

# Carton Cup 2025



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**Carton Cup – Tournament Conditions**

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## ***Important Information for Team Managers 2025***

1. The Trophy shall be called The Carton Cup and shall be competed for annually.
2. The competition shall be under the control and management of the ***Ladies Committee of Carton House Golf Club*** and shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf. All decisions by the Committee in connection with this competition shall be binding.
3. Conditions of Play –

### ***First, Second Rounds & Regional Final:***

- a. Format: Singles Matchplay (ladies red tees)
- b. Number of matches: 5 players from one club v's 5 from opposing club, matches to be played **over 2 legs, home and away** (Draw determines who has home advantage – home advantage means choice of playing first or 2<sup>nd</sup> leg in home venue. Players can be changed from different legs of a round as long as they fit the handicap index criteria. Players play in handicap order.
- c. Number of holes: Matches to be played over 9 holes.
- d. Winner: One point awarded per winning match or if tied after 9 holes a half point is awarded to both teams. First team with 5.5 points over the 2 legs wins the tie. If both teams finish on 5 points each after the 2 legs are played, the team managers nominates 1 player from each of their teams and both players then play sudden death over the original holes played that day. The first player to win a hole outright wins the tie for their team.

### ***Other rounds outside First, Second, Region Finals & Carton Cup Finals weekend:***

- e. Format: Singles Matchplay (ladies red tees)
- f. Number of matches: 5 players from one club v's 5 from opposing club, matches to be played on **one day either home and away** (Draw determines who has home advantage – home advantage means that the 3 lowest handicap players from both teams play in that venue and 2 higher handicap players from both clubs play in the other venue). Players play in handicap order.
- g. Number of holes: Matches to be played over 9 holes.
- h. Winner: One point awarded per winning match, if tied after 9 holes each match must play out till there is a winner and play over the original holes until a player wins a hole outright. First team with 3 points wins the tie.

### ***Carton Cup Finals Weekend – All Ireland Semi-Final & Final:***

- i. The semi-finals and final of the Tournament will be played in Carton House on the front 9 of the O'Meara course. Play off holes will be 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> then back to the 1<sup>st</sup>. The format will be the 5 players from one club v's 5 from opposing club playing in handicap order.
- j. Winner: One point awarded per winning match or if tied after 9 holes a half point is awarded to both teams. First team with 3 points wins the tie. If both teams finish on 2.5 points each after all matches finished, the team managers nominates 1 player from each of their teams and both players then play sudden death over the tie off holes. The first player to win a hole outright wins the tie for their team.

**General:**

k. Handicaps: **Handicap index (HI)** range for Carton cup is 36.0+ under the following condition.

HI is no lower than 36.0 in 2024 or below 36.0 if first HI is in 2025. Players play in order of handicap index (lowest to highest). There are no shots in the matches unless a player has dropped under 36.0 handicap index on the day of the match and no lower than 30.0 handicap index.

If a player is **below** 36.0 HI on the day of the match, shots will be given to the opposing player. This happens only for players that drop below 36.0 HI and no lower than 30.0 HI E.g team A player now 30.4 HI index and team B player 36.0. The HI is rounded off to the nearest whole number. So in this example the player off 30.4 is rounded to 30 and the Difference is 6. Playing in 9 holes competitions give half the shot difference. This means team A player gives 3 shots on the 3 lowest index holes. Max shots to be given is 3 shots. Note: Difference is always from 36 as no shots above that.

l. All categories of member can play in the Carton cup e.g Get into Golf, 5-day members, full members etc. Juniors/Juveniles not allowed to play in Carton Cup. It is **NOT** a requirement for a player to have a 20-card established handicap index (HI).

m. Caddies are allowed – As most players will have played little or no matchplay before. We advise that an experienced player with understanding of matchplay and the rules of golf act as caddie. Caddies are **NOT** allowed on the green as to speed up play and should encourage the player to play in a timely manner at all times and keep up with the players in front of them. Once the player steps on the green the caddie **CANNOT** give anymore advice other than to count strokes or when to concede putts/hole.

n. Rules decisions: If there is a query over a rule, the players & caddie in the match should try to resolve. If not team managers to agree outcome.

4. Team manager notes:

o. Team Managers should:

Contact the opposing team manager to discuss match date options, 2 options must be given to the away team, one being a weekend option. Arrange & book the match date and time. If agreement can't be made on match dates and both matches can't be played by the deadline, both teams will be eliminated from the competition unless a team has been given a bye by the other team. No extensions will be given.

p. Team managers should agree in advance which 9 holes of the course the matches will be played on. This is so that visiting teams will have practiced the correct course.

q. Practice Round:

Team managers should contact the Pro Shop / club to make arrangements for practice round at a time convenient to the hosting club. These practice rounds are at the discretion of the club.

Suggest a book is kept in the Pro Shop for players to sign in, emphasis one free practice round. Singles = 5 players + 2 subs

r. How home advantage is determined: For the Carton Cup we have decided to follow the Golf Ireland example of home advantage:

Home advantage will be determined on a round by round basis as follows:

1. First round and Second round if no First round beforehand, team on top of the draw has home advantage.
2. If the two advancing teams have both had home advantage in the previous round, home advantage will go to the team on top of the draw.
3. If the two advancing teams were both away in the previous round, home advantage will go to the team on top of the draw.
4. If one of the two teams advancing teams was at home and the other team away in the previous round, the team that was away will have home advantage.
5. If one of the two teams due to play each other availed of a bye in the first round, that team will be away, irrespective of whether the other team was home or away in the previous round.
6. Where both teams availed of a bye in the previous round, home advantage will go to the team on top of the draw.

s. Team Exchange Sheet – to be completed with lowest playing handicap index (2024 or 1st HI if joined in 2025 and HI on the day of the match. List names in order of current handicap index. Exchange with opposing Team Manager on day of the match.

t. Golf Ireland Transportation Policy - Team Managers must make sure they are fully compliant with the Golf Ireland transportation policy regarding the use of buggies by players and caddies. A Medical cert is required to use a buggy in a match. Please make it known to opposing manager if any player is intending to use a buggy under this Golf Ireland Policy.

u. Ensure your players and caddies are at the first tee at least 10mins before their starting time.

v. There must be no slow play - Pace of Play is very important.

Agree with the opposing Team Manager that you will both move your players on or call the match behind through. The group is responsible for keeping up with the match in front. If a match loses a clear hole and it is delaying the match behind, they should call the match behind to play through. Each player is responsible for playing without undue delay.

w. Remind your players that mobile phones SHOULD be switched OFF while matches are in progress. (Team Managers may carry a phone on silent)

x. The use of DMD'S/ GPS watches is permitted if required, provided that they conform to the regulations as set down by the R & A.

l. Please advise Team members not to interact with spectators as this may be construed as seeking advice. Again, Team Manager and caddie are the only people allowed to interact with their player while match is in progress.

y. Advice for Team Managers in Extreme Weather Conditions.

Where extreme weather creates a safety issue, the two Team Managers may at any time agree to discontinue a match. This course of action should only be taken as a last resort and in general a match should be finished if at all possible.

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 rescheduled match must concede their match. A team/player(s) which has not commenced play may change the team /players even if team sheets have already been exchanged prior to the rescheduling of the match.

When a decision is taken to discontinue a match, the two Team Managers must:

- Ensure that the position of the balls and state of the match is clearly agreed.
- Arrange with the host club for course time to complete the match.

z. Each team will be responsible for the cost of its own meals. A week or two before the Matches contact the visiting Team Managers with menu choices and prices. Get an approximate number of players and caddies who will be eating on the day so you can inform the caterer. **As this is only 9 holes it is suggested that to keep costs to a minimum that light refreshments are available e.g Tea/Coffee & sandwiches or similar**

*a1. Reporting Match Results.*

The Manager of the winning team should forward the match result by emailing [CartonCup@cartonhousemembers.com](mailto:CartonCup@cartonhousemembers.com) within 24hrs of match conclusion.

5. Details of draw will be published on the Carton House website and sent to the team managers as per the entry sheet.

6. Draw will be zoned so that clubs play other clubs in their area before having to play clubs further away in later rounds.

7. The entrance fee of €60 is payable by bank transfer to Carton House Ladies Club account on or before the closing date for entries. Please see attached entry form for details of bank account.