

**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
WOMEN'S SOUTH CAROLINA GOLF ASSOCIATION
AMENDED AND RESTATED (Effective January 17, 2018)**

Article I – Name

The name of this organization shall be the Women's South Carolina Golf Association (hereinafter "Association").

Article II – Purpose

The WSCGA is a 501(c)7 non-profit organization founded in 1949 to promote and serve the best interests of women's golf in SC. It does so by hosting tournaments for all skill levels throughout the state, and in conjunction with the CGA provides free seminars for members that cover the Rules of Golf, Pace of Play and Etiquette, rates SC golf courses for women players, and provides handicap services to members.

The WSCGA supervises the WSCGA Junior Golf Foundation, also a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with a mission of enhancing the lives of juniors through exposure to the game of golf by fostering competition, sportsmanship and appreciation for the integrity of the game.

Article III – Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Association shall be from January 1 to December 31.

Article IV– Membership

The following classifications of membership shall comprise the members of the Association:

- Section 1: Regular Member: Consists of amateur women golfers affiliated with South Carolina golf clubs operating a minimum of 18-hole golf course. Each club must be a member in good standing with the Association. All Regular Members must utilize the Club's computerized GHIN handicap service and are required to host a One Day or Major Championship once every 3 or 4 years.
- Section 2: Associate Member: Shall be any amateur woman golfer affiliated with a nine-hole South Carolina golf course or a South Carolina golf club without real estate. Also, any South Carolina golf organization otherwise not capable of hosting a one-day or major tournament. Associate members shall have full rights and privileges in the Association in all aspects regarding handicaps and the Annual Major Championships, however they are not eligible for One Days held at the top 20 clubs in the [South Carolina Golf Course Ratings Panel](#). All Associate members must utilize the Association's GHIN computerized handicap service.

- Section 3: Individual Member: Individual female golfers not associated with a member club are eligible for Individual membership in the Association through a WSCGA E-Club. E-Club members shall have full rights and privileges in the Association in all aspects regarding handicaps and the Annual Major Championship, however they are not eligible for One Days held at the top 20 clubs in the [South Carolina Golf Course Ratings Panel](#). All E-Club members must utilize the Association's GHIN computerized handicap service.
- Section 4: Affiliate Member: Consists of clubs with real estate who desire course rating services and who do not utilize the Association's GHIN computerized handicap service. These members do not have voting privileges and are not eligible to participate in Association events.
- Section 5: The acceptance of membership in this Association shall bind each member to abide by the Association's Constitution, Bylaws, rules and regulations and to accept and enforce applicable decisions made by the Association's Board of Governors.
- Section 6: Refusal or neglect on the part of any member to comply with the Association's Constitution, Bylaws, rules and regulations, or with a decision of the Association's Board of Governors, shall render such member subject to suspension or expulsion by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Governors. No member can be expelled or suspended without ten (10) days prior written notice of the formal charges and thereafter be afforded an opportunity to be heard before the Board of Governors to present its defense.

Article V – Dues

- Section 1: Association dues are to be paid by the member clubs on behalf of their women members through remittance of dues to the WSCGA/SCGA/CGA. Individual Members must pay dues prior to the first Major Championship entered in current calendar year.
- Section 2: Any club that does not pay the dues within ninety (90) days from the statement date, may be suspended as a member from the Association for nonpayment of dues. The Board of Governors may thereafter expel the member as provided herein.

Article VI – Officers and Board of Governors

- Section 1: The Executive Board Officers of the Association shall consist of the following: current Past-President, President, President-Elect, Parliamentarian, Secretary and Treasurer. The Chair of the Executive Board shall be the current President.
- Section 2: The Board of Governors shall consist of the above Executive Board officers and five (5) at-Large Members.
- Section 3: **Officers' Duties and Powers:**
- (a) **The President** shall preside at all Association meetings and all Board of Governors meetings, and shall designate the time and place for meetings. The President shall, with the assistance from the other officers and the Executive Director, appoint all committees, and shall be ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. The President shall, in the same manner, fill any vacancies which occur on the Board of Governors.
 - (b) **The President-Elect** shall act as the Vice President and in the absence of the President, or at her request, perform the duties of the President. She shall be the next President.
 - (c) **The Parliamentarian** shall advise, when requested, the President and the Board of Governors on parliamentary procedure.
 - (d) **The Secretary**, with the assistance of the Association's Executive Director, shall keep a permanent record of all proceedings of the meetings of the Board of Governors, the Executive Committee, meetings of State Representatives and all Association meetings. The Secretary shall email a copy of the records to the Board and to members, if requested.
 - (e) **The Treasurer**, with the assistance of the Association's Executive Director, shall keep a record of all such financial accounts as well as have control and custody of the Association's funds. The Treasurer shall email a copy of the records to the Board of Governors if requested, and keep accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books or electronic files belonging to the Association. The Treasurer shall render a financial report at each annual meeting of the Association and at each Board of Governors' meeting.

(f) **The powers of the Board of Governors are the following:**

1. To conduct all business and financial affairs of the Association.
2. To interpret and enforce the Constitution and Bylaws and in every way, safeguard the best interest of the game of golf.
3. To fix and determine the qualifications and dues for all memberships in the Association.
4. To fix and determine the qualifications, privilege and entry fees of contestants in tournaments and to determine the system of handicapping.
5. To create, combine or discontinue any committee as it deems necessary.
6. To hear any protests by members of the Association. However, no Board Member directly involved, or who is a member of the same club as the protesting member, shall vote in the hearing of such dispute.
7. To expel or suspend a member for refusal or neglect to comply strictly with the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules of the Association or with decisions of the Board, after notice and hearing and by two- thirds of the votes of the Board of Governors.
8. To hire, retain or remove such employees, agents, independent contractors and professionals as it deems necessary and to fix their duties and compensations. An Executive Director may be employed by the Board to transact Association business in conjunction with the Board.
9. To hold regular meetings of the Board without further notice if the time and place of such meetings is fixed by the Board. The Board shall otherwise meet at the call of the President or on written request to the Secretary by three (3) Board members. A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting of the Board except for discipline, including expulsion, of a member or member club.

(g) **The Executive Director** shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Governors. The Executive Director shall have powers and duties as may be provided by the Board of Governors. The Executive Director shall be accountable to the Board of Governors through the President. Nothing herein shall be construed as requiring that the Board of Governors employ an Executive Director.

Article VII – Nominations and Elections

- Section 1: **A Nominating Committee** shall consist of five persons: The Immediate Past President, one person from the Board of Governors and three member representatives elected by plurality vote at the first Board of Governors meeting of each calendar year. The Chair shall be the Immediate Past President.
- Section 2: **The Slate.** The Nominating Committee, which has a term expiring at the next Annual meeting, shall nominate at least one candidate for each office. All candidates (for Officers and at-Large Members of the Board of Governors) shall be members in good standing of a member club..
- Section 3: The Nominating Committee Chair shall present to the Association members the proposed nominees at least 30 days in advance of the Association's Annual Meeting. At the Annual Meeting, nominations from the floor will be opened for any additional nominations. Once nominations are closed, votes for each available position will be taken by ballot. A majority vote by the Members in attendance at the Annual Meeting is required for a nominee to be elected.
- Section 4: The Association's Officers and at-Large Members shall be elected at the Association's Annual Meeting. Proposed nominees to serve as officers will be presented as a slate by the Nominating Committee. Officers shall be elected to serve for a term of two (2) years, or until their successors have been elected, or in the event the position becomes vacant, during the term. The President and President-Elect shall be elected in odd years. The Parliamentarian, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected in even years. The five (5) at-Large Members shall be elected as follows: three (3) in odd years and two (2) in even years. Each Member Association may present one (1) nominee to the Nominations Committee by October 1 prior to the upcoming Annual Meeting. The at-Large Members shall each serve for two (2) years. No at-Large Member may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms as a at-Large Member. All newly elected Board Member's terms of office shall begin on the day following the close of the Annual Meeting at which they are elected.
- Section 5: At any annual or special Association Meeting, each Member Association present shall have one (1) vote. The voting delegate must be a member in good standing with the Club she represents.

Article VIII – Association Meetings

- Section 1: A business meeting of the Association shall be held at least once each year. Business shall be conducted in addition to the election of those officers with expiring terms. This annual business meeting shall be held at the beginning of each calendar year and held in conjunction with the State Representative Club and Handicap Chairperson meeting.
- Section 2: A quorum for each annual, or special, Association meeting shall consist of the attendance of at least ten (10) Member Clubs.

Article IX – Amendments to the Constitution

Amendments to the Constitution may be made at any Annual Meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of all votes cast, provided that written notice of such amendment(s) has been mailed, or emailed, to each Member Clubs at least thirty (30) days prior to such meeting and no more than sixty (60) days in advance of such meeting.

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Article I – Standing Committees

Section 1: **Executive Committee**

- (a) The Executive Committee shall consist of the Association's Officers with the Executive Director serving as a non-voting member.
- (b) The Committee shall be called upon for consultation and emergency action. Any action by the Executive Committee must be ratified by the Board of Governors no later than thirty (30) days after the applicable Executive Committee meeting.

Section 2: **Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee shall consist of the two (2) members of the Board of Governors and three (3) persons in good standing with Member Associations. The three members shall be selected by a plurality vote of the Board of Governors. The duties shall be to present a slate of candidates for each office vacated at the end of the current year. The Nominating Committee shall make every effort to ensure that the President-Elect has previously served at least one term on the Association's Board of Governors or two years within the last five years. The slate of nominees shall be presented to Member Associations no later than 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting or no more than sixty (60) days in advance.

Section 3: **Rating Committee**

It shall be the duty of the Rating Committee to rate and re-rate courses in conjunction with SCGA/CGA and in accordance with the United States Golf Association's guidelines.

Section 4 **Major Tournaments**

All Major Tournament Chairpersons shall be appointed by the President. The Chairperson may appoint as many committee members as she may need. At the time of her appointment, the Chairperson shall be a member in good standing of the hosting course.

Section 5: **Junior Committee**

The Junior Committee Chairperson shall assist in conducting the Junior Girls' Championship annually. The Chairperson may appoint as many committee members as she may need. The Chair shall assist with other junior events at the request of the President.

Article II – Obligation of Each Member Association

Section 1: Every Regular Member Club shall be able to host the State One Day event on the second Tuesday of the month for which it is scheduled. Any change in this day must be cleared through the Association's President and Executive Director. The Executive Director will then notify the State Representative for each Member Club.

Section 2: It is the responsibility of each Member Association to ensure that no entry is submitted for an Association sponsored event without a current Association GHIN handicap.

Article III – WSCGA Junior Golf Foundation

Section 1: Each March, the Board of Governors must review and approve a yearly budget for the WSCGA Junior Golf Foundation.

Section 2: One Association Board Member must be designated by the Association President to serve on the Foundation Board of Directors. This Board Member shall report to the Board of Governors the activities of the Foundation.

Article IV – Amendments to the Bylaws

Section 1: The Bylaws may be amended at any Annual Meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of all votes cast, provided that written notice of such amendments has been mailed or emailed to each Member Club at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting and no more than sixty (60) days in advance.

Section 2: Without previous notice, amendments may be made at any Annual Meeting if at least fifteen (15) Member Clubs are present and such amendment(s) is approved by no less than ninety-five percent (95%) of the Member clubs present at the meeting.