



# Bradford Moor Golf Club

Since 1906

**OFFICIAL RULES**

**AND**

**REGULATIONS**

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## ETIQUETTE OF THE GAME

The careful observance at all times of etiquette on the course will add to everybody's enjoyment whilst playing.

1. No-one shall move or talk or stand close to or directly behind the ball or the hole when a player is making a stroke.
2. The player who has the honour must be allowed to play before their opponent tees the ball.
3. No player shall play until the party in front are out of range.
4. When the result of a hole has been determined, players must immediately leave the putting green.
5. Players, while looking for a lost ball, must allow other matches coming up to pass them; they should signal to the players following to pass and, having given such a signal, they should not continue their play until these players have passed and are out of range.
6. A player must see that any turf displaced by them is at once replaced and pressed down.
7. Players should carefully smooth out all marks made in a bunker.
8. Players should see that neither their caddies nor themselves injure the holes by standing close to them when the ground is soft, or when replacing the flag stick.
9. A player who has incurred a penalty should intimate the fact to their opponent as soon as possible.
10. Players should at all times play without undue delay.
11. To discourage trespassing on the course, members and visitors must not purchase balls from non-members of the Club during the course of play.

New members who are just learning the game are strongly advised to take lessons from a professional. All members are recommended to take insurance cover against loss of equipment and damage to persons and property.

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## PRIORITY ON THE COURSE

1. The President, Captain and Lady Captain of the Club shall at all times be given priority on the course.
2. Juniors under 18 shall have no standing on the course unless playing with an adult, except when representing the Club in a match or competition.
3. **Four-ball Matches**

A Four-ball match must always invite to pass through singles or foursomes matches, whether comprised of ladies or gentlemen, and it must cease playing until the matches have passed through and are out of range.
4. Ladies have priority on Tuesdays.
5. All Club competition matches shall commence at No.1 tee.
6. A match of any description which is playing a short round must invite to pass through it a match of any description playing the full round.
7. Similarly, any type of match which has cut in must invite to pass through it any type of match playing the full round which might otherwise be held up.

## **RULES FOR CLUB COMPETITIONS**

1. On competition days, non-competitors may only commence play once tee times are available. In all instances, play must commence from the first tee and precedence be given to competitors. Apart from putting on the practice putting green, practising is not allowed on competition days. Also, no practice is allowed on the Lady Captain's Day.
2. Unless 30 or more cards are taken out, full prizes will not be awarded, but winners will qualify for the Annual Medal or Annual Stableford play-off as appropriate.
3. Cards must not be taken out before 7:00am or after 6:00pm.
4. Before a card is placed in the competition box, the player should satisfy themselves that it is marked correctly and signed by their marker and themselves. The penalty for not complying is disqualification.
5. All qualifying cards from Bradford Moor Golf Club including 'NO RETURNS', scores to be entered into the computer before the card is placed in the competition box at the earliest opportunity, once play is completed.
6. Juniors holding handicaps of 24 or less may enter Monthly competitions (Medal or Stableford). However, a junior must be accompanied by an adult competitor and may not take a time before 12 noon on Sundays (No restrictions regarding starting times on Saturdays). JUNIORS HOLDING A HANDICAP OF 12 OR LESS MAY ENTER ALL CLUB COMPETITIONS INCLUDING MAJORS.
7. Ties in competitions shall be decided by comparison of cards as follows:
  - a. Over last nine holes.
  - b. Then if necessary over the last six holes
  - c. Then if necessary over the last three holes.
  - d. Then if necessary over the first six holes.
  - e. Then if necessary over the first three holes.

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## MARKING A CARD

**Medal:** Gross score to be marked at each hole, with handicap being deducted from total score.

**Medal Four-ball:** Players take strokes as applicable with the best gross and nett score of the two partners, at that hole, being marked in the players appropriate column, i.e. player A or player B. The total of the nett scores being the result.

**Stableford:** Strokes taken where applicable, gross score and points must be marked at each hole. Players are requested to also mark nett scores.

The point scoring system is as follows:

1 stroke more than par	1 point
strokes as par	2 points
1 stroke less than par	3 points
2 strokes less than par	4 points

The total points scored is the result.

**Stableford Four-ball:** As in Stableford, with the best gross score and points, at each hole, being marked in that partner's appropriate column.

## HANDICAPS

To obtain a handicap, a member must submit three cards marked by a player with a bona-fide handicap.

No member may compete in Major competitions unless two complete STROKEPLAY CARDS from QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS have been submitted within the previous six months.

# CLUB RULES

**1. Name**

The name of the Club shall be “The Bradford Moor Golf Club”.

**2. Object of the Club**

The object of the Club is to provide members with a Golf Course, or Green and Club House, and to supply them with the refreshments and other things incidental to the playing of golf, also to promote social intercourse.

**3. Club Year**

The Club financial year shall commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> November and terminate on the 31<sup>st</sup> October

**4. Management**

The Club shall be managed by a committee consisting of a Chairman, President, Vice-President, Past President, Captain, Lady Captain, Men’s Vice-Captain, Men’s Past Captain, Men’s Rabbits’ Captain, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Competition Secretary, House Chairman and five other members.

Members of Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting to hold office for three years, two years or one year, and thereafter shall be eligible for re-election.

Lessees of the Club shall be the Chairman, Secretary, President and Captain.

The General Committee shall have power to co-opt a member to any Sub-Committee.

**5. Election of Committee**

The election of members of Committee shall take place in the following manner:

- a. Any two full members of the Club shall be at liberty to nominate any other member to serve on the Committee. The name of each member so nominated shall be sent to the Honorary Secretary at least 10 days before the Annual General Meeting, such nominations to be posted to members prior to the General Meeting.
- b. A list of the names in alphabetical order shall be affixed by the Honorary Secretary on the Notice Board at the Club seven days at least before the Annual General Meeting. Voting papers shall be prepared containing the names of the candidates only, and each full member present at the Annual General Meeting shall be entitled to vote for any number of such candidates

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not exceeding the number of vacancies. In case less than the number shall be nominated, the Annual General Meeting shall fill up the vacancies. If two or more candidates obtain an equal number of votes, the Meeting shall select by lot from such candidates who shall be members of the Committee.

- c. In case of a vacancy on the Committee during the year, it shall be filled by the Committee at their discretion.

### 6. **Power of Committee**

The Committee shall have control of the finances of the Club and power to engage, control and dismiss the Club's servants; power to appoint Sub-Committees from their own body for special purposes, and powers to make such bye-laws and regulations for the regulation of play, and the use and management of the Club House and Course as they shall from time to time deem necessary, and such bye-laws and regulations shall be binding on all members, unless and until varied by the Committee or set aside at a General Meeting. The Committee shall hold meetings at least once a month for the election of members and other business. Five of the Committee shall form a quorum.

### 7. **Auditors**

Auditors shall be appointed at the Annual Meeting.

### 8. **Election of New Members**

A candidate must be proposed by a member and seconded by another member. The candidate's name and address, and the name of the proposer and seconder, shall be posted on the Notice Board. Candidates balloted for and not elected shall not be proposed again for election within a period of twelve months. On the election of a new member, the Hon. Secretary shall notify the same to them in writing and furnish them with a copy of the Rules and request them to pay their entrance fee and first subscription to the Treasurer. No member can enjoy any of the benefits or privileges of the Club until such payments have been made and, if such payment is not made within one calendar month from the date of the Hon. Secretary's notice, the election shall be void unless the member shall show sufficient cause for such delay, to the satisfaction of the Committee.



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9. **Payment of Subscriptions** All Annual Subscriptions are payable in advance on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April in each year with the exception of the President, Captain, Lady Captain, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Competition Secretary who are exempt during their year of office. Any member whose subscription is not paid in full by the 30<sup>th</sup> April shall cease forthwith to be a member (unless extenuating circumstances apply)
10. **Resignation** A member may by giving notice in writing to the Hon. Secretary resign their membership of the Club but shall continue liable for any annual subscription due and unpaid at the date of their resignation. No resignation can be accepted after 31<sup>st</sup> March for the following year. Any such member having discharged all their liabilities to the Club and wishing to re-join may be proposed and balloted for in accordance with Rule 8.
11. **Complaints** All complaints, whatever their form, must be referred to the Club Secretary, in writing, for consideration by the Committee. Verbal complaints to Committee members will not be accepted.
12. **Expulsion** The Committee shall have power to expel any member from the Club who shall, in their opinion, have acted in defiance of the Laws and Rules of the Club, or whose conduct either in or out of the Club may be injurious to the character, interest or good order of the Club provided that notice has been given to such a member that his or her conduct will be considered at a Special Committee Meeting. The vote for expulsion to be taken by ballot of the Committee. Any member dealt with under this rule has the right of appeal.
13. **Visitors** A Visitor, whether introduced by a member of the Club or not, shall be entitled to the privileges of the Club House and Course on payment of the current Green Fee. Payment shall be made in advance, online or to either the Greenkeeper or the Bar Manager. Visitors shall not be introduced at a reduced fee more than six times in any one year. No charge for Green Fees shall be made in respect of Honorary Secretaries or Captains of other golf clubs. No visitor shall be allowed to introduce a Guest, to vote at meetings or to play in club competitions.

Intoxicating liquor may be sold to Visitors who have paid a Green Fee, and also to members, officials and supporters of either visiting golf clubs on the occasion of a team match, or teams taking part in representative fixtures being held at the club.

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### **14. Country Members**

Country Members may participate only in Monthly Medal and Stableford.

### **15. Guests**

The member is responsible for the conduct of their Guests at all times.

### **16. Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of March for the purpose of receiving a General Report and electing the Committee and Auditors, revising the rules and transacting any other business which may require the decision of a General Meeting. The Committee may call an Extraordinary General Meeting at any time by giving not less than seven days' notice by circular specifying the nature of the business to be transacted and the discussion at such meeting shall be strictly confined to the business specified in the circular. The Committee shall also call an Extraordinary General Meeting subject to the above restrictions on the written requisition of ten members. Twenty members shall form a quorum at all General Meetings. Social and Junior Members may attend, but do not have the power to vote.

### **17. Alteration of Rules**

These rules can only be altered at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting and any proposal to alter them must be in the hands of the Hon. Secretary at least 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting and shall be displayed on the Notice Board for a period of 14 days. The General Committee do, in the event of it becoming necessary from time to time, have the power to add, alter or amend the Club rules, so as to comply with Licensing and other laws without the need to call an Extraordinary General Meeting.

### **18. Construction of Rules**

All questions as to the meaning or construction of these Rules shall be referred to the Committee for determination, subject to an appeal to an Extraordinary General Meeting whose decision shall be final.

### **19. Members' Addresses**

Members shall communicate to the Hon. Secretary any change of Postal address, Email address or Telephone number. All addresses shall be inserted in the Register of Members. All notices, etc., sent by post or email shall be deemed to have been duly delivered.

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### 20. Notices

No paper, notices of placards written or printed shall be displayed in the Club House without the sanction of the President, Captain, Lady Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, House Chairman or Competition Secretary.

### 21. Payment of Expenses

Members are required to pay all expenses they incur in the Club House or on the Green—on their own behalf or on behalf of Visitors introduced by them—before leaving the premises.

### 22. Cards

Card playing shall be allowed on the Club premises subject to conditions defined by the Committee.

### 23. Club House

The Club House is open from 7:00am.

### 24. Permitted Hours

The hours in which alcoholic refreshments may be served in the Club House will be displayed on the Notice Board and the Club Website.

Members and Guests under the age of 16 years should leave the bar lounge by 10pm.

### 25. Damage or Misbehaviour

The Committee shall have the power to penalise any member found guilty of wilful damage or misbehaviour in the Club House or on the course, provided that notice has been given to such a member that his or her conduct will be considered at a Special Committee Meeting. Any member dealt with under this rule has the right of appeal.

### 26. Liabilities

Each member is responsible for his or her proportionate share of the Club's liabilities.

### 27. Profits

The Club shall not make a distribution of any surplus save to another non-profit making body or, in part or in whole, to the members on dissolution.

### 28. Hiring of Club House

A Member may hire the Club House for their own use, provided that authorisation has been granted by the General Committee. However, the member must attend the function in person and will be held responsible for the conduct of the persons attending the function.

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### **29. Gaming Machines**

The gaming machines must only be used by members.

### **30. Subscriptions**

Members elected at or after the September Committee Meeting in each year shall only be liable to pay subscriptions proportionate to the months remaining in that subscription year. The Committee shall have power to impose or dispose of entrance fees at their discretion. Honorary Members may be elected at an Annual General Meeting and after being recommended and passed by the Committee at a regular monthly Committee Meeting.

# LOCAL RULES

## 1. Out of bounds (Rule 18.2)

- a. Beyond all boundary walls and fences
- b. Beyond the wall and the line it creates in dividing the 2<sup>nd</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> holes
- c. In or over the grip dividing 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> except when playing the 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> hole
- d. In or over the ditch or the boundary fence parallel to the fairway left of the 4<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> holes

## 2. Penalty Areas (Rule 17)

All ditches are Red Penalty Areas and are defined by red stakes or red lines.

## 3. Abnormal Course Conditions including Ground Under Repair and Immovable Obstructions (Rule 16.1)

- a. The grip which runs between the 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> holes is Ground Under Repair when playing the 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> hole. If a ball lies in the grip or so near the that the grip interferes with the players stance or the area of their intended swing, the player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b
- b. Sections of bridges outside Penalty Areas are classed as Immovable Obstructions and the player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b
- c. All fixed sprinkler heads are immovable obstructions and relief may be obtained under Rule 16.1.

The player also has these extra options to take relief when such immovable obstructions are close to the putting green and on the line of play:

Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is:

- On the line of play, and is:
  - Within two club-lengths of the putting green, and
  - Within two club lengths of the ball.

**Exception - No Relief If Line of Play Clearly Unreasonable.** There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.

## 4. Integral Parts of the Course

- a. All sections of bridges not defined in 3b are integral parts of the course
- b. Free relief may be taken on all man-made paths

## **5. Protection of Young Trees**

Young trees identified by stakes are no play zones:

If a player's ball lies anywhere on the course other than in a penalty area and it lies on or touches such a tree or such a tree interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing, the player must take relief under Rule 16.1f

If the ball lies in a penalty area, and interference to the player's stance or area of intended swing exists from such a tree, the player must take relief either with penalty under Rule 17.1e or with free relief under Rule 17.1e(2)

## **6. Practice Putting Green**

The Practice Putting Green is a Wrong Green and the player must take free relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in the designated dropping zone marked by white paint adjacent to the Practice Putting Green. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3.

## **7. Tractor Marks**

Tractor Marks are an Abnormal Course Condition and the player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b

## **8. Relief from Tree Roots**

If a player's ball is at rest in a portion of the general area cut to fairway height or less and there is interference from exposed tree roots that are in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less, the tree roots are treated as ground under repair. The player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b

(**But** interference does not exist if the tree roots only interfere with the player's stance)

## **Penalty for Breach of Rules:**

Matchplay – loss of hole, strokeplay – general penalty (2 strokes)

## MAJOR COMPETITIONS (Mens)

**PRESIDENT'S PRIZE** — Singles, Medal Play over 18 holes.

**CAPTAIN'S PRIZE** — Singles, Medal Play over 18 holes.

**IVY DAVISON TROPHY (OPEN)** — Mixed Four Ball Better Ball Medal Play over 18 holes.

**GRANVILLE ASQUITH TROPHY** — Four Ball Better Ball, Medal over 18 holes.

**GODWIN SHIELD** — Foursomes, Match Play over 18 holes.

**JUBILEE TROPHY** — Singles, Medal Play over 18 holes.

**GRANT TROPHY** — Singles, Match Play over 18 holes.

**PRIESTLEY CUP** — Greensomes, Medal over 18 holes.

**HIBBERT TROPHY** — Singles, Medal over 18 holes.

**MAYHEW TROPHY** — 8 to qualify, Medal, play-off Match Play over 18 holes. (Limited to 16 to 24 Handicap Players, at #me of entry.)

**"J.E. GENT" SCRATCH CUP** — Singles, Medal Play over 36 holes.

**BRADFORD MOOR SENIORS' CHAMPIONSHIP** — Single Medal over 18 holes. (Age qualification 55 years and over.)

**BRADFORD MOOR CUP** — 8 to qualify, Medal, play-off match play over 18 holes. (Limited to 15 and under handicap players, at #me of entry.)

**ANNUAL MEDAL** — 1st, 2nd Division winners of each monthly Medal Competition (Jan.-Dec.) qualify for a Medal play-off in the following year.

**ANNUAL STABLEFORD** — 1st, 2nd Division winners of each Stableford Competition (Jan.-Dec.) qualify for a Stableford play-off in the following year.

Maximum handicap limit 24 for all Major Competitions unless otherwise posted.

Competition cards must be fully signed and placed in the box provided immediately after a round is completed. A course record may only be set under Medal conditions.

## **MAJOR COMPETITIONS (Ladies)**

**LADY CAPTAIN'S PRIZE** – Singles 18 Hole format at discretion of Lady Captain

**ANNUAL MEDAL** – Singles (runs Jan – Dec)

**ANNUAL STABLEFORD** – Singles (runs Jan-Dec)

**DAVISON BROOCH** – Singles 18-hole Medal

**DAVISON PLATE TROPHY** – Singles 18-hole Matchplay

**JOAN DALBY SHIELD** – Singles 18-hole Medal

**KATH STEAD TROPHY** – Singles 18-hole Stableford

**MARGARET HARRISON TROPHY** – Singles 18-hole Medal

**NESSIE RAVENSCROFT TROPHY** – Singles 18-hole Stableford

**QUEENIE LONGBOTTOM TROPHY** – Singles 18-hole Matchplay

**R & M HUGHES SCRATCH TROPHY** – Singles 18-hole Medal

**RITA CARROLL PENDANT** – Singles 18-hole Medal

**ROSEBOWL** – Singles 18-hole Stableford

**TEMPEST TROPHY** – Singles Best of 4 18-hole Medal Scores

**TOOTHILL TROPHY** – Singles 18-hole Medal

**TOOTHILL BROOCH** – Singles 18-hole Stableford