

Parker Trophy

INTER-CLUB SCRATCH FOURSOMES KNOCKOUT

RULES & CONDITIONS (2012)

- 1 The Competition shall to be known as the "Parker 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 Parker Trophy shall be competed for annually on a knockout basis and be held by the Winner for one year.
- 6 Matches will be played on a neutral course (HOST CLUB) chosen by the DCGU Committee. (In the case of a Parent Club being drawn against its Artisan Club when the match may be played on the home course).
- 7 The Preliminary Round and Rounds 1, 2 and 3 will be played in Areas and the match shall be played over 18 Holes on a neutral course within that Area and nominated by the DCGU Committee. Winning teams will play their next round against the team shown in the draw with Clause 9 below applying.
- 8 The 2 Semi-Final matches will be re-drawn & played over 18 holes on a neutral course as decided by the DCGU Committee once the teams are known. The Final will be contested over 36 holes comprising 18 holes of foursomes (3 games) and 18 holes of singles (6 games).
- 9 The first club drawn has the responsibility for arranging the match and must offer their opponent at least three alternative dates – one of which must be a weekend.

- 10 Matches may start at any time as agreed by the Captains except when the match is to be played on the last date for the Round in question – in which case the match must commence no later than 2 pm.
- 11 The competition shall not commence before 1st March. All Rounds must be completed by:
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| Preliminary Round | 31 st March |
| 1st Round | 30th April |
| 2nd Round | 30th June |
| 3rd Round | 31st August |
| Semi-Finals & Final | 31st October |
- 12 The format shall be Scratch Foursomes match play over 18 holes. Each Match shall consist of 3 games (six players) played to a finish with the order of play to be decided by each Captain.
- 13 Each player may have a Caddie who may undertake all the duties permitted as such by the Rules of Golf. Members or Staff of the Host Club or Golf Professionals are not 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 22 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 round. In addition, the Home Club is requested by prior arrangement to give the "courtesy of the course" to the competing teams (no more than 6 players + 2 reserves) for ONE practice round on a DAY PRIOR to the arranged match day.
- 17 No play by the team members is allowed at the Match Venue on the day of the Match prior to its commencement.
- 18 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 opposing team 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.
- 19 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.
- 20 Disputes. If a Match Referee is appointed, then his decision is final unless referral to the DCGU Committee is necessary.
- 21 The match result MUST BE NOTIFIED WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE END OF THE MATCH by the Team Captain of the first drawn team to the County Secretary, TEL: 01822 610640; FAX: 01822 610540; EMAIL: info@devongolfunion.org.uk.