

# TANGLEWOOD GOLF ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

## NAME, PURPOSE, POLICY, AND OPERATION

The name of the organization shall be the Tanglewood Golf Association. The purpose of the Association is to support the game of golf and to promote fellowship and enjoyment of golfing activities at Tanglewood Park through participation in Association activities. The Association is a separate and distinct organization from Tanglewood Park, a Forsyth County park.

The Association shall be operated on a nonprofit basis and no part of the income of the Association shall inure to the benefit of any officer or member.

The Association shall not adopt any policy known to be in conflict with the best interest of Tanglewood Park. Neither shall the Association adopt any policy known to be in conflict with the Carolinas Golf Association, of which the Association shall be a member.

## MEMBERSHIP

Any male individual, 21 years of age or older at the time of application may apply for full membership. Individuals under 21 years of age at the time of application may apply for a lesser level of membership as detailed below. Application for Membership shall be reviewed and acted upon by member(s) of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee, by majority decision, shall have the authority to remove any individual from the Association for conduct detrimental to the Association.

Any individual so removed by the Executive Committee has the right to appeal the decision within 30 days and request a hearing to state his case before the Executive Committee. After the hearing, the decision by the Executive Committee shall be final.

The Executive Committee may establish multiple levels of membership, including Full, Handicap-Only, Junior (under 18 years of age) or Young Adult (under 21 at the time of application) which may have different benefit levels than those associated with full membership. These may include, but would not be limited to: ineligible to vote in annual elections, ineligible to run for an elected office.

Limited memberships shall require the assessment of tournament entry fees, separate from the amount of the dues charged for the membership level, should the limited member wish to participate in a scheduled TGA event.

Membership limits may be set by the Executive Committee.

## LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

Members who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to the Association for a minimum of 25 years and have reached the age of 75 are eligible to be considered for LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP. This special category provides the member with the following benefits: no annual dues, no handicap fees, and the right to play in TGA tournaments at no additional cost, other than greens/cart fees. Any current member may nominate a current member who meets the above criteria for this recognition by providing examples of extraordinary commitment. The Executive Committee will be responsible for evaluating nominees and taking action to approve or disapprove.

### OFFICERS

The officers of this Association shall be a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. These officers shall constitute the Executive Committee and shall have full control and management of the affairs of the Association and shall consider and act on, as necessary, all matters concerning the welfare of the Association. The officers are elected in accordance with the ELECTIONS provisions of these By-laws and shall serve for a period of one year.

An Officer of the Association, once elected, shall serve at the discretion of the membership. In the event that the membership feels it necessary to remove an Officer, a written request endorsed by a majority of the full members of the Association shall be presented to the President for consideration. In the event that the membership issue is with the President, such request shall be presented to the First Vice President.

Upon receipt of the request by the President or First Vice President, an electronic notice shall be sent to the full members with a summary of the details surrounding the issues. A Special Meeting of Full Members will be held to review and respond in either the Affirmative or Negative for removal of said Officer. An Affirmative vote of a majority of the full members is required to remove an Officer. The amount of votes necessary to determine the majority will be determined by the number of full members as of the date of the notice being sent.

### VACANCIES

Should the office of the President become vacant, the First Vice President will assume his duties in addition to his current duties for the remainder of the term. In all other cases of vacancy by an officer, the Executive Committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy by appointment or share the responsibilities for the remainder of the term, in accordance with the existing Bylaws.

### QUORUM

The majority of the members of the full Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum to conduct meeting and transact business. Any action taken by the Executive Committee may be overruled by a majority of the membership present at a regularly scheduled meeting.

### MEETINGS

There shall be an Annual Meeting in February at which time the budget, tournament schedule and other business will be discussed. There shall be a Membership Meeting in October to nominate officers for the coming year. Additional Membership Meetings may be called by the Executive Committee, as needed, with a minimum of one week's notice to the Membership. The Executive Committee shall meet periodically throughout the year and its actions shall be shared with the Membership via email and the TGA website

### AMENDMENTS

The Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the full members present at a regularly scheduled meeting. Proposed amendment(s) must be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee a minimum of two weeks before a regular meeting. The Executive Committee shall advise the membership via electronic means of each pending amendment a minimum of one week before a regular meeting where a vote would take place.

### FINES

Fines may be levied by the Executive Committee for "no show" members. A "no show" is one who commits to participation in a golf tournament and then breaches this commitment without giving adequate notice. The amount of the fine shall be \$10.00. A member committing to a meal at a regularly scheduled meeting may be fined the cost of the meal if he fails to attend

without giving adequate advanced notice. Adequate notice is defined as notifying an officer at least one day prior to the event. These penalties may be appealed and subsequently waived by the Executive Committee. Fines must be paid or waived before further participation in meetings or tournaments is allowed.

### COMMITTEES

The Executive Committee shall appoint a Tournament Committee, Social Committee, Handicap Committee and any other committee as deemed necessary. There shall be a Nominating Committee appointed by the President. The committees shall operate within the framework of the Bylaws and shall not take any action known to be in conflict with the direction given by the Executive Committee. The President is an ex officio member of all committees.

### DUES

Every member shall pay annual dues to the Association. The amount of annual dues for each membership level shall be reviewed and set annually by the Executive Committee. Dues include member's USGA/CGA Handicap. Individual dues must be fully paid prior to any participation in any TGA golf tournament or event.

### ELECTIONS

An annual election shall be conducted in accordance with the following procedure:

A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President, to recommend one or more candidates for the offices of Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The office of President shall be filled by the current First Vice President. The Office of First Vice President shall be filled by the current Second Vice President. The committee shall present its slate of nominees for office to the membership at or prior to the October meeting. Nominations from the floor may be made during the October meeting. The election shall be conducted via secret ballot which is emailed to each member after the October meeting. Nominations will not be accepted after the ballots are distributed. All ballots must be returned to the outgoing President no later than the deadline stated on the ballot. The outgoing President and the Nominating Committee shall then review each ballot to verify authenticity and shall tally the votes to determine the results. The nominee receiving the most votes for each office shall be declared the winner. The President will announce the official results to the membership. In case of a tie, a runoff will be conducted via secret ballot.

In the event that no nominations are received for a given office, the current Executive Committee may select an individual from the current membership to fulfill that office for the upcoming year.

### TOURNAMENTS

All tournaments shall be organized and conducted by the Tournament Committee which is chaired by the First Vice President. The Tournament Committee shall have complete discretion and control over all TGA golf tournaments. Tournaments shall be conducted in accordance with the USGA Rules of Golf and the TGA "Hard Card" for club tournament protocols. The Tournament Committee shall make every reasonable effort to ensure the competitiveness of each flight. Limited Members may enter club tournaments with a fee of \$25 for one-day tournaments and \$40 for two-day tournaments.

Any questions concerning the rules of golf or play during the course of a Tournament Round shall be decided by the Tournament Committee prior to the conclusion of the round in question. A round is concluded when a player's score is posted on the scoreboard/scoring sheets.

### MISCELLANEOUS

The Tanglewood Golf Association may, from time to time, conduct other golfing events that are open to all members of the Association. While these events are open to all members, the Association may charge certain fees above and beyond the regular membership dues to be eligible to participate in these events. The fees for each event will be determined by the event Chairman and will be used primarily for the benefit of the participants in that particular event. Any remaining funds will revert to the Association.

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