



WELSH GIRLS' UNDER-18 INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

CHAMPIONSHIP RULES 2026*

1 - Management

This document sets out the purpose, management and format for the annual Welsh Girls' Under-18 Inter-County Team Championship.

2 - Management The management of this competition shall be vested in the Ladies' County Committee (the Committee) which shall consist of one vote from each County, being the Junior Organiser, or her nominated representative. The Committee shall determine the rules and conditions for the competition.

3 - Aim The Committee aims to promote and encourage girls' team golf across Wales, through the organisation and playing of an annual Inter-County golf competition.

4 - County Areas Wales shall be divided into six Counties as follows:

Caernarfonshire & Anglesey (C&A LCGA)

Glamorgan (GLCGA)

Denbighshire & Flintshire (D&FLCGA)

Monmouthshire (MLCGA)

Mid Wales (MWCGA)

Carmarthenshire & Pembrokeshire (C&PLCGA)

5 - General

(a) The Welsh Girls' Under-18 Inter-County Championship shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited and with Local Rules, as may be approved by the Tournament Committee.

(b) Players may use a distance measuring device during their Championship round, under the terms and conditions of Rule 4-3a of the Rules of Golf.

(c) In the event of adverse weather conditions, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to alter the format of the competition in order to achieve a result.

6 - Player Qualification

Players must be:

(a) Female. Any player in breach of this condition may be disqualified. Please refer to 'Wales Golf Transgender and Non-binary Inclusion policy'. Policy found here:

<https://www.walesgolf.org/resource-detail/welsh-golf-transgender-and-non-binary-inclusion-guidance-for-golf-clubs>

(b) An amateur playing member of a Club affiliated to the County Association in Wales she wishes to represent.

(c) A member of the County Association and may only represent one County in Wales in any one year.

(d) A player who holds playing membership in Clubs in different Counties shall only be eligible to represent the County in which she played the majority of Qualifying Competitions during the preceding year.

(e) All players must be in possession of a handicap index not exceeding 36.4 2

(f) In order to field a team, girls with handicaps above this handicap index may play, but must play off 36.4 on the day

(g) County girl team members must be under the age of 18 at 00:00 hours on 31st August in the year preceding the year in which the Tournament is played.

(h) Unless otherwise stated, County Team Managers must register in person at the Tournament Committee Office at the venue.

7 - Safeguarding of Children (a) - PLAYER/PARENT CONSENT FORMS

Each county shall ensure all appropriate Child Protection/Safeguarding procedures are in place for its team members. A Player/Parent Consent form will be required to be completed by the parent of each junior girl on arrival at the Registration Desk in the Tournament Committee Office.

(d) - DATA PROTECTION

The host county will be GDPR compliant and not sell children's details to marketing companies or give them out inappropriately. The information held on children will be stored securely and only seen by those people who are responsible for their organisation and welfare during this Championship event. Parents will be asked to agree to pass on names and contact details of their children in order to play in this event and opt in by ticking the required boxes on the Player/Parent Consent Forms.

(e) - EQUITY

In recognition of 'equality 'principles, the host county will ensure all junior girls will be treated in an equitable and fair manner, in an atmosphere of fair play and acknowledges the European Code of Sports Ethics, which defines fair play as: “much more than playing within the rules. It incorporates the concepts of friendship, respect for others and always playing with the right spirit. Fair play is defined as a way of thinking, not just behaving”.

8 - Format

TEAM SCORE:

(a) The format is 18 holes singles Stableford, with a playing handicap of 95% of the course handicap. Each county will field a maximum team of 5 players. The scores will be added to decide the Champion County, with four out of the five scores to count.

(b) If a county is unable to enter a full team, girls are permitted to play for the Best Individual Gross or Best Individual Stableford Salvors.

BEST INDIVIDUAL GROSS:

The format is 18 holes singles Strokeplay, with a playing handicap of 95% of the course handicap and a handicap index of 20.4 and under.

BEST INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD:

The format is 18 holes singles Stableford, with a playing handicap of 95% of the course handicap and a handicap index of 20.5 and above.

The official practice day and registration will be on the day before the tournament.

The host county will advise County Team Managers of the times for the official practice round bookings, which will be made via the host club's Pro Shop, approximately 2 weeks before the event. 3

9 - Entry The Organising County will send out to County Team Managers the following information, at the beginning of June:-

(a) Form A (indicating your intention to enter a team) this must be completed and returned to the Tournament Championship Committee Offices by July 1st.

(b) Form B (details of team & officials) this must be completed and returned to the Tournament Championship Committee Offices by August 1st.

(c) Start Times - A full list of start times will be forwarded soon after the closing date for Form B.

10 - Equipment • NO CADDIES are permitted in this Championship. Parents and spectators are kindly requested to observe the Wales Golf rule, which is to remain at a distance of at least 25 metres **behind** players, at all times. Parents may not engage in conversation with the player at any time, as it is perceived as assisted caddying. Failure to comply may lead to disqualification. • ONLY County Officials may use golf buggies.

11 - Travel / Accommodation Costs Each county will be responsible for funding their own travel, food and accommodation costs.

12 - Prize Giving • The Champion County will receive a Trophy for the year. • The 1st and 2nd placed County team players will receive mementoes. (The Hosting County is responsible for providing these). • There will be individual Salvers for the Best Stableford and Best Gross scores returned. • The prize giving will take place as soon as possible after the return of the last card. • All Trophy Winners must sign the Official Trophy Form, agreeing to take trophies home for a period of a month, after which trophies should be taken to the Winners' Home Clubs and displayed in their Trophy Cabinets. Winners will be expected to inform the County Manager this action has been carried out. The winning county will be required to safely return the trophies, at the following year's Championship.

13 - Liability Counties and all competitors are reminded that neither the host county, or host club can be held responsible for any personal property. Competitors are advised to arrange their own insurance to include public liability.

*Approved at All Wales Ladies County Golf Association AGM held via Zoom on Monday 21st October 2024. 1 Update made to 6 a) in Feb 2026 to refer to Wales Golf Policy.