

By-Laws of the Groves Men's Golf Association

Effective 8 February 2019

ARTICLE I – NAME

The official name of this organization shall be:

The Groves Men's Golf Association (herein referred to as "the Association").

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

Section 1: To stimulate interest in golf at the Groves Golf & Country Club by bringing together a group of golfers desirous of forming and maintaining an Association.

Section 2: To promote and foster among members a closer bond and fraternity for their joint and mutual benefit, and to promote and conserve the best interests and true spirit of the game of golf as embodied in its ancient and honorable traditions.

Section 3: To encourage conformance to the United States Golf Association (USGA) Rules of Golf.

Section 4: To maintain a uniform system of handicapping set forth in the USGA Handicap System and issues USGA Handicap Indexes to the members.

Section 5: To provide an authoritative body to govern and conduct Association competitions.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP/FEEES

Section 1: Provided that membership applicants have paid Association fees and meet the specifications in Section 2 below, the following male applicants are eligible for Association membership:

1. A resident/owner or tenant residing in the Groves Golf and Country Club community or,
2. A non-resident of the Groves that are approved by the membership committee or in their absence, by the Association Board of Directors.

Section 1A: The Association encourages members to invite guests to participate in scheduled Association play with the following conditions:

Guest/Visitors of the Association may be allowed to play, but not participate for prizes during an Association event unless otherwise specified in the event announcement approved by an officer of the Association in charge of the event.

Section 2: An annual membership fee shall be required to join the Association. The annual membership fee will be established according to Section 6. GHIN fees will be paid directly to the Pro Shop.

Section 3: Memberships in the Association are for a calendar year only, with all membership expiring on December 31st.

Section 4: Each playing member shall be responsible for his cart and greens fees.

Section 5: The fiscal year for the Association will be January 1st through December 31st.

Section 6: All membership fees shall be established by the Board of Directors from time to time in such amounts as they deem to be adequate to operate and maintain the Association.

ARTICLE IV – THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: The Board of Directors (herein referred to as “the Board”) shall consist of six members in good standing of the Association and they shall exercise all powers of management of the Association provided by these by-laws.

Section 2: Voting shall be by written ballot and those names receiving the greatest number of votes cast by members present shall be declared elected. The Board shall appoint a committee of three Association members, who are not members of the Board or candidates for election, to supervise the election.

Section 3: The Board shall meet at such times and places they may select and a majority of the Board present shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

Section 4: In the case of any Officer vacancy through death, resignation, disqualification or other cause, the remaining Officers, even though less than a quorum, may elect a successor by majority vote to hold office for the un-expired term of the vacating Officer.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Section 1: The Officers shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, two Trustees. Their duties shall be such that their titles would indicate or such as may be assigned to respectively from time to time.

A. The President: Shall preside at all meetings of the Association and shall have general supervision over the affairs of the Association. He shall appoint a chairman for, but not

limited to the following committees: membership, tournament, golf, publicity, rules, audit and nominating. President or another Officer appointed by the President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees excluding nominating and audit committees.

B. Vice President (VP): Shall, in the absence of the president, perform the president's duties. The VP will preside at all meetings in the absence of the president; establish a schedule of games to be played, determine the weekly pairings or cause it to be performed by other Officers or the pro shop; direct and/or assist in the organization of periodic social activities of the Association.

C. Secretary: Shall keep records of all meetings, handle all correspondence, maintain and have the current league bylaws and other records pertinent to the league as directed by the President. He shall act as a liaison to the Groves concierge regarding use of the facilities and calendar duties when required and requested by Association officers.

D. Treasurer: Shall keep records of all accounts, collect membership and Association play fees; prepare an overall financial report for all meetings or as directed and have records complete for annual audit. He shall receive from all committee chairmen an accounting of monies received and dispersed. The Treasurer shall establish a bank account(s). Said account(s) shall have all current titled officers listed as authorized signers. The Treasurer shall be required to sign all checks and have co-signed by one (1) titled officer. In the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary or other Association officer appointed by the Treasurer, shall be empowered to co-sign checks in the name of the Association.

E. Trustee: Shall assist the Board in the establishment of policies that determine the purpose and course of action of the Association. Ensure the effective and efficient administration of the Association. Assure that the Association remains financially sound by reviewing financial statements periodically and make recommendations to the Board and general membership when necessary.

Section 2: The terms of elected Officers shall be two years. The office of President, Treasurer and one Trustee shall be elected to begin serving on the even-numbered years and the officers of Vice President, Secretary and one Trustee shall be elected to begin serving on the odd-numbered years.

Section 3: The Board shall authorize and define the powers and duties of all committees. The President shall appoint chairmen and members of all committees, and the President or an Officer he delegates shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating and auditing committees.

Section 4: The Board shall be authorized to make expenditures up to the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for Association-related activities.

Section 5: The following committees shall be appointed each year, with such other committees, as the President may deem necessary or advisable

A. Golf

1. Plan and conduct all competitions
2. Prepare schedule of events, and upon approval, distribute to members.
3. Publish and post special conditions of play.
4. Assist in preparation of local rules, if any, to be used for play
5. Create suitable social activities in conjunction with the golf program.

B. Publicity

1. Keep members advised of activities
2. Distribute information regarding the Association to the Groves newsletter, media and sponsoring organizations.

C. Membership

1. Shall welcome new members; distribute Association information, including a copy of these bylaws and USGA rule book.
2. Maintain a current membership list.

D. Rules

1. Advise members on questions relating to local and USGA rules
2. Act as a rules official in the event of infractions.

E. Audit:

Review the records of the Treasurer for accuracy of all finances of the Association at least once a year.

F. Nominations:

Prepare nominations of candidates for Association Officers and selects two Association members to assist in the nomination process; post nomination sheet prior to general election meeting; tally votes and announce results.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

Section 1: The Association shall hold its annual general membership meeting in November. The Board will select the date, time and place. Notice will be posted on the pro shop bulletin board and an email will be sent out at least thirty (30) days prior to a meeting. In addition to the normal order of business, election of Officers shall be held during the November meeting.

Section 2: Association Officers shall meet at the call of the President, and a minimum of six (6) times per year. A majority of Officers present shall constitute a quorum at the Board meeting.

Section 3: The President may call a special meeting at any time, or upon written request of fifteen (15) members. Date, time, and place shall be posted on the pro shop bulletin board at least fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the meeting.

Section 4: At all meetings of the Association, the order of business shall be:

- a. Roll call
- b. Reading and/or approval of the minutes of the previous meeting
- c. Unfinished (old) business.
- d. Reports of officers.
- e. Reports of committees.
- f. New business.
- g. Adjournment.

Section 5: Meeting procedure

Roberts Rules of Order-Revised in effect as of the date of these By-Laws shall be the parliamentary authority on all matters not covered by these By-Laws

Section 6: Twenty-five percent (25%) of the total membership shall constitute a quorum at all general and special meetings. Each active member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote. If a quorum is not present, the presiding Officer shall adjourn the meeting to a day and time fixed by him.

ARTICLE VII –ASSOCIATION PLAY

Section 1: On Association day(s), playing member shall pay an entry fee.

Section 2: In order to participate in Association play, members will respond to Association notices (including but not limited to email, Golf Genius media) announcing and governing event play. Players will respond indicating if they are playing in the announced event.

Section 3: Play shall be from any tee. A member will determine his tee of choice when he signs up to play. If a member chooses to play from a tee different than his normal tees, his handicap will be adjusted by the number of strokes indicated on the scorecard; including special tournament play.

Section 4: Results of Association play shall be e-mailed to general membership in a timely manner indicating the standings and amounts distributed to members and the Association.

Section 5: The Association shall; retain a percentage of Association day(s) monies collected; provide the balance of monies for disbursement to the winners. The Board shall continually review this structure to ensure its merits and adjust accordingly.

Section 6: USGA rules of play shall prevail; exceptions thereto are those local rules that may be considered and shall require approval of the general membership.

Section 7: Any member in good standing with the Association is eligible to participate in any and all Association activities. If the person has not played in six Association events, excluding tournaments, during the prior year and has been a member of the League for more than one year, the person can be eligible to compete in League tournaments upon a payment of \$50.00 to the Association. Upon payment the person becomes eligible for all scheduled events for the remainder of the year. New members joining the Association in a current year and members who have played six times in the current year may participate without meeting the 6-play criteria for the prior year.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS

The Board shall have the power to repeal or amend any of these By-Laws provided that such action shall not be in effect until approved by a majority vote of the members of the Association present at a meeting held in accordance with the provisions contained herein.

Notices of proposed amendments are to be emailed to the general membership and/or posted on the league bulletin board thirty (30) days prior to the next general membership meeting.

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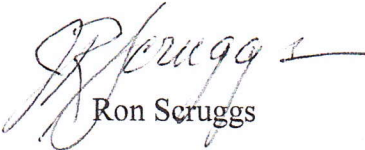
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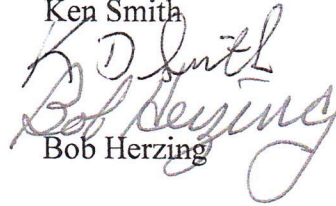
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GMGA Local Ruling – Alternative Option for Lost or Out of Bounds Ball

Purpose of this GMGA local ruling. Pace of play can be delayed by players needing to take stroke-and-distance relief for a ball that is out of bounds or cannot be found when a provisional ball has not been played. The purpose of this local ruling is to provide an extra option to play on without returning to the location of the previous stroke. With a 2-stroke penalty, this option allows the player to drop in a large area between where the ball is estimated to have come to rest or gone out-of-bounds and the edge of the fairway that is not nearer the hole. (reference USGA Rule 14.3 Ball Drop in Relief Area). This relief is comparable to what could have been achieved with stroke and distance penalty.

Local rule using model USGA language:

When a player's ball cannot be found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under distance and distance: for **two penalty strokes**, the player may take relief by dropping the original or substituted ball in this relief area using two reference points (see USGA rule 14.3 Dropping ball in relief area):

- a. **Ball reference point:** either the point where the original ball is estimated to have come to rest on the course; or last crossed the edge of the course boundary to go out of bounds.
- b. **Fairway reference point:** the point of fairway of the hole being played that is nearest to the ball reference point, but is not nearer the hole than the ball reference point.
(for purpose of this Local Ruling, "fairway" means any area of grass in the 'general area' that is cut to fairway height or less.)
- c. Size of Relief Area based on reference points: anywhere between a line through the ball reference point (or within two club lengths outside of that line, and a line from the hole through the fairway reference point (or within 2 club lengths to the outside of that line).

But with these limits:

Limits on location of Relief Area: must be in the 'general area' and must not be nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

But the player may not use this option when: the ball is known or virtually certain to have come to rest in a 'penalty area', or the player has played another ball provisionally under penalty of stroke and distance. (USGA rule 18.3 covers provisional balls).

Helpful definitions:

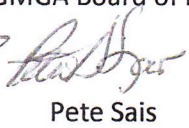
"General Area" that area that covers all of the course except for the other defined areas which are (1) the starting tee from the hole you are playing (2) all penalty areas (3) all bunkers and (4) the putting green on the hole you are playing.

"Relief Area" the area where you must drop a ball when taking relief under a rule.

See USGA Rules of Golf 2019 version for other definitions.

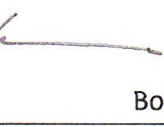
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