

**Articles of Incorporation
and
Bylaws
for
God & Golf Fellowship
Association**



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ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this organization shall be the God & Golf Fellowship Association (GGFA).

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The purpose of the GGFA is to intentionally be devoted to encouraging and enhancing Christian fellowship among the many thousands of men who love the game of golf.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the GGFA is to engage in golf, participate in related social activities, community service and promote and foster Christian fun, fellowship and common interests among golfers, in accordance with these bylaws and the rules of golf as established by the United States Golf Association (USGA).

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

A membership in the GGFA shall be defined as follows:

- A. Eligibility for membership in the GGFA is available to all with the understanding that we are a faith-based organization who strives to represent Jesus Christ.
- B. Membership in the GGFA is conveyed when the applicant or renewing member has paid his annual dues. (See Article IV)

MEMBERSHIP CREED:

“Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. We are men of God, united in efforts to proclaim the word of God to all we encounter. We will utilize the game of golf as a platform to share and demonstrate the character of Jesus Christ.”

MEMBERSHIP TYPES AND BENEFITS:

Charter Membership

- Full membership with a permanent council voting status.
- Must be an original member during inception of association.
- Must be a continuously involved association member for over 10 years.
- Must assist in future events, and help grow the association.

- Must maintain GGFA membership status.

Ace Membership

- Full membership with full responsibilities and voting rights.
- Must pay dues and fulfill responsibilities.
- Must be nominated and elected by charter members.

Birdie Membership

- Full membership with voting rights and limited responsibilities.
- Must pay dues and fulfill minimal responsibilities.
- Entitled to full benefits and discounts.

Group Memberships

- Special memberships with or without voting status for special groups that want assistance, want input on course planning and/or affiliation with the Association. Dues shall be established based on benefit, participation, and responsibility arrangement.

Benefits:

- One-year membership in the God & Golf Fellowship Association.
- An association T-Shirt and membership card with a permanent member number.
- Priority registration for the Annual Golf Fellowship Weekend.

ARTICLE IV

FISCAL YEAR, FEES, DUES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1.

The fiscal year of the GGFA shall be from January 1 to December 31.

Section 2.

The dues of the GGFA shall be as follows:

Charter Membership: Sixty Dollars (\$65)

Ace Membership: Thirty-Six Dollars (\$36)

Birdie Membership: Twenty-four Dollars (\$24)

Group Membership: Eighteen Dollars (\$18) per person

These dues may be modified by a simple majority vote of the GGFA Board of Directors.

Section 3.

The dues of GGFA are payable in full during our annual tournament. Failure to pay will terminate membership by December 31st of the same year. Any member not paying by the

December 31st deadline will be required to pay a reinstatement fee equal to the GGFA membership fee plus five dollars (\$5.00).

Section 4.

GGFA dues are fixed for the calendar year and shall not be pro-rated based on join date or other reason. If a “new” member joins the GGFA at a time when the GGFA annual “garment” order can no longer be modified, the member forfeits that benefit for that calendar year. This shall be explained to the member prior to joining the GGFA.

Additionally, if a “new” member joins the GGFA any time during the 4th quarter of the calendar year, he shall be eligible for the GGFA exclusive golf rate for the remainder of that year and be credited with paying dues for the following calendar year.

ARTICLE V

POWERS

The powers, government, and management of the GGFA, except as otherwise provided in these bylaws, shall be vested in, exercised, conducted, and controlled by a Board of four (4) Directors who shall be full members of GGFA. If a Director at any time ceases to be a member of GGFA, he shall thereby cease to be a Director.

ARTICLE VI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1.

The Board of Directors will consist of four (5) officers as elected by the members of GGFA at the Annual Tournament Meeting. The officers shall be titled: President, Vice President, Adjutant, Treasurer and Secretary. The term of office shall be three (3) years.

Section 2.

As soon as possible after the election of the new directors, the Board will meet to establish the duties of the Board of Directors for the following year. These results will be posted in the clubhouse and reported in the next newsletter.

ARTICLE VII

VACANCIES IN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A vacancy of an elected Director will be filled by appointment of the President, and shall require approval of the majority of the Board of Directors. The Vice President will automatically fill the vacancy of the President.

ARTICLE VIII

REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

Any Director of GGFA may be recalled by the membership at a special meeting called for that purpose, following the giving of at least five (5) days notice by email to all members. No Director

shall be removed from office unless for a good and just cause shown by an affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the full members present at such meeting.

ARTICLE IX

OFFICERS

Section 1. PRESIDENT

The powers and duties of the President are:

- A. Exercise general supervision over the business and affairs of the GGFA. Preside at all meetings of the GGFA and Board of Directors. Call all meetings as required. Make appointments (including committees) as required.
- B. Report the business of GGFA to the membership at the regular scheduled meetings.
- C. Appoint a committee of two (2) members to conduct a year-end audit of the books and records of the GGFA. The audit shall be conducted and results reported to membership at the next scheduled meeting.
- D. Establish and post a budget report for fiscal year by February 15. Budget may be revised at the discretion of the Board of Directors any time during the fiscal year.
- E. Sign checks as required.

Section 2. VICE PRESIDENT

The powers and duties of the Vice President are:

- A. In case of the absence of the President, he shall take his place and perform his duties.
- B. Chair committees as required for any social activities the GGFA might want to entertain.
- C. Assist the President in the planning and running of club tournaments.

Section 3. TREASURER

The powers and duties of the Treasurer are:

- A. To receive and safely keep all monies of the GGFA and deposit it in such bank as the Board of Directors may designate.
- B. Sign all checks and assure all expenditures are made by check for amounts over ten dollars (\$10).
- C. To keep a full and accurate account of the receipts and disbursements of GGFA, and to render to the Board of Directors, upon demand, a statement of accounts of the financial condition of the GGFA. Maintain a voucher for all indebtedness, which is paid, or to be paid until audited.
- D. Assist the President in the planning and running of club tournaments.

Section 4. SECRETARY

The powers and duties of the Secretary are:

- A. To keep a full and complete record of club meetings. If not present, the presiding Director will appoint a secretary pro tem.
- B. To prepare and email such notices as required by these bylaws and which the Board of Directors deems necessary for the notification of members. To maintain the official

correspondence of the GGFA.

C. Assist the President in the planning and running of club tournaments.

ARTICLE X

STANDING COMMITTEES

The standing committees to be appointed by the President, as provided in Article IX of these bylaws, shall be as designated, and meet when necessary. Each committee shall consist of up to three (3) members, one (1) of whom shall be a Director, if deemed necessary by the President.

Section 1.

The designate committee(s) that may form shall be subject to the supervising direction of the President and to the authority of the Board of Directors. The committee members will be appointed for a term of twelve (12) months or until the end of the fiscal year. No committee member shall enter into any contract involving the expenditure of money, or make any purchases except on written authorization of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI

ELECTION of DIRECTORS

Section 1.

Election of Directors will be held during the annual meeting.

Section 2.

The election shall be held at such a place as shall be designated by the Board of Directors. At least the Secretary shall give seven (7) days notice, via email, of the time and place to each full member.

Section 3.

GGFA members shall elect new members to the Board each year as required to maintain a total of seven (5) Board members, having regard to the three-year term rule in Article VI of these By-Laws. The candidate members receiving the most votes will join the Board of Directors, effective January 1st of the following year. In the case of a tie between two (2) or more members receiving most votes, another ballot will be issued to break the tie. Elections shall be by ballot, with each full member present entitled to one (1) vote.

Section 4.

At least sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting, the Board of Directors shall appoint a nominating committee to identify candidate directors for upcoming vacancies on the board. The nominating committee shall then contact said candidates to solicit interest in serving on the board. Once interest in serving is confirmed, the names of director candidates shall be posted in the clubhouse not less than thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting.

Additionally, any five (5) full members may nominate one or more candidates by submitting a petition to the Board of Directors not less than fifteen (15) days before the annual meeting. These names will also be posted along with those of the nominating committee in the clubhouse. No nominations may be made from the floor at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE XII

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

If any member, by his conduct, is likely to be prejudicial to the welfare, interest, repute, or character of the GGFA, and if after a review of the case by the Board of Directors, it is found necessary to expel the member, then the matter will be brought to the attention of the membership, whereby a vote shall be taken to expel such member.

The member may be expelled by a majority vote of those present at the next regular meeting, or at a special meeting called by the Board of Directors on the proposed suspension or expulsion.

ARTICLE XIII

MEETINGS OF GGFA

Section 1.

There shall be a regular general business meeting held during each year, at intervals determined by the President in consultation with the other Board members. There will be a minimum of three such meetings per annum, including in April and August. The President will designate the place and time of all meetings. The purpose of such meetings shall be for receiving officer reports and any other general business. The general meeting held in August will be designated the "Annual Meeting". At the December meeting, the Directors of the past year shall make a complete report of the operations of their office for the previous year.

Section 2.

The order of business for the regular meetings shall be as follows:

- Presiding Director will call meeting to order
- Minutes of last meeting shall be read
- Reports by the Directors
- Old business
- New business
- Adjourn

Section 3.

Special meetings may be called by order of the President, and the President must call a special meeting upon the written request of the other two (2) Directors. At least five (5) days before any special meeting, written notice thereof, specifying the time, place, and purpose of the meeting, shall be given to each member by the Secretary.

Section 4.

At all meetings, three (3) directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 5.

The meetings of the Board of Directors shall be at such a time and place, as the President shall determine. Three (3) Directors shall be present to transact business.

ARTICLE XIV

MISCELLANEOUS

AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed, or new bylaws may be adopted at the October "Annual Meeting", or any special meeting called by the President for that purpose, by an affirmative vote of four (2) of the four (4) GGFA Directors.

DISSOLUTION

The Association is a non-profit organization, no part of the capital or net earnings of which shall inure to the benefit of any member or any private individual. Upon the dissolution of the Association, the assets shall be equally divided and distributed to the GGFA associations then in existence that are then exempt from taxation under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, and if not, to a state, regional, or local golf association having a 501(c)(3) tax exempt status. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the state in which the principal office of the Association is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as the said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Board of Directors may adopt, from time to time, such statements of policies and procedures as it deems appropriate to effectuate the goals and objectives of the GGFA and to set forth guidelines and rules of conduct for its Member Clubs and its Directors and Officers.

The God & Golf Fellowship Association By-Laws are effective as of
July, 2019. -----
This 29 day of July , 2019.

President
ATTEST:
Treasurer