

PITCH & PUTT IRELAND



National Strokeplay Finals 2026

Junior Ladies

August 15th & 16th

Junior Ladies Official Venue

Cunnigar Pitch and Putt

Championship Preview by John Manning

Ladies Junior Preview

Charlotte Blake stands on the cusp of an all-time record as we anticipate the 2026 National Ladies Junior Strokeplay championship. Should the Tralee member triumph at Cunnigar, she would become the first player in the 64 year history of the championship to claim the title in successive years.

The host club is represented by no fewer than eight of the 32 starters. Kay Wade, a prize winner in provincial Social Scramble tournaments, accompanies holder Charlotte Blake in the final group of the opening 36 holes.

First home player into action will be 2005 Munster Strokeplay runner-up Corinne McGee, who ran MaryAnne Byrne very close in the 2022 National Junior Strokeplay championship at Fermoy four years ago. Corinne had previously been runner-up in the championship in 2010 (at Cunnigar).

Josephine Tobin was National Mixed Foursomes runner-up last year, when playing out of Lakeside.

Marie Forde claimed third place in the 2016 Munster Strokeplay championship at Hillview and won the provincial Ladies Social Day in 2024 at Larkspur Park.

Julie Kiely picked-up a silver medal in the 2025 Munster Strokeplay championship while Evelyn Torrens won the 2023 Munster Ladies Social tournament.

2025 Munster Matchplay champion Michelle O'Connell has capitalized hugely on Cunnigar's transfer to Cork jurisdiction by lifting the 2026 Leaside Strokeplay and Matchplay trophies.

The local line-up is completed by Bridget Broderick, another loyal and successful participant in National and provincial social tournaments.

Finalist in the 2020 All-Ireland Ladies Matchplay Nett Cup, Lorraine Creed (Hillview) won the National Ladies Over-55 Junior grade Strokeplay championship at St. Stephen's in 2024, the year she was also crowned Munster Strokeplay champion. She also won the 2023 Munster Mixed Foursomes.

The pairing of Veronica Anglim (Hillview) and Silvia Raicu (Tralee) brings together a long-established player and a relative newcomer. 2019 Munster Matchplay runner-up and twice a Nett Cup quarter-finalist, Veronica won the 2025 National Mixed Foursomes at Collinstown. She contested the 2024 Munster Matchplay semi-finals at Cunnigar. Silvia was an impressive winner of the 2026 Munster Strokeplay championship at Deerpark.

Anne Jackson and Darlene Parr have been major contributors to the Cloghogue ladies revolution in recent times. Darlene won July's Leinster Strokeplay championship at Killineer, finishing just a single stroke clear of Anne in second place.

Darlene was runner-up in the recent National Over-55s junior grade Strokeplay championship while Anne was a silver medallist in the 2024 Leinster Non-Mixed Foursomes.

Anne claimed Nett honours in the 2025 Leinster Strokeplay championship while Darlene was a session winner in the 2024 provincial Non-Mixed Foursomes.

Bernadette O'Regan (Tralee) was a Munster Mixed Foursomes runner-up in 2023 at Cunnigar and finished third in last month's Munster Strokeplay championship at Deerpark.

2023 Munster Matchplay champion and 2024 provincial Strokeplay runner-up Catriona O'Connor (Tralee) reached the 2024 All-Ireland Nett Cup semi-finals.

2022 National Over-55s Junior grade Strokeplay bronze medallist Anne Flynn (Glenville)

2026 National Junior Matchplay finalist Nuala McNamara (Collins) claimed a bronze medal in the 2016 National Ladies Junior Strokeplay Championship at St. Stephen's before lifting the Munster Junior Strokeplay championship trophy at Fermoy in 2023.

Rosemarie O'Sullivan (Tralee) was 2023 Munster Matchplay runner-up.

Reigning Munster Matchplay champion Margaret O'Donovan (Bruff) won the 2019 Munster Strokeplay championship before going on to collect that year's National Over-55 junior grade Strokeplay title.

2026 Munster Strokeplay runner-up Eileen Hanley (The Ranges) also reached this year's provincial Matchplay decider. Sixth in this championship at McDonagh twelve months ago, Eileen recorded the Cork Strokeplay/Matchplay double in 2023.