

Kilrush Golf Club

Men's Captain's Prize 2026

Terms & Conditions

The Men's Captain's Prize 2026, kindly hosted by Mr Brian Scanlan, will be conducted in accordance with:

- The Rules of Golf as approved by The R&A and USGA
- The World Handicap System
- The Rules of Handicapping
- The Local Rules of Kilrush Golf Club
- The additional conditions set out below

Entry into or participation in the competition constitutes acceptance of these Terms & Conditions.

1. Competition Format

1.1 The Men's Captain's Prize is an individual handicap stroke-play competition played over 36 holes:

- Qualifying Round: Sunday, 26 July 2026
- Play-Off: Saturday, 1 August 2026

1.2 The top 40 players in the Qualifying Round, plus ties for the final qualifying position, will progress to the Play-Off.

1.3 The winner will be the eligible player returning the lowest aggregate net score over the Qualifying Round and Play-Off.

1.4 A player must complete both rounds to be eligible to win the Men's Captain's Prize.

1.5 The Qualifying Round, the Play-Off and the Captain's Prize for Distance Members are all acceptable for handicap purposes. Scores returned in each round or competition will be submitted for handicapping in accordance with the Rules of Handicapping.

2. Entry Requirements

2.1 A player's annual Kilrush Golf Club membership subscription must be paid in full before entering or participating.

2.2 A player must hold an active Golf Ireland Handicap Index.

2.3 The applicable competition entry fee must be paid before commencing play.

2.4 Players must enter through the booking and competition-entry procedures specified by the Competition Committee.

2.5 A player who does not satisfy these requirements may be refused entry or disqualified and will not be eligible to win a prize.

2.6 Participation in the competition does not, by itself, establish eligibility to win the Men's Captain's Prize.

3. Eligibility to Win the Men's Captain's Prize

To be eligible to win the Men's Captain's Prize, a player must satisfy all the following conditions before commencing the Qualifying Round.

3.1 Competition requirement

The player must have completed and returned a score in at least three individual 18-hole singles competitions organised by Kilrush Golf Club during 2026 and before the Qualifying Round.

Nine-hole competitions, team competitions, fourballs, foursomes, scrambles, matchplay competitions, society outings and casual or general-play rounds will not count towards this requirement.

3.2 Age requirement

The player must be aged 18 years or over on the date of the Qualifying Round.

A player under the age of 18 may participate where permitted by the Club but will not be eligible to win the Men's Captain's Prize.

3.3 Fully developed Handicap Index

The player must hold a fully developed Handicap Index.

For the purposes of these Terms & Conditions, a fully developed Handicap Index means that the player has 20 or more acceptable scores on their World Handicap System scoring record immediately before the Qualifying Round.

A player with fewer than 20 acceptable scores may participate but will not be eligible to win the Men's Captain's Prize.

3.4 Ineligible players

Other than Distance Members, a player who does not satisfy one or more of the prize-eligibility conditions above may enter the Qualifying Round.

Such a player may qualify for and participate in the Play-Off but will remain ineligible to win the Men's Captain's Prize.

3.5 Verification of eligibility

Eligibility requirements apply throughout the competition.

Where a player is found not to have satisfied an eligibility requirement, the Competition Committee may amend the results and award the Men's Captain's Prize to the highest-placed eligible player.

4. Qualifying Round and Play-Off

4.1 All players taking part in the main 36-hole competition must play in the Qualifying Round.

4.2 The top 40 players, plus ties for the final qualifying position, will qualify for the Play-Off. This includes players who qualify on score but are not eligible to win the Men's Captain's Prize.

4.3 A player who does not complete the Qualifying Round will not qualify for the Play-Off.

4.4 Only players who qualify through the Qualifying Round may participate in the Play-Off.

4.5 A player who qualifies but does not participate in or complete the Play-Off will not be eligible to win the Men's Captain's Prize.

4.6 Scores from both rounds will be combined to determine the final aggregate result.

4.7 A player's prize-eligibility status from the Qualifying Round will continue to apply during the Play-Off.

5. Captain's Prize for Distance Members

5.1 Distance Members are not eligible to win the Men's Captain's Prize and will not participate in the Qualifying Round.

5.2 The Captain's Prize for Distance Members will be played as a separate individual handicap stroke-play competition over 18 holes on Saturday, 1 August 2026.

5.3 The competition will be played alongside the Men's Captain's Prize Play-Off but will not form part of the 36-hole Men's Captain's Prize.

5.4 Distance Members do not qualify for or participate in the Play-Off.

5.5 The eligible Distance Member returning the lowest net score will win the Captain's Prize for Distance Members.

5.6 Scores returned in the Distance Members' competition will not form part of the Qualifying Round, Play-Off or aggregate result of the Men's Captain's Prize.

5.7 To enter and win the Captain's Prize for Distance Members, a player must satisfy the membership, active Handicap Index and entry-fee requirements in Section 2.

The additional eligibility conditions in Section 3 do not apply to the Captain's Prize for Distance Members.

6. Handicap Indexes and Rule 7.2

6.1 Each player's current Handicap Index on the date of each round will be used to calculate their Course Handicap and Playing Handicap for that round.

A player's Handicap Index may therefore differ between the Qualifying Round and the Play-Off.

6.2 A Distance Member's current Handicap Index on Saturday, 1 August 2026 will apply to the Captain's Prize for Distance Members.

6.3 In accordance with Rule 7.2 of the Rules of Handicapping, the Competition Committee may adjust a player's Playing Handicap where there is evidence that the player's Handicap Index does not reflect their demonstrated ability.

6.4 In making its decision, the Competition Committee may consider any relevant information or evidence, including previous performances in the Captain's Prize and other Major Competitions.

6.5 An adjustment made under Rule 7.2:

- Applies only to the applicable Captain's Prize competition
- Adjusts the player's Playing Handicap for the competition
- Does not alter the player's official Handicap Index

6.6 The Competition Committee may review an adjustment before either round and may amend it where considered appropriate under Rule 7.2.

6.7 An affected player will be informed of the Playing Handicap applying to them before commencing the relevant round.

6.8 The Competition Committee is not required to publish its deliberations or disclose confidential information considered when making a decision under Rule 7.2.

7. Scorecards and Score Submission

7.1 Each player is responsible for ensuring that:

- The scorecard is correctly completed
- The score for each hole is accurately recorded
- The scorecard is certified by the player and marker as required under the Rules of Golf
- The score is entered into the club computer system after the round
- The completed scorecard is placed in the designated scorecard box

7.2 A scorecard is considered returned when it has been placed in the designated scorecard box. Once returned, it may not be altered except as permitted under the Rules of Golf.

7.3 Computer entry assists with the administration of the competition but does not replace the requirement to return a properly certified scorecard.

7.4 Failure to return a properly certified scorecard may result in disqualification in accordance with the Rules of Golf.

Failure to enter a score into the computer system will be dealt with by the Competition Committee as an administrative matter.

7.5 Scorecards must be returned and computer entry completed promptly after play.

8. Ties and Countback

8.1 A tie for the Men's Captain's Prize will be decided by:

1. The better net score in the Play-Off
2. The better net score over the final 9 holes of the Play-Off
3. The better net score over the final 6 holes of the Play-Off
4. The better net score over the final 3 holes of the Play-Off
5. The better net score on the final hole of the Play-Off

If the players remain tied, the same countback procedure will be applied to the Qualifying Round.

8.2 A tie in the Captain's Prize for Distance Members will be decided by the better net score over the final 9, 6, 3 and 1 holes, in that order.

If the players remain tied, the Competition Committee will apply the Club's approved countback procedure.

8.3 Ties for any other prizes will be decided using the countback procedure determined by the Competition Committee.

9. Withdrawal, Cancellation and Administration

9.1 A player who withdraws after entering should notify the Competition Committee as soon as reasonably practicable.

9.2 The Competition Committee may alter tee times, playing groups or competition arrangements where necessary.

9.3 The Competition Committee may postpone, suspend, shorten, cancel or abandon either round or the Captain's Prize for Distance Members because of weather, course conditions, safety concerns or other exceptional circumstances.

9.4 Where play is affected, the Competition Committee will determine how the competition and any entry fees will be dealt with.

9.5 The Competition Committee reserves the right to:

- Verify membership, handicaps and eligibility
- Refuse or revoke entry where necessary for the proper administration or integrity of the competition
- Correct administrative or scoring errors
- Withhold results while an eligibility, handicap or Rules of Golf matter is investigated
- Disqualify an ineligible player
- Withdraw or reallocate a prize awarded in error
- Interpret these Terms & Conditions

- Resolve any dispute relating to the competition

9.6 Any matter not covered by these Terms & Conditions will be determined in accordance with the Rules of Golf, the World Handicap System, the Rules of Handicapping and the Local Rules of Kilrush Golf Club.

9.7 The decision of the Competition Committee will be final, subject to any applicable provision of the Rules of Golf, the Rules of Handicapping or the Constitution of Kilrush Golf Club.

10. Presentation, Publication and Acceptance

10.1 The Captain's Prize presentation will take place in the clubhouse on Saturday, 1 August 2026 at 9:00 p.m.

10.2 Prize winners are encouraged to attend. Attendance is not a condition of winning or receiving a prize.

10.3 These Terms & Conditions will be published on the Kilrush Golf Club website and displayed on the club noticeboard.

10.4 Entry into or participation in the Men's Captain's Prize, the Play-Off or the Captain's Prize for Distance Members constitutes acceptance of the applicable provisions of these Terms & Conditions.

Approved by the Men's Competition Committee of Kilrush Golf Club.