

ENGLAND PARKINSON'S DISEASE
GOLF SOCIETY (EPDGS)



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1 - Name and Purpose.

1.1. The Society will be known as the England Parkinson's Disease Golf Society (EPDGS).

1.1.1. It should be noted that reference to 'The England Parkinson's Disease Golf Society', 'the EPDGS' or 'the Society' in any documents or communications to the Membership refers to the same organization.

1.1.2. Any reference to the society to the public then the full name with acronym in brackets should be used i.e. The England Parkinson's Disease Golf Society (EPDGS).

1.2. The overarching purpose is to provide access to exercise opportunities in order to inspire people with Parkinson's Disease to improve their lives, alleviate symptoms and connect with community through golf.

2 - Sport Parkinson's.

2.1 Since its inception, the Sports Parkinson's (SP) golf community in England has grown exponentially and as a consequence the Parkinson's golf communities demand for golf has outgrown SPs existing golf programme. As a consequence, the formalisation of an EPDGS is essential in order to enhance and build the momentum achieved by SP, explore, and develop wider opportunities, including National Representation with England Golf, Sport Parkinson's, and overseas opportunities to the Parkinson's golfing community.

3 - Governance.

3.1 The governance of the Society shall be exercised by a General Committee elected by the membership who will vote in the following appointment on an annual basis:

- Chairperson
- Secretary (Fixture Secretary)
- Treasurer
- Sports Parkinson's (SP) Director
- Media Officer
- Captain

3.2 Where possible a minimum of at least three members of the committee will be women. In nominating members of the committee women will be given preference until this number is reached.

3.3 All elected officers and members shall be entitled to a vote at each committee meeting and the Chairperson shall have an additional casting vote, to be used in the event of a tie.

3.4 The Committee shall meet on a minimum of four occasions per year.

4 - Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.)

- 4.1 The inaugural Annual General Meeting (A.G.M) will be held on 6th Nov 23 or at a maximum of thirteen months from the previous AGM from there on.
- 4.2 The decisions taken at the A.G.M. shall be limited to the election of all officers. Any changes in the Constitution and/or Rules or items previously detailed on the agenda for the meeting. The annual subscription and other charges. Discussions at the A.G.M. shall be strictly limited to any topic affecting the majority of the membership about which the General Committee wish to gauge a general consensus, and which has been previously notified on the agenda.
- 4.3 Any topic affecting the majority of the membership which any member wishes to be discussed and which has previously been notified on the agenda having been approved by the General Committee.
- 4.4 Extraordinary General Meetings may be convened by the General Committee or by petition signed by not less than 10% of the membership.
- 4.5 An agenda for any Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting shall be produced by the club secretary and shall be published at least 7 days before the date of any general meeting. Voting shall be restricted to one vote per member per topic, with the exception of the Chairperson, who shall have the use of one casting vote should that be necessary.

5 - Finances.

- 5.1 The treasurer shall maintain accurate financial records and an annual budget will be approved by the committee.
- 5.2 Accountability. The societies financial records will be made available to any member upon request.

6 - Membership

- 6.1 Golf is popular amongst the Parkinson's community and has a strong representation in terms of available players. The aim of the EPDGS is to provide a structured network for existing and new members to join and will provide opportunities to play golf throughout the year and will normally culminate in the SP 4 NATIONS golf event in October of each year from which the England team will be selected by the appointed England SP Golf Captain.
- 6.2 An annual membership fee of £75 will be levied against all members. All subscriptions will be re-invested to the benefit of the membership through the societies committee. External funding will also be sought through England Golf and sponsorship.

7 - Equal Opportunities.

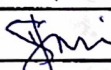
- 7.1 The England Parkinson's Golf Society (EPDGS) is an inclusive organisation, and its membership will reflect that policy. The society will be open to all players with a Parkinson's Disease diagnosis.

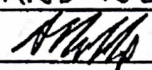
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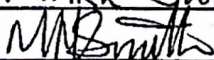
- 8.1 The England Parkinson's Golf Society (EPDGS) will retain a close association with Sport Parkinson's (SP) as a ground-breaking organisation in order to meet the stated aims of SP and drive selection for SP England international events. A mutual partnership is essential in order for the golf programme for Parkinson's sufferers to continue to grow and flourish.

Approval Signatures.

This Constitution has been agreed by the members of the England Parkinson's Disease Golf Society (EPDGS) as represented by the following committee members:

Position	Chairperson
Name	TOM DAVIS
Signature	
Date	12/11/23

Position	Treasurer
Name	ANDREW HOBBS
Signature	
Date	6/11/2023

Position	Secretary
Name	MARK SMITH
Signature	
Date	6/11/2023