

# SCOTT GOLF ASSOCIATION

## CONSTITUTION

### ARTICLE I: NAME

This organization shall be known as the Scott Golf Association, later referred herein to as the SGA.

### ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this association shall be for the advancement of golf and the promotion of fellowship as follows:

SECTION 1. By developing and maintaining a group of golfers whose aims are to improve their game by regular play under competitive circumstances.

SECTION 2. To promote a cordial, cooperative and sportsmanlike relationship between members and their families.

SECTION 3. The SGA will donate an amount of money to a particular charity, both to be voted on by that years board members.

### ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING

SECTION 1. The membership shall consist of golfers of good moral character who are at least 18 years of age.

SECTION 2. The membership shall be limited to 130 regular members.

SECTION 3. The qualifications for voting on the affairs of the SGA shall be as follows:

A. **Must be an active member** in good standing with the SGA.

B. Must be current in his dues at the time of the vote.

SECTION 4. A quorum for the transaction of the affairs of the SGA shall be ½(one-half) of the Board Members at the time of the meeting. This means that at least 4 Board Members must be present for there to be a quorum.

SECTION 5. The Sheriff and the District Attorney of the Parish will be made honorary members while they are serving in office. Their membership dues will be waived, but if they wish to participate in the hole-in-one club they must pay that fee. Unless they become regular members their membership will become invalid when they are no longer serving in office.

SECTION 6. **Associate Members will be allowed into the membership.** They will be selected from the waiting list. They must pay new member dues to join. They will be eligible for all SGA events provided they meet all requirements.

SECTION 7. The following members are lifetime members: Faye Arceneaux, Chuck Duhon, Curris Lanerie, and Mark Morrow. These are the surviving founding members.

### ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The Officers of the SGA shall be: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

SECTION 2. The officers will be selected by the seven (7) Board Members. All elected board members will serve a term for one (1) full year.

SECTION 3. The Board Members will be elected by a mail-out ballot to be sent out by the Elections Committee. This will be done prior to the Awards Banquet.

SECTION 4. The board can appoint a non-board member for any office position.

SECTION 5. Duties of the Officers:

- A. President- Shall preside at all meetings and have the power to appoint any and all committees necessary to handle the affairs of the SGA. The President shall be an Ex-officio member of all said committees. The President shall not vote on any matter unless his vote will break a tie; then, he must vote.
- B. Vice-President- Shall assume the duties and powers of the President when the President is absent. He shall serve as the Chairman of the Socials Committee.
- C. Past President- Will serve in an advisory capacity; and he will temporarily assume control in the event that both the President and the Vice President are absent. He will serve as the Chairman of the Nominating Committee.
- D. Secretary- Shall keep minutes of all meetings and handle such correspondence as required by the SGA.
- E. Treasurer- Shall keep records of all events as well as current handicap and point averages for all members if the tournament director is unable to do so. He shall receive and disburse funds at the discretion of the Board and keep financial records of all transactions. He shall be prepared to make a Financial Report at any and all Board or General Membership meetings. The Treasurer shall sign all checks with either the President or the Vice President as a co-signer.
- F. Tournament Director- Shall set up a tournament schedule and out of town trip to be approved by the board of directors. Shall maintain current handicap and point averages for all members.

SECTION 6. Any officer may be removed from office during his/her term by a  $\frac{3}{4}$ (three-fourths) majority vote of the membership by mail ballot.

SECTION 7. Any vacancy among the Officers during the year shall be filled immediately by the Board; and any member thus selected shall hold office for the remainder of the un-expired term only.

## ARTICLE V: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. The Board shall consist of at least seven (7) elected members of which at least 5 of the members must be elected from the current Board. They shall hold office for a period of one year.

SECTION 2. The Board of Directors will meet once a month or upon call by an Officer.

SECTION 3. The Board shall be the governing body of the SGA and shall be empowered to act on behalf of the membership. Its authority includes, but is not limited to:

- A. Fill vacancies in office.
- B. Approve the disbursements of funds.
- C. Draft and submit amendments to the Constitution.
- D. Suspend and expel members not conforming to regulations.
- E. Audit the records of the Treasurer.
- F. Call meeting of the general membership provided all members shall have at least three (3) days notice thereof.
- G. Determine the qualifications of any and all new members-said candidate must be sponsored by a member in good standing.

- H. Set dues schedule for each year.
- I. Regulate the sponsorship of new members. They shall also handle any and all internal problems which involve the membership.

SECTION 4. Officers and Board Members shall be assigned to the following Committees:

- A. NOMINATING- It shall be the duty of this committee to present one or more nominations for the Board of Directors to be elected by the membership by mail-out ballot. This committee shall certify that all of the candidates are active members in good standing and willing and capable of actively serving if elected. The Chairman of this committee shall be the immediate Past President. This committee will supervise the election procedures (ARTICLE IX).
- B. AWARDS- It shall be the duty of this committee to determine what awards shall be given and to whom. The President shall present a "Sportsman of the Year" award to the person who throughout the year has best exemplified sportsmanship and service to the SGA. The Board will select this recipient. This committee shall be responsible for obtaining the awards. The President shall appoint this Committee Chairman.
- C. SOCIALS- It shall be the duty of this committee to make all arrangements for the Awards Banquet and for any other social event of the SGA. Said arrangements include securing an appropriate facility, obtaining adequate food and drink, entertainment and door prizes, if necessary. The Vice President shall be the Chairman of this Committee.
- D. TOURNAMENT- It shall be the duty of this Committee to initiate, promote, and regulate the golfing programs of the SGA. This committee, using scoring averages and handicaps, will flight and/or pair all players in tournaments. This Committee will evaluate possible locations and dates for the annual Out of Town trip and will present them to the Board for final selection. The Board of Directors will appoint the Tournament Committee Chairman.
- E. CONSTITUTION- It shall be the duty of the Committee to interpret and update the Constitution as changes occur.

SECTION 5. Committee Chairmen will make official reports at each Board Meeting.

## ARTICLE VI: BUSINESS MEETINGS

SECTION 1. There will be at least one (1) business meeting for the full membership. This meeting will be held at the Awards Banquet. It will be a supper meeting for members and spouses/dates. Guests will be allowed. The main order of business will be the presentation of awards and the presentation of the newly elected officers.

SECTION 2. There shall be other meetings on other dates designated by the Board if there is sufficient business.

## ARTICLE VII: DUES

SECTION 1. Membership dues for all members shall be set annually by the Board. All new members shall be assessed an additional amount (Initiation Fee) for the first year only. Dues statements will be mailed out in November for regular members.

SECTION 2. Specials assessments not contained herein can be levied only by a 2/3(two-thirds) vote of the board.

SECTION 3. Any member delinquent in dues shall be considered as having resigned as a member. If said member wishes to re-join at a later date, he/she will have to pay the Initiation Fee.

## ARTICLE VIII: HOLE-IN-ONE CLUB

SECTION 1. A fee of \$5.00 is collected for the Hole-In-One Club. In the event that a member makes an ace, in tournament play ONLY, he/she will collect all of the funds. If two or more members make an ace during the same tournament, the funds will be equally divided. The only tournaments that will be eligible for pay-out are those for which player of the year points are calculated. If no aces are made, the entire fund balance will be carried over to the next tournament. If the fund is won, all players wishing to participate must immediately put up another \$5.00.

## ARTICLE IX: ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. The nominating committee shall submit a list of qualified candidates for the incoming Board of Directors to the general membership. This list will be sent in a mail-out to all members in good standing. This list will be derived by asking all members in good standing to nominate themselves if they wish to be a Board Member.

SECTION 2. The seven (7) elected Board members will be selected from a list of members who have actively participated in at least three (3) SGA sponsored tournament activities where player of the year points are calculated.

SECTION 3. The top seven (7) vote getters will be elected to the Board. At least 5 of these must be from the current Board of Directors.

SECTION 4. If a person chooses not to serve, the next eligible person will be selected.

SECTION 5. In the event of a tie for the last position, the President will have the deciding vote.

## ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. The Constitution of the SGA may be amended by a 2/3(two-thirds) majority vote of the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE XI: NEW MEMBERS

SECTION 1. All membership applications must be reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. Dependent children of SGA members (minimum age of 18) will be accepted in the SGA as full members upon request of the parent. A member's son is immediately accepted on their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday or 1 year thereafter if that time expires they must go on the waiting list.

## ARTICLE XII: MEMBERSHIP CONDUCT

Our objective is to promote a cordial, cooperative and sportsmanlike relationship between members and the general public and must be maintained to insure the stability of the SGA. Therefore, all SGA members are expected to conduct themselves in such a manner as to not embarrass the SGA while REPRESENTING the SGA in any of the organization's activities.

Any breach will be dealt with by the Board of Directors (a special board meeting may be called by the President), through an informal reprimand, a formal reprimand or expulsion (dues will be pro-rated), by a  $\frac{3}{4}$ (three-fourths) majority vote of the current Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE XIII: TOURNAMENTS

SECTION 1. Scoring at tournaments for handicap calculations will be as follows: 1 point for bogey, 2 points for par, 3 points for birdie, 4 points for eagle, 4 points for a Hole in One and 5 Points for a Double Eagle. An extra merit point will be awarded for Hole in One and Double Eagle to the players score for the tournament but not used for handicap calculations.

SECTION 2. You may improve your lie on the golf course by 1(one) club-length no closer to the hole, from tee to the green, with the following exceptions:

- A. Ball is hit out-of-bounds: you must re-hit from the balls prior position with 1(one) stroke penalty. Thus the adage, "Lose penalty and distance".
- B. Ball is hit in a hazard: you can either hit from the hazard with no penalty, or remove the ball from the hazard, take a drop and assess yourself 1(one) stroke penalty. If you hit from a hazard you must not touch your ball in any way before hitting it with your club and you may not ground your club before hitting your ball. If you do you must assess yourself 1(one) stroke penalty. Hazards include: sand traps, lakes, coulees, anything else marked by yellow or red stakes or lines. If inside these stakes or lines it is considered "in the hazard".
- C. You may not improve your lie and place the ball on the green.
- D. January 1, 2016 the board of directors of the SGA voted to change the one club rule for moving your ball to one scorecard no closer to the green.

SECTION 3. To be eligible for the Club Championship you must have completed at least 3(three) tournaments where player of the year points are calculated. That means that you must turn in a score for that round. The only exception to this rule is the Friday round of the Out of Town trip where player of the year points are not calculated but the score is used for that player's handicap.

SECTION 4. If a member plays a tournament at that player's home course he will be refunded that part of his entry fee that his home course refunds the SGA.

SECTION 5. For tournaments the members will play from the following tee boxes:

- A. The Ladies will play from one tee box in front of the senior tee boxes
- B. The Seniors will play from the where the course say the senior tee boxes are.
- C. The Men under 60 will play from one tee box behind the senior tee box.
- D. Super Seniors will play from one tee box in front of the seniors box
- E. January 18<sup>th</sup> 2018 the board voted to check with each course we will be playing and finding out what they are calling their senior tee box and using that for the seniors. Men's regulation tee box will be one tee box behind the senior tees and the ladies and super seniors tee box will be one tee box in front of the seniors.

SECTION 6. There will be a Senior Tee Box for anyone 60 and older. You will have to re-establish your handicap from this tee box if you wish to play from this tee box. If you turn 60 during the golf year, you must wait until the following year to play from the Senior tee box.

- A. The board at the August 28<sup>th</sup> 2019 meeting voted to put in a super senior tee box for members 70 are older. Must be turn 70 before being allowed to play at the super senior tees. Anyone moving to the super senior tees must re-establish his handicap. This will start in the 2020 season.

SECTION 7. All putts must be holed out in order to count. There are no more “gimmie” putts. Anyone confirmed of giving or accepting putts will be disqualified from the tournament. If the ball does not go in the hole it does not count as a score.

SECTION 8. After a player has submitted his entry fee for a tournament to the SGA he may call the Treasurer before the Board meeting and receive all of his fee returned if he decides to withdraw. If he calls after the board meeting, he will get back his entry less the prize money of \$7.00. If he does not contact a board member he loses his entire entry fee.

SECTION 9. Each flight winner at tournaments will receive at least their entry fee back in prize money.

SECTION 10. Guests will only be allowed to participate in 1(one) tournament a year. Any guest that goes on the Out of Town trip is deemed to have only participated in 1(one) tournament.

SECTION 11. In the event of a Match Play tournament, each round of play must be concluded by the next scheduled tournament. If a player doesn't show up for his/her match at the tournament at which it was supposed to be played, then that player must make the 1<sup>st</sup> contact to play it before the next scheduled tournament. If that player does not make that contact, that player will forfeit that match. If that player does make contact and the couple has trouble with setting up a match, then the Match Play chairman will be called in to help resolve that match before the next scheduled tournament.

SECTION 12. The club's Pro determines final outcome of play to any conflict not able to be settled by the A player and the player in question. (Player must then play 2 balls for the remainder of that hole and let the Pro make the final ruling).

SECTION 13: If money and entry notification are not received by the deadline for a tournament the member will be assessed a \$10 late fee in addition to regular tournament fees.

SECTION 14: To be considered a complete round of golf 18 holes must be played. If not played the round is considered incomplete and will not be used for handicap and player of the year points.