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## Parker Trophy

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

1. The Competition shall be known as "The Parker Trophy" and competed for on an annual basis. The Competition shall be open to all Clubs affiliated to Devon Golf Limited (DG).
2. The "Terms of Competitions" shall apply where appropriate along with England Golf "Hard Card".
3. Players shall only be eligible to represent their 'Home Club for Handicap Purposes' and shall only represent one club in the year of that competition.
4. 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. 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.
5. 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 (countywide draw). Competing Clubs (not 9 Hole Courses) shall make their own courses available as host venues if required. The Competitions Committee will decide the allocation of venues for matches in accordance with the club entry 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.
6. Matches will be played on a neutral course (HOST CLUB) chosen by the DG Competitions 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 first club drawn has the responsibility for arranging the match within the published dates or earlier.
8. 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 2pm.
9. The Final's day will see the semifinal matches played in the morning over 18 holes and the winning team from each semifinal will contest for the Parker Trophy over an 18-hole team foursomes matchplay final. The Final's day will be at a neutral venue on a fixed date in September.
10. The competition shall not commence before 1st March. All Rounds must be completed within the dates shown on the Draw Sheet or earlier.
11. Visiting Teams must ascertain prior to the match and conform to the Host Club's Rules & Dress Code at all times. Each 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.
12. 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 6 players + 2 reserves) for ONE practice round together on a DAY PRIOR to the arranged match day including Finals Day.
13. Each Team Captain or Team Representative shall match the players with the opposing Team Official (or with the Match Referee if appointed), not later than 20 minutes prior to the arranged time for commencement of play, as well as THE NAME OF THE PERSON NOMINATED for the purpose of Rule of Golf 24.4a.

14. 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.
15. Disputes. If a Match Referee is appointed, then their decision is final unless referral to the DG Committee is necessary.
16. The match result MUST BE NOTIFIED WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE END OF THE MATCH by the winning Team Captain to the DG Operations Manager on Tel 07779990393 or email [info@devongolf.org.uk](mailto:info@devongolf.org.uk).

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