

Devon County Golf Union



Palairet Memorial Trophy Rules & Conditions

1. The Competition shall to be known as "The Palairet Memorial Trophy".
2. The Competition shall be open to all Clubs affiliated to the Devon County Golf Union including Artisan Clubs, which must also be affiliated to the Artisan Association. Entries from Artisan Clubs must be made through the Secretary of their Parent Club who shall certify the eligibility and handicap of each player entered by the Artisan Club.
3. The Union's "General Conditions for Competitions" shall apply where appropriate.
4. Players representing their Clubs shall be of Amateur Status as defined by the Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews and their Club shall be their nominated Home Club for Handicap purposes before 1st February of the year in which the Competition is played. (Please also refer to Clause 3 of the General Conditions for Competitions which, if applicable, overrules this Clause).
5. The Trophy shall be competed for annually on a knockout basis. The following will be awarded and held for one year: -

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The Winners - The Palairet Memorial Trophy

The Runners-Up - The Horsley Cup

LOSING SEMI-FINALISTS PLAY-OFF

Third Place - The Brown Bowl.

Fourth Place - The Lake Cup

6. The draw shall be made with the names of all Competing Clubs going into a "hat" and the draw as made shall determine the order of play for the whole competition.
7. Competing Clubs (not 9 Hole Courses) shall make their own courses available as host venues for two (2) matches (excluding Finals Day) as detailed in the 'Group Venues List' shown at the end of this Section. The Fixtures Committee (part of the Competitions' Sub-Committee) will decide the allocation of venues for matches in accordance with that list.
8. The designated match days (for dates see current 3 year plan in Yearbook) are:
 - 1st Round First Sunday in May
 - 2nd Round Last Sunday in May OR First Sunday in June
 - 3rd Round First Sunday in July (also Palairet Plate Qualifier)
 - 4th Round Last Sunday in July (also Palairet Plate Finals Day)

Finals Day Third Sunday in August

For this competition to run successfully, Competing Clubs (not 9 Hole Courses) must keep the above dates free in their fixture calendar in accordance with the 'Group Venues List' (See Clause 7 above).

(i) Group 1 Host Clubs (for 1st and 2nd Rounds) must reserve their 1st Tee for 2 hours (usually between 12 pm and 2 pm) allowing a buffer time for a 1 pm match start.

(ii) Group 2 Host Clubs (for the 3rd and 4th Rounds) must reserve their course for the full day (usually between 8 am & 4 pm) because of the requirement to accommodate either:

- a) Palairet Memorial Trophy matches
- b) Palairet Plate Qualifying Day
- c) Palairet Plate Finals Day

(iii) Group 3 Host Clubs (Finals Day) must reserve their course for the full day (usually between 8 am & 4 pm).

9. The format shall be Foursomes match play over 18 holes with a stroke allowance of ½ (one half) of the difference (rounded up) between the combined handicaps of the pairs on either side.

10. Matches will be played on a neutral course (HOST CLUB) chosen by the Executive Committee's Competitions' Sub-Committee, except in the case of a Parent Club being drawn against its Artisan Club when the match may be played on the home course.

11. The maximum exact handicap of any player shall not exceed 18.4 on the day of the match.

12. Each team shall consist of 10 players and the order of play for each Team shall be governed by the lowest combined handicap of a pair. In the event of combined handicaps of pairs being equal the team Captain shall decide the order of play.

13. Each player may have a Caddie who may undertake all the duties permitted as such by the Rules of Golf. Neither Members nor Staff of the Host Club nor Golf Professionals are permitted to act as a Caddie for any player.

14. Visiting Teams must ascertain prior to the match and conform to the Host Club's Rules & Dress Code at all times. The Team Captain (see Rule 19 post) shall ensure full compliance with this requirement out of respect for the Host Club and the decision of the Host Club shall be final. Any anticipated problems must be resolved with the Host Club prior to the match date.

15. Host Clubs are asked to elect players representing Clubs and their respective nominated officials as Honorary Temporary Members for the day of the match and the practice rounds. In addition, the Host Club on whose course a match is being played is requested by prior arrangement to give the "courtesy of the course" to the competing teams (no more than 10 players + 2 reserves) for ONE practice round on a DAY PRIOR to the arranged match day including Finals Day.

16. No Player shall practise on the Competition Course on the day of his Match before the start of his round. Penalty for breach of this Condition is Disqualification of the Player concerned. If this occurs before the Player's Team has been notified to the Match Referee, under Rule 18 below, another Player may be substituted for him (See Note to Golf Rule 7-1)

17. Each Host Club shall appoint a MATCH REFEREE being a person who is competent to advise and adjudicate on all matters relating to the Rules of Golf and the Local Rules of that Host

Club. The Match Referee shall identify himself to each Team Captain as soon as possible after their arrival at the Host Club and prior to the commencement of the match. The Match Referee shall be required to be in attendance for the duration of the match and his decisions upon any dispute shall be deemed to be final (see Rule of Golf 34-2). He shall be responsible for advising the match result to the DCGU (see 22 below).

18. Each Team Captain or Team Representative shall hand to the Match Referee, not later than twenty (20) minutes prior to the arranged time for commencement of play, the names of his team's players with their current CONGU handicaps as well as THE NAME OF THE PERSON NOMINATED for the purpose of Rule of Golf 8-1 and Note thereto (Advice).

19 It shall be the responsibility of each Team Captain to verify with each of his Team's players that their handicaps are correct as at the match date. In the event of a player playing or having played from an incorrect HIGHER handicap, which affected the number of strokes given or received, the pair of which that player is a member shall be immediately disqualified and the game shall be deemed to have been won by the opposing pair of that game. (see Rules of Golf 2-5, 2-6 and 6-2a).

20. Each game must be played to a finish unless its outcome will not, with certainty, affect the overall result of the match. If in doubt, the Match Referee should be consulted.

21. In the event of suspension of play in any match:-

- a) The teams shall if possible resume play on the same day until an overall result is achieved.
- b) If resumption of play on the same day is not possible and an overall result has not been achieved the match shall be replayed on a day and at a venue to be mutually agreed or if agreement cannot be reached the date and venue shall be determined by the Executive Committee's Competitions Sub-Committee. The selection of players shall not be restricted to those who took part in the discontinued match.
- c) The Executive Committee's Competitions Sub-Committee reserves the right to make a decision in equity when it is impossible to complete a match in accordance with the Rules of Golf.

22. The match result MUST BE NOTIFIED WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE END OF THE MATCH by the Match Referee to the County Secretary, TEL: 01822 610640; FAX: 01822 610540; info@devongolfunion.org.uk. All disputes shall be referred to the County Secretary for adjudication by the Executive Committee's Competitions Sub-Committee.

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Palairt Plate Rules & Conditions

1. **ELIGIBILITY** - All Clubs eliminated in the 1st and 2nd Rounds of the Palairt Memorial Trophy. Clubs will be approached annually to ascertain whether they wish to participate.

2. **FORMAT** - 18 Holes Foursomes Stableford Competition (Stroke Allowance = ½ combined handicap rounded up). THREE foursome pairs per club team (6 players). The 4 teams with the highest aggregate Stableford Points will qualify for the Semi-Finals and Final match play stages. Ties will be decided in the first instance by the better or best third card of each team(s), thereafter by adding together the teams' total scores for the last 9, 6, 3, or 1 hole(s) as necessary. The resultant match play stages revert to 5 pairs per club. All three Stableford points' scores from each team will count. Attention must be given to ensure scorecards are completed correctly before they are returned. Any disqualification for an incomplete card or due to any breach of the Rules of Golf will eliminate that score from the team total score. Where appropriate, the Rules of the Palairt Memorial Trophy and the General Conditions for Competitions shall apply to this Competition.

3. **DATES** - The Qualifying Stroke Play Competition will be played on the First Sunday in July. The Finals Day will be played on the Last Sunday in July and there will be a Play-Off for 3rd & 4th Places for which trophies will be awarded.

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Winners- The Palairt Plate;
Runners-Up - The Mumford Trophy

LOSING SEMI-FINALISTS PLAY-OFF

3rd Place- The Gray Memorial Cup;
4th Place - The Executive Committee Cup

4. **VENUES** - Neutral venues will be selected by the Fixtures Committee from Group 2 Host Clubs in the 'Group Venues List' (see end of this Section).

5. **DRAW FOR FINALS DAY** - The draw for the order of play for the 4 teams who qualify for the Semi-Finals will be undertaken on the day of the Qualifying Round as soon as the results are known.

6. **ADVICE** - "Note" to "Rule of Golf 8-1 - Advice" will apply. Team Captains' must advise the County Secretary of the name of the person nominated under this rule prior to the commencement of play.

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Palairt Memorial Trophy

Code of Conduct – Courtesy Rounds

The Union has found it necessary to develop and introduce the following Code of Conduct for the booking and playing of courtesy rounds in relation to its Palairt Matches:

1) General

- a) Club Secretaries are to ensure that their Palairt Captain is made familiar with these points.
- b) A Palairt File should be given to each Captain at the start of each competitive season. The Rules of the Competition and this Code of Conduct are to be included.

2) Reservations

- a) Only the Team Captain, or his nominated representative, can reserve a courtesy round.
- b) The reservation must be a single booking covering all members of the Team (10 + 2 Reserves) that wish to take advantage of playing the course prior to the match.
- c) Contact with the host club should be made as early as possible to arrange a date and time for the tee reservation. Keep strictly to that time.

3) On Arrival

- a) On arrival at the host club the Captain, or his nominated representative, must report to the Secretary (if available) or Club Professional (if available) or, at least, the bar to confirm their arrival.

4) Playing

- a) Remember – you have only reserved the first tee – not the course.
- b) Exhibit only good behaviour and etiquette on the course. Play only one ball – do not replay the shot unless a Rule of Golf demands it.
- c) Be aware of Club members on the course, do not spoil their game.
- d) Replace divots, repair pitch marks and rake bunkers.

5) Afterwards

- a) After the practice round ensure that someone at the club is sincerely thanked for the courtesy. A phone call or letter of thanks would certainly not go amiss.
- b) It would be most acceptable if the visiting Team had a drink or bite to eat in the clubhouse.

Palairt Memorial Trophy & Palairt Plate Duties & Responsibilities of a Match Referee

1. To ensure that the County Secretary, prior to each match, is advised by telephone, fax or E-mail of the name and contact telephone number of the person appointed by the Host Club to act as Match Referee, who from that point until the conclusion of the match shall be deemed to be acting on behalf of the Devon County Golf Union.
2. To acquaint himself with the published Rules and Conditions of the Competition.
3. To identify himself to each of the Team Captains as soon as possible after their arrival at the Host Club and in any event prior to the commencement of the match when he shall advise both Team Captains of his availability for the duration of the match to advise and adjudicate upon all matters relating to the Rules of Golf and all Local Rules in addition to ensuring full compliance of both.
4. To receive the names of each Team from the respective Team Captains not later than 20 minutes before the scheduled tee-off time, together with the playing handicaps of each player.
5. To confirm with each Team Captain that the playing handicaps of each player are correct as on the match date.
6. To establish the identity of each Team Captain to the other for the purpose of Rule of Golf 8-1.
7. To "match" the teams and calculate the stroke allowance for each game and to declare the same to each Team Captain. After such declaration, only to allow a substitution if satisfied that a sudden or unexpected occurrence of illness, injury, accident or the like has arisen, thereby immediately giving rise to a player's arrival being delayed to the extent that he was not present or able to be present 15 minutes before the scheduled start of the first game, or, being physically unfit to play due to the occurrence aforesaid. The Match Referee shall "re-match" the teams and recalculate the stroke allowance for each game and declare the same to each Team Captain.
8. To remind to each Team Captain that the Host Club Rules and Dress Code, on and off the course, shall be complied with at all times, and that he is empowered by the County Union to refer to the County Secretary any difficulties encountered.
9. To acquaint, preferably in writing, each Team Captain with all the Local Rules prevailing and in force on the date for the match.
10. To advise the Team Captains of the tee-markers from which the match shall be played, and, that the only persons who give advice to a player are (a) his caddie, his partner and/or his partner's caddie or (b) the appointed Team Captain or Team Representative.
11. To remind each Team Captain that all games must be played to a finish unless the outcome will not, with certainty, affect the overall result of the match and that, if in doubt, the Match Referee should be consulted. In the event of fog/mist conditions developing or occurring immediately before the scheduled start of play, or during play, it is recommended that the Match Referee immediately confers with the Team Captains with a view to considering, in the interests of the safety of the players, caddies and spectators, a suspension of play in the first instance, the abandonment of play altogether for the day after a period of suspension, or to immediately abandon play for the day. The Match Referee's decision shall be final and binding on both teams.

12. To be in attendance prior to and for the full duration of the match and to be seen on the Course, preferably at a location, or locations, at which he can be easily contacted.

13. To have on his person:-

a. A current copy of the Rules of Golf or Decisions on the Rules of Golf, a course scorecard together with a copy of any additional or temporary Local Rules applicable to the Match.

b. A copy of the match sheet with handicaps and the calculated stroke allowance for each game.

c. A watch or stop watch.

14. To advise and adjudicate on all matters, whether referred to him or not (Decision 34 -2/3) relating to the Rules of Golf and the Local Rules of the Host Club appropriate to the match. To be aware that the Match Referee's Decision is deemed to be final (Rule of Golf 34-2)

15. To deal with all matters relating to the suspension of play pursuant to the Rules and Conditions of the Competition and to the Rules of Golf. In the event of difficulties which are potentially irresolvable at the time after consultation with the Team Captains, to report as soon as practicable the situation to the County Secretary.

16. To confirm the full and detailed result to the County Secretary with 24 hours of the conclusion of the match.

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