



SUPER SENIORS TROPHY

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1. COMPETITION ADMINISTRATION

The competition will be administered and hosted by Mens Golf Club, Elm Park Golf & Sports Club.

2. FORMAT AND ELIGIBILITY

The Competition will be played in **SCOTCH FOURSOMES MATCH-PLAY** format by Gentlemen who have reached their **70th birthday on or before the 1st January, 2026.**

Any Team which includes an ineligible player -

(a) in a match in the league/round robin stage of the competition will be disqualified from the relevant match and forfeit any points won in that match. In a case where the pairing which included the underage player won their match, the opposing team will be awarded one additional point;

(b) in a match in the knockout stage of the competition will be disqualified from the competition and the match awarded to the opposing team.

(c) a player cannot represent more than one Club in any one year.

3. PAIRINGS/HANDICAPS

Teams will consist of 5 pairings.

There will be **no handicap limit** and a player's **current handicap** will apply.

4. PLAYING HANDICAPS

As per Appendix C of the new WHS Handicap and CONGU Rules for Scotch Foursomes Playing Handicaps for each pair will be 60% of the lower Course Handicap and 40% of the higher Course Handicap. See Section 20 below for examples of calculations.

After the completion of this calculation the **Away** team will receive one additional stroke per pair. This additional stroke for away teams will also apply in any play-off matches; quarter and semi-final matches and where additional holes are required to decide such a match.

5. EXCHANGE OF TEAM PAIRINGS

Prior to the start of a match the respective Team Managers shall simultaneously exchange the names of their teams, their handicaps and the order of play.

To determine the order of play, each Team Manager shall -

(i) decide on the 5 pairings regardless of the handicaps of the players (players do not have to be paired by handicap order);

(ii) calculate the handicap of each foursome pairing;

(iii) place the pairing with lowest handicap in first position. Place the pairing with the second lowest handicap in second position and so forth with the pairing with the highest handicap in fifth position.

6. TEES

The tees to be used will be determined by the Home Club.

7. BUGGIES

The use of buggies in matches is allowed. However, the Home Club's rule on the use of buggies must be observed and obeyed.

8. CADDIES

Caddies are not allowed.

Only a Team Manager or Assistant Manager can offer advice to a player.

9. COMPLIMENTARY PRACTICE

Encouraged but use of course and complimentary number of green fees at the discretion of the Home Club.

10. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

Are permitted once they comply with Golf Ireland guidelines.

11. GROUP MATCHES

Depending on the number of entries, teams will be drawn in Groups and matches will be played as per the schedule to be advised.

Home advantage will rest with the team on top of the draw. All 5 matches will be played at the venue of the Home Club. Home advantage can be conceded if the Home Club is unable to facilitate the playing of a match by the due date.

There will be a total of 5 points to be won in each match. Pairs will be awarded 1 point for a win and ½ point for a half.

If there is a tie between two or more teams, the Group Winner and subsequent order will be decided on

- (i) the number of away matches won; failing that,
- (ii) the total number of away points scored; failing that,
- (iii) the result of the match between the tied teams; failing that
- (iv) a play-off.

12. RUNNER-UP QUALIFIERS

The 5 best Runner-Up positions will be determined by, total points accumulated. in the event of a tie, the order will be decided on

- (i) the number of away matches won; failing that,
- (ii) the total number of away points scored; failing that,
- (iii) total score accumulated by the clubs first pairings, failing that,
- (iv) toss of a coin

13. ORDER OF PLAYING MATCHES

Matches shall be played in the order in which they appear in the draw unless permission is obtained from Elm Park to do otherwise.

14. WALKOVER AND POSTPONEMENTS

A Team Manager/Assistant Manager may neither grant or accept a walkover.

All matches **must** be played on or before the specified date. In the event of a weather delayed match, both managers must contact the competition administrators immediately.

Where Team Managers/Assistant Managers experience difficulty in arranging a date they should both immediately contact the competition administrators (see details below). Failure to make such contact before the play by date may result in any or all of the following - (a) loss of home advantage; (b) a deduction of points; (c) disqualification from the relevant match; (d) disqualification from the competition and (e) withdrawal of the invitation to take part in the competition in future years.

15. ROUND of 16, QUARTER-FINALS AND SEMI-FINALS

Match pairings for the Round of 16 (R16) will be done by open-draw and entries to the Quarter and Semi Finals will flow from that. The R16, Quarter and Semi-finals will be decided by one match with one team having 3 pairs at home and 2 away. The R16, Quarter and Semi-final matches will be played to a finish with no halved matches.

16. FINAL

Elm Park will host the final, in September, and it will be played off the **Blue medal tees**.

In the event of a tie following the final, the 5th match will re-commence play at the 1st hole and the tie will be decided when a team wins a hole.

17. RESULTS

During the 2026 competition, Team Managers will be required to complete and return a Results/Handicap sheet. This will capture individual match and overall results and Handicap Index of the match 20 players. This sheet must be communicated by the **winning** team management within 24 hours to Competition Administration by a method to be advised to Team Managers before matches begin.

18. DISPUTES

In all disputes and all matters relating to the competition the decision of Elm Park Golf & Sports Club shall be final.

19. CHANGES TO COMPETITION RULES

Elm Park reserves the right to alter and revise the Rules as it sees fit.

20. PROVISION OF MEALS AFTER MATCHES

The following guideline is recommended regarding the cost of after match meals provided by participating clubs in the above competition: - when matches are being arranged, the Visiting and Home Team Managers should agree as to the fare being proposed after the match and agree to share the cost either on a 50/50 basis or each Club pay own expenses.

21. HANDICAP CALCULATIONS for SCOTCH FOURSOMES

1. Determine the **Course Handicaps** for each player,
2. Use **60% of the lower COURSE handicap** plus 40% of the higher COURSE handicap in the pair (not 50% combined).
3. The strokes given is based on the **full difference** between the two handicaps.
4. Only **round** to a whole shot **after** calculating the full difference.

In example 2 below, you will note, the Pair for the HOME team have a combined handicap of 19.6 (not 20). The AWAY pair have a combined handicap of 16.2 (not 16).

The shots given is the difference of $19.6 - 16.2 = 3.4$, not $20 - 16$.

Finally allow for the visitors shot.

Handicap Calculations

Matches will go out in Foursome pairings handicap order, this does not necessarily mean the lowest individual player has to be in match 1.

See the example below where Team B, player 3 is lower than either Player 1 or 2.

MATCH 1		Team A		Team B	
		Player 1	Player 2	Player 1	Player 2
1	Handicap Index	18.6	20.7	17.3	18.8
2	Course Handicap	21	23	19	21
3	60% of LOWER	12.6		11.4	
4	40% of HIGHER		9.2		8.4
5	Combined Playing Handicap	21.8		19.8	
6	Difference	2			
7	Rounded Difference	2			
8	Visitor Shot			1	
	Shots Received	1			

MATCH 2		Team A		Team B	
		Player 3	Player 4	Player 3	Player 4
1	Handicap Index	20	21.8	16.6	23.5
2	Course Handicap	22	24	19	26
3	60% of LOWER	13.2		11.4	
4	40% of HIGHER		9.6		10.4
5	Combined Playing Handicap	22.8		21.8	
6	Difference	1			
7	Rounded Difference	1			
8	Visitor Shot			1	
	Shots Received	0			

22. COMPETITION ADMINISTRATORS

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