

BRAESIDE GOLF CLUB



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CONSTITUTION

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 Beckenham Place Park Golf Course and will be subject to the regulations and charges of the Greater London Borough of Lewisham.

Management of the Club

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

Executive Officers -

The President
Vice President/s
Honourary Secretary

Officers -

The Captain
Vice Captain
Ladies' Captain
Honourary Treasurer
Handicap Secretary
Competitions Secretary
New Members Secretary
Junior Secretary
NAPGC Representative

Remainder -

The remainder of the Committee will consist of the Honourary Secretary of the Ladies Sub-Committee and four other gentlemen full members.

Four to form a quorum

Of the aforementioned, the Honourary Secretary and the Honourary 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.

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.

A Sub-Committee consisting of Ladies Captain and four other lady full members, one of whom shall act as Honourary Secretary of this Sub-Committee, is authorised to deal with matters solely concerning lady members and the Ladies Golf Union, three to form a quorum. Two members of this Sub-Committee 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.



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A Sub Committee consisting of the Junior Secretary and 3 members, one of whom will act as Honourary Secretary of this Sub-Committee, is authorised to deal with matters solely concerning junior members. The members of this Sub Committee shall be appointed by the Management Committee each year.

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.

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 Honourary 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

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.

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

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 Honourary Secretary. All notices sent to such addresses shall be considered duly delivered.

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.



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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 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.

Expulsion.

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

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.

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 major competition. (This rule will be enforced at the discretion of the Committee).

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.

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 Honourary 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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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

Complaints.

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

Minutes and Accounts.

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

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.

Rules of the Game.

The rules of the game of Golf, so far as applicable, shall be those adopted from time to time by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews.

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.



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Competition Cards.

Cards for all competitions must be marked by another member of Braeside Golf Club or a member of Beckenham Place Park 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. All competition cards are to be placed in the competition box immediately the round has finished.

Broadcasting Scores.

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

Results

A competition is deemed to be closed once the result is posted on the club board.

Competition Details.

Remember to check the full details of competitions on the notice board, and sign the competition entry sheet/book before commencing play.

Competition Lists.

Lists for entry to Competitions will be on the board before commencement of the competition.

Medals.

Saturday is the official day for playing the gentleman's medal round, with Sunday as the alternate day. 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.

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.



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Insurance.

All members of **Braeside Golf Club** are insured against third party, and all risk in respect of the Club's golfing activities at **Beckenham Place Park Golf Course**.

Preferred Lies.

Preferred lies will be determined by the Committee according to conditions and will be advised via the notice board.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 1992 AGM. Any *Rule* referred to is that in the "*RULES OF GOLF*" published by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews, Scotland

Movable Obstructions (Relief without penalty as under Rule 24-1)

Stones in Bunkers Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions.
Movable Rubbish Bins

Immovable Obstructions (Relief without penalty as under Rule 24-2)

Sprinkler Heads. If the sprinkler is on or within 2 club lengths of the green, but not in a hazard.
Protection Fences The wire mesh fence protecting the 4th tee. The wire mesh protection fence to the right and rear of the 6th green. The wire mesh fence to the right of the 10th fairway.
Saplings. All staked trees and newly planted saplings
Paths Paths leading from green to tee at the 1st, 5th, 10th, 12th, 15th, 17th and 18th greens. The path running around the left side of the 13th green.
Steps to Rear of 8th Green
Ball Cleaners
Fixed Rubbish Bins.

GUR Areas (Relief without penalty as under Rule 25)

Wrong Putting Green A ball must be dropped off any green or temporary green other than that of the hole being played
Wrong Tee. A ball coming to rest on any tee other than the hole being played must be dropped off the tee. The sloped sides of a tee are not part of the tee.
Stony Surfaces. All stony ground around teeing areas.



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Out of Bounds (Penalty and action as under Rule 27)

Ball lying on or over the road running through the park.

Within the confines of the fence to the rear of the 7th green

Beyond the low wire fence to the right of the 14th fairway.

Beyond the fence edging the path that runs from the front of the Mansion to the 15th green and which passes the back of the 16th and 18th greens.

Beyond the chains to the rear of the 3rd tee, 5th green and 6th tee.

Water Hazard (Penalty and action as under Rule 26)

Ditches running from right of 1st fairway to lake on left of 14th fairway.

The lake to left of the 14th fairway (usually dry but still currently deemed to be a lake).

Lateral Water Hazard (Penalty and action as under Rule 26)

Ditches to left of 3rd green and to right of 14th fairway.

Note. A player electing to play from a hazard must not ground the club.

White Markers

Most of our summer competitions are played from white markers. However if the white markers should be missing then you must play from within two club lengths of the back of the tee. **Braeside does not play from the marker stones.**

Additional Committee Rulings

Since 1992 the Committee has ruled that the **white posts** along the road holes of the 6th, 7th and 10th do not mark Out of Bounds (many of the posts are now missing). Being **on the road** or **over the road** on these holes is Out of Bounds. Beyond the **white posts** on the right of the 14th and 15th fairways and the white posts to the left of the 11th fairway continues to be Out of Bounds.

Note

Always check the noticeboard for seasonal or temporary conditions.