

HASENTREE WOMENS' GOLF ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

The name of this organization shall be the Hasentree Womens' Golf Association, hereafter referred to as "HWGA." It shall be organized as a private golf and social organization composed of women golfers who hold a Hasentree golf membership in good standing. The HWGA is a 501(c) (7), a non-profit corporation.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of the organization shall be to promote fellowship, sportsmanship, and active participation among the members in playing golf and taking part in golf tournaments conducted in accordance with the rules of the United States Golf Association ("USGA") except as modified by the local rules.

Section 1 - 18-Hole Group: The purpose of this group is to provide a monthly scheduled competitive format during the calendar months April - October. Members of the 18-Hole group must keep handicap scores current and updated as play is completed. Tee times will be scheduled at the beginning of each calendar year for a designated "Ladies Day" with approval from the Hasentree Head Golf Professional. HWGA sets the play format and the Hasentree Pro Shop Professional(s) manage the pairings.

Section 2 - 9-Hole Group: The purpose of this group is to provide weekly scheduled tee times during the calendar months, April – October. Members of the 9-Hole group must keep handicap scores current and updated as play is completed. Tee times will be scheduled at the beginning of each calendar year for a designated "Ladies Day" with approval from the Hasentree Head Golf Professional. HWGA sets the play format and the Hasentree Pro Shop Professional(s) manage the pairings.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - Membership in the HWGA shall be open to all Hasentree women golf members over the age 18 and in good standing.

Section 2 - A member in good standing shall be entitled to vote at all HWGA membership meetings.

ARTICLE IV – DUES

Section 1 -The amount of the annual dues shall be recommended by the Board of Directors and approved by a majority vote of HWGA's membership present at the year-end meeting. Dues shall continue in the same amount until changed by such a vote of the membership.

Section 2 - The fiscal year begins January 1 and ends December 31. The season begins April 1 and concludes October 31. Renewing HWGA members should pay dues on or before January 5 to allow the HWGA board time to create a budget for the next season. Renewals paid after January 5 may incur a surcharge. New members may join at any time during the year.

Section 3 – Ladies who have not been previous members of the association who join on July 1 or later will pay a reduced rate as determined by the current Board. Dues are non-refundable or transferable.

Section 4 – The President may appoint two members to review financials annually or at such time as the Executive Board deems necessary. Said audit should be made no later than 30 days after the end of the fiscal year.

ARTICLE V – EXECUTIVE BOARD AND DUTIES

Section 1 - There shall be an Executive Board composed of the elected officers of the association, and the immediate Past President. The Executive Board shall manage the affairs and policies of the Association subject to its Bylaws.

Section 2 – All affairs of HWGA shall be managed and controlled by the Executive Board. Although chairpersons of committees may be in attendance at the meetings, only the Executive Board shall have the right to vote.

Section 3 – The Executive Board shall meet at the discretion of the President to conduct HWGA's business. The Board shall also meet at the call of the President or the Vice President. Fifty percent (50%) plus one of the board members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4 – When executing HWGA duties the Executive Board shall have the power to: a) amend the rules; b) approve tournaments and other HWGA-sponsored events and; c) expend HWGA funds with accountability to the membership for such expenditures.

Section 5 – The Executive Board shall work with the appropriate Hasentree Club staff.

Section 6 – The Executive Board shall have the power to suspend any members' HWGA membership whose conduct is contrary to the USGA Rules of Golf and/or good sportsmanship principles. A letter shall be sent to the member requesting her presence at a meeting with the President & the Hasentree Head Golf Professional.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS, CHAIRPERSONS, AND DUTIES

Section 1 – The officers shall be elected every two years by the membership at the annual closing meeting. The term of office shall be for two years. The officers of the Association shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Standing and special committee chairpersons may be appointed by the President of the Association and/or the Executive Board from time to time as deemed necessary to carry out the work of the Association.

Each Executive Board member may appoint the necessary assistants to help with duties.

Chairpersons are appointed by the President as deemed necessary to help run the association.

Section 2 – Responsibilities of the Association officers shall be as follows:

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and Executive Board and shall have overall responsibility for the affairs of the Association. The President shall also serve as liaison to the Hasentree General Manager and the Hasentree Head Golf Professional. The President shall fill, by appointment, any vacancy occurring in any office or committee.

The President shall have the power to call special meetings of the Association or Executive Board at any time, giving seven days notification to the Executive Board. This position will act as an advisor for one year following the initial two-year term of office.

The President may be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

The President shall have a casting vote as well as one additional vote, if needed to produce an overall majority at meetings.

The President along with all Executive Board Members will be responsible and active in recruiting additional members.

The President is a dual signatory on the association's bank account.

The Vice President shall assist the President and perform association duties in the event of the President's absence, resignation, or inability to act. This position shall act as liaison to the social media outlets and Secretary. The Vice President along with all Executive Board Members will be responsible and active in recruiting additional members. The Vice President will oversee any communications preparation and distribution as needed.

The Secretary shall record and prepare the minutes from all meetings including those with the Board of Directors, as well as all HWGA meetings. Minutes will be submitted to the Executive Board within five days of such held meetings and shall be available to any member upon request.

The Secretary shall be responsible for overseeing all HWGA's business and social correspondence as well as preparing documentation for the HWGA. A current list of all active members of HWGA will be obtained from the Treasurer for the purpose of communicating with members.

The Secretary shall act as liaison to the Hasentree Club with respect to communications. The Secretary along with all Executive Board Members will be responsible and active in recruiting additional members.

The Treasurer shall maintain a dual signature bank account containing full and accurate accounts of all monies received and shall disburse them as directed by the Executive Board. This position shall be responsible for presenting a budget of annual income and expenditure to the Executive Board for approval.

It is the Treasurer's responsibility to collect dues and deposit all monies received in the name and to the credit of HWGA in a bank, keep the accounts in books belonging to HWGA, which shall at all times be open for inspection, report the financial condition of HWGA at meetings, and keep an accurate HWGA member list.

Section 3 – Chairpersons may consist of Interclub play, such as PAL, Tri-9, TIP, and other HWGA-sponsored playing groups.

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

Section 1 – The HWGA shall hold a minimum of two (2) general meetings annually: the beginning of the season kickoff meeting and an end of season closing meeting. The closing meeting will be for the purpose of confirming that current elected officers are still available to serve for the term. The meeting agenda will minimally include a Treasurer's report, awards presentation, and any other pertinent business. Dates will be posted in the calendar of events by the Secretary and/or Vice President.

Section 2 – Special meetings may be called at any time by order of the HWGA President, or in her absence, the Vice President. Membership shall be given at least seven (7) days notice of special meetings.

Section 3 – Active members present, plus two Board members, at the HWGA meeting shall constitute a quorum. All motions shall be decided by a majority of the votes cast at Association meetings unless specified elsewhere in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII – NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

Section 1 – The election will be held at the End of Year Meeting so that the new Board may begin planning for the following year.

The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three (3) persons, at least one of whom is not a current board member. The Nominating Committee shall make every effort to include members from a cross section of its membership. Members of the Nominating Committee may not be nominated by the Nominating Committee. Any member in good standing, including those on the Nominating Committee, may be nominated from the floor.

The President shall ask for volunteers for this committee. The Nominating Committee shall be responsible for preparing a slate of officers (one candidate for each office) for the following subsequent two-year term and posting it on the ladies locker room bulletin board no less than two weeks prior to the election date. A Nominating committee member is not barred from holding office. If a vacancy occurs during the season, it shall be filled by a person chosen by the President.

Section 2 – At the HWGA closing meeting, the chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall present to the Association for approval a slate of officers for the following year. A Board member shall call for and accept any nominations from the floor. If there are no nominations from the floor, the entire slate of officers is accepted. Should there be any additional nominations from the floor the vote shall be by secret ballot.

Section 3 – Officers elected at the End of Year meeting shall assume office on the first day of the next fiscal year. The new Executive Board shall meet with the previous Executive Board for the purpose of transferring records by December 31.

Section 4 – The President shall fill, by appointment, any vacancy occurring in any office or committee.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

Section 1 – Proposed amendments to the HWGA's bylaws must be submitted in writing to the Executive board.

Section 2 – Proposed amendments to the Bylaws shall be posted in the ladies locker room at least ten (10) business days prior to voting. Adoption of amendments shall be accomplished by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast at an Association business meeting.

ARTICLE X – RULES OF ORDER

The parliamentary authority for HWGA shall be "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised."

ARTICLE XI – ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business shall be: Call to order, read or post the minutes, read or post the Treasurer's report, report(s) of committees, old business, new business, and adjournment.

ARTICLE XII – HANDICAPS

A handicap is required to participate in all HWGA and Interclub tournaments. A member may obtain a temporary handicap by submitting five signed and attested scorecards to the Hasentree Golf professionals. An established USGA Handicap is required to be eligible for year-end awards.

A player should use the World Handicap System implemented in January 2020 which states:

“For a player with an established handicap index the maximum score for each hole played is limited to a net double bogey, calculated as follows: par of the hole + 2 strokes + any handicap strokes the player receives on that hole.”

ARTICLE XIII – TOURNAMENTS

Tournaments subsidized by HWGA dues shall be open only to HWGA members in good standing. Tournament Rules shall be governed by the USGA rules of golf and local rules of the Hasentree Golf Club where applicable.

ARTICLE XIV – CALENDAR

The HWGA playing season shall be determined by the Board of Directors in conjunction with the Hasentree Club Head Professional and course availability.

ARTICLE XV – VOTING

Any questions or changes to the Bylaws submitted to the Board and requiring a vote shall be decided by a two-thirds majority of the members present at the ‘stated’ or ‘called’ meetings as described in Article VII of these Bylaws or by a two-thirds majority of those voting by electronic ballot. Any Bylaw changes shall be published 10 days before the scheduled vote.

ARTICLE XVI – PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

Section 1 - Actions Jeopardizing Tax Status. The HWGA shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income taxes under §501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law.

Section 2 - Non-Discrimination. In the conduct of all aspects of its activities, the HWGA shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, national origin or gender.

Section 3 - Conflicts of Interest. A conflict of interest occurs when a person under a duty to promote the interests of the HWGA (a "fiduciary") is in a position to promote a competing interest instead. Fiduciaries include all HWGA members or officers.

Section 4- Typical Conflict Situations. Conflicts of interest are likely to arise whenever: a fiduciary has a personal interest in a vendor of goods or services to the HWGA.

Section 5 - Discharging Conflicts of Interest. All conflicts of interest must be disclosed to the Executive Board. After disclosure is made, the individual with a conflicting interest must not participate in judging the merits of that interest. Said individual must abstain from voting on, or recommending a course of action with respect to the situation giving rise to the conflict. Once the issue(s) are concluded, the conflict of interest is considered properly discharged.

Section 6 - Preventing Conflict Situations. The HWGA, through the Executive Board, shall encourage all fiduciaries to prevent conflicts of interest where possible. Fiduciaries should refuse to enter into self-dealing relationships with a vendor.

Section 7 - Litigation. The HWGA shall not be a voluntary party in any litigation without the prior written approval of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE XVII - DISSOLUTION

In the event of a dissolution, the Executive Board shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the HWGA, distribute the remaining assets of the corporation to such organization(s) that have a charitable purpose which, at least generally, includes a purpose similar to the terminating or dissolving corporation and are exempt from taxation under section 501 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as two-thirds of all members of the Board shall consent in writing. After all liabilities and debts have been satisfied the remaining assets shall be distributed in accordance with N.C.G.S. 55a-14-03.

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