

Tri-County Senior Golfers Association

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BY-LAWS

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Article I – Name

Section 1. The name of the Association shall be The Tri-County Senior Golfer's Association.

Section 2. This Association shall be a non-profit eleemosynary association.

Article II – Membership

Section 1. Membership is open to persons who have reached the age of fifty-five.

Section 2. Application for membership in the Association must be made in writing, sponsored by two current members, and approved by the Board of Governors.

Section 3. The membership of the Association shall be limited to one hundred eighty active members.

Article III – Management

Section 1. The management of the Association shall be vested in a Board of Governors as follows; President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, three Directors, and two Members at Large.

Section 2. A quorum will consist of five Governors.

Section 3. Governors will serve three year terms beginning on January 1 with three new Governors being elected by the Board in November of each year. The Board shall fill unexpected vacancies for the remainder of the vacant term.

Article IV – Governors' Duties

Section 1. The President shall:

- (a) Preside at meetings of the Board of Governors.
- (b) Appoint all Governors after approval by the Board.
- (c) On Tournament day; welcome members, coordinate with the course professional regarding special treatment of the course, appraise the membership of issues as applicable, and begin play with a prayer.
- (d) Will be the lead agent for cancelling a scheduled tournament.
- (e) Have membership on all committees.

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Section 2. The Vice President shall:

- (a) Immediately succeed the President if a vacancy occurs in that office.
- (b) Assume all duties of the President in his absence.
- (c) Assist Directors as necessary.

Section 3. The Secretary shall:

- (a) Record tournament results.
- (b) Provide each member tournament results, entry information for the next tournament, and association news.
- (c) Maintain a membership database which records information on the membership application.
- (d) Once maximum membership is reached, maintain new membership applications for use by the board to invite new members as vacancies occur.
- (e) Maintain copies of latest approved Association By-Laws, Board member's names/positions, and the tournament schedule. Distribute each to members as changes occur.
- (f) Assemble Welcome Aboard packages for new members consisting of Association By-Laws, membership database, Board member's names/positions, the tournament schedule, and a TCSGA golf towel.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall:

- (a) Receive/record payments for initiation fees, annual fees, and tournament and deposit in Association account. Notify Secretary of information necessary to the performance of his duties.
- (b) Pay properly presented and verified invoices for Association obligations.
- (c) On tournament day, pay pertinent fees and prizes as verified by Tournament Director.
- (d) Receive monthly bank statement from bank and reconcile with deposits and expenditures.
- (e) Present monthly "Report on Financial Conditions" to Board.

Article V – Directors and Duties

Section 1. The following Directors are responsible for organizing and running tournaments; Tournament, Handicap & Flight, and Scoring & Awards.

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Section 2. Tournament Director shall:

- (a) Contact golf courses in the area and develop tournament schedule. Execute agreements with each course identifying date, cost, number of players, who will mark carts, and special requirements. Report same to Board and maintain close coordination with the course management as the tournament date nears.
- (b) Collect tournament entries from the post office, open entries, and enter name/date on the sign-up sheet in a timely manner. When the field limit is reached, place entries on a waiting list. A random drawing will be used to select players from entries with the same date. Once the field is completed, notify entrants who were not chosen to play and compile foursome/hole assignment list satisfying player's requests for foursomes as the situation allows. Provide foursome list to the Handicap and Awards Director.
- (c) Call members together 15 minutes prior to tee time; review special coarse/playing issues and introduce the President for his comments.
- (d) Provide the Treasurer course invoice and entry checks/cash.
- (e) If it is necessary to cancel the tournament, ensure all entry checks are shredded. At Tournament Directors discretion cash payments maybe returned or carried forward as credit for next tournament played.

Section 3. Handicap & Flight Director shall:

- (a) Following each tournament receive score cards and flight sheets from Scoring and Awards Director. Score cards and flight sheets will be on file until next tournament is played. Calculate target scores for next tournament in accordance with Attach 3, paragraph 4.
- (b) Prior to each tournament receive foursome/hole assignment list from Tournament Director. Separate the field into flights of approximately 25 players each and prepare flight sheets. On tournament day, post flight sheets in a convenient location at the course.
- (c) Prepare score cards with the player's name, target score, flight, and starting hole.
- (d) Maintain each member's history of tournament play.

Section 4. Scoring and Awards Director shall:

- (a) On tournament day, ensure sufficient number of carts are available and properly marked.
- (b) Maintain flight box, black permanent markers, par 3 markers and tape measures. Bring all to each tournament.
- (c) Ensure a tape measure and closest-to-the-pin marker is delivered to each par three hole.

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- (d) Arrange for people to post scores on flight sheets.
- (e) Collect score cards from flight boxes at the end of each tournament and give to Handicap and Flight Director.
- (f) On the completion of the tournament, remove the flight sheets and give them to the Handicap and Flight Director for calculation of target scores for the next tournament.

Article VI – Dues and Fees

Section 1. Dues and Fees:

- (a) Dues and fees will be fixed by the Board of Governors.
- (b) New members will pay a one-time initiation fee. Initial annual dues for new members will be prorated on a six month basis.
- (c) Members will pay annual dues by December 31 for the period January 1 through December 31 of the following year. Failure to pay annual dues in a timely manner will result in automatic lost of membership.

Article VII – Rules of Order

“Robert’s Rules of Order” shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered in these By-Laws.

Article VIII – Board Member Recognition

The compensation for serving on the Board shall be an invitation by the President to serving Board members, Board member selectees, and their wives/dates to a luncheon or dinner at a very nice restaurant in this general area. This meal is to be scheduled in the month of December or January and funded by the Association. The Board of Governors may elect to have other functions contingent on the funds being available and in keeping with the promotion of the Association.

Article IX – Amendments

These By-Laws may be repealed, amended, or supplemented at any time by a majority vote of the Board of Governors.

Attachments:

- 1) Rules of Play
- 2) Administrative Rules
- 3) Scoring System
- 4) Awards

Attachment 1

Rules of Play

Play is governed by the U.S.G.A's "THE RULES OF GOLF" as amended below by the Tri-County Senior Golfer's Association and by special course rules as provided by the host professional.

1. No player may hit a provisional ball or return to hit from the original position; instead, he will drop a ball in the fairway at the approximate spot where it was lost or at the point where the ball crossed the Out of Bounds boundary. Thus, if a tee shot is out of bounds or lost, the player will drop in the fairway as stated above, and will be laying two.
2. A player may lift and clean his ball and place it within one club length of the original location, no closer to the hole, in his own fairway only.
3. A ball in water or mud in a bunker may be cleaned and placed to a dry spot within the bunker. Unplayable bunkers will be announced prior to play.
4. A ball may be moved off a root or fire ant mound with foursome agreement. Do not improve your position.
5. For balls lying in a Red Lateral Hazard, Yellow Water Hazard, or Unplayable Lie, the option to replay the shot from the original position is not available in order to speed play.
6. A player ready to play may play ahead of an away player if the away player is not ready.
7. Practice on regular greens is prohibited. No practice shots are allowed during tournament play.
8. All balls will be played through bogie, double bogie shots/putts will be picked up.
9. There are no gimmy putts.
10. Score cards will be turned in to a scorer. Cards turned in elsewhere will be disregarded. It is the responsibility of each player to see that his card is turned in on time and is correct, signed, and verified. Incorrect cards are subject to disqualification.
11. Tie scores will be broken by a scorecard play-off beginning on hole #1.
12. Tournaments are official once all players have played 9 holes. If a tournament is terminated before 18 holes are completed, ties will be broken by scorecard play-off beginning on the initial hole played vice hole 1.
13. Slow play is cause for disqualification. Slow play disqualification guide line: Scorecards not turn in at scores table within 30 minutes after time first score posted will be disqualified.

Attachment 2

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

1. If a member enters a tournament and later finds out that he is unable to play, he must notify the Tournament Director. If notification is received before the deadline specified on the tournament notification, the entry fee will be returned or check destroyed. Cancellations received after the deadline will be considered on a case by case basis.
2. If a member does not play in any tournaments each calendar year, he will be required to play three (3) time to re-established handicap. He will be eligible to participate in closet to pin, hole-in-one but not eligible for flight monies until handicap is re-established.
3. Checks returned to the Association for insufficient funds must be made good and penalty fees paid by the next tournament. Failure to do so will result in termination of membership and forfeiture of membership fees.
4. Violations of the rules will be reported to the Board for action;
 - a. First Violation: Player given “the benefit of doubt” and issued a warning.
 - b. Second Violation: Player disqualified from that tournament and ineligible to enter the next tournament.
 - c. Third Violation: Player’s membership will be terminated with no refund of membership fees.

Attachment 3

SCORING SYSTEM

1. The tournament scoring system is based on the points earned on each hole of play. Points are determined by the actual stroke score on each hole as listed in the below paragraph. In order to speed up play, balls will be picked up following a bogie stroke since no points are awarded for a double bogie. (Any side bets among foursomes must conform to this format, subject to disqualification!!)
2. Points are awarded as follows:

0 Points	- Double Bogie
1 Points	- Bogie
2 Points	- Par
4 Points	- Birdie
8 Points	- Eagle
16 Points	- Double Eagle
3. Awards are given for low gross score and the four best net scores in each flight. Net scores are determined by the number of points scored above or below the gross score from the previous tournament. The gross score from the previous tournament is referred to as your Target score. For example, if you score 22 points and your Target score is 16, your Net score is +6. If you score 20 points and your Target score is 22, your Net score is -2.
4. Calculation of the Target score for the next tournament is made based on the number of points above/below the Target score for the current tournament as follows:

zero or one point above or below Target	– no change
two or three points above or below Target	– plus or minus one point
four or more points above or below Target	– plus or minus two points

Adjustments are limited to a maximum of two points.
5. There will be no penalty to Target scores for players moving to the forward tee upon reaching the age of 70.
6. New members are required to play in three tournaments in order to establish a Target score and become eligible for Gross and Net point awards in their fourth tournament. New members will be eligible for the “Closest to the Pin” and “Ace” awards in their first three tournaments.
7. Points scored on each hole will be recorded on the tournament score card for each player. It is suggested that each player keep his own stroke score separately in order to double check the points written down on his official score card. Each golfer is responsible for the accuracy of his score card before it is turned in to the scorer’s table.

Attachment 4

AWARDS

1. Each flight will receive the following awards:
 - \$40.00 Low Gross (Player with most points)
 - \$35.00 Low Net (Player with most positive or least negative net points)
 - \$30.00 2nd Low Net (Player with second most positive or least negative points)
 - \$25.00 3rd Low Net (Player with third most positive or least negative points)
 - \$20.00 4th Low Net (Player with fourth most positive or least negative points)
2. No player may win more than one flight award.
3. Closest to the pin (all par three holes) - \$25.00
4. Hole-in-one - \$100.00 (separate from closest to the pin)
5. Awards not picked up by the third tournament following the one in which they were won, will be forfeited.