

Firewheel Senior Golf Association

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

MEETINGS

- Section 1. Annual Election of Officers The following order of business shall be adhered to at the annual election meeting of the Association to be held in December of each year.
- a. Election of Officers for the next year.
 - b. Adjournment.
- Section 2. Annual Business Meeting The annual business meeting of the Association shall occur after the election of Officers and before the first official Association Play Day of the year. The following order of business shall be adhered to at the annual business meeting of the Association:
- a. Reading and approving, or correcting minutes, of the previous meeting.
 - b. Vice-President's report (Outgoing).
 - c. Secretary's report. (Outgoing)
 - d. Treasurer's report. (Outgoing)
 - e. Committee reports.
 - f. Consideration of appeals.
 - g. Introduction of incoming Officers
 - h. Introduction of incoming Chairpersons of Standing Committees.
 - i. General business.
 - j. Adjournment.
- Section 3. Special Meetings The following order of business shall be adhered to at special meetings of the Association.
- a. Direction of the meeting will be at the prerogative of the President.
 - b. Business conducted at the meeting will be only that for which the meeting was called.
 - c. All appeals from decisions of the Board of Directors under Article VIII of the Constitution shall be heard. If the appeal is decided in favor of the appellant, reversing the decision of the Board, the appellant's status as an active member shall thereupon be restored.
 - d. Adjournment.

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ARTICLE II

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Section 1. The Board of Directors (also referred to as the Board) shall hear all complaints, or disputes between members of the Association, but no member of the Board involved in any dispute shall sit in judgment or vote on such dispute or complaint.
- Section 2. The Board shall exercise discretion in the interpretation and enforcement of the By-Laws and shall in every way safeguard the best interests of the Association and the game of golf.
- Section 3. The Board shall meet at the call of the President. At least three days notice of the time and place of the meeting shall be given to each member of the Board.
- Section 4. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of normal business.
- Section 5. The Board shall establish and conduct the membership vote for the election of officers of the Association. This election shall occur during December prior to January 1 of the following year, the effective date for officers to assume responsibility.
- Section 6. The Past President's Council (maximum of 3 members) shall serve as an advisory committee to the Board in a non-voting capacity and are invited to attend all Board meetings.
- Section 7. The Firewheel Director of Golf (or his designee) shall serve as an advisor to the Board in a non-voting capacity and is invited to attend all Board meetings.

ARTICLE III

TERMS OF OFFICE FOR ELECTED OFFICERS

All officers shall be elected for a term of one year and are eligible to run for re-election.

ARTICLE IV

THE PRESIDENT

The President shall be empowered to perform all of the fiduciary duties of the Treasurer as authorized by the Constitution, subject to the same limitations and directions by the Board. The President shall have authority to receive and give receipt for all monies due and payable to the organization, and to endorse on behalf of the organization all checks, drafts, notes, warrants, and orders for payment of money.

ARTICLE V

COMMITTEES

- Section 1. Chairpersons of the three voting committees (Administrative, Membership, and Operations) can perform duties in non-voting committees. All other committee chairs and/or officers can perform duties in any other committee.

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- Section 2. Other committees and major functions shall be as shown in Addendum, FSGA Organization Chart. (The President may establish other committees as permitted by the Constitution.) If changes are made, the membership shall be notified in a timely manner.

ARTICLE VI

INCOME AND EXPENDITURES

- Section 1. The income of the Association is based exclusively on the annual dues and the fees paid to play in each tournament or group outing by the members, as well as interest earned from deposited monies and such donation made from inside or outside the organization.
- Section 2. The Board, by majority vote of the quorum present, shall determine the amount of the fee to be charged each participant in the tournaments and other events scheduled for the Association.
- Section 3. A minimum of ninety per cent (90%) of the fees collected for any given tournament shall be disbursed as determined by the Board of Directors. These disbursements shall be in the form of gift certificates, merchandise, and/or cash as deemed appropriate.
- Section 4. No later than December 31st, a minimum of \$100 shall be transferred to the upcoming year to insure a solvent Treasury. To transfer the entire Treasury requires approval by a majority of the Board.

ARTICLE VII

RULES FOR COMPETITION

- Section 1. The Rules Committee shall establish and maintain all rules for the Association. Playing rules shall be in accordance with the rules of the United States Golf Association as amended for local conditions. Non-Playing rules shall be established as permitted by the By-Laws in consultation and cooperation with other committees. The Board shall approve all rules for use by the Association.
- Section 2. Modifications to the USGA rules for FSGA use shall require a majority approval of the entire Board. The modifications shall be summarized and provided to the general membership.

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ARTICLE VIII

HANDICAP SYSTEM/GOLF EVENTS

- Section 1. The Board in consultation with the various Tournament Committees shall determine the Tournaments / Activities to be played. Specific event handicaps, handicap allowances, and handicap adjustments shall be established by the various Tournament Committees in consultation with other associated committees such as Handicap, Rules, Special Events, etc.; subject to Board approval. At least one (1) official Tournament/Activity (a.k.a. 'Association Tournament') will be scheduled per month from March through November. The Board will announce, prior to February 1, a tentative schedule of dates for the planned monthly golf tournaments and other golf events: e.g., Member/Guest, Inter-Association play, Match Play tournament, etc. The Board may schedule other optional tournaments on regular play days at their discretion.
- Section 2. The Schedule of play for the Association shall be established and maintained by the Board. The initial schedule shall be announced prior to February 1st and shall include a minimum of three months of scheduled Association activity. The schedule shall be revised and updated from time to time but shall always show tournament activities for the following three months.
- Section 3. Tournament participation is restricted to members only except for designated guests and Associate Members. Prior approval by a majority of the Board will be required for guest and Associate Member play in such events.
- Section 4. To be eligible for Tournaments/Activities, members must play at least one (1) time, on Tuesday, in the preceding four (4) weeks before the specific event in question. Such play shall be other than in an official Association Tournament. The Board must approve exceptions to these requirements.
- Section 5. The Handicap Committee shall establish and maintain member handicaps using the GHIN system in cooperation with the chairpersons of the Tournament Committees; currently Association Tournaments, Inter-Association Tournaments, and Member/Guest Tournament.
- Section 6. The Handicap Committee shall assist the various tournament committees in the establishment and verification of guest and Associate Member handicaps for play in events as permitted by the By-Laws.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS

- Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended or suspended, without prior notice, at any meeting of the Board by vote of a majority of the entire Board.
- Section 2. Such amendments or suspension will be incorporated in a correspondence to the membership in a timely fashion.

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ADDENDUM:

The following documents pertain and are incorporated by reference:

1. FSGA Local Rules
2. FSGA Player of the Year
3. Most Improved Player
4. Hole-In-One Pool
5. FSGA Schedule
6. Membership Application Form
7. FSGA Organization Chart
8. Membership List
9. Associate Membership

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