

## THE BOYNE TROPHY RULES 2024

1. The Trophy shall be called The Boyne Trophy and shall be competed for annually.
2. The competition shall be under the control and management of the Ladies Committee of Edenderry Golf Club and shall be played in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of Golf Ireland and the Rules of Golf. All decisions by the Committee in connection with this Trophy shall be binding.
3. The competition shall be open to clubs on an invitation basis, each of which may enter only one team. Each team shall consist of 10 female players of amateur status who are members of the competing clubs. Competitors must be at least 50 years on 1<sup>st</sup> January of the year of competition and a player must have 20 scores on their record by 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2024.
4. Play shall be fourball matchplay, in strict order of handicap, i.e. lowest combined plays lowest combined and so on. **Players take 90% of their Course Handicap as their Playing Handicap and players receive the difference between their own Playing Handicap and that of the player with the lowest Playing Handicap.** To be eligible, each pair must have a minimum combined handicap index of 24 and a maximum combined handicap index of 54. The higher player's handicap index cannot exceed 36. If the maximum of 54 is exceeded the higher handicap player of the pairing must be reduced to achieve the combined 54.
5. All matches will be played on a "**Home and Away**" basis. For the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> round team on top of draw has home advantage; for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round and quarter final the team on the bottom of the draw has home advantage.
  - (a) The team with a "**HOME**" draw plays their three lowest handicap pairs at Home and their two highest handicap pairs Away.
  - (b) The team with an "**AWAY**" draw plays their three lowest handicap pairs Away and their two highest handicap pairs at Home.
6. The Captains of teams about to engage in a match shall exchange a list of the names and the handicaps of their teams in order of play, five minutes before the match is due to start.
7. A minimum choice of two dates must be offered to a club in arranging a match, and on failure to agree to either of these days, the match must be played on the last day. No extensions are permitted.
8. Each team will be responsible for the cost of its own meals (with the exception of the Trophy Final at Edenderry Golf Club).
9. All matches must be played on or before the date fixed on the Draw Sheet, and the winning club must advise Edenderry Golf Club representative of the result within 48 hours of the match being played.
10. Semi-final and Final to be played in Edenderry.
11. The Trophy shall be held by the winning club for one year, which shall be responsible for its safekeeping, and returned to Edenderry Golf Club one month prior to the Final of the following year.
12. The entrance fee of €75 is payable by EFT to Boyne Trophy account in Croi Laighean Credit Union on or before the closing date for entries. Please see attached form.
13. Only one free practice round per player per round of competition.

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