

# **MORGAN RUN MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION BYLAWS**

## **Article I. NAME AND PURPOSE**

### **Section A. Name**

The name of the organization shall be Morgan Run Men's Golf Association, hereinafter referred to as the Association, and is open to men golfing members of Morgan Run Club and Resort, hereinafter referred to as the Club.

### **Section B. Association Board**

These membership Bylaws are adopted and issued by the Association Officers and the appointed positions hereinafter referred to as the Board (reference Article V, Section A). The Board shall have the power by two-thirds (2/3) vote of all Board members to repeal, amend or adopt these Bylaws and any other regulations governing the affairs of the Association and its members as in its judgment may, from time to time, be found necessary and proper. On all questions as to the meaning and construction of the Bylaws, the decision of the Board shall be final. However, any part of the Bylaws may be rescinded, amended or added to by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the Association by mail or at a regular or special meeting.

### **Section C. Purpose**

The purposes of the Association are:

1. To stimulate interest in golf at the Club by bringing together a group of persons desirous of participating in a golfing organization and the social relationship allied therewith.
2. To promote and foster among its members a closer bond and fraternity for their joint and mutual benefit, and to promote and conserve the best interests and true spirit of the game of golf as embodied in its ancient and honorable traditions.
3. To enforce uniformity in compliance with the rules of the game by creating a representative authority.
4. To maintain a uniform system of handicapping as set forth in the regulations of the Southern California Golf Association hereinafter referred to as SCGA.
5. To afford a convenient and authoritative body to govern tournaments and other golf-related events.
6. To maintain a liaison with the management of the Club, in order to communicate the Association's position on any changes proposed by the management that may affect the members of the Association, and to be an advocate for the Association in advancing the views of the members regarding the operation of the Club.

### **Section D. Responsibilities**

The Association, through its Board, shall organize, direct, and manage organized golf competition among its members. Board responsibilities include;

- Organize, direct, and manage golf competition
- Ensure Association compliance with USGA/SCGA Handicap System
- Determine local rules for tournaments and golf competitions
- Grow Association membership
- Counsel with Club management on the care of the golf course and grounds
- Communicate Association information to all members

## **Article II. MEMBERSHIP**

### **Section A. Qualifications**

1. Male holding a golfing membership (primary or dependent) in the Club and a current membership in the SCGA. Both memberships need to be in good standing.

## **Article III. DUES**

### **Section A. Annual**

The annual (calendar year) Association membership dues shall be determined by the Board. Annual dues for membership in SCGA shall be determined by SCGA.

### **Section B. New Members**

Association dues for new members shall be the full amount of the annual dues and are payable upon application for membership. Dues paid after November 1st will apply to the current year and the following year.

### **Section C. Club Personnel**

Association shall pay the SCGA dues for Board approved club personnel associated with golf operations. The club personnel are not members of the Association.

### **Section D. Junior Dependents**

Males under 18 years of age and a dependent of a member of the Club may apply for MGA membership. There are no MGA dues for junior dependents. Juniors dependents are responsible for the SCGA Junior Member annual dues, if any.

### **Section E. Payment**

1. Annual dues for the ensuing year are to be paid in advance on or before the 1st of January of that year.
2. Dues are subject to change as determined by the Board.

## **Article IV. RESIGNATIONS AND TRANSFERS**

Whenever a member of the Club for any reason resigns or transfers his membership to another person, he thereby shall forfeit his membership in the Association and his name shall be deleted from the records. Their SCGA membership stays active until the end of current calendar year. There shall be no refunds of the Association or SCGA dues.

## **Article V. ASSOCIATION BOARD**

### **Section A. Structure and Term**

The Board shall consist of four (4) elected positions, the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. In addition, the Board will consist of at least eight (8) appointed positions as well as the immediate Past- President. Board members shall serve for a period of one (1) year. However, Board members may serve more than one term if re-elected (Officers) or re-appointed. All positions are voting members of the Board.

### **Section B. Duties**

1. **PRESIDENT** -The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association. He shall sign all documents on which his official signature shall be required and shall perform such other duties as are usually incumbent upon his office. The President or his designee shall attend the Morgan Run Golf Committee meetings.
2. **VICE-PRESIDENT** -The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President or his inability, failure or refusal to act, discharge the duties of the President and, upon the death or resignation of the President, shall succeed to said office until his

If both President and Vice-President are absent from any meeting, the members present may designate a member as presiding officer.

3. **TREASURER** -The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds of the Association and shall collect the dues. He shall keep proper and correct accounts in books belonging to the Association of all monies, securities, and properties and all of his receipts and disbursements. He shall report, in writing, the financial condition of the Association at the monthly Board meeting and at the annual meeting of the members, and shall set forth the receipts and disbursements during the term of his office. In the event that the Treasurer shall fail to act or otherwise discharge the duties of his office, the Vice-President, or such other member as may be designated by the President, may perform the duties of his office.
4. **SECRETARY** -The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board and members. He shall maintain a digital repository of Association documents (e.g., meeting minutes, policies and procedures, guidelines, Bylaws) generated during the term of his office. The Secretary shall send out notices of all annual, regular and special meetings and shall perform such duties as are usually incumbent upon his office.
5. **ASSOCIATION BOARD** -Board members shall perform such duties as assigned by the President, in addition to those specified elsewhere in these Bylaws, including, but not limited to creating and prescribing the duties of such committees as are deemed necessary, after nomination of committee members by the President, to delegate authority to any committee and to amend, suspend or revoke such authority from time to time.
6. **MEMBER AT LARGE** - A Member at Large serves as a liaison to the association membership. Duties change as needed to fulfill board requirements and address overall organizational goals. A Member at Large represents the association membership on issues of interest or concern, particularly those that arise outside of the standing committee structure. A Member at Large is a voting member of the Board.
7. **IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT** -The Immediate Past President shall serve in an advisory capacity and is a voting member of the Board.

#### **Section C. Miscellaneous**

1. **RESIGNATIONS** -Any member of the Board may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board.
2. **ABSENCE OF BOARD MEMBER** -If any member of the Board is absent for three consecutive regular monthly meetings of the Board without an approved leave of absence by the Board, he shall be deemed to have resigned from the Board and his office shall be declared vacant.
3. **REMOVAL OF BOARD MEMBER** -The Board shall have the power to remove the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer or other Board members from office. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board is required for such removal and six Board members, with the exception of the Board member subject to removal, must be present to constitute a quorum. The Board member subject to removal shall not vote on the question of his removal.
4. **VACANCIES** -If for any reason a vacancy occurs on the Board, the Board shall elect a voting member in good standing to fill such vacancy, and the person so elected shall hold office until the next Annual Election. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer, the Board shall elect one of its members to fill such vacancy and the person so elected shall hold office

5. DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS -No funds shall be disbursed by the Association until the check, draft or other evidence of disbursement shall be executed on behalf of the Association by one of the following officers: Treasurer, President or Vice-President.

## **Article VI. COMMITTEES**

### **Section A. Chairmen and Committee Members**

All committee chairmen shall be appointed by the President based on the recommendations of the Nominating Committee, subject to approval of the Board. The members of a committee are appointed by the Chairmen of the committee. Committee members must be Association members. Committee members may also be Board members.

### **Section B. Committee Charters**

1. SOCIAL COMMITTEE -The Social Committee shall plan, arrange, and encourage social and entertainment features and events for the Association, including mixed golfing events. The Social Committee Chair or his designee shall attend the Morgan Run Membership meetings.
2. GREENS COMMITTEE -The Greens Committee shall counsel with management on all matters pertaining to the care of the golf course and Club grounds and keeping same in order.
3. HANDICAP COMMITTEE: The Handicap Committee shall be responsible for ensuring the Association compliance with all aspects of the USGA/SCGA Handicap System. The Committee shall manage the Association handicap process per the *Morgan Run MGA Handicapping Policies and Procedures*. These Policies and Procedures shall be available to all Association members.
4. RULES COMMITTEE -The Rules Committee shall rule from time to time on the manner of golf play, determine local rules for specific tournaments and golf competitions, and promulgate rules and etiquette of golf.
5. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE -The Tournament Committee shall have charge of Tournaments and matches and shall schedule with the Pro Shop all times for Tournaments to be conducted for the following year. The Tournament Committee also shall advise club personnel of the dates for the following year. The Committee shall manage the Association tournaments per the *Morgan Run Men's Golf Association Tournament Guidelines*. These Guidelines shall be available to all Association members.
6. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE -The Membership Committee shall encourage all male golf members of the Club to join the Association. In addition, the Membership Committee shall make every effort to have new members meet other members of the Association and participate in organized golf competition and social events. The Membership Committee also shall maintain a current membership roster. The Membership Committee Chair or his designee shall attend the Morgan Run Membership Committee meetings.
7. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE -The Communications Committee shall provide appropriate Association information to all members on a regular and timely basis.
8. ADDITIONAL COMMITTEES - Such additional committees as the President and the Board may deem necessary or advisable may be created at any time in the manner designated in Article V, Section B (5) with chairmen appointed in accordance with Article VI, Section A. and the Bylaws amended to add a description of the duties prescribed in Article VI Section B. The committee may

operate in the interim before the Bylaws are actually amended.

## **Article VII. ELECTIONS**

### **Section A. Procedures**

1. The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee, no later than August 1st to consist of not less than three and not more than five members in good standing, including one Past President and the current Vice-President. Candidates for office will not be members of the Nominating Committee, with the exception of the Vice President.
2. The Nominating Committee shall nominate a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and at least eight candidates for the new Board, for acceptance or exceptions by the incumbent Board. The nominee for President must have served at least one year as a member of the Board prior to his nomination.
3. The Nominating Committee shall make a written report to the President and a copy to the Secretary, not later than October 1st.
4. The Nominating Committee's report shall be reviewed at the October Board Meeting. The Board shall authorize the Secretary to initiate the voting process for the four elected offices. The Board shall approve the committee chairmen for the following year.
5. The voting process shall support write-in candidates for the four elected offices.
6. The newly elected Board shall be installed at the Annual Meeting to be held in the early part of December, as designated by the incumbent Board.

### **Section B. Voting**

1. Ballots listing all prospective candidates for Officers shall be provided to all Association members in a manner at the discretion of the Secretary not later than October 15th. The ballots shall provide space for write-in candidates for the four elected officers. The ballots shall also list the appointed committee chairmen for the following year.
2. All Association members shall be entitled to vote for the prospective candidates. Ballots must be received by November 15th. Ballots shall be counted and authenticated by the Secretary and two members of the Association appointed by the President. However, the two appointed members shall not be candidates for office.
3. Members may not vote by proxy whether by mail or at any membership meeting.
4. To be elected, a candidate must receive a simple majority of the total ballots counted.
5. The Secretary shall report the results of the Election to the Board at the December Meeting.

## **Article VIII Meetings**

### **Section A. Meeting of the Board**

1. Meetings of the Board shall be held monthly at the Club or any other place as may be designated by the President or the Board, at a time and date designated by the President.
2. Quorum - a quorum shall be a majority of the Board, except as specified in Article V, Section C (3).

## **Section B Meeting of the Members**

1. Annual Meeting – The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held at the Club in the month of December. At least 10 days prior to the Annual meeting, the Secretary shall inform the membership of the date and time of the meeting.
2. Business at the Annual Meeting - At the Annual meeting of the Association, the President shall report on the general business of the Club, and the Secretary and Treasurer each shall report on the accounts and the matters under their supervision. Such other business may be transacted as shall be determined from time to time by the Board.
3. Special Meetings – Special meetings of the Association may be called at any time by the President or by action of the Board by delivering to the Secretary a statement duly signed by the President or by a majority of the Board, setting forth the date, time, place and purpose of such meeting. At least 10 days prior to a Special meeting, the Secretary shall distribute to each member a notice setting forth the date, time, place and purpose of such meeting and by whom it is called.
4. Business at Special Meetings – The order of business at Special meeting shall be: First, reading of the minutes of the previous meeting; Second, reports of Officers and committees; and Third miscellaneous business
5. Quorum – A quorum at any regular or special meeting shall consist of one-fourth of the total number of members.
6. Robert's Rule of Order – Robert's Rule of Order shall govern all meetings of the Association when not inconsistent with these bylaws.

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