



**ILGU GENERIC &
NATIONAL TOURNAMENT
REGULATIONS AND
CONDITIONS**

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The following Regulations and Conditions, 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 (R&A Rule 33) 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 an ILGU Staff Member. 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.
- 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 and to appoint a marker if necessary.
- 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 ILGU or the relevant District Committee.
- 1.8 In the event of adverse weather conditions, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to alter the format 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 or Great Britain.
- 2.2 District Trophies must be returned to the District Secretary by the date specified in relevant District Championship/Tournament Regulations.
- 2.3 A player who does not record an apology for her absence at prize presentations may not receive her voucher.

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 Official Entry Forms are available on www.golfnet.ie from the ILGU Head Office or from the District Chairman of Tournaments.
- 3.3 Submission of an entry does not guarantee participation in any Championship.
- 3.4 All entries shall be subject to the approval of the ILGU Tournament Committee.
- 3.5 The exact Handicap at closing date of entry will be used for administration purposes.
- 3.6 By agreeing to be bound by these Regulations and Conditions, you are consenting to the ILGU collecting and storing certain personal data about you. This data will be used to provide further details

of the event and may be stored by the ILGU and supplied to event sponsors to keep you informed of other promotions, events and services which may be of interest to you. This data will not be used other than in the normal course of our business.

If you do not wish to receive such information, you can select to opt out.

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

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
Fourball	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
Fourball	Each partner receives 90% of handicap

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Singles	Full handicap
Foursomes	1/2 of the aggregate handicap of partners
Greensomes	Full Greensome* handicap
Fourball	Each partner receives 90% of handicap

Stableford Competitions

Singles	Full handicap
Foursomes	1/2 aggregate handicap of partners
Greensomes	Full Greensome* handicap
Fourball	Each partner receives 90% of handicap

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

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

5.1 Match Play

5.1.1 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 by lot.
- 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 lot.
- 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 nett score on the same basis.

6. DISPUTES – NATIONAL/DISTRICT

If there is a dispute 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 will be entitled to present her case. Refer to Rule 34-3 of the Rules of Golf.

7. RETURNING OF SCORE CARD

A player's scorecard is deemed to be officially returned to the Committee when she has stepped out of the Championship/Tournament Recording Office.

8. RESULT OF COMPETITION

- 8.1 Official Result Cards, 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 deemed to have been officially announced when it has been recorded in the Tournament Office.

9. COMPETITION CLOSED

- 9.1 Stroke play: The Competition is deemed 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 deemed closed when the player has teed off in her first match.

10. MEDIA

The ILGU reserves the right to use video, photographs, pictures 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
 - 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 should comply with the R&A recommended Rule in Appendix 1 Part A in the Rules of Golf.
- 14.4 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 equity as to when/where matches will be resumed/played.
- 14.5 When play is suspended, a team/player(s) that has already commenced play must continue play in the re-scheduled match and any player(s) who is unable to play in the re-scheduled match must concede their match. A team/player which has not commenced play may change the team/players even if team sheets had already been exchanged prior to the re-scheduling of the match. Whenever a team has commenced play and the match has to be re-scheduled, 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.
- 14.6 Team Managers do not have the authority to alter playing conditions 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 playing conditions.

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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.
- 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 Conditions.
- 1.9 Overseas players, refer to Bye-Law 56 and 57 for eligibility in National Close and Open Events.

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

2. TIME OF STARTING (R&A RULE 6-3)

- 2.1 The player must start at the time established by the Committee (R&A Rule 6-3a). If the player arrives at her starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after her starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the first hole in match play or two strokes at the first hole in stroke play or in Stableford competitions the committee will deduct two points from the total points scored for the round.
- 2.2 Penalty for lateness beyond five minutes: Disqualification.

3. CADDIES

- 3.1 A player is prohibited from engaging a golf professional or assistant professional to serve as her caddie during the stipulated round.
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 A player is prohibited from using a caddie during the Stipulated Round in ILGU foursomes and fourball Championships/Tournaments.

Penalty for breach of condition 3.1, 3.2 or 3.3:

Match play: At the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered the state of the match is adjusted by deducting 1 hole for each hole at which a breach occurred. Maximum deduction per round 2 holes.

Stroke play: 2 strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred. Maximum penalty per round 4 strokes (two strokes at each of the first two holes at which any breach occurred).

Match play & Stroke play: If a breach is discovered between play of two holes it is deemed to have been discovered during play of the next hole and the penalty must be applied accordingly.

Stableford Competitions: See Note to Rule 32-1b.

A player having a caddie in breach of 3.1, 3.2 or 3.3 must immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred ensure that she conforms with this condition for the remainder of the stipulated round otherwise she is disqualified.

4. HANDICAP

- 4.1 Competitors may be requested to furnish evidence of handicap.
- 4.2 Competitors holding both a CONGU handicap and overseas authority handicap must enter all ILGU Championships using their CONGU handicap.

Penalty for failure to enter in compliance with 4.2: Disqualification.

5. DISPUTES

If there is a dispute which is not settled by the Team Manager/Captain, details must be sent in writing within 48 hours to the District Honorary Secretary. Each Captain /Manager will be entitled to present her case.

6. SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO A DANGEROUS SITUATION: (NOTE TO R&A RULE 6-8B)

When play is suspended by a Committee for a dangerous situation, if the players in a match or group are between the play of two holes, they must not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If they are in the process of playing a hole, they must discontinue play immediately and not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. **If a player fails to discontinue play immediately, she is disqualified unless circumstances warrant waiving the penalty as provided in R&A Rule 33-7.**

Note: The signal for suspending play due to a dangerous situation will be a prolonged note of a siren.

The following signals will be used:

- 1) Discontinue Play Immediately: One prolonged note of the siren.
- 2) Discontinue Play: Three consecutive notes of siren repeated.
- 3) Resume Play: Two short notes of siren, repeated.

7. ADVICE IN TEAM COMPETITIONS

In accordance with the Note to R&A Rule 8 of the Rules of Golf, 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 must not walk onto a putting green to give advice.

8. ANTI-DOPING

Competitors who are on medication and in doubt as to their clinical status should seek advice from the Sport Ireland. Please refer to www.sportireland.ie for anti-doping education, medicines/TUEs & 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 the 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.

9. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES (DMDs)

The ILGU permit the use of DMDs at all ILGU events provided that the DMDs conform to the Regulations as set down by the R&A.

10. TRANSPORTATION

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

Match play – At the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, the state of the match is adjusted by deducting one hole for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum deduction per round – Two holes.

Stroke play – Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – Four strokes (two strokes at each of the first two holes at which any breach occurred).

Match play or stroke play – If a breach is discovered between the play of two holes, it is deemed to have been discovered during play of the next hole, and the penalty must be applied accordingly.

Stableford competitions – See Note 1 to Rule 32-1b.

***Use of any unauthorised form of transportation must be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise, the player is disqualified.**

11. PACE OF PLAY NOTE 2 TO RULE 6-7 (R&A RULES OF GOLF)

The player must play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines that the Committee may establish. Between completion of a hole and playing from the next teeing ground, the player must not unduly delay play.

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

Penalty for breach of Condition:

1	Bad Time	Player will be warned by the Official and told that if she has a further bad time she will be penalised.	
		Stroke Play	Match Play
2	Bad Times	Penalty of 1 stroke	Loss of Hole
3	Bad Times	Further 2 stroke penalty	Loss of Hole
4	Bad Times	Disqualification	Disqualification

12. LOCAL RULE: ELIMINATING THE PENALTY FOR ACCIDENTAL MOVEMENT OF A BALL ON THE PUTTING GREEN

Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows:

When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1. This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

***Note: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.**

POLICY DOCUMENTS

P1. 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 Conditions and ILGU Hard Card provides for conditions permitting players/caddies to use transport when playing golf from time to time.
- 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 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 Transportatin application and consent form must be sent to the ILGU 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

- 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 conditions 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 Conditions 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 **Conditions 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 losses 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.

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.

P2. **PACE OF PLAY POLICY**

2.1 **Time allowed:**

Each player is responsible for playing without undue delay (R&A Rule 6-7). 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 and has exceeded the time allowed.
- 2.2.2 The Rules Committee reserves the right to time a group when the Committee deems it necessary. Further, if a player is determined by the Committee to be unreasonably slow, she may be timed individually at the Rules Committee'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; and
- 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 putt. 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 Condition:

1. Bad Time Player will be warned by the Official and told that if she has a further bad time she will be penalised.

	Stroke Play	Match play
2. Bad Times	Penalty of 1 stroke	Loss of Hole
3. Bad Times	Further 2 stroke penalty	Loss of Hole
4. Bad Times	Disqualification	Disqualification

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.

P3. 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 Conditions of Competition for all ILGU Championships. It sets out the circumstances in which transgender players may participate in events organized 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 condition of any competition organized 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 condition 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 recognizes 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.

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.

Stroke play Qualifying (Leitrim Cup): Gross Winner: Trophy, Voucher; 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 1st 18, 2nd 18: Voucher; Nett: Overall Winner: 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.

Consolation 18 holes: Winner & Runner-Up: Voucher.

Online entry will be available on www.golfnet.ie

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

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 stipulated 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 Golfnet 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 In the event of a tie for the last match play place(s) the tie shall be in accordance with Generic Regulation 5.
- 1.2.8 Defeated first round players in the Championship Match Play will play in the Plate Match Play.
- 1.2.9 A Stableford consolation competition will be run for non-qualifiers.
- 1.2.10 Stipulated Round: In Stroke play the stipulated round is 18 holes. In match play the stipulated round of 18 holes is deemed to be extended by as many holes as required for a match to be won.
- 1.2.11 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 Conditions

- 1.3.1 Competitors must comply with the Eligibility Generic Conditions and in addition meet with one 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: Caddies are permitted.

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

2. IRISH WOMEN'S OPEN AMATEUR STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

2.1 Prizes

Winner: Trophy, Memento, Voucher; Runner-Up, 3rd, 4th, 5th: Voucher; 1st, 2nd Nett: Voucher; Gross Round 1, 2 & 3: Voucher.

Nett: Voucher; Gross Round 1, 2 & 3: Voucher.

(U18)Winner (Cathy Smith Trophy): Trophy, Voucher. Players 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 U18 Trophy regardless of winning any other Trophy/Prize.

Nations Cup: Voucher.

Online entry will be available on www.golfnet.ie

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

2.2 Regulations

- 2.2.1 Handicap limit 9.
- 2.2.2 Entries shall be limited to the 71 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 to info@ilgu.ie 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 stipulated 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 stipulated 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 and day two, 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 lot.

2.4 Conditions

- 2.4.1 The Championship shall be open to all women golfers who must comply with Generic Eligibility Conditions.
- 2.4.2 Competitors must hold a CONGU handicap or overseas equivalent.
- 2.4.3 Caddies: Caddies are permitted.

Penalty for breach of Conditions 2.4.1, 2.4.2: Disqualification. Penalty for breach of Condition 2.4.3 is in accordance with Generic Condition 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; Nett: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 1st 18, 2nd 18, Over 60.

Online entry will be available on www.golfnet.ie

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

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 stipulated 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) on days 3 and 4.
- 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 according to the automatic draw.

- 3.2.7 The leading 16 of the remaining players that are available shall qualify for Plate match play according to 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 Stipulated Round: In stroke play the Stipulated Round is 18 Holes. In match play the stipulated round of 18 holes is deemed to be 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 Conditions

- 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 Conditions 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: Caddies are permitted.

Penalty for breach of Conditions 3.3.1, 3.3.2, 3.3.3: Disqualification of the player. Penalty for breach of Condition 3.3.4 is in accordance with Generic Condition 3 Penalty Statement.

4. IRISH SENIOR WOMEN'S OPEN AMATEUR STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

4.1 Prizes

Championship Trophy: Winner: Trophy, Memento, Voucher; Runner-Up: Voucher; 3rd & 4th: Voucher; 1st 18, 2nd 18, 3rd 18: Voucher.

Best Gross Over 60 (Roma English Trophy): Winner: Trophy, Voucher.

1st Nett (Eileen Connolly Trophy): Winner: Trophy, Voucher; Runner-Up: Voucher; 1st 18, 2nd 18, 3rd 18: Voucher.

Best Nett Over 60 (Bagenalstown Cup): Winner: Trophy, Voucher.

Nations Cup: Voucher.

Online entry will be available on www.golfnet.ie

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

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 to info@ilgu.ie before the closing date.

- 4.2.3 Competitors must register at the Tournament Office not later than the stipulated 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 three consecutive days.
- 4.2.5 In stroke play the stipulated round is 18 holes.
- 4.2.6 One round will be played on each of the first two days.
- 4.2.7 The leading 40 available competitors plus ties will compete in the final round on day three.
- 4.2.8 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.
- 4.2.9 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.
- 4.2.10 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 lot.

4.4 Conditions

- 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 Conditions.
- 4.4.3 Competitors must hold a CONGU handicap or overseas equivalent.
- 4.4.4 Caddies: Caddies are permitted.

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

5. WOMEN'S & GIRLS' INTERPROVINCIAL MATCHES

5.1 Prizes

Women's Winners: Trophy and Memento (8)

Girls Winners: Trophy and Memento (8)

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.

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

5.3 Teams

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

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 18.00 hrs. 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 stipulated 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 Conditions

- 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 00.00 hrs 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 Conditions 5.5.1 and 5.5.2; Disqualification of the team concerned. Penalty for breach of Condition 5.5.3 shall result in disqualification of the player/pair. Penalty for breach of Condition 5.5.4 is in accordance with Generic Condition 3 Penalty Statement.

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 Conditions must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Conditions and separate District Regulations/Conditions.

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 6 teams**.
Should a District have less than six entries, teams wishing to participate may enter a team in another District.
- 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 Should a player whose name has already been submitted, 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.
- 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 halved matches.
- 6.2.7 The Stipulated Round is 18 holes. The Stipulated Round is deemed to be extended for as many holes as may be required for a match to be won.

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 (no halved matches).
- 6.3.4 The Stipulated Round is 18 Holes. The Stipulated Round is deemed to be extended for as many holes as may be required for a match to be won.
- 6.3.5 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.
- 6.3.6 Reserves are permitted.

6.4 Conditions District Senior Cup & National Senior Cup

- 6.4.1 Handicap: At time of entry the handicap limit for East Leinster and Munster is 12. The handicap limit for Connacht, Mid Leinster and Ulster 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.
- 6.4.6 No player may play for more than one club in any one year.
- 6.4.7 Caddies: Caddies are permitted.

Penalty for breach of Conditions 6.4.5, 6.4.6, Disqualification of the player concerned.

Penalty for breach of 6.4.1, 6.4.2 is disqualification of team.

Penalty for breach of Condition 6.4.7 shall be in accordance with Generic Condition 3 Penalty Statement.

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 lot.
- 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.

7. AIG LADIES CUPS & SHIELDS

District and National Regulations and Conditions.

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.

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

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. No Halved Matches. (Ulster – see District Regulations)

7.3.4 A Match is won when one side leads by a number of holes greater than the number remaining to be played. If there is a tie, the stipulated round may be extended by as many holes as are required for a match to be won. A match must not be called in unless there is a 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 (for singles) must 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 (for singles) must 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 first match.

7.3.9 Disputes (District):

7.3.9.1 If there is a dispute which is not settled by the Team Captains, details must be sent in writing within 48 hours to the District Honorary Secretary. Each Captain will be entitled to present her case.

7.3.10 Practice:

7.3.10.1 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:

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

7.4 Conditions

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 Range 28 – 36 (maximum limit 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 - 36.

7.4.2 Current playing handicap applies at the time of the match.

7.4.3 Players must have played 3 qualifying competitions (i.e. either 18 or 9 Hole qualifying rounds) in the previous 12 months.

7.4.4 Handicap allowance.

7.4.4.1 Junior Cup and Senior Foursomes, no shots.

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.

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 For handicap purposes, the District and National Final is considered as one competition. This only applies to players on the panel at District Finals (7 in Singles and 8 in Foursomes) who will remain eligible to compete in the National Finals even if their handicaps reduce below the handicap range.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 Match Play
- 7.4.9.1 In singles match play (except The Challenge Cup), a team must consist of 5 players nominated from a panel of a maximum of 7.
- 7.4.9.2 In the Challenge Cup, a club may enter a team of less than 5 players and concede the last match or matches. If there is a tie refer to separate District pages in ILGU Handbook.
- 7.4.10 In foursomes match play a team must consist of 3 pairs nominated from a panel of a maximum of 8 players.
- 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 opponents awarded the match. There is no further penalty providing the remaining players play in order of handicap.
- 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 A Club may elect to play one or more players from above the handicap range for a particular round but they must play off the highest handicap in the competition range. E.g. a player off 25 handicap can be selected for the Intermediate Cup but she must play off 21 handicap.
- 7.4.14.2 A player may play for her correct division and a step down division.
- 7.4.15 In accordance with the Note to Rule 8-2 of the Rules of Golf, each team may appoint one person who may give advice to members of that team at each venue. She must be identified

to the Committee/Team Manager/opposing team in advance of giving advice and may not walk onto a putting green.

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 shall result in Disqualification of player/pair.

Penalty for breach of Conditions 7.4.9. shall result in disqualification of the team.

Penalty for breach of Condition 7.4.13 shall be in accordance with Generic Condition 3 Penalty Statement.

Penalty for breach of Conditions 7.4.15 shall be in accordance with R&A Rule 8-2 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 on 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 Conditions must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Conditions.

8.3 Regulations

8.3.1 The format of the Competition is 18 hole 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 stipulated round of 18 holes is deemed to be 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.

8.3.9 In each fourball match, the lowest handicap player will play off scratch and will concede strokes to the other three players based on 90% of the difference between the full handicaps (CONGU handicap allowances).

- 8.3.10 In the event of a pair being disqualified for a breach of a Rule or Condition 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 Condition 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 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 Conditions

- 8.4.1 A player who is a member of more than one club may only play for one club throughout the 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 three qualifying competitions (i.e. three 18 hole or three 9 hole qualifying competitions) in the previous 12 months.
- 8.4.2 The combined handicap limit of each pair must not be less than 19 and a handicap limit of 46 applies.
- 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 handicap order at each venue.

Note: In the Regional Finals and the National Semi-Finals and Final the team must play in 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 should 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 the Note to R&A Rule 8 of the Rules of Golf, each team may appoint one person who may give advice to members of that team at each venue. She must be identified to the Committee/Team Manager/opposing team before giving advice and may not walk onto a putting green to give advice.

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

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

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

Penalty for breach 8.4.9: as per Generic Condition 3 Penalty Statement.

Penalty for breach 8.4.10: as per R&A R.8-2 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 qualifying competition for the Spoons.

9.1 Prizes

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

National: Nett Winners: Australian Spoons, Memento Spoons & Voucher; Gross Winners: Memento Spoons and Voucher; Nett Runners-Up, 3rd & 4th: Voucher.

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

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

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 29 thereafter.

9.2 Conditions

- 9.2.1 The winning pair (nett) 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.

9.3 District Qualifying Venues – Stableford Greensomes

- 9.3.1 The winning pair (nett) and the best gross pair (if applicable) from each club or 2nd, 3rd in the event of the winners and 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 All-Ireland Final - Stableford Greensomes

- 9.4.1 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 Limited 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 Conditions must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Conditions.

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 - 36). Medals 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.
- 10.2.2 Qualifications
- 10.2.2.1 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 Conditions 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 Conditions 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 conditions 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. (Note to R&A Rule 33-2b).
- 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 Nett 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 Nett Differentials between the Standard Scratch Score and the Nett 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 to 36 inclusive.
- 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 Nett 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 may not be represented.
- 10.2.8.6 The venue and dates for the ILGU Medal finals may be obtained from www.golfnet.ie and should be downloaded by the Ladies' Club Secretary.

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 shall not be 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 Nett Score on the Alternate 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 Conditions must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Conditions.

11.2 General

- 11.2.1 The Spoon is awarded to the member of the club who returns the lowest aggregate of three nett 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 Nett 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.

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12. IRISH GIRLS' CLOSE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP (U18)

12.1 Prizes

Championship Match play (Blake Cup): Winner: 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.

Nett 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 Conditions must be read in conjunction with Generic Regulations and Conditions.

12.2 Regulations

- 12.2.1 Handicap limit 18.
- 12.2.2 Entries shall be limited to the 72 competitors with the lowest exact handicap on the closing date.
- 12.2.3 Competitors must register at the Tournament Office not later than the stipulated time and date for that Championship. Competitors may register by email, text, telephone or in person.
- 12.2.4 Competitors shall play 2 qualifying rounds of 18 holes stroke play on day 1.
- 12.2.5 A draw shall be made for the qualifying rounds.
- 12.2.6 The leading 32 available competitors shall qualify for match play for the Championship according to the automatic draw on day 2.
- 12.2.7 Ties will be in accordance with Generic Regulation 5.

- 12.2.8 Defeated first round players in the Championship match play will play in the Plate match play on day 3.
- 12.2.9 A Stableford competition will be run on day 2 for non-qualifiers.
- 12.2.10 In stroke play the stipulated round is 18 holes and in match play the stipulated round of 18 holes is deemed to be extended by as many holes as required for a match to be won.

12.3 Conditions

- 12.3.1 Competitors must comply with the Eligibility Generic Conditions.
- 12.3.2 The Championship shall be open to all competitors who are under 18 years of age at 00.00 hrs. 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:
 - 12.3.2.1 Irish Nationality of father, mother, grandmother or grandfather;
 - 12.3.2.2 Birth of competitor in Ireland; or
 - 12.3.2.3 Five (5) years' residence in Ireland.
- 12.3.3 Competitors must hold a CONGU handicap or overseas equivalent.
- 12.3.4 Caddies: 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 Conditions 12.3.1, 12.3.2, 12.3.3: Disqualification Penalty for breach of Condition 12.3.4 is in accordance with Generic Condition 3 Penalty Statement.

13. IRISH GIRLS' OPEN AMATEUR STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP (U18)

13.1 Prizes

Winner: Trophy, Memento, Voucher; Runner-Up, 3rd, 4th, 5th: Voucher. 1st, 2nd Nett: Voucher; Gross Round 1, 2 & 3: Voucher.

Nations Cup: Trophy & Voucher.

Online entry will be available on www.golfnet.ie

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

13.2 Regulations

- 13.2.1 Handicap limit 12.
- 13.2.2 Entries shall be limited to the 80 competitors with the lowest exact handicap on the closing date.
 - 13.2.2.1 Overseas players are required to furnish certificate of handicap by email to info@ilgu.ie before the closing date.
 - 13.2.2.2 In addition the ILGU is entitled to add up to 10 players.
- 13.2.3 Competitors must register at the Tournament Office not later than the stipulated time and date for that Championship. Competitors may register by email, text, telephone or in person.
- 13.2.4 The Championship shall consist of 54 holes stroke play played over the stipulated round of 18 holes.
- 13.2.5 18 holes will be played on each day.
- 13.2.6 There will be a cut to the top 50 available players (+ ties) after 36 holes.
- 13.2.7 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.

13.2.8 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.

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

13.3 Nations Cup

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

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

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

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

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

13.3.3.3 If still a tie, the non-counting score for the 1st round;

13.3.3.4 If still a tie, the decision will be made by lot.

13.4 Conditions

13.4.1 The Championship shall be open to all competitors who are under 18 years of age at 00.00 hrs. 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.

13.4.2 Competitors must hold a CONGU handicap or overseas equivalent.

13.4.3 Caddies: 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 Conditions 13.4.1, 13.4.2: Disqualification of the player.

Penalty for breach of Condition 13.4.3 is in accordance with Generic Condition 3 Penalty Statement.

14. 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.

14.1 Prizes

National Final (Stableford)

Nett: Overall Winner: Gold Medal, Voucher; **Gross: Winner:** Silver Medal, Voucher; **Nett (Handicap + - 20):** Silver Medal, Voucher; **Nett (Handicap 21 – 36):** Bronze Medal, Voucher; **2nd & 3rd Best Nett:** Voucher.

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

14.2 Regulations

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

14.2.2 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 nett 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 nett score of players with handicap up to 20. The Bronze Medal will be awarded to the best nett score handicap 21- 36.

- 14.2.3 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.
- 14.2.4 In addition, the lowest 50 (+ties) aggregate of counting scores will also qualify for the final.
- 14.2.5 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. Nett 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.

14.3 Conditions

- 14.3.1 Players must be under 18 years of age at 00.00 hrs. on the 1st day of January in the year of the Tournament.
- 14.3.2 Eligible players must be registered on Golfnet indicating their correct date of birth.
- 14.3.3 Eligible players must be registered on Golfnet indicating their membership category as “junior/juvenile”.
- 14.3.4 Players must have a maximum CONGU handicap of 36.
- 14.3.5 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.
- 14.3.6 On the day of a Competition, a player must register her intention to compete by ensuring that her entry has been entered in the competition entry list, manually or by computer as required by the Committee in the Conditions of Competition.
- 14.3.7 Caddies: 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 Conditions 14.3.1, 14.3.2, 14.3.3, 14.3.4, 14.3.5, 14.3.6 is disqualification of player.

Penalty for breach of Condition 14.3.7 is in accordance with penalty statement in Generic Condition 3.

15. IRISH SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP

15.1 Prizes

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

National Junior Cup: Winners: Cup, Pennant, Voucher; Runners-Up: Voucher; Individual Gross & Nett: Voucher.

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

District: Senior Cup: Winners: Pennant, Voucher; Runners-Up: Voucher; Individual Gross & Nett: Voucher.

District: Junior Cup: Winners: Pennant, Voucher; Runners-Up: Voucher; Individual Gross & Nett: Voucher.

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

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

15.2 Regulations

- 15.2.1 Handicap limit 35.
- 15.2.2 The Championship shall be open to all primary and second level schools in Ireland.
- 15.2.3 The Senior Cup will be open to all competitors. The Junior Cup will be open to all competitors up to Junior Cert/O levels (year 1 only).
- 15.2.4 A team may win one Cup only.
- 15.2.5 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.
- 15.2.6 Each school entered in the Championship shall play in their District qualifier in order to qualify for the National Finals.
- 15.2.7 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.
- 15.2.8 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.
- 15.2.9 A school may enter an individual player at District level only.
- 15.2.10 **Winners:**
 - 15.2.10.1 In each District, the team with the highest aggregate gross Stableford score shall win the Senior Cup irrespective of age.
 - 15.2.10.2 When a Senior Team wins The Senior Cup, it must be the best Junior Team who then wins Junior Cup and qualifies for finals.
 - 15.2.10.3 In the event of a Junior Team winning the Senior Cup it is then the next best score/team that also qualifies for the National finals.
This could be either a Senior Team or a Junior Team.
 - 15.2.10.4 If a Junior Cup Team wins the Senior Cup, it is the next best Junior Team who wins the Junior Cup at District Level.
This team will only qualify for the National Final if they are the overall runners-up at District level.
Example: Junior Team X scores 80 points.
Senior Team Y scores 79 points.
Junior Team Z scores 78 points.
Result: Junior Team X wins Senior Cup and qualifies for the Final.
Junior Team Z wins the Junior Cup
Senior Team Y doesn't win the Senior Cup but qualifies for the Final.
 - 15.2.10.5 Junior Cycle girls on Senior Teams are eligible to win Junior individual gross or nett prizes.
- 15.2.11 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.
- 15.2.12 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.

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

15.3. Conditions

- 15.3.1 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.
- 15.3.2 A player must have a CONGU handicap or overseas equivalent.
- 15.3.3 A player may not play for more than one team throughout the competition.
- 15.3.4 Caddies are not permitted.

Penalty for breach of Conditions 15.3.2 and 15.3.3: Disqualification of player.

Penalty for breach of Condition 15.3.4 is in accordance with Generic Condition 3 Penalty Statement.

16. GIRLS' INTER-CLUB NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY (U19)

16.1 Prizes

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

Provincial: Winners: Pennant, Memento; Runners-Up: Memento.

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

16.2 General

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

16.3 Regulations

- 16.3.1 Each team entered in the Tournament shall play in a Provincial qualifier.
- 16.3.2 The Tournament shall be in the form of singles match play played in the order of handicap.
- 16.3.3 The Provincial qualifying competitions shall be run by the Connacht, Leinster, Munster and Ulster Districts.
- 16.3.4 The winning Provincial Club shall play in the All Ireland Semi-Final/Final.
- 16.3.5 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.
- 16.3.6 Each club may enter a maximum of two teams. If two teams are entered they shall be named 'A Team' and 'B Team' respectively.
- 16.3.7 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.
- 16.3.8 All matches shall be played to a result unless a team has already won. The Stipulated Round of 18 holes is deemed to be extended by as many holes as are required for a match to be won.
- 16.3.9 Shots to be conceded as per CONGU match play allowances.

- 16.3.10 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.

16.4 Conditions

- 16.4.1 The Tournament shall be open to competitors who are under 19 years of age at 00.00 hrs. On the 1st day of January in the year of the Tournament.
- 16.4.2 Each team must consist of three players. A reserve may be named on the submitted team at the discretion of the captain.
- 16.4.3 A player must be a Member of the club she represents.
- 16.4.4 A player shall not play for more than one team throughout the competition.
- 16.4.5 A competitor who is a Member of more than one club shall only represent her nominated club throughout the Competition.
- 16.4.6 Players on a team must play in order of handicap.
- 16.4.7 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.
- 16.4.8 In all matches the maximum permitted Handicap allowance is 18.

Example 1

Player A has a handicap of 10

Player B has a handicap of 20

The difference in handicap is 10 so the handicap allowance is 10.

Example 2

Player A has a handicap of 30

Player B has a handicap of 4

The difference in handicap is 26 but her handicap allowance is now 18.

- 16.4.9 Caddies are not permitted.

- 16.4.10 Advice: In accordance with the Note to R&A Rule 8 of the Rules of Golf, 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 may not walk onto a putting green to give advice.

Penalty for breach of Conditions 16.4.1, 16.4.3, 16.4.4, 16.4.5, 16.4.6, 16.4.7, 16.4.8:

Disqualification of player.

Penalty for 16.4.2. Disqualification of team.

Penalty for breach of Condition 16.4.9 is in accordance with Generic Condition 3 Penalty Statement.

Penalty for breach of Condition 16.4.10 is in accordance with R&A Rule 8-2 penalty.