

TACOMA WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION BYLAWS (REVISED 4/2009)

ARTICLE 1 – NAME

The name of the organization shall be TACOMA WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION (TWGA).

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Association shall be:

1. To promote, generally, the interest of golf among women, keener knowledge of the Rules of Golf, the etiquette of the game and good sportsmanship.
2. To conduct an Annual Women's Amateur Championship and such other competitions as deemed advisable by the Board.

ARTICLE III – MEMBER CLUBS

1. Golf clubs which have organized women's divisions may be admitted. Member clubs must be willing to extend the privileges of their Clubs and Courses to the Association in turn with other Member Clubs.
 - a) Upon election to membership in the Association, a Club shall be entitled to representation on the Board.
 - b) Nine-hole Courses shall, in turn, officially assist in the Championship Tournament and any other scheduled sweeps, as needed, at an 18-hole Course in their proximity.

ARTICLE 1V – INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

1. Individual membership in the Association shall be open to all women of at least eighteen (18) years of age who are in good standing of Member Clubs on GHIN.
2. Eligibility of members to compete in Association competitions shall be dependent upon meeting handicap requirements set by the Board.
 - a) Members who do not meet handicap requirements shall be termed "associate members". Such members shall be eligible to hold office or become committee chairpersons.
 - b) A member belonging to more than one (1) club must declare at the beginning of the playing season which Club she shall represent; thereafter, during the season she may not transfer such affiliation without Board approval.
3. Honorary Members. Upon receipt of a recommendation from any TWGA member(s), a committee comprised of the elected officers – president vice-president, secretary, treasurer and one member elected from the club representatives, shall consider the person named for Honorary Membership. Honorary Membership may be conferred for a long (25 years) membership and participation in TWGA, great dedication to the advancement and promotion of Women's Golf. An Honorary Membership shall include payment for the Honoree's TWGA dues.

ARTICLE V – DUES AND FEES

1. Individual members shall pay such annual dues as may be decided by the Board.

2. Tournament entry fees for all competitions shall be determined by the Board.
3. Anyone joining after the July sweeps of each year may join for 50% of the annual dues.

ARTICLE VI – BOARD

1. The management of the Association shall be vested in the Board which shall be comprised of the following:
 - c) Officers
 - d) Chairpersons of Standing Committees
 - e) Assistant Tournament Chairman
 - f) Representatives of each Member Club
2. The President shall appoint Committee Chairpersons.
3. The Assistant Tournament Chairperson shall be appointed by the Tournament Chairperson with the approval of the President.
4. The Past President shall serve as a member of the BOARD.

ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS

Elected officers shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

ARTICLE VIII – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. President shall:
 - a) Preside at all meetings
 - b) Be a member ex-officio of all standing and special committees, excluding the Nominating Committee
 - c) Appoint an auditor for an annual audit of the Association books
 - d) Include the treasurer's books, together with those of the Committee Chairperson which deal with finances and present them for audit as soon as they can be closed following the fall meeting.
 - e) Appoint a historian who will maintain and preserve historical records of TWGA; collect new information including (but not limited to) photographs and publications.
2. Vice President shall:
 - a) Assume the duties of the President in her absence
 - b) Assist the President when called upon
 - c) Serve as the Awards Chairperson
3. Secretary shall:
 - a) Keep a complete record of the business of the Association
 - b) Have charge of all correspondence
 - c) Give out notices as prescribed herein
 - d) Provide copies of Board meeting minutes to each Board Member
4. Treasurer shall:
 - a) Collect all moneys
 - b) Disburse moneys under the direction of the Board
 - c) Keep a record of memberships
 - d) Keep an accurate accounting of Association funds
 - e) Report on the state of finances as requested by the Board

ARTICLE IX – COMMITTEES

1. Standing Committees shall be: Tournament, Handicap, Rules, Social,

Sunshine and Historical

2. Special Committees may be appointed by the President, with the exception of the Nominating Committee

ARTICLE X – DUTIES OF COMMITTEES

1. The duties of committees shall be as generally outlined in the USGA Committee Manual, together with such other specific duties as the President or the Board may require.
2. The Tournament Committee shall:
 - a) Supervise all competitions
 - b) Draw the rules of tournament procedure, subject to Board approval
 - c) Prepare the schedule of tournament events to be presented for Board approval at the first meeting of the year
3. The Handicap Chairperson shall:
 - a) Have full jurisdiction over handicaps used in Association competitions
 - b) Instruct Representatives as to requirements
4. The Rules Committee shall:
 - a) Decide on local rules governing TWGA competitions, subject to Board approval
 - b) Rule on disputed points according to the Rules of Golf
 - c) Appoint qualified referees when needed
5. The Vice-President, as Awards Chairperson, shall purchase all awards, subject to approval by the Board.
6. The Social Committee shall be in charge of all social activities of the Association.
7. The Sunshine Committee shall acknowledge special occasions and events of the members.
8. The Historical Committee shall maintain and preserve historical records of TWGA, collect new information, including but not limited to, photographs and publications which will be displayed at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE XI – CLUB REPRESENTATIVES

1. Each Club shall be entitled to one Representative and an alternate.
2. Representatives shall assume their duties at the first Board meeting of the year.
3. Each Club shall have one (1) vote.

ARTICLE XII – BOARD MEETINGS

1. The President shall call a meeting of the Board in January or February to formulate plans for the season.
2. Meetings shall be called by the Board President as needed but at least two times each year.

ARTICLE XIII – ANNUAL MEETING

1. There shall be a meeting of the membership following the final sweeps on a date to be decided by the President.
2. Annual reports shall be given by officers and committee chairpersons.
3. Awards shall be presented.
4. New officers shall be elected and installed.

ARTICLE XIV – NOMINATIONS

1. The Nominating Committee Chairperson shall be elected at the annual meeting
2. The Nominating Committee shall consist of four (4) members, three (3) of which shall constitute a quorum
3. The Nominating Committee Chairperson shall present to the Board, a slate consisting of at least one (1) candidate for each office and the Nominating Committee Chairperson prior to the annual meeting.
4. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

ARTICLE XV – ELECTIONS

Should there be nominations from the floor resulting in a contested election; each contested office shall be voted upon individually by a secret ballot of the members present.

ARTICLE XVI – QUORUM

1. A quorum of the Board shall consist of ten (10) members.
2. Club Representatives may be represented by proxy.

ARTICLE XVII – AMENDMENTS AND/OR REVISIONS

1. Amendments to, or revisions of these Bylaws may be made at any regular of special meeting of the Board provided that each member has received a copy of such proposed amendments and/or revisions. Any proposed amendments and/or revisions brought forward in a Board meeting, can be voted upon at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.
2. Approval of amendments and/or revisions must be by a two-thirds vote of the Board.
3. Robert's Rules of Order Revised Edition shall be the authority upon which Association procedures shall be based.

ARTICLE XVIII – DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of this Association, after all debts have been paid, the remaining moneys shall be given to a charitable organization created for non-profit purposes and qualified as a such under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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