

## **Annual PPUI Convention 2010 - Motions**

### **Motion 1            *DEFEATED***

Rule 22.8 - Delete "no net prizes shall be allowed". Rule to read:

Open Scratch Cups:

(i) Cuts for Open Scratch Cups are as follows:

If a prize winner is	Senior	Inter	Junior
	(2-3)		
Winner	1	Cut to -4	Cut to -4
Runner-Up	1	2	3
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	0	2	3
4 <sup>th</sup> or other overall prize	0	1	2
Grade or Team winner	0	1	1

Note: Gents off -4 are subject to Rule 22.3 (ii).

Winner of an Intermediate Scratch Cup shall be 1 shot

Winner of a Junior Scratch Cup shall be cut 1 shot

Winner of a Ladies Scratch Cup will be reviewed by the NEC

Helen McMorrow

### **Motion 2            *PASSED***

Add Rule 22.8 (ii):

In order to achieve the SRS for a Scratch Cup, the top three senior scores for 36 holes (54 holes where applicable) are added and divided by 3. If the Inter/Junior gross winner beats this score with his net score they are cut. If they do not beat this score they are noted and cut on a second win off this handicap.

Helen McMorrow

### **Motion 3            *PASSED***

Add Rule 22.2 (i):

In all open graded championships and competitions there will be no cut if there are less than ten people participating. The winner will be noted as winning a competition with less than 10 participants (<10). Three or more <10 wins in one calendar year, off the same handicap, will lead to a review of the handicap. This applies to open singles, open foursomes, threeballs or fourballs.

An exceptional score may lead to a handicap review.

Helen McMorrow

### **Motion 4            *PASSED***

Rule 22.3 - 22.3 (i) and (ii) amended to include the word "singles", with the addition of new rules 22.3 (iii) and (iv). Rule to read:

Gents with a handicap of -2 or -3 who win a first prize, whether open or confined to grade, shall have their handicap reduced by one stroke.

(i) Gents with a handicap of -1 must:

-win three open singles prizes off his handicap before being further reduced by one stroke, and/or

-win six competitions in open foursomes, threeball, fourball, or any combination of the above before being further reduced in handicap. It is mandatory for committees in charge of competitions to record such wins, whether with cuts or not, on competitors' registration card.

(ii) Gents with a handicap of -4 must:

-win three open singles prizes off his handicap before being further reduced by one stroke, and/or

-win six competitions in open foursomes, threeball, fourball, or any combination of the above before being further reduced in handicap. It is mandatory for committees in charge of competitions to record such wins, whether with cuts or not, on competitors' registration card.

(iii) Gents with a handicap of -9 must:

-win three open singles prizes off this handicap before being further reduced by one stroke and/or

-win six competitions in open foursomes, threeball, fourball or any combination of the above before being further reduced in handicap. It is mandatory for committees in charge of competitions to record such wins, whether with cuts or not, on competitors' registration card.

(iv) Prize winners in clubs to be left to the discretion of club committees.

**Definition:** A win in a singles open competition is equivalent to 1 win. A win in open foursomes, threeball, and fourball competitions equivalent to 0.5 of one win.

Examples:

An open singles win plus four open foursomes, three ball or fourball wins will lead to a cut.

2 open singles wins plus two open foursomes, three ball or fourball wins will lead to a cut.

Helen McMorrow

### **Motion 5 PASSED**

Article 66.5 of the Constitution. Amend to read:

#### **National, Provincial and County Championships Gents**

The following cuts are to be applied to a player winning a County Championship up to a maximum of Scratch:

-3	>	-1
-2	>	-1
-1	>	Scr.

A senior player winning a Provincial Championship will go to at least +1.

The NEC will review the handicaps of players finishing first, second and third in National Championships.

The winner of a National, Provincial or County Championship will automatically get one shot back the following year, should they fail to retain their title.

#### **Gents Inter/Junior Championships**

If a player wins a County Championship he will be cut at least one shot.

If a player wins a Provincial Championship he will be cut at least two shots.

The NEC will determine the cuts for National Championships and will take into consideration those players finishing first, second and third.

#### **Ladies Championships**

A Senior, Inter or Junior player winning a County or Provincial championship will be cut at least one shot.

A player playing off a handicap of -4 will be cut to -3.

The NEC will review the handicaps of ladies finishing first, second and third in National Championships.

Helen McMorrow

### **Motion 6 PASSED**

Article 65.7 (i) of the Constitution. Amend to read:

Except in the case of a provisional handicap an increase of on stroke only in a player's handicap may be granted by the club committee concerned, provided they meet the following criteria:-

#### **Clubs are divided as follows:**

- Category 'A' 15 to 60 Adult Members
- Category 'B' 61 to 110 Adult Members
- Category 'C' 111 upwards

**Category will be based on previous year's adult membership.**

In the club Singles Strokeplay/Matchplay competitions the following in the criteria to qualify to make an application for an increase in handicap:-

- **Category 'A':** The club will specify a minimum of three competitions and a member **must** play in at least two of those named sompetitions.
- **Category 'B':** The club will specify at least four competitions and a member **must** play in at least three of those named competitions.
- **Category 'C':** The club will specify at least five competitions and a member **must** play in at least four of those named competitions.

In order to verify that a member played in a specified Strokeplay competition they must return a card for that competition. The winner and runner-up in specified competitions **will not** be entitled to apply for an increase in handicap.

Numbers of wins allowed:

- **Category 'A':** A member with at least four clubs (Singles) wins will not be entitled to apply for an increase in handicap.
- **Category 'B':** A member with at least three club (Singles) wins will not be entitled to apply for an increase in handicap.
- **Category 'C':** A member with at least two club (Singles) wins will not be entitled to apply for an increase in handicap.

For all categories any member who has over five wins in club fourball, foursomes, scotch foursomes or scrambles **will not** be entitled to apply for an increase in handicap.

A member **will not** be entitled to apply for an increase in handicap if they have over club five wins in any combination from the above.

The season will run from March to September. Players will be entitled to apply for an increase in handicap once a year in January. A player winning a prize outside the playing season will be entitled to apply for an increase in handicap except in the case of wins on Opens or specified/major club competitions.

Applications must be made on the appropriate form between 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> January.

Copies of all applications shall be forwarded by Central Office to the appropriate County/Regional Board. Any objection to an application must be received in writing by Central Office on or before 15<sup>th</sup> February. Increase in handicap is effective from 1<sup>st</sup> March. Players renewing registration after a lapse shall be registered on last handicap.

Helen McMorrow

#### **Motion 7 PASSED**

Article 65.7 (ii) of the Constitution. Amend to read:

A player renewing registration after a lapse of three years or more shall be registered on last handicap. Their handicap may be reviewed after three months by their club and its immediate governing body, and a maximum of three shots increase in handicap may be given. The player will be eligible to apply for handicap increase in accordance with Section 65.7 (ii) of the Constitution.

Helen McMorrow

#### **Motion 8 PASSED**

That Article 23 "The National Executive Council (NEC) shall consist of the President, Vice President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Competition Secretary, Registrar, Public Relations/Marketing Officer, Developmetn/Coaching/Training Officer plus four other members. The NEC shall be elected at the Annual Convention."

**Be changed to read as:**

Article 23 The National Executive Council (NEC) shall consist of the President, Vice President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Competition Secretary, Registrar, Public Relations/Marketing Officer, Development/Coaching/Training Officer, Juniors Officer plus three other Officers. The NES shall be elected at the Annual Convention.

Eamonn Birchall

**Motion 9**            ***PASSED***

Delete Article 61.5

“A Development and Coaching Fund will be constituted by apportionment of part of Annual Registration Fees income. These Funds may receive contributions from other sources approved by NEC. The Funds shall be administered by the NEC. The NEC may make money available by way of grant and/or loans, from the appropriate Fund to Clubs and/or County/Regional Boards who undertake approved Development or Coaching activities.

Eamonn Birchall

**Motion 10**            ***PASSED***

Add to Article 76 of the PPUL Constitution:

76.1 (iii) The Seniors Gents Pitch & Putt Championships of Ireland

76.1 (iv) The Seniors Ladies Pitch & Putt Championships of Ireland

76.1 (v) The Boys Pitch & Putt Championship of Ireland

76.1 (vi) The Girls Pitch & Putt Championship of Ireland.

Michael Murphy

**Motion 11**            ***PASSED***

Delete Article 77, 77.1, 77.2, 77.3, 77.4 and 77.5

Replace with:

Article 77            The Ladies, Gents and Juniors Inter-County Championships.

Article 77.1            The Championships shall be run on a Foursomes and Strokeplay basis.

Article 77.2            Each County may enter one team only in each category named above in Article 77. The team shall consist of six players.

Article 77.3            The Championship shall consist of one round of 18 holes Foursomes and one round of 18 holes Singles Strokeplay. All Foursomes scores count and the best five Singles scores to count.

Article 77.4            The team returning the lowest aggregate gross score for their three Foursomes and five Singles shall be the winner.

Article 77.5            In the event of any ties, the sixth player's score shall count. If still tied, to determine first place a 3 hole play-off will ensue. Ties for all other placings are determined by the back 9's of all 9 cards.

Michael Murphy

**Motion 12**            ***PASSED ( provisionally to apply for 2 years)***

Add to Article 80 of the PPUI Constitution:

80.2.6 Acceptance of cash prizes in accordance with Special Provision A of the FIPPA Rules will not be deemed a breach of amateur status.

Michael Murphy

**Motion 13**            ***DEFEATED***

Beaten Semi-Finalists and Finalists of the Ladies and Gents National Matchplay automatically qualify for the Finals the following year provided they enter and pay the entry fee.

Cork County Board & St.  
Anne's

**Motion 14**            ***PASSED***

As part of Annual Convention an annual election would be held to propose and mandate any representative of the NEC or PPUI of any international bodies.

Cork County Board & St.  
Anne's

**Motion 15**            ***DEFEATED***

Rule 11.18 Delete "In its own pitch mark"

Cork County Board & St.  
Anne's

**Motion 16**            ***DEFEATED***

As an addition to Rule 9: (A club shall be held responsible for the conduct of its members as members of the Union and for the efficiency of the arrangements and conduct of tournaments held under its auspices. Officers of a club not operating in accordance with the Constitution or found in breach of the Rules of Play of the PPUI shall be liable to suspension or such less punishment as the NEC may decide.)

We would seek to add the following:-

9.1 That a Club may apply to their respective County Board to request the NEC to hear the case of an Officer of any County Board, or any Officer of the NEC in the case of conduct unbecoming an Officer. That the specific mentioned Officer of the NEC or of the County Board may not adjudicate at this case.

Cork County Board & St.  
Anne's

**Motion 17**            ***PASSED***

Rule 5.1 Delete "as near as possible to the original line of play" and replace it with "at the nearest point of relief."

Cork County Board &  
E.S.B.

**Motion 18**            ***DEFEATED***

That Rule 48.1 of the PPUI Constitution the word "19" be changed to "26".

Cork County Board

**Motion 19**            ***PASSED***

Delete Rule 8.13 and replace it with "A ball lying on a putting green (including spare greens) other than that of the hole being played, must be lifted and dropped at least two club lengths clear of the green at the nearest point of relief not nearer the hole, without penalty.

Cork County Board &  
E.S.B.

**Motion 20**            ***RULES OUT OF ORDER***

The PPUI introduce an online entry facility (to enable entries for National and Provincial competition and championships) which will be fully rolled out by 1 March 2011.

Starting in 2011:

The National Ladies and Gents Matchplay must alternate between Provinces (Leinster & Munster, as divided by the PPUI).

The National Ladies Strokeplays must alternate between Provinces (Leinster & Munster, as divided by the PPUI).

The National Gents Strokeplays must alternate between Provinces (Leinster & Munster, as divided by the PPUI).

The National Ladies, Gents & Juniors Inter-Counties must alternate between Provinces (Leinster & Munster, as divided by the PPUI),

The National Juniors Strokeplays must alternate between Provinces (Leinster & Munster, as divided by the PPUI).

Should a player win a National or Provincial Championship, he or she automatically qualifies for the finals of that Championship the following year, provided he or she are in the same grade on the closing date of the following years Championship (he or she must enter the competition and pay the entry fee as normal).

Dublin County Board

**Motion 21**                    ***RULED OUT OF ORDER***

**Proposal 1 – for amendment to section 79.2 of the PPUI Constitution**

Current Rule:

“Club members who have attained their eight birthday and have not attained their sixteenth birthday are deemed to be Juniors.”

Change to:

Club Members who have attained their eight birthday and have not attained their sixteenth birthday at the start of the playing season are deemed to be adults. i.e. The abolition of the current system whereby juniors are deemed to be adults as soon as they turn 16. Instead, those who are under 16 at the start of the season (March 1<sup>st</sup>) are juniors.

**Proposal 2**

Juniors, in their final year in the Juniors grade join the adult grade, and thus receive a firm handicap, on 1<sup>st</sup> September of their final year as Juniors. Such members will however, be permitted to participate in Junior County/Regional, Provincial and or National championships that are not yet played by 1<sup>st</sup> September.

In the amendment to section 79.3 of the PPUI Constitution, clubs may apply for junior members’ first firm handicap on August 1<sup>st</sup> where such Juniors reach their sixteenth birthday before the next period of play (i.e. March 1<sup>st</sup>).

Dublin County Board

**Motion 22**                    ***WITHDRAWN***

Rule 77.0

That the National Ladies & Gents Inter-County Championship be run on the same format as the Leinster & Munster Inter-County Championship.

Dublin County Board

**Motion 23**                    ***PASSED***

That the Teams for the Juniors Inter-County Championship consist of six players. Add to rule 72.2.

Dublin County Board

**Motion 24**                    ***PASSED***

**PPUI Rules of Play**

Rule 6.5

After the word coin delete **maximum size 5 cent and brackets.**

Rule 8.4

After the word coin delete **maximum size permitted is a 5 cent coin and brackets**

Rule 11.10

After the word coin delete **maximum size 5 cent and brackets**

Rule 11.11

After the word coin delete **maximum size 5 cent and brackets**

Dublin County Board

**Motion 25**            ***DEFEATED***

Rule 65.7 (ii)

Replace the word **six** with the word **three**

Dublin County Board

**Motion 26**            ***PASSED***

Rule 22.4 (i) reads Ladies with a handicap of -5 and -6 must: win three open prizes before being further reduced etc.

Proposed change: Win three open prizes off her handicap before being further reduced etc.

Dublin County Board

**Motion 27**            ***RULES OUT OF ORDER***

That the Winter Rule Lift and Place be left in all year round if weather conditions warrant it.

Kildare County Board & St. Bridget's

**Motion 28**            ***RULED AS A RECOMMENDATION***

Look at the Handicap system with a view to changing it similar to golf (see attached explanation).

Kildare County Board & St. Bridget's

**Motion 29**            ***WITHDRAWN***

That any club hosting National Championships be given 1,000 Euro.

Kildare County Board & St. Bridget's

**Motion 30**            ***WITHDRAWN***

That Article 79.2 of the PPUI Constitution be amended as follows: Club members who have attained their eight birthday and have not attained their eighteenth birthday are deemed to be Juniors (e.g. 8-17 years old)

Tipperary County Board

**Motion 31**            ***WITHDRAWN***

That anyone who has attained their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday after March 1<sup>st</sup> are eligible to play in all Juniors Competitions for that year from 2010.

Tipperary County Board

**Motion 32**            ***WITHDRAWN***

That the NEC announces venues of all Munster and National Competitions/Championships two years in advance of the competition and also hold quarterly inspections of the chosen courses from 2010.

Tipperary County Board

**Motion 33**            ***PASSED***

The graded Provincial Matchplay be re-introduced for a trial period of 3 years beginning in 2010.

Tipperary County Board

**Motion 34**            ***DEFEATED***

Scoreboards to be re-introduced for the final 18 of both the Ladies and Gents National/Provincial Strokeplay from 2010 onwards.

Tipperary County Board

**Motion 35**            ***WITHDRAWN***

Scoreboards to be introduced from Quarter Final Stage onwards in Ladies and Gents All Ireland Matchplay and Semi-Final Stages of Provincial Matchplays from 2010.

Tipperary County Board

**Motion 36**            ***WITHDRAWN***

From 2010 a player renewing registration after a lapse of 2 years shall be registered on last handicap. Their handicap may be reviewed after 3 months by their club and its immediate governing body, and a maximum of 3 shots increase in handicap may be given. The player will be eligible to apply for handicap increase in accordance with Section 65.7(ii) of the Constitution.

Tipperary County Board

**Motion 37**            ***PASSED***

The Standard allowance for each 18 holes played be updated to include Scramble Format in the Constitution immediately.

Tipperary County  
Board

**Motion 38**            ***PASSED***

That National Championship winners from 2010 in the Matchplay and Strokeplay all grades automatically qualify for the finals the following year provided they enter pay entry fee and are still eligible to play in their respective grade.

Tipperary County Board

**Motion 39**            ***PASSED***

That the National Junior (juvenile) Champions where eligible automatically qualify for the following year provided they enter and pay their entry fee.

Tipperary County Board

**Motion 40**            ***PASSED***

Beaten finalist in the Ladies and Gents Matchplay from 2010 onwards automatically qualify for the finals the following year provided they enter and pay their entry fee.

Tipperary County Board

**Motion 41**            ***WITHDRAWN***

Starting in 2011 the County/Provincial/National to be played in this order in the calendar County Champions to be automatic to Provincial Championships/Provincial Champions automatic to National Championships in both Strokeplay/Matchplay provided they are properly entered and pay entry fee.

Tipperary County Board

**Motion 42**                    ***DEFEATED***

That Article 60.1 of the PPUI Constitution be amended as follows: Persons who have not attained their eighteenth birthday are not eligible for adult registration.

Deerpark

**Motion 43**                    ***DEFEATED***

That Article 79.2 of the PPUI Constitution be amended as follows: Club members who have attained their eight birthday and have not attained their eighteenth birthday are deemed to be Juniors (e.g. 8-17 years old).

Deerpark

**Motion 44**                    ***DEFEATED***

That Article 79.3 of the PPUI Constitution be amended as follows: Juniors on reaching eighteen years of age and becoming eligible for adult status and firm handicap, must have their first handicap sanctioned by the relevant County/Regional Board or NEC. Clubs may apply for such handicap 28 days prior to eighteenth birthday of Juniors involved. Application should be made on Handicap Alteration form, giving juniors handicap and relevant details. This form when approved, should be included with application for adult registration. Original Junior registration fee will be valid until the last day of February of the current season.

Deerpark

**Motion 45**                    ***DEFEATED***

Delete Rule 9.1 in PPUI Rulebook and replace with: That a maximum of three clubs one of which must be a putter be permitted for use.

Deerpark

**Motion 46**                    ***WITHDRAWN***

Rule 22.4 (i) reads at present: “Ladies with a handicap of -5 and -6 must: win three open prizes before being further reduced etc.

Proposed change: Insert the words “offer her handicap” to read as follows – Win three open prizes off her handicap before being further reduced etc.

Ierne

**Motion 47**                    ***WITHDRAWN***

That Article 65.7 (ii) reads: “A player renewing registration after a lapse of three years or more shall be registered on last handicap. Their handicap may be reviewed after six months by their club and its immediate governing body, and a maximum of two shots increase in handicap may be given. The player will be eligible to apply for handicap increase in accordance with Section 65.7 (ii) of the Constitution.”

Proposed change: A player renewing registration after a lapse of three years or more shall be registered on last handicap. Their handicap may be reviewed after three months by their club and its immediate governing body, and a maximum of two shots increase in handicap may be given. The player will be eligible to apply for handicap increase in accordance with Section 65.7 (ii) of the Constitution.

Ierne

**Motion 48**                    ***PASSED***

Article 65.7 (1) Proposed change: Insert the following sentence:

For all categories a member will not be entitled to apply for an increase in handicap if they have won more than one gross prize in single open competitions.

Ierne

**Motion 49**                    ***RULED OUT OF ORDER***

Any person employed, directly or indirectly by the PPUI/NEC can not hold any position on the NEC.

St. Anne's

**Motion 50**                    ***WITHDRAWN***

77                    The Inter-County Championships.

77.1                The Championships shall be run on a Strokeplay basis.

77.2                Each county may enter one team only. The team shall consist of five players, with the best four scores to count.

77.3                The Championships shall consist of one round of 36 holes.

77.4                The team returning the lowest aggregate gross score for its best four players shall be the winner.

77.5                In the event of any ties, the 5<sup>th</sup> player's score shall count. If still tied, to determine first place a 3 hole play-off will ensue. Ties for all other placing are determined by the second 18 of all 5 cards.

Would be replaced by the following:

77                    The Inter-County Championships

77.1                The Championship shall be run on a Fourball, Foursomes and Single Strokeplay basis.

77.2                That each county may enter one team only. The team shall consist of six players.

77.3                The Championship shall consist of 3 18 hole rounds, Fourballs, Foursomes and Singles

77.4                The team returning the lowest aggregate gross scores of 3 Fourballs, 3 Foursomes and 5 Singles shall be the winner.

77.5                In the event of a tie a 3 hole single strokeplay playoff will ensue. Ties for all other placings are determined on the 6<sup>th</sup> players score in the singles if a further tie exists they will be determined by the back 9's of all 6 singles cards.

St. Anne's

**Motion 51**                    ***WITHDRAWN***

That Juniors under 12 years of age and ladies with a handicap greater than -14, as well as any person over the age of 65 years be allowed to compete with 3 clubs (one of which must be a putter)

St. Anne's

**Motion 52**                    ***WITHDRAWN***

Constitution Part 3 section 23

That the title of Public Relations/Marketing Officer would be replaced by just the title Public Relations Officer.

That a new NEC position of Marketing Officer be created (replacing one of the Non Portfolio Officers)

St. Anne's

**Motion 53**                    ***WITHDRAWN***

That a new NEC position of Junior Officer be created (replacing one of the Non Portfolio Officers)

St. Anne's

**Motion 54**                    ***DEFEATED***

Current members of the NEC are prohibited from holding a position of any lower governing body. This to come into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2011.

St. Anne's

**Motion 55**                    ***DEFEATED***

That the NEC organise a new Under 23 years of age National Inter-County.

St. Anne's

**Motion 56**            ***DEFEATED***

That any fully paid up registered member can correspond with the governing body without reverting to their club.

St. Anne's

**Motion 57**            ***WITHDRAWN***

No cuts shall be evoked for an Open prize where less than 10 people participate in that particular grade.

St. Anne's

**Motion 58**            ***PASSED***

The title of "Juniors" given to underage players be changed to be simply titled "Under 16's".

St. Anne's

**Motion 59**            ***WITHDRAWN***

The title of "Juniors" given to underage players be changed to be simply titled "Under 18's".

St. Anne's

**Motion 60**            ***WITHDRAWN***

The title of "Juniors" given to underage players be changed to be simply titled "Juveniles".

St. Anne's

**Motion 61**            ***WITHDRAWN***

That the NEC recognise and encourage the establishment of a "Player Representative Organisation" who the NEC would meet on a bi annual basis to discuss player issues.

St. Anne's

**Motion 62**            ***PASSED***

We would ask to amend section 10.1

"A club, or a member of a club, shall not assist in the promotion of, nor participate in, an open or sponsored tournament or competition not sanctioned by the appropriate governing body. Exceptions shall be members who compete in Business House events, societies, non-affiliated clubs, and groups of such kind, provided that all those competing are on the one payroll AND play off their PPUI registered handicap".

To as follows:

A club, or a member of a club, shall not assist in the promotion of, nor participate in, an open or sponsored tournament or competition not sanctioned by the appropriate governing body. Exceptions shall be members who compete in Business House events, provided that all those competing were at some stage on the one payroll AND play off their PPUI registered handicap.

An additional exception to be societies, non-affiliated clubs, and groups of such kind, provided that all those competing play off their PPUI registered handicap and no prizes or trophies are played for and accepted.

St. Anne's

**Motion 63**            ***PASSED***

That the NEC would assist any club hosting a National Tournament with a stipend to exceed a minimum value of 1,500 Euro.

St. Anne's