

# MARITIME SENIORS' GOLF ASSOCIATION



## Constitution and By-Laws

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### **ARTICLE 1 NAME**

*This organization shall be called :-  
Maritime Seniors' Golf Association*

### **Article 11**

A. *This Association shall encourage a fraternal spirit among all golfers who have reached the age of fifty years.*

B. *It shall conduct an Annual tournament for the purpose of friendly competition, which shall decide the annual winner of the golf championship of the Maritime Seniors' Golf Association.*

C. *It may authorize or conduct other Senior tournaments within the Maritime Provinces as determined by the Board of Directors.*

### **Article 111 Management**

A. *The management of this Association shall be vested in a Board of Directors, composed of:- a President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, ten elected members, Finance Chairman, the four Past Presidents, and the Manager. Each shall have one vote at all board meetings and in case of a tie, the President shall have an extra vote.*

B. *In the event of a vacancy occurring or existing after the date of the Annual Meeting, in any office or in the Board, such vacancy may be filled by the Board of Directors.*

### **Article 1V Committees**

*The Board of Directors shall meet as soon as possible after its election and shall appoint chairmen for the following committees and any other committees deemed necessary. These chairmen shall select their own committee members unless appointed by the Board of Directors. The President may appoint chairmen to fill vacancies.*

A. *Membership committee, consisting of the four immediate Past Presidents, and the Manager, whose duties shall be to screen applications before recommending*

*them to the Board of Directors. The Past President on the committee who is longest out of office as President shall be chairman.*

B. *The Membership Development Committee, shall consist of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President as Chairman and the four District Directors, having the greatest seniority in the three year rotation of Directors. Their duties are to make recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding the general status and health of the membership, membership promotion and recruitment and such other matters pertaining to membership development that the Board may direct.*

C. *Entertainment committee whose duties shall be to provide such entertainment at the Annual meeting as agreed upon by the Directors.*

D. *Tournament committee whose duties shall be that of supervising the draws, running the actual play, locating markers and cups, deciding on local rules, amending the Royal Canadian Golf Association rules of golf to suit the special needs of this Association and to give rulings during the tournament. The Manager shall be a member of this committee.*

E. *Finance committee whose duties shall be to submit the statement of revenue and expenses for the preceding year and a budget of anticipated revenue and expenses for the coming year at the Spring Meeting of the Board of Directors and otherwise assist and advise in the financing of the Association.*

F. *The President shall, ex officio, be a member of all committees.*

### **Article v Nominating Committee**

A. *The four immediate Past Presidents and the Manager shall constitute the nominating committee whose duty shall be to nominate a slate of Officers and Directors for submission to the Annual General meeting. Past President longest out of office as President shall be chairman.*

B. *Other nominations may be received from the floor for all offices.*

### **Article VI Membership**

A. *The membership committee consisting of the four immediate Past Presidents and the Manager shall have at least two meetings per year, one in the spring and one in the fall and they shall have full power to approve all new applicants. The Manager shall circulate the list of new applicants to the Directors prior to any membership meeting.*

B. *Application for membership in this Association is open to playing members in good standing of any golf club recognized by the Provincial Golf Associations of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and the state of Maine in the counties of Aroostook or Washington, who is over fifty years of age, or whose fiftieth birthday falls within the calendar year of his application for membership.*

C. *Regular membership in this Association ceases when a member is no longer a regular or honorary playing member in good standing of any of the above recognized golf clubs, subject to clause E of this article.*

D. *Dress: the Official dress of the Association shall be Red Coat with Crest, white shirt with Association tie, black or dark grey trousers, black shoes and black socks. Nothing shall be worn on the coat except Past President pin on the left and Honorary life pin on the right lapel and name block.*

E. *Members who for reasons of physical inability are now unable to play golf may on application be registered as social members at the regular annual dues. These members shall be in addition to the limit set for active membership.*

F. *Honorary membership or Honorary-Life membership may be conferred by the Board of Directors upon any person deemed worthy of such honour. Members who have paid dues for twenty years shall automatically become Honorary Life members and suitable certificates and pins shall be presented to them at the next General meeting or Annual banquet. These*

members shall be in addition to all classes of membership and only those who are actively playing, and play one or more of the MSGA events per year, shall be subject to the payment of fifty percent (50%) of the annual dues. No Honorary-Life member is required to maintain a membership in a club.

G. Application for membership must be made on the printed forms provided for that purpose, properly filled in and proposed and seconded by two members in good standing.

H. The active membership shall be limited to 300 playing members.

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#### **By-laws**

##### **By-law No.1 Association Year**

A. The Association fiscal year shall be from December 1st to November 30th.

B. An auditor, who shall be a chartered accountant, shall be appointed at the annual meeting and shall audit the financial records of the Association for the current fiscal year and certify the statement of revenue and expenses for submission to the next meeting.

##### **By-law No. 2 Association Meetings**

A. The Annual General meeting of the Association shall be held at such time and place as may be determined by the Board of Directors preferably during the Annual tournament. All committees shall report at the Annual meeting and all Officers and Directors shall be elected at that meeting.

B. Special General meetings may be called by the Board of Directors at any time and place.

C. Ten days notice must be given for all General meetings and fifteen members present are necessary for a quorum. Proxies are not allowed.

##### **By-law No.3 Meetings of the Board of Directors**

A. The Board of Directors shall hold at least two meetings each year; one shall be in the month of May or June and the other during the Annual tournament. Five Directors constitute a quorum.

B. The President alone or the two Vice-Presidents together may call a Special meeting with ten days notice providing a quorum be present. In this case decisions shall not be binding until the minutes of such a meeting mailed within ten days of same, have been approved by a majority of the Board and should replies from a majority not be received by the Secretary-Manager within ten days of mailing the decisions of the meeting shall become effective.

C. The Board of Directors may by a majority vote taken by mail decide any matter that cannot wait for the next Board meeting, providing full particulars of the matter in question be first submitted to the President and then mailed to all Directors. Should any matters be decided by telephone calls or wires, same shall be confirmed by mail.

##### **By-law No. 4 Elections**

A. The President, 1st Vice- President and 2nd Vice-President, shall be elected by nomination and ballot at the Annual General meeting and shall serve until the conclusion of the next Annual General meeting. The eight members of the Board shall be elected by nomination and ballot and shall serve for three yearly terms. Four of these members shall retire at the end of their term at the Annual General meeting and four other members shall be elected to fill their places, every third year there will be no new elections.

B. The newly elected Officers and Directors shall take office at the end of the Annual tournament.

C. The composition of the Board of Directors must be members of at least ten different Golf Clubs.

##### **By-law No. 5 Duties of Officers**

A. The duties of President shall be the usual duties appertaining to that office and in his absence shall be performed by the first Vice-President and in the absence of the Vice- President by the Second Vice- President.

B. The functions of Secretary, Treasurer and tournament manager shall be performed by a Manager, who shall be appointed by the newly elected Board of Directors at their First meeting. His duties shall be the usual duties appertaining to the functions of secretary, treasurer and tournament manager and shall include the receiving and disbursing of the Association's funds, providing the Finance committee and the Auditor with all financial information, keeping the records and membership roll, and otherwise carrying out the directions of the Board of Directors.

C. If deemed necessary the Board of Directors may appoint an Assistant manager.

##### **By-law No. 6 Annual Dues and Fees**

A. The annual dues shall be such sum as may be from time to time determined by the Board of Directors, payable as soon as bills are rendered. If any member be in arrears on April 1st of each year, he shall be notified that if his dues are not paid by May 15th, he shall cease to be a member, and if still unpaid on such date, his membership shall forthwith be terminated.

B. An Initiation fee in such sum as may be from time to time determined by the directors, shall be charged to each newly elected member, payable the same time as his annual dues and subject to the same conditions.

C. Any member who has failed to maintain annual membership may be reinstated only upon application and re-election and shall be required to pay his annual dues together with the then current initiation fee, even though he may have previously paid an initiation fee.

##### **By-law No. 7 Suspensions and Expulsions**

The Board of Directors shall have power to suspend or expel any member for good and sufficient cause, including that of ungentlemanly conduct. Notice of same shall be sent to him in writing stating the reasons for his suspension or expulsion.

##### **By-law No. 8 Amendments**

A. The Board of Directors may by a two-thirds vote of those present alter, amend or add to the constitution and by a majority vote alter, amend or add to the by-laws, providing a copy of such changes are mailed to absent members within fifteen days of the meeting. All such alterations, amendments or additions shall be subject to confirmation by a two-thirds vote of those present at the next General meeting in respect of changes made in the constitution and in respect of changes made in the by-laws by a majority vote. Such changes shall become effective when they are confirmed.

B. Any General meeting may by a two-thirds vote of those present alter, amend or add to the constitution and by a majority vote alter, amend or add to the by-laws. Such changes shall be noted in the next general communication sent to all members.

##### **By-law No. 9 Order of Business**

1. Call to order and notice of meeting.
2. Reading of minutes of last meeting.
3. Report of the President and Board of Directors.
4. Report of the Manager.
5. Report of Committees.
6. Reading of communications and invitations.
7. General and New business.
8. Election of Officers and Directors.
9. Adjournment.

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