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# ENTRY INFORMATION

**ENTRIES WILL BE STRICTLY LIMITED**

**Junior competitors must be aged 18 years old or younger, and be accompanied by an adult older than 19 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2018**

**Adults and juniors over the age of 13 must have an official GUI handicap. Any juniors between the ages of 8 and 12 without an official GUI handicap will automatically be given a handicap of 28.**

**7 year olds and under will be given a handicap of 36  
Professional golfers will play off a handicap of scratch.**

**Competition will be over 18 holes**

**Entry Fee is £40 per pair**

**Cancellations before Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March will be refunded**

**After this date there will be no refund**

**Closing date is 21<sup>st</sup> March**

**There will be 6 team prizes given out on the day**

**Teams with a 9 year old and under: 2 prizes (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>)**

**Teams with a 10 year old and over: 4 prizes (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>)**

## TEE BOXES

**Tee boxes for play will be as follows,**

**White Tee Markers for all Male Adults and Over 13 Year Olds**

**Red Tee Markers for all 10-12 Year Olds (Max score 8)**

**Yellow Tee Markers for all under 10 Year Olds (Max score 10)**

**Red Tee Markers for all Adult Females**

## FORMAT

**Format for this Adult/Junior event will be 18 hole fourball better ball**

# RULES AND REGULATIONS

Play is governed by the 2016 R&A Rules of Golf and its Decisions and, where applicable, by the Local Rules of each club, Conditions, and Definitions.

**Format:** Each player will play their designated holes, marking their scorecard as stroke play.

**Time of Starting/Late to Tee:** If a player fails to tee off on time the penalty will be two strokes at the first hole. If a player arrives at the tee more than five minutes after his/her starting time they will be disqualified. All competitors should check in at the registration point in the Clubhouse at least 30 minutes before their starting time, and must be at the first tee 10 minutes before their starting time.

**Eight/ Ten Shot Rules:** A player shall take no more than 8/10 strokes on a hole depending on their age, 10 for under 9 year olds and 8 for under 12 year olds. Once the maximum score is reached, a player must pick up their ball and wait for the other players in the group to complete the hole.

**Distance Measuring Device:** Devices that measure distance are permitted.

**Pace of Play:** Each player must play without undue delay, which is defined as taking no more than 45 seconds to play a shot. Caddies are asked to refrain from coaching the player. It is the caddie's duty to help the player hit each shot within a reasonable period of time.

When it is determined that a group is behind time or out of position on the golf course the group will be warned and asked to speed up play. If the group continues to fall behind each member of the group may be timed. If a player takes more than the allotted time, he or she may be subject to a penalty. First offense: warning; Second offense: one stroke penalty; Subsequent offenses: score of 8/10 on that hole for under 12's and disqualification for 13 year olds to 18 year olds.

The 45-second rule is in place to assure playing without "undue delay" and to prevent coaching and slow play.

**Out of Bounds:** Where white stakes are used, the nearest inside points at ground level define out of bounds. When out of bounds is defined by a white line on the ground, the line itself is out of bounds.

**Water Hazards:** Defined by yellow lines and designated by yellow stakes. In the absence of lines, the stakes both identify and define the hazard.

**Lateral Water Hazards:** Defined by red lines and designated by red stakes. In the absence of lines, the stakes both identify and define the hazard.

**Ball Drops:** A "dropping zone" is an area enclosed by a white line having the words "dropping zone" printed inside it. A "dropping zone" is not ground under repair.



**Ground Under Repair:** Enclosed white lined areas define ground under repair. The white lines are considered in ground under repair. Other areas of ground under repair, even though not so marked include: French drains (trenches filled with stones).

**Embedded Ball:** The “Embedded Ball Rule”, is in effect “through the green.”

**Disqualification Policy for 12 year olds and under:** No player will be disqualified for any violations of the Rules of Golf. Instead, a maximum score of 8/10 on any hole where the infraction would normally lead to disqualification. In situations where the round or hole has been completed, the score of 8/10 will apply to the hole/s where the infraction occurred.

**Electronic Devices:** Mobile phones must not be used during play. First offense: 2 stroke penalty; Second offense: disqualification.

**Code of Conduct:** Violations include: abusive language, club throwing, cheating, disrespect of volunteers or officials, abuse to the golf course or the facilities, littering, or any other conduct unbecoming of a player. The Irish Junior Open committee reserves the right to dismiss any player, caddie or spectator at any time for any reason during the event. Repeated violations may lead to rejection of future entries.

**Result of the Competition:** When all the scores have been posted on the official scoreboard and approved by the Irish Junior Open committee, the result of the competition is deemed to have been officially announced unless due to a rules violation.

**Spectator Policy:** Spectators are not allowed on the greens. Please stay behind the group being followed.

**How to Decide Ties:** Ties for all prizes will be determined by the best score on the final 9, 6, 3 and 1 holes or last 6, 3 and 1 holes for the 9 hole Championship.

**Signals for Suspension and Resumption of Play (Lightning):** If play is to be suspended, one long siren or horn blast will suspend play. Please take shelter or come off the golf course. Two long sirens or horn blasts will recommence play Championship.

**Safety Announcement:** Participation during tournament play can be dangerous. A player may discontinue play if he/she believes there are dangerous weather conditions (lightning, etc.) or other good reason such as illness. Seek shelter or medical help when these conditions arise.

Please be aware of others near you at all times on the course and practice area. It is possible that you may get struck by a club or ball hit by someone else. When riding in a golf cart, please read and follow the manufacturer’s safety notices at all times. Riding in a cart or being struck with a club or ball can cause serious injury or death. All competitors, caddies and spectators venture onto the course at each event at their own risk. The Irish Junior Open Series is not liable for any incidents or accidents whilst at our events.

Entry fees will not be refunded after the close of entry

**It is critical that we all work together to provide a safe and fun environment for all in attendance.**

**You may use a mobile phone to call for medical help at any time during the Championship. First Aid will be available at the clubhouse.**

**It is each competitor's responsibility to adhere to the rules of golf as set down by the R&A and any tournament rules set down by the Irish Junior Open Committee.**

**The Irish Junior Open committee reserves the right to change the Rules & Regulations prior to or during the event.**