



Federation of County Kerry Golf Clubs 2026

Senior & Intermediate Kingdom Challenge

Main Rules of the Competitions

1. Players must be members of Kerry golf clubs.
2. Teams to consist of 6 players playing fourball better ball matchplay over 18 holes, with the match results aggregated. If both teams have the same aggregate score after the 3 pairs have each played 18 holes, then the 3rd pairing on the entry sheet will continue on sudden death basis.
3. The qualifying Handicap index of players in the **Senior and Intermediate shields** must be “**Their Lowest Handicap index of the previous year**”

Senior team players handicap index limit is up to 10.4. There is no lower limit.
(Maximum shot allowance to any player is 4 shots).

4. The **Qualifying Handicap Index** in the Intermediate Shield must be “**Their Lowest Handicap index of the previous year.**”

Intermediate team players handicap index is a **Minimum 10.5 to a Maximum of 16.0**.
(Maximum shots allowed to any player is 4 shots). Players will **remain eligible to play in the Intermediate Shield** provided their Handicap Index **drops NO lower than 9.0 handicap index** in the current year.

5. Players must **play off their lowest eligible handicap on the day of the match** (i.e. WHS Handicap index of that day) which can be as low as 9.0 handicap index **Note that shot allowance will be calculated from the 9.0** handicap index player.
6. There are no restrictions in regard to age or use of caddies.

7. Finals will be over 2 legs, with 3 matches at home and 3 matches away. The venue for the first leg will be decided by the tossing of a coin. All other matches will be one leg only, with the top team in the draw having home venue.
8. The Senior Kingdom Challenge Shield is to be played from the Blue Medal Tee Boxes.
9. The Intermediate Kingdom Challenge Shield is to be played from the White Medal Tee Boxes.
10. Home clubs shall provide match referees.