

President

CONSTITUTION OF GULF COAST WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE:

This organization is sanctioned by the Members of its Participating Clubs and will exist and be governed by them and/or their Managers of said clubs.

ARTICLE I - Name:

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

ARTICLE II - Object:

The object of this Association shall be the promotion of the interest of golf in general and golf for women in particular and the holding of special competitive events as shall be decided upon by the Association.

ARTICLE III - Memberships:

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Section A. Any established Women's Golf Association may apply for membership in The Gulf Coast Women's Golf Association subject to the approval of the entire Executive Board.

Section B. The acceptance of membership shall bind each club and its participating members to abide by all the conditions of the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of the Association and to accept and enforce all decisions of the Executive Board made within its jurisdiction.

ARTICLE IV - Dues:

The annual dues of each member shall be whatever amount is decided upon by the Executive Board. Dues are payable September 1st, which shall be the beginning of the Fiscal Year, and shall be delinquent as of Oct. 1st.

ARTICLE V - Officers (Term of Office):

Section A. The Officers of the Association shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. They will be referred to as the Executive Committee.

There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of two (2) members from each participating club.

The Executive Committee and the Board of Directors shall make up the Executive Board.

Section B. The twelve (12) Representatives forming this Association, consisting of two (2) members from each participating club, namely: Foxfire Golf Club, Conquistador Bay Country Club, Palm Aire of Sarasota, Bent Tree Golf Club, Country Club of Sarasota and North Port Country Club, shall be considered to be the official representatives of said clubs, and shall be the official Charter Members of this Association, having no special exceptions or privileges. They shall act as the first Nominating Committee. They shall select a nominee for President, Vice President, secretary and Treasurer. These nominees shall be considered temporary officers until the first day of play, at which time the slate will be presented to the membership for approval.

The first officers shall take office immediately and continue in office until the election in 1977. Thereafter, all officers shall be elected

annually for a term of one year beginning at the time of installation.

Elected officers may serve for two, but not more than two, consecutive years.

Section C. Duties of Various Officers:

President: She shall be the official representative of the Gulf Coast Women's Golf Association. She shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Board and the Association. She shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. She shall be named as alternate signator with the Treasurer on the Association's bank account.

Vice-President: She shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President. She shall assist the President whenever called upon in promoting the activities of this Association. She shall be asked to assume the duties of and serve an unexpired term of a resigning President. (Amended 4/11/80)

Secretary: She shall keep the minutes of the Executive Board Meetings and the meetings of this Association and record same in the Minutes Record. She shall report such minutes whenever requested to do so by the President. She shall deliver the Minutes Record and other records in her possession to her successor within ten days after the tenure of the office expires.

Treasurer: She shall hold and disburse all funds as directed by the Association in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws on expenditures. She shall keep records of all financial transactions and report on same whenever requested by the President. She shall deliver all records in her possession to her successor within ten days after her tenure of office expires.

Section D. The Executive Board shall be empowered to appoint a successor to any officer who is unable to or declines to serve any longer, at the first Board Meeting following such vacancy. Such appointment shall be presented to the membership for two-thirds majority approval at the next general assembly. (Amended 4/11/80)

Section E. The outgoing President shall be a member of the Executive Board, without vote except in the event of ties.

ARTICLE VI - Meetings, Quorum and Voting:

Section A. The Executive Board shall hold meetings on a day of their choice. All decisions of the Executive Board shall be abided by the members.

Section B. A quorum shall consist of not less than three (3) members of the Executive Committee and two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Board of Directors.

Section C. An annual meeting of the full membership shall be held on the last day of play of the Association's season for the purpose of electing officers.

Section D. Executive Officers and Members of the Board of Directors shall be installed at the annual meeting.

Section E. Voting for Executive Officers will be by secret ballot. Each participating club shall select two of its participating members for the Board of Directors. All voting on other actions may be by viva voce.

Section F. The slate of the Nominating Committee for Executive Officers shall be announced one month in advance of the annual election. The Nominating Committee shall be announced six weeks in advance of election. The nominating committee shall be selected by the President and shall consist of five members of the Board of Directors with no two committee members being from the same club. (Amended 4/11/80)

Section G. Chairmen of all standing committees shall be eligible to attend Board Meetings and shall be notified of such meetings, but shall have no vote.

ARTICLE VII - Committees:

Section A. The President shall appoint Chairmen of all Committees. The chairman may choose any number of women she deem necessary to serve on her committee.

Section B. The regular standing committees shall be as follows:
1. Parliamentary 2. Historian and Publicity 3. Membership and Statistician 4. Tournament and Prizes 5. Rules 6. Budget

Section C. The Nominating Committee shall select one member for each Executive Office. No two Officers may be from the same club. (Amended 4/11/80)
Nominations from the floor shall be allowed for each Office.

ARTICLE VIII - Expenditures:

Section A. Routine expenditures not to exceed \$50.00 may be made by the Treasurer upon the approval of the President.

Section B. The Secretary shall have a petty cash fund of \$10.00.

Section C. The Executive Board shall be responsible for funds being properly spent for the good of the Organization.

ARTICLE IX - Parliamentary Authority:

Section A. Robert's Rules of Order, Rev., shall be the Parliamentary Authority for The Gulf Coast Women's Golf Association.

ARTICLE X - Amendments:

Section A. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present and voting at a meeting of the Association. Such amendments must be announced one month prior to the meeting.

Section B. The By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at any meeting with a quorum of 75% of the Association present.

BY - LAWS

1. Each participating club shall host the Association for one day's play during each playing season. Failure to do so may result in dismissal from the Association. The dates of play shall be set by the Representatives, Tournament Chairman, President and the Manager of each club. Each club shall have an alternate date in the event of inclement weather, etc.
2. Tournaments will be conducted on an inter-club team basis. Each team will have a maximum of twelve players. Play will be on a "Point System Basis" with each team player receiving full handicap strokes. Points shall be as follows:

Bogey - 1 point, Par - 2 points, Birdie - 3 points, Eagle - 4 points, Dbl. Eagle - 5 points. Each player shall record her handicap on her scorecard and shall indicate her handicap strokes as they "fall" on the scorecard. The eight (8) Highest Point Scores from each club shall be totaled for each day of play. The club having the Highest Point Score total for the playing season shall receive a trophy or plaque for their team. (Amended 5/9/77) A Trophy or other Award, not to exceed a value of \$15.00 be awarded the player with the highest total individual points for the playing season. In the event of a tie, an award not to exceed \$10.00 each will be presented. (Amended 11/3/78)

3. Payment of prizes for each tournament will be as follows:
 1. One low gross and one low net for the field.
 2. Each individual club shall receive a set amount from the Treasurer for each participant, with players from each club competing for individual prizes. Each club will be responsible for distribution of its prizes. Prizes for each day will be purchased from that participating club.
4. Each club will furnish scorers for each Tournament.
5. The host club will be responsible for pairings for their day of play. Pairings will be made with foursomes consisting of players from different clubs.
6. Rules for established handicaps shall be in accordance with those set by U.S.G.A. A player must have an established handicap of 26 or less to compete in Association tournaments.

A member whose handicap exceeds 26 during a season shall have until dues are payable for the following year to meet the handicap requirements. Such player will be allowed a maximum of 26 strokes for tournament purposes.

A member, in good standing, meeting the handicap requirements, shall have the privilege of rejoining for the following year. A member whose handicap exceeds 26, but not higher than 30, may have a probation period of three (3) months or until December 31 to meet such handicap requirements. (Amended 4/11/80)

7. A member moving from her original club during the playing season shall lose her membership in this Association and may no longer play from that club. If accepted as a member of this Association in another participating club, her dues from the former club shall be considered paid and valid for that year.
8. Alternates: Each club shall have an alternate list of qualified members in order to assure twelve players from each club for each day of play. (Amended 11/3/78)
9. A player must be a member of a participating golf course and its Women's Golf Association to qualify for membership in this Association.
10. All events shall be played in accordance with the rules of the U.S.G.A. and with such local rules as authorized by the host club before beginning of play.
11. A copy of this Constitution and By-Laws shall be on file with a Representative of each participating club and shall be made available to members of this Association upon request.