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ARTICLE I

\*NAME

The name of this organization shall be known as the MEXICAN AMERICAN GOLF ASSOCIATION, HARRIS COUNTY CHAPTER.

ARTICLE II

Office

The headquarters of this Association shall be at such place and or places as the president-elect and or board of directors shall so designate.

ARTICLE III

Organizational Structure

Section 1: The business and affairs of the Chapter shall be managed and all powers shall be exercised by or under the direction of the officers. The officers may delegate the management of the day-to-day operation of the business of the Chapter to other members, provided that the business and affairs of the Chapter shall be managed and all powers shall be exercised under the ultimate direction of the officers.

Section 2: The officers of the Chapter shall be a President; a Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Tournament Director.

Section 3: PRESIDENT. The President is the Chief Executive Officer of the Chapter and shall have general supervision, direction and control of the business and officers of the Chapter. He/She shall preside at all general meetings of the Chapter. The president shall appoint such committee chairpersons as he/she may see fit in order to promote the business of the Chapter; to see that the By-Laws and such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the membership are enforced; to call such special meetings as are necessary; to make reports to the membership during the course of the year regarding the general concerns of the Chapter.

The President shall be "ex-officio" a member of the standing committees and shall have the general powers and duties usually vested in the office of President.

Section 4: VICE-PRESIDENT. In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice-President shall perform all the duties of the President, and when so acting shall have all the powers of, and be subject to, all the restrictions upon the President. The Vice-President shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as from time to time may be prescribed by the President or the By-Laws. In the event, for any reason, the President should withdraw from the Chapter, or cease to be President during the unexpired part of his term, the Vice-President shall become President.

Section 5: It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep, or cause to be kept, the minutes of the proceedings of all regular and special meetings of the Chapter and maintain the records in the Chapter minute book. The book will be kept at the Chapter Office or other place as directed by the President and the minutes shall identify the location of the meeting, whether regular or special, and if special, how authorized and the notice thereof given.

The Secretary shall also keep a register of the names and addresses of all members of the Chapter; attend to the giving and serving of all notices; be custodian of, and have charge of, such books and papers as the President may direct; shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him/her by the President.

Section 6: TREASURER. The Treasurer shall keep and maintain, or cause to be kept and maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles adequate and correct accounts of the properties and business transactions of the Chapter, including accounts of assets, liabilities, receipts and disbursements. He/She shall act as custodian of the Chapter's funds and shall be its receipts and disbursements officer. He/She shall safely keep an account of all funds that come into his/her hands and shall promptly deposit the same to the credit of the Mexican American Golf Association, Harris County Chapter, in such bank or banks as the President may require. All checks, drafts or orders for the payment of money shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the President, Vice-President or Tournament Director;.

The Treasurer shall also prepare and submit accurate written reports of the Chapter's current financial condition at all regular meetings. He/She shall, in general, perform all of the duties normally incident to the Office of Treasurer and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the President.



## ARTICLE IV

### Purpose

Section 1: To create individual and or family interest and motivation for the membership in the game of golf.

Section 2: To promote, recruit and involve youth in the Association.

## ARTICLE V

### Membership

The Chapter shall abide by the following regulations concerning membership.

Section 1: REGULAR MEMBERSHIP. All persons, 18 years or over, of good moral character are eligible for membership in the Association.

Section 2: JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP. All youth, under the age of 18 and of good moral character, are eligible for membership, provided that approval is obtained from that youth's parents or guardians.

A. Juniors participating in MAGA Junior Flight Tournament Play, must adhere to golf course regulations and must not pay more than standard green fees.

B. Juniors entered in MAGA Tournament Play, cannot be awarded any type of gift certificated, but only trophies.

C. Juniors members shall not be entitled to vote or serve as officers. Juniors members may not participate in state sponsored or sanctioned tournaments, except in such guest flights as may be provided by the State Tournament Chairperson.

Section 3: The acceptance of membership in this Association shall bind each member to uphold all of the provisions of the constitution and by-laws, and to accept and enforce all rules and decisions of the officers, or any other committee acting within its jurisdiction.

Section 4: WOMEN'S AUXILIARY.

A. The purpose of the Women's Auxiliary is to promote and support the Association in golf and other related social functions.

ARTICLE VI

Elections

Section 1: The roster of officers to be elected shall be:

- A. President
- B. Vice-President
- C. Secretary
- D. Treasurer
- E. Tournament Director

Section 2: TENURE, ELECTIVE OFFICERS. All elective Chapter Officers shall be nominated, elected and installed in office for a period of two (2) years and shall not exceed two (2) consecutive terms in office.

Section 3: ELECTION DATE. The Chapter shall hold elections on the second (2) Tuesday in November. The Secretary shall notify the membership thirty (30) days prior to the election of a recommended slate. The results of the election shall be made known immediately after the election. An election committee of a least three (3) members shall be appointed by the President at the regular September meeting to recommend a slate for the preceding year.

Section 4: NOMINATIONS. The President shall open the floor for nominations of officers at the regular meeting in September. All qualified nominees shall be put on the Ballot. The Bulletin and address of the membership shall be made available to all participants to announce their candidacy at any time during the year.

Section 5: Elected Officers shall win by majority of votes cast. The election committee shall count the votes and declare the winners. Any objections to the election process or discrepancies shall be made and resolved during the sixty (60) days when the elections are in process up through Election Day.

Any election discrepancies shall be resolved by the membership. If there are no objections, the election committee shall be dismissed by the President.

Section 6: The President shall fill all appointed officers as soon as practicable after his/her election. They shall enter upon their duties when the officers are installed.

Section 7: INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS. Officers shall be installed into their respective offices on the Second (2nd) Tuesday in January. A ceremonial installation may be conducted at a banquet or dance in December in which case, only the installation ceremonies may be performed and no other business transacted.

Section 8: VACANCIES AND INACTIVE OFFICERS. The Chapter may, by majority vote of the Membership Quorum, declare vacant, the position of any officer who has neglected his duties without good cause or has been absent without good cause from three (3) consecutive regular meetings.

In the event of vacancy in the office of President, the Vice-President shall at once succeed to the title and duties of such office. All other vacant elected offices shall be filled by appointment by the President for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Section 9: QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICERS AND APPOINTEES. Any person who has been a member in good standing for one (1) year shall be deemed qualified to hold any office.

## ARTICLE VII

### QUORUM

Fifteen (15%) percent of the members shall be necessary to constitute a QUORUM for the transaction of business, and the action of a majority of the members present at any meeting at which there is a quorum, when duly assembled, is valid as a Chapter Act. A meeting at which a quorum is initially present may continue to transact business, notwithstanding the withdrawal of members, if any action taken is approved by a majority of the required quorum for such meeting



## ARTICLE VIII

### Meetings

Section 1. MONTHLY MEETINGS. Monthly membership meetings shall be held at a place designated by the President on the Second (2nd) Tuesday of every other month or six (6) per year.

Section 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS AND NOTICES. Special meetings of the membership may be called at any time by the President or, if he or she is absent or unable to act, by the Vice-President or the Secretary.

At least forty-eight (48) hours notice of the time and place of special meetings shall be delivered to the members or personally communicated to them by an officer by telephone. If the notice is sent to a member by letter, it shall be addressed to him or her at his or her address as it is shown upon the records of the Chapter.

In case such notice is mailed, it shall be deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, at least four (4) days prior to the time of the holding of the Special Meeting. Such mailing, telephoning or delivery as above provided shall be due, legal and personal notice to such member.

## ARTICLE IX

### Dues

Section 1. The member's annual Chapter dues shall be an amount designated by membership vote to be distributed to the General Fund.

Section 2. Each member shall pay one half (1/2) of their dues on or prior to the first tournament and shall pay the remainder of their dues on or prior to the second tournament and no later than April 1st.

## ARTICLE X

### Bulletin

A Chapter Bulletin shall be published by the Secretary at least once a month and shall be mailed to all members of the Chapter.

## ARTICLE XI

### Rules of Order

Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, shall be recognized as the guide line in governing the meetings of the Chapter except as they may conflict with these By-Laws.

## ARTICLE XII

### Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the membership provided such amendment (s) has been presented and read at a previous meeting, and that notice of the proposed change (s) has been mailed to each and every member at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting at which a vote of the change (s) shall be taken. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of a quorum shall be required to pass an amendment (s) to these By-Laws. A (2/3) vote will equal all members in good standing for the said year.

## ARTICLE XIII

### Enacting Clause

These By-Laws shall become effective upon approval by the membership.

## ARTICLE XIV

### General provisions

Section 1: ACCOUNTING YEAR. The accounting year of the Chapter shall be the same as the calendar year; January 1 to December 31.

Section 2: TRAVEL EXPENSES incurred by the President shall be borne by the Chapter at the rate of fifteen cents (.15) per mile when required to attend State Meetings.

Section 3: The colors of the Chapter shall be white shirts with blue letters.



Section 4: Member who scores a "hole-in-one" on any Chapter Tournament shall be paid fifty dollars (\$50.00) from the General Fund.

Section 5: Any Chapter Member who reaches the age of 65 years and has ten (10) years of continuous membership in this chapter shall become a Life-time Member in Good Standing of the Chapter, paying only for Prize Fund if he wishes to compete for same, no dues will be required.