

PARKS AND BEAUMONT TROPHY RULES

THE SPECIFIC RULES FOR THESE COMPETITIONS SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GENERAL REGULATIONS OF SUFFOLK GOLF UNION. ALL MATCHES ARE TO BE PLAYED, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FINAL, TO THE LOCAL RULES AS STATED ON THE HOST CLUB'S SCORECARD AND ANY ADDITIONAL LOCAL RULES POSTED ON THE HOST CLUB'S NOTICE BOARD.

- 1.** Inter-club four ball better ball handicap competitions held annually and open to all clubs affiliated to the Suffolk Golf Union. **Play shall be from the white tees**
- 2.** Players must be amateurs as previously defined and a minimum of 55 years of age on the day of the competition. In each team a minimum of two players must be aged 65 years of age or over on the day of the competition
- 3.** A match will consist of 4 pairs playing over 18 holes (starting at the first). The aggregate of holes, up and down, will be used to decide the winning team (ie: Hambro scoring).
- 4.** Handicaps for the Parks Trophy to be no higher than 12. A player with a higher handicap may play but must play off 12.
- 5.** Handicaps for the Beaumont Trophy to be 13 to 20. A player with a handicap above 20 may play but must play off 20. A player with a handicap of between 13 and 20 who has played in previous rounds of the Beaumont Trophy during the current year but reduces his handicap to below 13 is eligible to continuing playing in the Beaumont Trophy providing he plays off his new reduced handicap.
- 6. Players must have an active handicap as at the date of the match. Please Note- Team captains must include team members CDH numbers on the result sheet before forwarding it to the County Secretary.**
- 7.** Stroke allowance will be 90% of the difference in handicaps taken from the player with the lowest handicap.
- 8.** No player who has played in the Parks Trophy is eligible to play in the Beaumont Trophy in the same year. On the other hand a player who has represented his club in the Beaumont Trophy may be promoted to the Parks Trophy team.
- 9.** In the event of a tie, captains will nominate two players from their team to play sudden death from the 1st tee unless different holes for the play-off have been agreed between the team Captains before beginning the match.
- 10.** A member of a club is eligible to represent his club in any match in the competition provided he has not previously represented another club in the same competition during the same year.
- 11.** The name of the club drawn first will be deemed the course on which the match shall be played, unless altered by mutual agreement. A new draw will be made after each round. The semi-final will be played on a neutral course. The final will be played on the course of the previous year's winner unless that club is in the final or the Match Play Committee decide otherwise.

12. All rounds should ideally be played on a weekday, unless mutually agreed. All rounds of the competition must be played in a week to be advised by the Match play secretary. **The home club must contact their opponents within 7 days of the draw and offer a minimum of 2 dates within the designated week.**

13. The host club will provide a 30 minute reservation from the 1st tee, not earlier than for a 10am start, unless mutually agreed.

14. Once a date has been agreed, it can only be changed by mutual agreement of both team captains. If the change is unilateral, that club will forfeit the match.

15. The Captain of the winning club must notify the Match play Secretary, and any other nominated person of the match result as instructed. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

16. Any match started and ultimately abandoned for any reason shall be replayed. However, this shall not apply in the event that a result has already been achieved, i.e. one team is more holes up than remain to be played.

17. In the event of there being a dispute over the rules which cannot be resolved by the captains of the two sides, a member of the Committee shall adjudicate and his decision shall be final. The committee shall be an officer or member of the county Executive Committee or any person nominated by Suffolk Golf Union to take decisions in respect of the competition on its behalf. **Such decision or decisions shall be final.**

18. Team captains are not permitted to give advice.

19. On the day of the match, practice on any part of the course, other than in areas officially designated by the home club as practice areas is forbidden. Visiting clubs are responsible for ascertaining which areas are designated as practice areas.

20. Visiting Team Captains are responsible for obtaining and ensuring that their team members, caddies and officials have sight of the host club's Course Risk Assessment and are aware of the host club's dress rules which must be strictly adhered to.

21. Entry into the competition will be subject to the acceptance of and compliance with the General Regulations of the Union and as applicable to the Parks and Beaumont Trophy competitions.

22. A meal on completion of the match is optional and will depend on the agreement or otherwise of both teams and the host club.

23. All clubs entering the competitions must be prepared for their courses to be used as a neutral venue for the semi-finals and final.