

The Bench Warmer Golf Club
Constitution and By-Laws
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Article I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be The Bench Warmer Golf Club

Article II – PURPOSES

- First:* To stimulate interest in golf at The Bench Warmer Golf Club by bringing together a group of men and women desirous of forming a golfing organization.
- Second:* 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.
- Third:* To enforce uniformity in the rules of the game by creating a representative authority.
- Fourth:* To maintain a uniform system of handicapping as set forth in the regulations of the Southern California Golf Association.
- Fifth:* To afford a convenient and authoritative body to govern Club tournaments.

Article III – MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. Membership shall be available to all men and women 21 years or age or older, except as outlined and detailed in Article III, Section 2.
- Section 2. The Board of Directors, at its sole discretion, may allow Junior members, up to a limit of three in any one membership year. The applicants for Junior membership must attain the age of sixteen years by January 1st of the year in which this first membership is to be effective. Junior members must be directly related to, or a permanent member of the household of, a regular member in good standing of the club. Junior members must be at least average golfers and must be actively engage in the pursuit of quality golf, either through their schools or private instruction or Board of Directors as set forth in Section 6 of this Article, but will be subject to review on an annual basis. Although SCGA considers eighteen year-olds

to be regular members, the Bench Warmer Golf Club will carry members as “Juniors” until they attain the age of twenty-one. Junior members shall not be allowed monetary rewards for Tournament play.

- Section 3. Membership will be limited to 100 members or as determined by a vote of the Board of Directors
- Section 4. Memberships in the Club are for a calendar year only, with all memberships expiring on December 31st.
- Section 5. The fiscal year of the Club will be January 1st through December 31st.
- Section 6. Each candidate for membership shall be proposed and seconded by two active members in good standing. The Board of Directors shall act upon each proposal by vote and two negative votes shall disqualify any candidate.
- Section 7. The Board of Directors may confer Emeritus memberships upon those whom they feel have provided distinguished service to the Club over an extended period of time. The unanimous affirmative vote of the Board shall be required to approve such action. Emeritus memberships will be classified as non-playing and playing memberships. Playing membership dues to SCGA shall be sponsored by the Club. Emeritus memberships will be limited to three in any one calendar year and are not governed by the current member limit as set by the Board of Directors.
- Section 8. In the event any member of this organization shall commit any act which reflects discredit or disrepute thereon, or shall refuse or neglect to comply with the rules and regulations of the SCGA and/or those adopted by the Board of Directors or duly appointed Officers, such member shall be subject to suspension or expulsion. Member shall be provided written notice of non-compliance and given ten days to be heard by the Board of Directors at the regular monthly meeting or at a special meeting called by the Board of Directors for such purpose. A two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors shall be required to initiate a suspension or expulsion. If a member is suspended or expelled all dues and fees shall be forfeit.
- Section 9. The annual meeting of the Bench Warmer Golf Club shall be held at the convenience of the Board of Directors or at the year-end party, but not later than December 1st. The Board of Directors shall provide for the holding of such other meetings as may be deemed necessary or desirable and they shall call special meetings upon written petition signed by not less than ten percent of the membership.

- Section 10. A legal quorum at the annual membership meeting shall be twenty-five members present in person or by proxy. Each active member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote.
- Section 11. All membership fees and dues shall be established by the Board of Directors from time to time in such amounts as they deem to be adequate to operate and maintain the Club. Members shall be liable for dues until their written resignation has been received and accepted. Membership renewal fees must be paid and renewal applications submitted by the due date as established by the membership chairman. Failure to submit same will result in a status of non-membership. The Board of Directors and Officers will review any discrepancies and disputes in the matter, with their findings being the final word.
- Section 12. Per the IRS Guidelines, The Benchwarmer Golf Club is a non-profit organization.

Article IV – CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Section 1. The Club Championship will be held in the second half of the golf year.
- Section 2. To qualify for competition in any flight of the club championship a member must have competed in at least 2 of the previous tournaments during the golf year, and must have an established SCGA handicap.
- Section 3. Failure to submit fees for the club championship by the established due date will automatically disqualify those persons from competition in said championship. Extenuating circumstances must be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors immediately for consideration.
- Section 4. Juniors wishing to compete for overall Club Champion must have the approval of the Board of Directors prior to the first round of the championship. However, juniors will be permitted to compete for A, B, C or D flight champion with the authorization of the Board.
- Section 5. Women wishing to compete for overall Club Champion may do so by playing from the Men's tees. For flight championship, in accordance with SCGA guidelines, an adjusted handicap index will be given to compensate for the change of tees. This will concurrently place them into competition in the Men's flight (A, B, C or D) which the adjusted handicap index falls into.

Article V – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of five members in good standing of The Bench Warmer Golf Club and they shall exercise all powers of management of the Club not specifically excepted by these By-laws.
- Section 2. At least four weeks prior to the annual meeting, the President and the Board of Directors shall appoint a nomination committee consisting of five members of the organization. At least one week prior to the annual meeting this committee shall submit to the Board and distribute via email, a list of nominees to fill any vacancies for the term of office beginning the following January 1st. Names of other members in good standing may be nominated by the general membership at the annual meeting.
- Section 3. Voting shall be by written ballot and those names receiving the greatest number of votes cast by those present at the meeting shall be declared to be elected. The Board shall appoint a committee of three judges who are not members of the Board or candidates for election to supervise the election.
- Section 4. The Board of Directors and Officers shall meet monthly at a time and place convenient to the attendees. Recess of monthly meeting shall be at the discretion of the President. A legal quorum at a monthly meeting shall be 5 Directors and/or Officers.
- Section 5. In the case of any vacancy through death, resignation, disqualification or other cause, the remaining Directors, even though less than a quorum, may elect a successor by majority vote to hold office for the unexpired term of the Director whose place shall be vacant, and until the election of this successor.

Article VI – OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

- Section 1. The general membership at the annual meeting shall elect the Board of Directors and the President. The President shall, before the 1st monthly meeting in January, appoint the vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and all committee chairpersons. The selection of officers can be done solely by the President or with the consultation of the incoming Board of Directors. Juniors may not hold any office until they have reached their 21st birthday.

Section 2. The officers shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tournament Chairperson, Handicap Chairperson, and Membership Chairperson and their duties shall be such as their title would indicate or such as may be assigned to them respectively from time to time.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall authorize and define the power and duties of all committees. Chairperson and members of all committees shall be appointed by the President, and he/she shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, except the nominating committee.

Section 4. The following committees shall be appointed each year with such other committees as the President may deem necessary or advisable.

Tournament Committee to arrange, schedule, and conduct all intra-club and inter-club competition;

Handicap Committee to establish a fair and proper system of handicaps in accordance with procedures established by the SCGA;

Membership Committee to investigate and act upon all application for membership and to recommend appropriate action to the Board of Directors;

Social Committee to encourage and arrange social and entertainment features and events for special occasions.

Article VII – AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

Section 1. The Board of Directors and the Officers shall have the power to repeal or amend any of these By-Laws. Any repeal or amendment of these by-laws may be challenged by petition of at least 10% of the club membership. In that instance, the petitioners shall have the right of a hearing by the Board of Directors and Officers at the next regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The acceptance of such petitions or appeals and the findings and conclusions of the hearings will be made at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors and Officers.

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