

Tega Cay Men's Golf Association

By-Laws and Articles

Article I - Name

- A. The name of the organization shall be the Tega Cay Men's Golf Association.

Article II - Purpose

- A. This Association shall be a non-profit voluntary organization whose aims are:
 - 1. To promote friendship and camaraderie.
 - 2. To promote the understanding of the etiquette and rules of golf.
 - 3. To advance knowledge and skill in golf.
- B. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Association is organized exclusively for the enjoyment of its members through competition and social gatherings.

Article III – Membership

- A. Membership in the Association shall be open to all men, 18 and older, who share an interest in the purpose of the Association and maintain an established handicap through the Carolina's Golf Association.
- B. Voting Rights - Each member in good standing shall have one vote at meetings, elections and other proceedings of the Association. A member in good standing is one whose dues have been paid at the time of the vote. Only members in good standing may attend an official meeting of the TCMGA.
- C. Dues - Membership dues shall be paid annually. The Board shall establish all dues with the approval of the Association. Only those whose dues are currently paid shall be members in good standing entitled to the privileges of membership.
- E. The Association shall maintain a current list of active members.

Article IV – Officers

- A. General - Officers of the Association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers shall constitute the Board of Directors of the Association. Vacancies in any officer position shall be filled by a vote of the majority of the membership for the balance of the term.
- B. Election of Officers and Terms of Office:
 - 1. The membership shall elect officers of the Association at a special meeting called every two years. A simple majority of those voting is sufficient to elect an officer for the following term of office.
 - 2. The term of the officers shall be two (2) years staggered configuration beginning in January 2011. The President, Treasurer, Social Chairman and Communications Officer will be voted on in even years, Vice President, Secretary and Membership Chairman in odd years.
- D. Duties of Officers
 - 1.) The *President* shall preside at all Board and Membership meetings of the Association, and shall perform all duties assigned to him by the Board, or Association membership. The *President* with the concurrence of the Board shall solicit and appoint association members to serve on various task forces and committees as deemed necessary to the functioning of the Association.
 - 2.) The *Vice President* shall assume the duties of the *President* in his absence and aid the *President* as he determines as well as perform all other duties assigned by the Board.
 - 3.) The *Secretary* shall assist the *Membership Chairman* in overseeing member records and all other pertinent records of the Association, assist the *President* in presiding at all Board and Membership meetings of the Association, and perform all other duties assigned by the Board.
 - 4.) The *Treasurer* shall oversee the collection of dues, member payment records, the funds of the Association and their expenditure, and perform all other duties assigned by the Board.
 - 5.) The *Membership Chairman* shall oversee all member records, recruit new members, act a liaison to the membership, report all membership statistics and activity to the Board and perform all other duties assigned by the Board.

- 6.) The *Social Chairman* shall oversee all social events conducted by the Men's Golf Association and perform all other duties assigned by the Board.
- 7.) The *Communications Officer* shall oversee all website and email activity including updating the membership on coming events, report to the membership all tournament results and perform all other duties assigned by the Board.
- 8.) One person may not hold two or more offices simultaneously.

Article V - Board of Directors

- A. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for governing the Association.
- B. Meetings - The Board shall meet monthly at a time and place deemed convenient to the members of the Board.
- C. Quorum - A quorum of the Board must be present for taking official actions. A quorum of the Board shall consist of a simple majority.
- D. The Board shall have the authority to fix the dues for the Association as well as any special fees for activities and prizes for periodic tournaments.
- E. The Board shall have the authority to establish Ad Hoc committees as well as dissolve said committees.
- F. The Board shall have the authority to discipline any member in any way they deem fit with probable cause. The Board may suspend or expel a member with a majority vote without the reimbursement of paid yearly dues. The Board may not remove an elected officer of the Board from his seat without a majority vote from the membership.

Article VI - Membership Meetings

The Association shall have at least one membership meeting each year for the purpose of the election of officers and to conduct other business as determined by the Board. A quorum of 20% of the membership must be present to vote on any changes or amendments. Members must be present at said meeting to nominate or vote. Announcement of any meeting to amend the bylaws must be made no less than three weeks prior to the meeting. Such amendments will be fully stated in the meeting announcement to afford members time to review and analyze proposed changes.

Article VII – Amendments Article

The Association, by a majority vote, shall have the authority to amend these By-Laws. Any member of the Association may propose new amendments and changes to the By-Laws. Any such proposal must be submitted in writing to the Secretary prior to a meeting of the Association. The proposed article or change must then be approved by a majority of the members present at the meeting to amend the By-Laws.

Article VIII – Tournaments

- 9.) All members in *good standing* are eligible to participate in all Tega Cay MGA tournaments.
- 10.) Each TCMGA member is solely responsible for the timely, accurate posting of all recreational and tournament golf scores regardless of where played, winter or summer rules, even if less than 18 holes are played. There are provisions for member posting of a score that is less than 18 holes as with all play, tournament or recreational. Should the member, for whatever reason, fail to comply, the Handicap Chairman will post a score of 72.
- 11.) If a member maintains multiple handicaps (handicaps at more than one club), the lowest handicap is used for tournament play.

Article IX - Handicap Committee

The Handicap Committee: Shall consist of a chairman and a number of members determined by the Chairman.

- a. The Committee shall have the responsibility of assuring fairness in Association related golf activities.
- b. The Committee, to assure fairness in competitions, is vested with the authority to assure the accuracy of handicaps by reviewing posted scores, tracking tournament results, and if necessary, discuss with golfers inconsistencies between handicap and tournament scores.

- c. The committee shall be responsible for explaining the USGA handicap system. Members may request an explanation of the USGA handicap system.
- d. The Committee must make certain all members comply with the USGA Handicap System.

Article X – USGA Handicap System

- The purpose of the USGA Handicap System is to make the game of golf more enjoyable by enabling golfers of differing abilities to compete on an equitable basis. The system provides fair Course Handicaps for players regardless of ability, and adjusts players Handicap Index up or down as one's game changes. At the same time it disregards high scores that bear little relation to the player's potential ability and promotes continuity by making handicaps continuous from one playing season or year to the next.
- If 13 or more holes are played, the player shall post an 18-hole score. If 7 to 12 holes are played, the player shall post a nine-hole score. In either case, scores for un-played holes shall be recorded as par plus any handicap strokes that a player is entitled to receive on the un-played holes.
- If a member fails to comply with the USGA handicap system regulations, the Handicap Committee must adjust or withdraw the player's handicap.
- All scorecards must be turned in following play in the pro shop.
- A member that consistently fails to comply with the regulations set forth by these bylaws and the USGA will be susceptible to handicap suspension further removing the member from tournament eligibility until reinstatement. The Board of Directors must approve any such suspension and reinstatement with a majority vote following proper investigation in conjunction with the Handicap Committee.

Actions Prohibited by the TCMGA and USGA Handicap System:

- Posting erroneous scores.
- Repeatedly playing more than one ball to avoid posting scores.
- Not adjusting hole scores according to a players index.
- Deliberately reporting more or fewer strokes than actually scored.
- Deliberately taking extra strokes to inflate a score.
- Stopping after 6 holes of play to avoid posting scores.