

BY-LAWS
SPRINGFIELD SENIOR GOLF ASSOCIATION
Springfield, Missouri

PREAMBLE

The primary purposes of the Springfield Senior Golf Association are to support golf, especially junior golf in the Ozarks and to provide a tournament program which promotes social and golfing contact among its members facilitated by a handicap system to implement such tournaments.

ARTICLE 1

Section 1.1. Name: the name of this association shall be the Springfield Senior Golf Association.

ARTICLE 2

Section 2.1. Order of Business: The order of business conducted shall be:

- (a) Roll call
- (b) Reading and approval of the minutes of the preceding meeting.
- (c) Unfinished business
- (d) Report of the officers
- (e) New business
- (f) Adjournment

Section 2.2. Procedure: *Robert's Rules of Order* (revised) shall be the final authority as to parliamentary procedure at all meeting of the members, insofar as they do not conflict with any provisions of the By-Laws.

ARTICLE 3

Section 3.1. Board of Directors: The Board of Directors shall consist of eleven members. These will consist of the seven officers, the immediate past president, and three directors as elected by the members at the annual meeting. The three directors shall be elected for three-year terms, on a rotating basis, with one new director to be elected each year.

Section 3.2. Officers: The membership shall elect a President, Executive Vice-President, Vice President of Membership/Treasurer, Secretary, Tournament Director, Handicap Chair, and a Long Drive/Closest to Pin Chair to serve as officers of the Association. The term for each of these positions is one year and there are no limitations on the number of terms an officer can serve.

Section 3.3. Meeting of the Board of Directors: The Board shall meet at least once each year at a time and place fixed by the President.

Section 3.4. Quorum: Six members of the Board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 3.5. Special Meetings: The President may call special meetings of some members of the Board for the purpose of working on special projects. However, significant decisions made during the special meetings may require full Board or membership approval prior to implementation (also see Section 7.1).

Section 3.6. Government and Management: Control and management of the affairs, funds and properties of the Association shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

Section 3.7. Board Vacancies: The Board of Directors shall, by majority vote, appoint any member in good standing in the Association to fill any vacancy which might arise within the Board of Directors. Such appointment remains in effect until the next meeting of the membership in which elections are held.

ARTICLE 4

Section 4.1. Eligibility for Membership: New members must have reached their 60th birthday prior to April 1 of the tournament season for that year, and must be approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 4.2. Obtaining Membership: Individuals who are at least 55 years of age may apply for membership and be placed on the Association waiting list. At that point in time when the individual's name is reached on the waiting list, a letter of invitation will be sent and the individual must select one of five options (failure to respond defaults to option d):

- (a) An individual who is age eligible (see Section 4.1), may accept the invitation.
- (b) An individual who is not yet age eligible may request that their name remain at the top of the waiting list.
- (c) An individual who is age eligible may decline membership but request their name be moved to the bottom of the waiting list.
- (d) Decline membership and request that their name be removed from the waiting list.
- (e) An individual may request a one-time only, one year deferral of membership with their name remaining at the top of the waiting list.

Section 4.3. Maintaining Membership: In order for a member to remain in good standing within the Association, the individual must:

- (a) Participate in a minimum of 50% of the scheduled tournaments.
- (b) Pay all predetermined green fees and cart fees associated with the tournaments within which the individual participates.
- (c) Abide by other Association expectations (see Section 5.1).

Section 4.4. Exceptions: Recognizing that extenuating circumstances may preclude a member from participating in the specified minimum number of tournaments (see Section 4.3a), the member may request an exception with the following stipulations:

- (a) The exception must be requested in writing and must specify the circumstances precluding minimum participation.
- (b) The exception request must be received by the Board of Directors no later than December 1st of the year for which the exception is requested.

Section 4.5. Fees and Dues: The fees and dues for new members, and the annual dues for continuing membership shall be established annually by the Board of Directors. Once paid, these fees and dues are non-refundable.

Section 4.6. Honorary Membership: Honorary membership in the Association may be conferred by approval of the Board of Directors. The member who has been conferred with an Honorary Membership (Honorary Member) shall have the following privileges:

- (a) The Honorary Member shall not be required to pay the annual dues.
- (b) The Honorary Member shall be eligible for tournament play even if the Honorary Member has failed to meet the annual participation requirement set forth in Article 4.3 (a).
- (c) The Honorary Member will be assessed the member fee for the annual banquet.
- (d) The Honorary Member shall not be allowed to vote.

Section 4.7 Leave of Absence: Members may apply for a one year leave of absence, if approved by the Board of Directors, there will be a temporary suspension of the individual's membership for the next Tournament Year.

- (a) Members must submit a letter to the Board of Directors by December 1 of the year prior to the next Tournament Year.
- (b) If the Board of Directors approves the request, the member must pay the annual dues for the next Tournament Year;
- (c) Members on leave are ineligible to play in any tournaments during the year of their suspension.
- (d) Members who are on an approved leave of absence are permitted to attend the annual banquet and participate as a voting member.

ARTICLE 5

Section 5.1. Expulsion: By a vote of at least two-thirds of the Board of Directors present at a regular or special meeting of the Board, any member of this association may be expelled for good cause including, but not limited to, unsportsmanlike conduct, vulgarity, violation of the rules, or other conduct which results in adverse reflection on the Association. Any member so expelled has the right of appeal through written or oral communication to the Board.

ARTICLE 6

Section 6.1. Organization: This Association shall be a not-for-profit organization, organized for the support and promotion of junior golf in the Ozarks and for the social benefits of its members. This Association shall not be liable to any member or any other person for any damage or claim arising out of the Association's operation, and any person applying and being accepted into this Association hereby waives such damage or claim which may exist at the present time or which may at any future time exist.

Section 6.2. Compensation: No member of the Association shall be compensated for services rendered the Association beyond reimbursement for actual expenses incurred in connection with the operation of the Association.

ARTICLE 7

Section 7.1. Amendments: These By-Laws may be repealed, amended, or new By-Laws adopted by two-thirds majority of the members present at the annual meeting or any other special meeting for that purpose, with the proviso that all members are notified in writing of the meeting and that at least 25% of the membership is present at that meeting. A special meeting for the purpose of repealing, amending, or establishing new By-Laws may be called by the President, or two-thirds of the members of the Board of Directors; or by petition carrying the signatures of at least 10% of the members of the Association.

ARTICLE 8

Section 8.1. Dissolution: The Association may be dissolved only with authorization of its Board of Directors given at a special meeting called for that purpose, and with subsequent approval by no less than two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members. In the event of the dissolution of the Association, the assets shall be applied and distributed as follows:

(a) All liabilities and obligations shall be paid, satisfied and discharged, or adequate provision shall be made therefore.

(b) Assets not held upon a condition requiring return, transfer, or conveyance to any other organization or individual shall be distributed, transferred, or conveyed, in trust or otherwise, to charitable or educational organization, organized under Section 501 c of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of a similar or like nature to this organization, as determined by the Board of Directors.

CERTIFICATION

These By-Laws (restated December 5, 2005) were read, approved, and accepted as the By-Laws of the Springfield Senior Golf Association by the members present at the annual meeting, October 6, 2006. Amended September 28, 2011, September 26, 2012, September 27, 2017 and September 26, 2018.