



## **Central Towns Trophy 2026**

### **Sponsored by: Tullamore Rental Properties**

#### ***Competition Rules***

1. The tournament shall be organised and run by Tullamore Golf Club and the Trophy, which is perpetual, shall be known as the “Central Towns Trophy”.
2. A pennant will be presented to the Captain of the winning Club. The Central Towns Trophy shall be presented to the Manager of the winning team.
3. The competing teams shall consist of five male members, playing singles scratch match play. The World handicap index of team members shall not have been less than **10.0** on 1<sup>st</sup> January in the year of the tournament. The World Handicap index held by a player on 1<sup>st</sup> January is the operative Handicap index throughout the Tournament.
4. All players must have a Fully Developed Handicap (20 Counting Scores)
5. A team sheet listed in order of play must be exchanged between team managers no later than fifteen minutes prior to a match commencing.
6. A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. Use of the device must comply with Rule 4.3 of the Rules of Golf.
7. Golf Ireland’s rules of Competition will apply.
8. Any issues arising during matches must be reported to the Team Managers within fifteen minutes of the issue arising. During the semifinals and final such issues should be reported to the Competition Conveyer within fifteen minutes of the issue arising.
9. All matches must be played to a finish unless an overall result has been reached.
10. Each round of the tournament shall be played in accordance with the draw made by Tullamore Golf Club. For the Preliminary and First rounds, the Club on top of the draw shall have home advantage. For each of the subsequent rounds, progressing teams will alternate between home /away fixtures. Should both progressing teams in a fixture, having played the previous match at home or away, then the top team in the draw will have home advantage.
11. No person may play for more than one Club in this tournament in any one season.
12. All matches must be played on or before the date fixed. The winning club must report the result of the match to Tullamore Golf Club immediately.

13. It is the responsibility of the winning team manager to report the result to the competition convenor at Tullamore Golf Club within 24hours of each match being played.
14. Any team who successfully defends their title, will be required to replace two members of their winning team for the competition in following year.
15. For the purposes of the tournament the area shall be divided into sections, which will be determined on general geography by the organisers.
16. The semifinals shall be played on the Tullamore Golf Course, on **July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 2.10pm and 3.10pm.**
17. The final of the tournament shall be played on the Tullamore Golf Course, on **Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 2pm.** The Pennant and eight (8) medals will be presented to the finalists at a reception following the final.
18. The Trophy shall be held by the winning Club and such Club shall be responsible for the safe custody and return to Tullamore Golf Club before the final the following year.
19. No green fees are chargeable to members of a team for practice, during the seven days prior to the match. It is suggested that one free practice round be made available to the visiting team members.
20. The decision of the Tullamore Golf Club shall be final on any question arising out of this tournament.
21. **Entrance fee of €120** must be lodged with the tournament organiser, Tullamore Golf Club by **Wednesday February 25th, 2026.**
22. For further information email **centraltownstrophy@gmail.com** for the attention of Captain Elect/Competition Co-ordinator Gerry Walsh.