

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

Name

This association shall be called the St. Louis Women's District Golf Association.

ARTICLE II

Object

The object shall be to promote the interest of golf among the women of the St. Louis District, to provide for an annual Invitational Championship Tournament, Three-Day Stroke Tournament, The STLWDGA Junior Invitational Championship Tournament, Senior Tournament, Team Play and other scheduled competitive events.

ARTICLE III

Board of Directors and Government

Section I. All past presidents shall constitute an advisory committee and may attend meetings of the Board of Directors with full voting power. The immediate past president shall be a member of the Executive Committee with the title of Parliamentarian/Honorary President.

Section II. The business of this Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of the Officers, the Advisory Committee, together with three directors from each participating club whose credentials shall have been forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary before the meetings. Each director shall appoint an alternate to attend Board meetings when said director is unable to attend. Any District member may attend meetings. Only members of the Board may make motions and vote. It is the duty of each director to report to her respective club all pertinent information presented.

Section III. All competitions shall be governed by the USGA Rules of Golf with such exceptions as are printed under "General Rules and Regulations" as recommended by the Executive Committee and adopted by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV

Executive Committee

Section I. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the President, or be called by her at the request of any three members of the committee, after each member has received notice of the time and place of the meeting. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to act for the Board of Directors between regular meetings. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to correct and approve the minutes of the annual Spring and Fall meetings. Actions or recommendations of the committee shall be presented to the Board of Directors for ratification or adoption.

Section II. The Executive Committee shall plan all events and may appoint committees to conduct these events.

Sections III. Annual membership dues and tournament entry fees shall be fixed by the Executive Committee and shall be payable to the Treasurer.

Section IV. All vacancies in office shall be filled by the Executive Committee. A minor fraction of a year shall not count against a candidate for election.

Section V. The President may invite any district member to attend any Executive Committee meeting without voting power.

Section VI. A quorum for Executive Committee meetings shall be a majority.

ARTICLE V

Officers

The officers of this Association shall be a President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Rules Chair, Tournament Chair, Assistant Tournament Chair, Team Chair, Assistant Team Chair and Parliamentarian/Honorary President. These Officers shall constitute the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI

Duties of Officers

Section I. The President shall preside at the regular and special meetings of the Association and of the Executive Committee and shall be an ex-officio member of all standing committees; shall schedule the time and place for all events, appoint all committees not otherwise provided for in these By-laws, appoint a pro-tem to serve in the absence of any officer; and register her signature with the Treasurer on all financial accounts.

Section II. The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, perform the duties of the President, conduct the annual STLWDGA Junior Invitational Tournament, edit the yearbook; audit the books of the Treasurer; report at the annual meeting and other times as requested by the Executive Committee.

Section III. The Recording Secretary shall keep records of the proceedings of this Association and of the Executive Committee and assist the Corresponding Secretary.

Section IV. The Corresponding Secretary shall handle all correspondence.

Section V. The Treasurer shall collect and deposit all monies belonging to this Association and shall disburse same under the direction of the President and the Executive Committee. She shall report, in writing, the state of finances when required to do so by the Executive Committee and present a written report at the annual meeting showing all receipts and expenditures during the fiscal year. The signatures of the President and Treasurer shall be registered on all financial accounts.

Section VI. The Rules Chair shall assist the President in drafting rules and local rules for all competitive events. She shall interpret the Rules of Golf. The Rules Chair shall choose a committee of at least two, subject to the approval of the President. The Tournament Chair and Assistant Tournament Chair shall be ex-officio members of the committee.

Section VII. The Tournament Chair shall keep all members' current handicaps. The Tournament Chair, with the aid of the Assistant Tournament Chair, shall make arrangements for and conduct the Stroke Tournament, Senior Tournament and other scheduled competitive events.

Section VIII. The Team Chair and Assistant Team Chair shall pair clubs for team play, make arrangements for and conduct all team events, record results and team standings.

Section IX. The Parliamentarian/Honorary President shall assist the President.

ARTICLE VII

Membership

Section I. Club Membership

(i) Any 18-hole petitioning club shall meet the general qualifications of the St. Louis District Golf Association and the specific requirements of the STLWDGA. Annually such club shall accommodate the Association's competitions in reasonable rotation, afford use of club facilities, grant billing reciprocity, waive green fees and respond promptly to the District's communications

(ii) The application shall be made in writing and approval shall be by two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Board of Directors at the Spring or Fall Meeting. Written notification of acceptance or rejection shall be made by the President.

(iii) A member may lose its membership if it refuses or neglects the strict and honorable compliance with our membership obligations. The decision for expulsion or suspension must be made by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors with the right of appeal.

Section II. Individual Membership

Membership shall be limited to a woman member, spouse, widow, and legal dependents entitled to golf membership privileges. This excludes non-resident members (a non-resident member is a member with less than full membership privileges). A member may renew her membership annually.

(i) To be eligible for membership in this Association, applicant must have a USGA Handicap/Index to meet the requirements set by the Board of Directors. Refer to "USGA Handicap System and STLWDGA" and "General Rules and Regulations." Her club New Member Coordinator shall present a complete written and verified chronological record of her last 20 scores with USGA Course Rating/Slope and payment of membership dues to the STLWDGA Treasurer.

(ii) Minimum age for membership and/or participation in events conducted by this Association is eighteen (18) years with the exception of participation in the STLWDGA Junior Invitational Tournament.

(iii) If a member becomes ineligible for membership, her dues shall be refunded on a pro rata basis. Such member who becomes eligible for membership within two calendar years may renew her membership without the handicap limitation set for new members. Individual non-conformance to the Rules and Regulations will be reviewed by the Executive Committee who will take appropriate action.

Section III. Any past president, not a member of a participating club, is privileged to be a member of this Association and may compete in any scheduled event. Any member with 50 years continuous membership shall be honored with an Honorary Life Membership (HLM). All Past Presidents and Honorary Life Members are exempt from paying dues.

Section IV. Annual membership dues and penalties shall be fixed by the Executive Committee and shall be payable to the Treasurer. Only members whose dues are paid are eligible to participate in events.

ARTICLE VIII

Nominations and Elections

Section I. The Nominating Committee shall complete the slate of officers to be presented at the Annual Meeting. The Committee shall consist of Past President, the current President, and a non-Board member appointed by the President. The Vice President, Tournament Chair and Team Chair will serve in an advisory role.

Section II. At an annual meeting, the officers of this Association shall be nominated by the Board of Directors, and approved by the membership. They shall hold office for one year or until their respective successors have been elected or appointed.

ARTICLE IX

Meetings

Section I. There shall be at least two meetings of the Board of Directors of this Association each year; the annual meeting in the Fall and another meeting in the Spring, at such time and place as the President shall designate. Four days written notice must be given to each member of the Board of Directors. The election of officers shall take place at an annual meeting.

Section II. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called at any time by the President.

Section III. A quorum shall consist of representation from three-fourths (3/4) of participating clubs in the Association.

Section IV. The following order of business shall be observed:

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes
3. Officers' Reports
4. Auditor's Reports
5. Standing Committee Reports
6. General Business
7. Election of Officers
8. Adjournment

ARTICLE X Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall begin on November 2 and end October 31 of the following year.

ARTICLE XI Amendments

These By-laws may be altered or amended at a meeting of the Board of Directors by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those eligible to vote (refer to Article III, Section II), provided a quorum is present and provided that written notice of the proposed amendment shall have been submitted at least thirty days in advance of the meeting. Any proposed changes shall be submitted to the Executive Committee for formulation and approval before being sent to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XII Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised", shall govern this Association in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the By-laws.

ARTICLE XIII Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of this Association, the Executive Committee shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the Association, dispose of all assets of the Association to the United States Golf Association.