

BRAESIDE GOLF CLUB



CLUB CONSTITUTION NOTES & LOCAL RULES

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CONSTITUTION

1) **Title and Membership**

The Club shall be called the **Braeside Golf Club**, the number of members to be determined by the Committee, golf will be played over the Selsdon De Vere Mansions Golf Course and will be subject to the regulations and charges of the Greater London Borough of Croydon.

2) **Management of the Club**

The Management of the Club shall be in the hands of the Committee, consisting of the following:-

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| 1. Executive Officers | The President
Vice President/s
Honorary Secretary |
| 2. Officers | The Captain
Vice-Captain
Ladies Captain
Honorary Treasurer
Handicap Secretary
Competitions Secretary /ies
New Members Secretary

NAPGC Representative |
| 3. Remainder | The remainder of the Committee will consist of the Honorary Secretary of the Ladies Sub-Committee and four other gentlemen full members.
<i>Four to form a quorum</i> |

- a) Of the aforementioned, the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer shall retire annually, but shall be eligible for re-election. Of the other members of the Committee, two gentlemen shall retire every year, to be decided in the first place by lot and thereafter by rotation. These two will be eligible for re-election. The Captain and Vice-Captain shall be appointed annually by the Committee.
- b) The Executive Officers shall be elected from within the existing Committee and their names as accepted by the Committee shall be placed before the Annual General Meeting for approval. If not approved the Committee shall give further consideration whereby an extraordinary general meeting will be called. The Committee shall be empowered to fill any vacancy in the number of the Committee during the year.
- c) A Sub Committee consisting of the Junior Secretary and 3 members, one whom will act as Honorary Secretary of this Sub-Committee, is authorised to deal with matters solely



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concerning junior members. The members of this Sub Committee shall be appointed by the Management Committee each year.

- d) Junior members who must be under 18 years of age on the 1 January of the current season can attend general meetings of the Club but will not be entitled to vote.

3) *The Election of the Committee*

The Election of the Committee shall take place in the following manner. Any two members of the Club shall be at liberty to nominate a member to serve on the Committee, having previously received the assent of such members. The name of each member so nominated shall be sent in writing to the Honorary Secretary at least twenty one days before the Annual General Meeting.

A list of names together with the names of their Proposers and Seconders shall be posted on the notice board fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting. Balloting lists shall be prepared containing the names of the candidates from only these lists, each full member present shall select names in number sufficient to fill the vacancies

4) *Election of Members*

Candidates for election shall be balloted by the Committee, with black and white balls; the majority decision will be carried. A candidate must be proposed and seconded by two members of the Club. No member other than those serving on the Committee may propose or second more than two candidates in any one calendar year. The proposer shall send in the name of the candidate in writing to the Secretary and it shall forthwith be posted on the notice board, and at least seven days shall elapse after such posting before the ballot takes place. Initially, new candidates must apply to the Club Secretary for an official application form.

Honorary members may be chosen from time to time by the Committee as a reward for good work done and services rendered to the Club.

5) *Subscription*

All new members shall pay an annual subscription and a joining fee, set at each Annual General Meeting, for full members, senior citizens and juniors. Annual subscriptions are payable on January 1st each year in advance. Any member whose subscription is unpaid on January 15th shall be notified and in the absence of a satisfactory reply by January 31st shall be deemed to have resigned. Addresses of members must be communicated to the Honorary Secretary. All notices sent to such addresses shall be considered duly delivered.

6) *Suspensions*

Any member infringing the Rules of Golf, Club Rules or whose conduct shall be likely to bring discredit to or be detrimental to the best interests of the club, shall be subject to immediate suspension from club competitions and/or events on the decision of the Club Committee. The member shall be informed of suspension no later than 7 days of the decision.

Any member so suspended shall have the right to appeal within 14 days from the date that he/she was informed of the suspension. The Secretary will, within 14 days convene a



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Committee meeting where the member shall be given the opportunity to explain his/her conduct.

The Secretary shall then inform the member of the result of the appeal no later than 7 days after the appeal. The Committee's decision is final.

7) *Expulsion*

To expel a member from the Club it shall be necessary that notice be sent to the Honorary Secretary signed by five members, stating the circumstances which give rise to such notice.

The Honorary Secretary shall then call a meeting of the Committee and given the member notice to attend for an opportunity of explaining or withdrawing. The Committee are empowered to decide the question, a two-third majority is required to expel. Any member so expelled shall have the right to appeal to an Extraordinary General Meeting to be summoned within twenty one days at the request of the member. A majority of two-thirds of those present at such a meeting shall be required to confirm the expulsion.

8) *Property*

Any member on ceasing to become a member of the club shall forfeit all rights to, or claims upon the Club or its property or its funds.

9) *Competitions*

Competitions shall be held at such times and under such conditions as the Committee shall determine. Competitors must return two cards played under medal conditions, one of which can be accepted as a qualifying card, within four months prior to entry into any major competition. For new members, of the three cards submitted for handicap, the card signed by a Committee member will be counted as a qualifying card for a major competition. (This rule will be enforced at the discretion of the Committee).

10) *General Meeting*

A General Meeting of the members of the Club shall be held at the end of each year, at such a time and place as the Committee shall determine. Twelve members must be present to constitute a General Meeting. Seven days notice shall be sent to every member. The Committee may call an Extraordinary Meeting on giving notice of aforesaid when any matter of urgent importance shall occur and shall be bound to do so on receiving a request signed by ten members, stating the subject to be brought before the meeting, or by a member who has been expelled.

11) *Alteration of Rules*

No rule of the Club shall be repealed or altered, and no new rule shall be made save by a majority of two thirds of the members voting at a general meeting, and one calendar months notice of the intention to propose any new rule or alteration shall be given to the Honorary Secretary, who shall send notice or same to all members at least seven days before the General Meeting. Amendments to any duly proposed rule of alteration may be passed at the General Meeting.



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12) Bye-Laws

The Committee are empowered to make bye-laws to meet temporary emergencies, or such as they consider necessary for the well-being of the Club, which shall have effect until set aside by a General Meeting

13) Complaints

All complaints shall be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary who shall submit them to the Committee, whose decision shall be final.

14) Minutes and Accounts

The Honorary Secretary shall keep correct minutes of all proceedings of the Club, which shall be produced at every meeting and the Honorary Treasurer shall make up the annual accounts which shall, after audit be printed and circulated to members seven days previous to the General Meeting.

15) Rules and Regulations of the Club

A member having paid his or her subscription shall be bound to submit to the Rules and Regulations of the Club.

16) Rules of the Game

See 17) Below.

17) Mandatory Clauses imposed by England Golf as a pre requisite for affiliation status of the Club

2.1 Conduct of the Game

- a. The club agrees to recognise the R&A as the body responsible for the Rules of Golf and Amateur Status and shall abide by those Rules and any changes as laid down from time to time by R&A Rules Limited.
- b. The club agrees to comply with the Council of National Golf Union's Unified Handicapping System (CONGU UHS) and any conditions / discretions imposed within the system by England Golf.
- c. The club agrees to comply with the Rules of England Golf (pursuant to the relevant Articles of Association) and other provisions of the Articles of Association as are relevant and of The Rules of its chosen Men's County Union / Ladies County association as laid down from time to time.
- d. The club shall pay by the agreed due date, all subscriptions due to England Golf and the Men's County Union / Ladies County Association in respect of every member.
- e. The golf club members shall appoint a Competition and Handicapping Committee as required under the Rules of Golf and CONGU UHS which shall have complete control of Competition and Handicapping matters in the club.
- f. The Club will agree to adopt and abide by all England Golf rules and policies including but not limited to Safeguarding, Equity & Equality and Anti-doping.

2.2 Rules 2.1(a) to 2.1 (f) and this Rule shall not be amended or revoked without the prior written consent of England Golf.



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18) *Dissolution of the Club*

If at any General Meeting a resolution (notice of which shall previously have been given) for the dissolution of the Club be passed by a majority of the full members present, and such resolution shall be at a special General Meeting, held not less than one month thereafter, be confirmed by a majority of two thirds of the full members voting thereon, the Committee shall thereupon, or at such future date as shall be specified in such resolution, proceed to realise the property of the Club, and after the discharge of all liabilities shall divide the same equally among the persons who were full annual members of the Club at the date of such Special General Meeting and are still members at the date of the confirmatory resolution, and upon the completion of such division the Club shall be dissolved.

COMPETITIONS, REMINDERS AND NOTES

19) *Competition Cards*

Cards for all competitions must be marked by another member of Braeside Golf Club or a member of Selsdon DeVere Mansions Golf Club. The player is responsible for seeing that his/her card has the correct score, date, handicap, name of the competition, and his/her signature. Markers are required to sign and requested to print their name on all competition cards. Men's competition cards are to be placed in the competition box immediately the round has finished. Should this not be possible / practicable, members are requested to image their cards. Ladies' cards are given to a representative who will scan and send electronically to the handicap secretary for processing.

20) *Broadcasting Scores*

Remember that it is unfair to broadcast your score until after the competition is ended.

21) *Results*

A Men's or Mixed competition is deemed to be closed once the result is posted on the club board.

22) *Competition Details*

Men's Section members will remember to check the full details of competitions on the notice board, and sign the competition entry sheet/book before commencing play. The Ladies sign in the book at the Pro Shop for monthly stablefords and monthly medals only. For tee closure comps i.e. Ida Davis etc., all Braeside ladies receive a Doodle/email a week before the tee closure and they confirm if they intend to play. They do not need to sign in the book for these comps. Failure to turn up for a tee closure competition without notifying anyone that they cannot attend, having said they would play, is a ban on the next tee closure comp.

23) *Competition Lists*

Lists for entry to KO Competitions will be on the board before commencement of the competition. All other competitions will be drawn and the draw published 2 days before the competition for Men's / Mixed competitions which are Tee Closures. Ladies will organise themselves on the day once turn out is established. For a list of competitions and formats please refer to the relevant Men's or Ladies handbook. Men's and Ladies' fixture lists are



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published and circulated at the start of each year once availability is confirmed with Selsdon and away venues. Due to a variety of unforeseen factors, dates are merely indicative and subject to change.

24) Medals

Saturday is the official day for playing the gentlemen's medal round, with the Friday and Sunday immediately either side as alternate days. If, owing to course conditions, the medal is not played on the Saturday then it will be postponed or cancelled. If it is played on the Saturday, then the medal round is still on for Sunday, whatever the conditions. Divisions for medal rounds will be determined by the Committee.

25) Knockout Competitions

On any singles or fourball match, it is the equal responsibility of all competitors to contact their opponents as early as possible and have the match played during the period allotted for the round. No extensions will be allowed for any round unless the course is deemed unplayable. The Committee has no power to waive a Rule of Golf. A penalty of disqualification, however, may in exceptional individual cases, be waived or be modified or be imposed if the Committee consider such action warranted. It would not be necessary to play singles matchplay competition as a two ball as long as the players joining you were full members of the club and playing a similar competition. Failure to comply will be disqualification of both players.

26) Insurance

All fully paid up members as at 25th January of each subscription year (not including Honorary members) of **Braeside Golf Club** are automatically insured against third party, in respect of the Club's golfing activities at **Selsdon De Vere Mansions Golf Course as well as Worldwide cover** subject to the provisos under Option 1 cover. A delay in cover could operate in the case of members paying **after** this date of around a month. Members are to await confirmation of their cover operating before instead of assuming cover should they opt to renew and pay subscriptions after the 25th January which is when the lists are sent to the insurers. Braeside Golf Club shall not be held responsible for any and all claims and members agree that they are playing at their own risk. Members will be issued contact numbers in case of emergencies abroad where a claim may or may not be relied upon. Terms and Conditions apply and it is incumbent upon each member to familiarise themselves with the extent of the cover under Option 1 as it is NOT an unlimited cover. A factsheet will be circulated to the membership as well as our policy Terms and Conditions. Further copies are available upon request.

27) Preferred Lies

Preferred lies will be determined by the Committee according to conditions and will be advised via the notice board / email. Please however check with the pro shop before playing if in any doubt.

28) Decisions of Ties

In the event of a tie in strokeplay competition, the result will be decided over the last nine holes, the last six, the last three and the last one, with the exception of the **Gross Club Championship**, where SUDDEN DEATH shall be played over holes deemed by the Committee.



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29) *Hole in One*

The member must inform the Committee in writing stating the hole number, and date, together with a signed statement from a witness who is a member.

30) *Handicaps*

To obtain a handicap a player must return three cards, one to be signed by a Committee member and the other two by members of the Club. Details of the handicapping system are to be found in the booklet '*The Standard Scratch Score and Handicapping Scheme*' published by the Council of National Golf Unions.

31) *Fixtures List and Address Lists*

Details of fixtures and the telephone list of the membership of the Club will be published separately from the handbook and rules booklet which will only be issued to new members.

32) *Failure to Attend Major Competitions*

Members who elect to play in any major competition, where, specified time and partners have been allocated but fail to attend without informing the Competition Organiser, or, having no extenuating circumstances, which must be advised to the Competitions Secretary by their allotted tee off time, shall be banned from ALL COMPETITIONS for a period of 30 days. However, thirty day suspensions do not apply to Club knock-out competitions beyond the first round.



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LOCAL RULES

Below are the rules passed at the 2016 AGM. Any *Rule* referred to is that in the "*RULES OF GOLF*" published by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews, Scotland. Local Rules of Selsdon Park adopted.

1) OUT OF BOUNDS

- a. A ball lying outside any boundary fence of the golf course or beyond the white posts to the left of the 1st hole.
- b. Any ball on or over the roadway on the 11th, 14th and 18th holes.

2) OBSTRUCTIONS

Manhole covers, control box covers, electrical power boxes, directional posts, notice boards, steps made for the purpose of the upkeep of the course, paths, roadways and shelters, rabbit scrapes, tractor or cart ruts. Relief may be taken (Rule 24-2).

3) STONES IN BUNKERS (Rule 24-1)

Stones may be moved without penalty. If in doing so the ball is moved, it must be replaced on its original spot.

4) PROTECTION OF YOUNG OR STAKED TREES

Staked or protected trees are immovable obstructions, relief may be obtained by dropping the ball within one club-length of the nearest point of relief, not nearer the hole. (Rule 24-2b(i)).

5) FIXED SPRINKLER HEADS

Fixed sprinkler heads are immovable obstructions and relief from interference by them may be obtained under Rule 24-2.

In addition, if such an obstruction on or within two club-lengths of the putting green of the hole being played intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may obtain relief, without penalty, as follows:

If the ball lies off the putting green but not in a hazard and is within two club-lengths of the intervening obstruction, it may be lifted cleaned and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay which

- a) is not nearer the hole,
- b) avoids such interference and
- c) is not in a hazard or on a putting green.

6) WATER HAZARDS

Ditches are to be considered as a lateral water hazard (Rule 26 applies).

7) TEEING GROUND – MEN'S

The default teeing ground (in the absence of white markers appropriately placed on the white tee boxes, i.e. NOT on what are usually the Yellow or Red teeing grounds), will be 2 club



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lengths forward of the White Plates in ALL matchplay and medal (strokeplay as well as stableford) competitions. Mutual agreement in matchplay notwithstanding matches can be played from any tee but cannot be insisted upon. In the event of a failure to mutually agree to a forward tee, the Club rule demands playing from the position as set out above.

8) DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES

For all play at this course, a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of [Rule 14-3](#). Thus, those features such as a slope function on a laser rangefinder or smartphones giving more information than basic distances may not be used in competitive play.

9) BALL ON GREEN ACCIDENTALLY MOVED

When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1.

This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting greens and any movement is accidental.

Note: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.