Honorary Treasurers of the ILGU;
52.2.3.4 Past Irish Presidents and Chairmen of the LGU;
52.2.3.5 Members of each District Executive Committee whose term of office ended immediately prior to the Annual General Meeting;
52.2.3.6 Irish International Team Captains;
52.2.3.7 Irish Women’s Champion;
52.2.3.8 Legal Advisor to the Company;
52.2.3.9 Auditors to the Company.

53. MEETINGS OF THE COMPANY

53.1 Meetings of the Company shall be as per the Articles of the Company.

54. DISTRICT GENERAL MEETINGS

54.1 The Annual General Meeting of each district shall be convened by the Honorary Secretary of the district and shall be held not later than 1st December in each year. The venue, date and time shall be decided by each District Executive Committee.

54.2 Twenty-one (21) days before an Annual General Meeting, the Honorary Secretary shall send to those entitled to attend General Meetings, the Agenda of the business to be brought before that meeting as follows:

54.2.1 Apologies;
54.2.2 To receive and approve the Minutes of the previous General Meeting(s);
54.2.3 To receive and adopt the Financial Statement of Accounts;
54.2.4 To receive and adopt the Annual Reports;
54.2.5 To confirm the election of the District Honorary Secretary;
54.2.6 To confirm the election of the District Chairman;
54.2.7 To confirm the election of nominated members of the Executive if appropriate;
54.2.8 To confirm the election of the District Director to the Board if appropriate;
54.2.9 To elect members to the District Executive Committee;
54.2.10 Any other Business.

54.3 Voting Attendance at District General Meetings:

54.3.1 The following, all within a District, may attend and vote at General Meetings of the District:

54.3.1.1 The Voting Club Delegate and Non-Voting Club Delegate of each affiliated club. Clubs are entitled to vote as per Article 32 of the Articles of Association of the Company and Bye-Law 52.2.

54.3.1.2 All members of the District Executive having one (1) vote each;

54.4 Non-Voting Attendance at District General Meetings

54.4.1 The following, all within a District, may attend without a vote, General Meetings of the District:

54.4.1.1 Members of the Board;
54.4.1.2 ILGU Life Honorary Member(s) of the district;
54.4.1.3 ILGU Honorary Members (if any) of the district;
54.4.1.4 Members of committees of the District Executive;
54.4.1.5 Any Irish Representative on R&A/LGU in the district in which she resides.

55. DISTRICT EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS

55.1 The District Honorary Secretary shall convene an Extraordinary General Meeting of a District at any time by order of the Executive Committee or within seven (7) days of receipt of a request signed by one-sixth of the Executive Committee or within seven (7) days of receipt of a request signed by one-sixth of affiliated clubs in the district. Every such requisition shall specify the business for which the meeting is convened and no other business shall be laid before the meeting.

55.2 The District Honorary Secretary shall give at least seven (7) days’ notice, in writing, of such meeting to all affiliated clubs in the district and to all those individuals entitled to attend.

56. STANDING ORDERS FOR DISTRICT GENERAL MEETINGS

56.1 The District Chairman shall chair the meeting. In the event of the absence of the Chairman, the meeting shall vote a member of the District Executive Committee to the chair before proceeding with business.

56.2 The Chairman shall have a casting vote.

56.3 Any person entitled to vote may propose that the proceedings shall terminate at a given hour and, if the proposal is seconded, it shall be put to a vote. Any subsequent proposal to extend such time must be carried by a majority of not less than three-fourths of the vote.

56.4 Only persons entitled to vote may address the meeting. No person shall address the meeting more than once on any Motion but, if directed by the Chairman, she may reply to questions or give further information. The proposer of any Motion may, however, speak for three (3) minutes in reply. After the reply the question shall be put forthwith.

56.5 The speech of the proposer of a Motion shall not exceed six (6) minutes in length and that of each subsequent speaker thereon four (4) minutes, except with the consent of the Chairman.
56.6 Any person entitled to vote may propose, without debate, at the end of a speech of any person, that the question be now put and such proposal, if seconded, shall be put to the meeting and must be carried by a majority of not less than three-fourths of the vote.

56.7 Motions not reached when the time arrives to close the meeting shall be adjourned.

56.8 Standing Orders may be suspended without previous notice if a Motion to that effect be carried by a majority of not less than three-fourths of the vote.

56.9 The decision of the Chairman on any point shall be final; any person disobeying the rule of the Chair may be suspended by ordinary resolution of the meeting.

57. ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE IN NATIONAL/DISTRICT OPEN EVENTS

57.1 Every female amateur member of an affiliated club is eligible to compete in an Open, National or District event provided she has a CONGU® Handicap or overseas equivalent. She must comply with the terms of the event regarding age criteria and handicap limit. Member refers to all categories of membership for whom an affiliation fee has been paid.

58. ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE IN NATIONAL CLOSE EVENTS

58.1 Every female amateur member of an affiliated club is eligible to compete in a Close Championship provided she has a CONGU® Handicap or overseas equivalent and subject to the following qualifications:

58.1.1 Irish Nationality of father, mother, grandmother or grandfather;
58.1.2 She complies with terms of the event regarding age and handicap criteria;
58.1.3 Birth of competitor in Ireland;
58.1.4 Five (5) years' residence in Ireland.

58.2 Entrants who do not meet any of these criteria but who have been ordinarily resident in Ireland for not less than five years may be eligible to compete at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

58.3 No player may compete who has ever played against Ireland or competed in the Close Championship of any other country within the last ten (10) years, except in Girls' Internationals and a Girls' Close Championship of another country.

58.4 In the case of Irish Seniors, no player may compete who has ever played against Ireland or competed in the Close Championship or Seniors' Close Championship of any other country within the last five (5) years.

59. ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE IN CLUB OPEN COMPETITIONS

59.1 In order to compete in a club Open competition every player must have a CONGU® Handicap or overseas equivalent.

59.2 The organising committee of each affiliated club must publish the terms of competition under which an open event shall be played. One condition must be that each competitor is a member of an affiliated club and has a CONGU® handicap which has been allocated by her home club or overseas equivalent.

59.3 In accordance with the CONGU® UHS, the committee should reserve the right to allot a reduced handicap to any visiting competitor for a particular competition and to require any visiting competitor to produce a certificate from the secretary of her home club confirming her membership and handicap.

60. ELIGIBILITY FOR INTERNATIONAL SELECTION

60.1 To be eligible for selection on an Irish team a player must have one of the following qualifications:

60.1.1 Irish Nationality of father, mother, grandmother or grandfather;
60.1.2 She complies with terms of the event regarding age and handicap criteria;
60.1.3 Birth of player in Ireland;
60.1.4 Five (5) years residence in Ireland.

60.2 No player may be selected on a ladies team who has ever played against Ireland at ladies level.

60.3 In addition a player should compete in the following events:

60.3.1 A District Women’s Championship.
60.3.2 Irish Women’s Close Amateur Championship.
60.3.3 Interprovincial Matches, if selected.
60.3.4 Irish Women’s Open Amateur Stroke play Championship.

60.4 No player may be selected on a Women’s Senior (50+) team who has ever played against Ireland at Senior level or competed in the Senior Close Championship of any other country within the last five (5) years.

60.5 In addition a player should compete in the following events:

60.5.1 Irish Senior Women’s Close Amateur Championship.
60.5.2 Irish Senior Women’s Open Amateur Championship.

60.6 It is the responsibility of the Board to appoint all International Team Captains and Managers.

61. DISCIPLINE AND APPEALS

61.1 Suspension and/or Removal of an Affiliated Golf Club

61.1.1 In the case of infringement by a club of any of the provisions of the Articles of Association applying to golf clubs or of any of the Bye-Laws and Regulations, such club shall be liable to have its membership suspended for a stated period or have its membership terminated.

61.1.2 In the case of a club where:

61.1.2.1 A breach of the Rules of Amateur Status, as approved by the R&A, takes place on its course or links or in the clubhouse and whether in a competition organised by the club or otherwise; or

61.1.2.2 In a competition run on its course or links, whether organised by the club or others, a prize not allowed by or valued in excess of the amount allowed by the Rules of Amateur Status is offered, whether it is won or not; or

61.1.2.3 If a club fails to comply with CONGU® UHS.

61.1.3 Then in any such event the club shall be held to have infringed the provisions of the Articles of Association and the Bye-Laws and Regulations of the Company and shall be liable to have its membership suspended for a stated period or have its membership terminated.

61.1.4 Every allegation of such infringement in a club which shall have been reported to the Chief Executive of the Company shall be referred to the Board.

61.1.5 If, in the opinion of the Board, the allegation in question warrants investigation, they shall set up of a committee to hold an enquiry into the allegation made having given reasonable notice to the club concerned of the allegation and of the time and place at which such enquiry shall be held.

61.1.6 The club shall have the right to be represented by not more than three (3) representatives at such enquiry and shall be afforded every reasonable facility to respond to the allegation made.

61.1.7 If after holding such enquiry, the committee consider that the allegation is well founded it shall submit a report to the Board and notify the club in writing of its findings. The club shall be invited, in writing, to send not more than three (3) representatives to a special meeting of the Board when the report of the committee and such representations made orally or in writing from the club shall be considered.
61.1.8 If the allegations are confirmed, the Board may by simple majority suspend the club for a defined period of time, or impose such lesser sanction as it may decide. If the Board considers that permanent removal from the Company is required it must agree by a two-thirds majority to expel the club. Should a majority of the Board not be satisfied that the allegations have been proven no further action shall be taken.

61.1.9 If the club concerned gives no explanation to the allegation or does not attend the meeting of the Committee or Board, or if their explanation is considered unsatisfactory by the Board, it may expel the club provided that not less than a two-third majority of the Board votes for such course of action.

61.1.10 When the Board has resolved that a club be suspended or expelled, such club shall, within seven (7) days of the decision, be given, by the Chief Executive, or other authorised officer, of the Company, notice in writing of the decision, by registered post, to their last known address.

61.1.11 The club in question has the right to appeal against the decision, within fourteen (14) days of the date of the notification. The appeal shall be made in writing to the Chief Executive.

61.1.12 Notice of an appeal having been given, the decision shall not take effect for a period of twenty-one (21) days from the date of the notification to the Club.

61.1.13 The club shall have the right to have the appeal heard at a Special General Meeting requisitioned under Article 15 provided that the necessary signatures for such requisition are procured either by the club in question or any other club. This meeting shall, by a majority, decide whether the expulsion shall be confirmed or repealed or whether the period of suspension shall be confirmed, reduced or repealed. Should the requisitions provided for in Article 15 not be obtained within twenty one days from the date of notification by the Company to the club, the Board shall have power to deem the appeal to have lapsed and to enforce the decision forthwith, or to allow an additional period should it decide, by a simple majority, that the circumstances warrant it.

61.1.14 All voting under these Rules shall be by secret ballot.

61.1.15 In the event of expulsion or suspension of a club, the club shall be required to return the handicap cards of all their members to the ILGU.

61.1.16 The Board shall reserve the right to refer any allegation not resolved following the above process to Just Sport Ireland for arbitration.

61.2 Resolving Issues between Affiliated Clubs

61.2.1 Questions or issues arising between affiliated clubs shall be referred to the District Executive Committee. Should the District Executive Committee fail to arrive at a decision, or should either party be dissatisfied with the ruling of the District Executive Committee, the case shall be referred to the Board.

61.3 Resolving Issues between a Player and her Affiliated Club or between Individual Players

61.3.1 Questions or issues relating to the game between a player and her affiliated club or between individual players shall be referred to the Ladies’ Committee of the club in which the issue has arisen.

61.3.2 Should the Ladies’ Committee fail to agree, or should the players be dissatisfied with the ruling given, the case shall be referred to the District Executive Committee.

61.3.3 If one of the players is dissatisfied with the ruling of the District Executive Committee, or if the District Executive Committee fails to arrive at a decision, the case may be referred to the Board.

61.3.4 The Board shall reserve the right to refer any issues not resolved following the above process to Just Sport Ireland for arbitration.

61.4 A Player Referring a Case to the District Executive Committee must do so through the Ladies’ Committee of the Club Concerned

61.4.1 If a Ladies’ Committee fails or refuses to submit a player’s case to the District Executive...
Committee, the player may submit, directly to such committee, a statement of her case in writing which has been signed by the Ladies’ Club Committee as having been read.

61.4.2 Should a Club Committee fail or refuse to sign such statement the player may then submit the unsigned statement directly to the District Executive Committee.

61.5 Appeals

61.5.1 Any player or affiliated club affected by a decision of the Board or its committees may appeal that decision to Just Sport Ireland for final and binding arbitration in accordance with the Just Sport Ireland Arbitration Rules (as amended from time to time). The decision of the arbitrator(s) thereunder shall be final and binding on all concerned.

61.5.2 Any appeal shall be made within twenty-one (21) days to Just Sport Ireland for arbitration in accordance with the Just Sport Ireland Arbitration Rules (as amended from time to time)
IRISH LADIES’ GOLF UNION LIMITED
ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
1. **Role Of President**  
(See Articles of Association) – The President shall serve for a term of two years and shall be a Director of the ILGU for her term of office. The President shall be nominated by the Board, and her election confirmed by the members at the Annual General Meeting following such nomination.  
The President is the recognised Head of the organisation. She is responsible for ensuring that Board activities are in harmony with the core values of the ILGU.  
The President plays a key role in building and maintaining relationships with internal and external stakeholders, club dignitaries and members. She undertakes public relations and ambassadorial duties on behalf of the Board and the ILGU both nationally and internationally.  
The President will normally be a person with vast experience of ladies’ golf and in-depth knowledge of the organisation.

2. **Role of Board Chairman**  
(See Articles of Association) – A Chairman of the Board shall be selected by the Nominations Committee and nominated at an Annual General Meeting and her election confirmed at the Annual General Meeting. The Chairman shall have a term of office of four years subject to Articles of Association (53) and extension under Articles of Association (54) and subject to Articles of Association (55).  
(See Articles of Association) – The Chairman shall be a Director of the ILGU and, in addition to her individual vote, shall have a casting vote at Board Meetings and General Meetings.  
The Chairman provides strong leadership and guidance to the Board on governance, strategy, emerging trends regarding the future direction of the sport and stakeholder management.  
A key element of the role of Chairman is networking on behalf of the organisation.

2.1 Key duties include:

- To oversee the management and direction of Irish Ladies’ Golf with the Board, in line with the Strategic and Business Plans.
- To oversee and support the work of the Board and committees.
- To Chair all meetings of the Board and all General Meetings of the Company.
- To present the Annual Report at the Annual General Meeting.
- To develop, with all members of the Board of Directors, the performance targets and reporting mechanisms to ensure accountability across all areas of the sport.
- To ensure that the ILGU complies with the standards of good corporate governance.
- In conjunction with the Chief Executive set the agenda for Board meetings.
- To support and advise the Chief Executive.
- To represent Irish Ladies’ Golf as appropriate and as required.

3. **Role of President Elect**  
(Election of President Elect Bye-Law 16) – To be eligible for election a person must have served a full term on a District Executive Committee or Sub Committee of the Board of the ILGU or have served a minimum of three (3) years on the Board of the ILGU.  
The President-Elect is the deputy to the President and shall support the President in her ambassadorial duties, deputise for her and fulfil such duties as are assigned by the Board.  
The President-Elect is not a Director of the ILGU but she is entitled to attend, without a vote, all meetings of the Board.  
The President-Elect will hold office for one (1) year and thereafter shall be entitled to succeed as President.
4. **Role of Chief Executive**

(See Articles of Association) – A Chief Executive may be appointed by the Directors for such term and at such remuneration and upon such conditions as they may think fit, and any Chief Executive so appointed may be removed by them. The Directors shall put in place arrangements for the line management of the Chief Executive and for the monitoring and appraisal or his/her performance.

(See Articles of Association) – The Chief Executive shall not be a Director, but shall be entitled to attend all meetings of the Directors (except meetings of the Nominations Committee and where his/her own remuneration or performance is being discussed) and shall act as advisor to the Directors.

The overall purpose of the role is to deliver the ILGU’s strategies and policies, the direction and management of its administrative activities and financial affairs and the stewardship of its property, assets, funds and records.

4.1 **Strategy**

- The Board has overall responsibility for strategy and policy development. Strategies and policies will be implemented through the Administration Team and through the committee structure of the ILGU.
- The Chief Executive’s role will be to lead and manage the work of the Administration Team in implementing delegated strategy and policy and in supporting the committees which are charged with this function. The Chief Executive will also work with the various committees of the ILGU to bring forward draft strategies to the Board for their consideration and decision, directing and guiding as appropriate.

4.2 **Management of Administration Team**

- The Chief Executive will ensure the recruitment and retention of people with the necessary balance of skills to enable the business of the ILGU to be carried out professionally.
- CE will put in place and utilise routines to ensure the effective management of staff in line with the strategic objectives of the ILGU.
- The Chief Executive will provide leadership to the staff in general.

4.3 **Management of Finance**

- Oversight of the financial affairs of the ILGU is delegated to the Director with responsibility for Finance or, in the absence of such Director, the Audit and Risk Committee.
- The Chief Executive will report to the Finance Director/Audit and Risk Committee on an agreed schedule.
- Within this framework, the Chief Executive is the accounting officer for the ILGU and is responsible for the use and control of the ILGU’s resources in accordance with the budgets, plans and guidelines approved by Board.

4.4 **Management of Assets**

- The Chief Executive is responsible for the physical assets of the ILGU and, in regard to all activities of the Administration Team, for the intangible assets of the ILGU.

5. **Role of Board Directors**

As a collective body, the Board of the ILGU is responsible for the strategic direction and management of the ILGU. The day to day management of activities is the responsibility of the Chief Executive who is accountable to the Board for their delivery. In practical terms, it is the Chairman to whom the Chief Executive is accountable for the delivery of the business of the ILGU.

5.1 **Skills required of a District Director**

- An in-depth understanding of all aspects of ladies’ golf at Club and District level gained through serving on Club Committees, District Executive or Committees of the ILGU.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Ambassadorial skills - Board members should have the ability to project the image of the ILGU.
as friendly, approachable, helpful and knowledgeable at all times. On occasion Board members are required to represent the President at internal or external functions/events.

- An understanding of modern business practices and disciplines is desirable.
- It is desirable that Board members have a good knowledge of some of the following areas: CONGU®, Junior Development, Tournaments, Training and Rules.
- Basic computer skills are required particularly E-Mail, Internet and Word (training may be provided to bring up level of skill).
- The Board member is required to attend six (6) Board meetings per annum.
- In addition she may be required to attend District Executive meetings and nominated committee meetings.
- She also assists and attends a number of National and District Tournaments.
- The Board is responsible for many aspects of golf administration and Board members are members on various committees.

6. **Role of National Selectors**

To qualify to be a National Selector a person must have a combination of the following:

a) Expertise – Technical knowledge of the golf swing, fitness and knowledge of standard required for different events and of players and their abilities.

b) Experience – played golf at interprovincial/senior cup level; captained interprovincial/international teams.

c) Commitment – demonstrated willingness to get involved, understand what is required and overcome an initial learning curve.

d) Time – Understanding of the time required for the role of selectors and giving the role the priority it requires.

e) Judgment – Sound judgment and ability to make decisions; not easily swayed by majority opinion but at the same time not dogmatic in their own opinion.

f) Confidentiality – all selection discussions and decisions are confidential to the selection committee.

g) Fairness – selectors must be impartial at all times.

h) IT literacy – the primary method of communication with the ILGU is e-mail. Selectors will also be required to have Internet access to view and download notable player performances. Ideally, selectors should when possible reflect a geographical spread.

7. **District Executives**

7.1 District Executive Committees

The functions of the District Executive Committee include but are not limited to:

- the hosting of ILGU District Championships and Tournaments;
- the administration of CONGU® (UHS and Course Rating);
- the development of girl’s golf;
- Rules of Golf;
- provision of Coaching/Training;
- assisting and supporting clubs within the district;
- the growth of the game; and
- attracting volunteers.

7.2 Role of District Honorary Secretary
(See Articles of Association) A District Honorary Secretary is elected annually by a District Executive Committee and her election confirmed at a District General Meeting. She may serve for a term of four (4) years. On completion of her four (4) year term of office as District Hon Secretary she shall not be eligible for re-election as District Hon Secretary or appointment to any other District role for a period of one (1) year.

The District Honorary Secretary is an appointed official of the ILGU and has a vote at General Meetings of the ILGU.

The District Honorary Secretary is a volunteer and is the key role within the district. She coordinates all the activities/programmes within the district ensuring that events are organised to the highest level and skills of volunteers are utilised as appropriate. She may, at her discretion delegate responsibility for activities to other members of the Executive and she is entitled to attend all committee meetings of the district.

7.2.1 Activities will include, but are not limited to:

- Co-ordination of the agenda and papers and ensuring proper records are kept of all Executive Meetings and General Meetings of the district.
- Co-ordinate and attend district tournaments/events as appropriate.
- Schedule activities of volunteers on the District Executive.
- Attend committee meetings as appropriate.
- All correspondence must be routed through the District Honorary Secretary.
- Assist clubs in the resolution of queries/issues.
- Complete affiliation visits to clubs.
- Attend clubs functions/events as appropriate.
- Maintain and update the district section of the ILGU website.

7.2.2 Skills Required:

- Excellent communication both verbal and written.
- Good interpersonal skills.
- Good computer skills.
- Previous experience of club administration (Ladies/Management Committee) is desirable.
- Good knowledge of the structure of the ILGU and organising golf competitions.

7.3 Role of District Chairman

The key purpose of the role of District Chairman is to network on behalf of the organisation at district level particularly with golf clubs. She will work very closely with the District Honorary Secretary to ensure the district is organised and run to the highest standards.

7.3.1 Duties will include:

- Chair District Executive Meeting and General Meetings of the district.
- In conjunction with the District Honorary Secretary, lead ILGU district events.
- Attend club functions/events as requested.
- Provide direction and guidance to clubs as requested.
- Network with players and volunteers and promote the profile of the organisation as friendly, open, progressive and responsive.

7.4 Role of District Executive Members

The District Executive members are the voice and representatives of clubs and club golfers. The term of office is four (4) years after which they must retire for a minimum of one (1) year unless appointed District Honorary Secretary, District Chairman or chairman of one of the designated committees – refer Bye-Law 35.

7.4.1 Duties will include but are not restricted to the following:

- Attending a minimum of 50% of executive meetings per year.
- Attending and assisting at the District Annual General Meeting.
• Attending and assisting in the organisation and running of district tournaments.
• Assisting at national tournaments as requested.
• Representing the district or deputising for the district Chairman at official club openings and events as requested.

7.4.2 Skills required (Note: not all required/necessary)
• Experience of running club and/or society competitions.
• Familiarity with the issues facing golf clubs.
• Service on club committee or management committee is desirable but not essential.
• Broad knowledge of handicaps.
• Basic knowledge of the Rules of Golf.
• Interest in the development of junior golf.
• Good interpersonal and social skills.
• Good organisational ability.
• Basic IT skills including email and internet.

RECOMMENDATIONS
Members of District Executives and Directors of the Board should not be captains or managers of ILGU interclub match play teams. It is in order for them to be team members.

Club Officers should not be members of a District Executive during their term of office.
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