# BYLAWS OF THE GULF COAST WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

#### **Amended October 2017**

#### Article I. NAME

The name of this organization will be the Gulf Coast Women's Golf Association.

#### Article II. OBJECT

The object of the Association is to promote an interest in golf for women and to hold special competitive events as decided by the Association.

#### Article III. MEMBERSHIP

#### Section A. Club Members

Any established Women's Golf Association may apply for membership in the Gulf Coast Women's Golf Association subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

# Section B. Playing Members

Each club is entitled to the number of playing members as determined by the Board of Directors based on fluctuations in the number of teams in the organization. Team members and substitutes must be members of the participating golf course and its women's golf association.

# Section C. Membership

Membership binds each club and its playing members to abide by the Bylaws and rules of the Association.

#### Article IV. DUES

The annual dues of each playing member shall be decided by the Executive Board. Dues are payable September 1, which is the beginning of the fiscal year.

#### Article V. BOARDS AND OFFICERS

#### Section A.

The officers will be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

# Section B. Terms of Office

Elected officers may serve for no more than a maximum of six consecutive years on the Board.

#### Section C. Executive Board

Consists of the four elected officers and the immediate past president. Each Board member is entitled to vote.

#### Section D. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors will consist of one member from each participating club, the four elected officers, the immediate past president and the Statistician.

### Section E. Duties of Officers

- *President:* She is the official representative of the Association and shall preside at all meetings of the Association. She is an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee and is an alternate signatory with the Treasurer on the bank account of the Association. She shall also coordinate the yearly calendar.
- *Vice President:* She shall perform the duties of the President in her absence and publish the yearbook. She will be asked to assume the duties and serve an unexpired term of a resigning President. She will be responsible for conducting an orientation for new member clubs and oversee the website.
- *Secretary:* She shall keep and report the minutes of the Association, execute correspondence and communications. She will also notify the newspaper of event scores.
- *Treasurer:* She shall maintain records of all financial transactions in accordance with the Bylaws and Standing Rules of the Association. She will be responsible for preparing an opening Budget Report and a Final Financial Report to be presented at league meetings and will have the responsibility of coordinating year end prize distribution.

#### Section F Vacancies

The Executive Board is empowered to appoint a successor to any officer, other than the President, who declines to serve any longer.

#### Article VI. MEETINGS

#### Section A.

The Board of Directors will hold meetings on a day of its choice. Each Board member is entitled to one vote. Playing members are bound by all decisions of the Board. Special meetings of the Board may be called at the request of four (4) members of the Board of Directors.

#### Section B. Quorum

- 1. Board of Directors: two-thirds majority
- 2. Executive Board: simple majority
- 3. General Membership: simple majority

## Section C. Annual Meeting

A meeting of the general membership will be held on the last day of play of the season. This meeting will be for the election and installation of officers.

# Section D. Voting

Each playing member is entitled to one vote.

# **Section E. Nominating Committee**

- 1. Selected by the President and shall be announced no later than the mid-season Board of Directors meeting.
- 2. Shall consist of five (5) members of the Board of Directors with no two members from the same club.
- 3. The Nominating Committee will announce the slate of Officers approximately 30 days before the annual meeting. Each office is open to nominations from the floor at the annual meeting provided that the nominee has agreed to serve before her name is presented.

#### **Article VII. COMMITTEES**

#### Section A.

The President will appoint Chairpersons of all committees. The chair will then choose any number of women to serve on her committee.

#### Section B.

The standing committees will be Parliamentarian, Rules, Statistician, Sunshine, Website and Yearbook.

#### **Article VIII. EXPENDITURES**

#### Section A.

The Executive Board is responsible for the proper expenditure of funds.

#### Article IX. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

All meetings will be conducted according to *Robert's Rules of Order*, latest version, and by the provisions of these Bylaws. In case of conflict, these Bylaws prevail.

#### Article X. AMENDMENTS

#### Section A.

The Bylaws may be amended by two-thirds majority vote of the members present and voting at a meeting of the Association. Amendments must be announced one month before the meeting.

# Section B.

Standing rules may be amended by majority vote of the Board of Directors.