

Palairet Memorial Trophy

RULES AND CONDITIONS (2012)

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. Eligibility:
 - i) A Player representing his Club shall be of Amateur Status as defined by the R and A Rules Ltd (R&A).
 - ii) A Player must have nominated their Home Club for Handicap purposes before 1st February of the year in which the Competition is played.
 - iii) A Player's handicap MUST be "Active" when representing their Home Club.
 - iv) A Player who qualifies under (i) & (ii) above and then moves Home Club can only represent the Home Club nominated before 1st February assuming he continues his membership of that club.
 - v) Clause 3 of the General Conditions for Competitions also applies.
5. The Trophy shall be competed for annually on a knockout basis. The following will be awarded and held for one year: -

FINAL

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 DCGU Committee will decide the allocation of venues for matches in accordance with that list.
8. The designated Sundays for the Competition are normally:
1st Round First Sunday in May
2nd Round Second Sunday in June
3rd Round First Sunday in July (also Palairet Plate Event)
4th Round Last Sunday in July
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).

Group 1 & 2 Host Clubs 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. Please note: One course will be requested to host the Palairet Plate Event on the same date of the 3rd Round – reserved Tee-times usually from 8 to 2 pm.

Group 3 Host Clubs (Finals Day) must reserve their course for the full day.

9. The format shall be Foursomes match play over 18 holes with a stroke allowance of $\frac{1}{2}$ (one half) of the difference between the combined handicaps of the pairs on either side.
10. Matches will be played on a neutral course (HOST CLUB) chosen by the DCGU 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 handicap allowance of any player shall not exceed 18.
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. Distance-Measuring Devices (Rule 14-3). A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. gradient, windspeed, temperature, etc), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.

NOTE 1:

- a. Trolleys with a distance-measuring capability may be used provided any other features, which are non-conforming, are disabled (e.g. 'taped up' or switched off).
- b. Multi-functional devices such as mobile phones with a distance-measuring application may not be used unless the application is restricted to "distance only" and the device does not have any other "non-conforming" features or applications.
- c. DCGU's advice on the use of mobile phones as a distance-measuring device: Because of problems over whether a particular phone conforms to the Local Rule and, therefore, to protect players from the risk of disqualification, the DCGU strongly recommends that mobile phones are not used as distance-measuring devices.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF 14(a) or (b): Disqualification

NOTE 2: If a team captain or person appointed under Rule 20 uses a device in breach of this Local Rule, any distance information sought and received by a player from that team captain or given by that team captain and willingly received by a player, will result in the player's disqualification.

15. Visiting Teams must ascertain prior to the match and conform to the Host Club's Rules & Dress Code at all times. The Team Captain 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.
16. 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.
17. Practice on the Competition Course in any Round by a Player of any Team on the day of the Match, and prior to each game in the match starting, shall result in the disqualification of the Player or Players concerned. Such disqualification, prior to the Teams being announced (see 18 below), will not preclude the affected Team Captain from selecting reserve players to substitute for those disqualified.
18. 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).
19. Each Team Captain or Team Representative shall hand to the Match Referee, not later than 20 minutes prior to the arranged time for commencement of play, the names of his team's players with their current CONGU handicaps. See also Clause 21 below.
20. Advice in Match Play Team Competitions (Note to Rule 8). Each team may appoint one person (in addition to the persons from whom advice may be asked under Rule 8), who may give advice to members of that team. Such person must be identified to the Match Referee before giving advice. That person may not walk on to a putting green or point out a line for putting when the ball lies on the green. See also NOTE 2 to Rule 14.
21. 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).
22. 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.

23. 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 DCGU Committee. The selection of players shall not be restricted to those who took part in the discontinued match.
 - c) The DCGU 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.
24. Disputes shall be determined by the Match Referee and his decision shall be final unless referral to the DCGU Committee is necessary.
25. 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.

PALAIRET MEMORIAL TROPHY & PALAIRET PLATE GROUP VENUES LIST (Updated 2012)

GROUP 1 (1st & 2nd)	GROUP 2 (3rd & 4th)	GROUP 3 (Finals)
6th May (11 venues) 3rd June (16 venues)	1st July (8 venues) 29th July (4 venues)	19th August
Ashbury Axe Cliff Bigbury Boringdon Park Bovey Castle (2 nd Rd) Churston Dartmouth D/ Crediton (2 nd Rd) Elfordleigh Fingle Glen Hartland Forest Highbullen Honiton Hurdwick Ilfracombe Libbaton Okehampton Padbrook Park Portmore Saunton (2 nd Rd) Sidmouth Staddon Heights Teign Valley Teignmouth Thurlestone Torquay (1 st Rd) Warren Willingcott Valley Wrangaton Yelverton (2 nd Rd)	Bovey Castle (3 rd Rd) Dainton Park D/ Crediton (3 rd Rd) East Devon Exeter Holsworthy Honiton RND Saunton (3 rd Rd) Stover Tavistock Tiverton Woodbury Park Yelverton (3 rd Rd)	Churston Dainton Park Downes Crediton East Devon Exeter RND Saunton Stover Tavistock Teignmouth Tiverton Woodbury Park Yelverton

NOTES

1. The above selections are based on known Course availability, holiday traffic considerations and suitability for the latter stages of the competition.
2. 9 Hole Courses are not included as venues for this competition.

PALAIRET - 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 Palairret Matches:

1. General

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