



DEVONGOLF

Palairret Memorial Trophy

General Rules and Terms of Competition (replaces all previous versions)

1. The Competition shall be known as "The Palairret Memorial Trophy" and competed for on an annual basis. The Competition shall be open to all Clubs affiliated to Devon Golf Limited (DG).
2. The "General Terms of Competitions" shall apply where appropriate along with England Golf "Hard Card".
3. Players shall be eligible to represent only their 'Home Club for Handicap Purposes' and shall represent only one club in the year of that competition.
4. 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. 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'. The Competition Committee will decide the allocation of venues for matches in accordance with that list. Venue selections are also based on known Course availability, holiday traffic considerations and suitability for the latter stages of the competition. 9 Hole Courses are not included as venues for this competition.
5. The designated Sundays for the Competition this year are:
 - a. *1st Round 1st Sunday in May*
 - b. *2nd Round 1st Sunday in June*
 - c. *3rd Round 1st Sunday in July*
 - d. *4th Round Last Sunday in July*
 - e. *Finals Day TBC (usually the 2nd or 3rd Sunday in August)*
6. **Host Clubs** are requested to reserve their 1st Tee for 2 hours (usually between 12 and 2 pm) allowing a buffer time for a 1 pm match start. Please note: One course will be requested to host the Palairret Plate Event on the same date of the 3rd Round – reserved Tee-times usually from 9am to midday.
7. **Competing Clubs** are expected to make use of the venue club's catering facility to partake of food/meal on the match day. Whilst this is only a request, it is important to support the host club in this way.
8. **Host Club for Finals Day** is requested to reserve their course for the full day. Please note there will in future be no match for 3rd & 4th Places. Such trophies will be awarded as the DG Committee may decide.
9. The format shall be Handicap Foursomes match play over 18 holes with a stroke allowance applied as per the rules of golf. The maximum Handicap Index per player is 18.4.
10. Matches will be played on a neutral course (HOST CLUB) chosen by the DG 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. **Each team shall consist of 10 players and the order of play for each Team shall be in ASCENDING order of combined course handicaps.** In the event of combined course handicaps of pairs being equal the Team Captain shall decide the order of play.
12. Visiting Teams must ascertain prior to the match and conform to the Host Club's Rules & Dress Code. 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.
13. 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.

14. **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY of each Host Club** to appoint an ON-COURSE 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. Where a Host Club is unable to appoint a Match Referee, they are to request DevonGolf to provide such a Referee giving plenty of notice of this requirement. The Match Referee shall be required to be in attendance for the duration of the match and their decisions upon any dispute shall be deemed to be final (Refer to Rule of Golf 20.2a).
15. 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 WHS handicap Index and respective course handicap as well as THE NAME OF THE PERSON NOMINATED as Team Advice Giver (Refer to Rule of Golf 24.4a).
16. It shall be the responsibility of each Team Captain or Representative 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 (Refer to Rule of Golf 3.2c).
17. The order of play will be determined by the draw sheet where the first team out of the draw will have the honour on the 1st tee. The five matches are then played in Ascending order.
18. Each game must be played until there is a clear winner unless its outcome will not, with certainty, affect the overall *result of the match*. *If in doubt, the Match Referee must be consulted.* N.B. IN ALL ROUNDS, OTHER THAN THE FINALS DAY, PLAYERS MAY CONTINUE TO PLAY IF THEY WISH AFTER THE RESULT OF THE MATCH HAS BEEN DECIDED WITHOUT PENALTY.
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 DG Committee. The selection of players shall not be restricted to those who took part in the discontinued match.
 - c) The DG Committee reserves the right to decide in equity when it is impossible to complete a match in accordance with the Rules of Golf.
20. Disputes shall be determined by the Match Referee and his decision shall be final unless referral to the DG Committee is necessary.
21. The match result MUST BE NOTIFIED WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE END OF THE MATCH by the Match Referee to the DG Operations Manager (Paul Cloke), Tel 07779990393 or email info@devongolf.org.uk

PALAIRET MEMORIAL - CODE OF CONDUCT – COURTESY ROUNDS

DevonGolf 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 PalaiRET Matches:

1. General

- a) Club Managers are to ensure that their PalaiRET Captain is made familiar with these points.
- b) A PalaiRET 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 Club Manager (if available) or Club Professional (if available) 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.

PALAIRET MEMORIAL TROPHY - DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES OF A MATCH REFEREE

One hour before the match start time

1. Ensure you have with you a copy of the current DevonGolf General Rules and Terms of Competition.
2. Visit the Pro Shop:
 - a) Collect 13 score cards – cross out the local rules as the local rules section of the England Golf “Hard Card” will be utilised. (6 to each team Captain for their 5 pairs, 1 for himself & 1 for yourself. Sufficient quantities of The Hard Card will have been sent to each participating club usually in the preceding March.
 - b) Obtain Venue Club additional local rules as necessary.
 - c) Collect key for your buggy.
3. Make yourself known to the visiting team captains in the Club House and co-ordinate the 2 teams’ pairings from their team sheets; hand over the score cards to them.
Confirm with each Team Captain that the course handicaps of each player are correct on the match day.
4. Complete the Match Result Sheet as instructed, insert your mobile phone number and get 2 copies printed, one for each team Captain.
5. Remind 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 they are empowered to refer to the DG Operations Manager should any difficulties be encountered.
6. To have on his person:
 - a) A current copy of the Rules of Golf, EG “Hard Card” & a stopwatch or timepiece.

- b) A course scorecard together with a copy of any additional or temporary Local Rules applicable.
- c) A copy of the match sheet with handicaps and the calculated stroke allowance for each game.

A. On the 1st Tee

1. To all the players and supporters welcome them as follows:
2. *Good afternoon ladies & gentlemen and welcome to xxx Golf Club.*
3. *Today's match is between xxx and xxx in the Palairt Memorial Trophy.*
4. *The format is Handicap Foursomes. Strokes are received based on 50% of the combined team handicap.*
5. *Remind players that only the Team Captain, playing partner and caddies are permitted to give advice to their players; supporters & the public must not converse with the players.*
6. *Mobile phones – use is forbidden on course, unless in emergency or to contact the match referee.*
7. To the 4 players in each of the five games just before their start time:
 - a) *Introduce yourself and explain that, after starting all the games, you will be out on the course to deal with any queries on the rules that they cannot resolve. Provide your Mobile Number.*
 - b) *Remind them that they must not have more than 14 clubs in their bag.*
 - c) *Ask them to identify their ball to their opponents and remind them to announce if they decide to play a provisional ball or otherwise at any time.*
 - d) *Players are expected to ensure that the opponent's tee-shot is taken from within teeing area.*
 - e) *Before conceding an opponent's next shot, a player must have the agreement of his partner. Concessions must be clear.*
 - f) *Pace of Play – Ensure you keep up with the game in front of you.*
 - g) *If a match is not decided after 18 holes, then continue play into extra holes until a result is achieved, unless the result of the overall match result has been decided.*
 - h) *Advise that the white or medal tee markers are to be used.*
 - i) *Announce the club to drive first and who receives shots, if any.*
7. As soon as the fifth game has left the tee go out onto the course, preferably on a buggy, and follow games from a central position so you are seen and can be contacted if necessary.
8. When the result is known and both team Captains agree, complete the Result Sheet and email a copy to the DG Operations Manager. DevonGolf must know the result on Monday by phone call or text to 07779990393 or email (info@devongolf.org.uk).