

Constitution and Bylaws for the Men's Golf Association of the Golf Club of Amelia Island

Adopted by Members in 1988, Amended 11/1998, 11/1999, 10/2000, 09/2019, 02/2025, 12/2025

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Men's Golf Association of The Golf Club of Amelia Island (MGA).

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of the MGA shall be to promote the interest, good fellowship and sportsmanship of golf among male players in general and its own members particularly through the holding of monthly play days and any other general golfing activity within Fernandina Beach or other areas as determined by the Board of Directors (Board). The association's administrative year will run from January 1 through December 31.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section I - Active Membership

- A. Membership in the MGA shall be open to any male golfer over 18 years of age who is a Golf member in good standing of the Golf Club of Amelia Island.

Section II - Dues

- A. Annual membership dues in the MGA shall be determined by the Board of Directors.
- B. All dues are payable in "January" and delinquent members will be dropped.

Section III – Participation

- A. New Members to the MGA can participate in most events immediately upon joining the MGA but must have an active USGA Handicap with a minimum of 5 posted scores in the past 6 months. Participation in “Major” events (Member/Member, Club Championship and Member/Guest) is restricted to those that have a minimum of 5 GCAI scores posted.
- B. Former GCAI members may not participate in the annual Member/Guest until 6 months have elapsed since their resignation.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section I - Officers

- A. The officers of the MGA will be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Other Board members will include the Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Section II - Election of Officers

- A. Term of office for officers shall be one (1) year. An officer may not serve for more than three consecutive terms.
- B. A minimum of a three member Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board to present a slate of officers for election by the general membership. The slate of names from the Nominating Committee will be posted at least two (2) weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- C. Officers to be elected from the general membership are President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- D. Election of officers will take place at the annual General Meeting. The recommendations of the Nominating Committee shall be published prior to the Annual Meeting. Further nominations may be made from the floor. The consent of a nominee must be obtained prior to the nomination. No nominee for office may serve on the Nominating Committee.
- E. A vacancy in any office shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board.
- F. Nominations will be confirmed at the annual meeting around “October”. Newly elected officers will assume their duties effective at the year-end Board meeting around “December” and will serve until the following year at the year-end transition meeting. The new Officers, Committee Chairs, and Committee Vice-Chairs will coordinate with their predecessors to discuss duties and activities of the past year for a smooth transition.

Section III - Duties of the Officers

- A. Their duties shall be such as their titles would indicate, or such as may be assigned to them respectively from time to time.

Section VI - Appointment of Chairs and Special Committees

- A. The Board may create Committees as deemed necessary.
- B. The Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs duties shall be such as their titles would indicate, or such as may be assigned to them respectively from time to time.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

Section I - The meetings of the membership of the MGA shall be scheduled and announced by the Board of Directors. Notification to the membership of any meeting needing membership input shall be accomplished by the posting of the meeting notice on the MGA bulletin board at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting.

Section II - The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by an affirmative vote of the majority in attendance at the Annual General Meeting or any Called General Meeting, providing the written proposed revisions have been presented to the members at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting. The revisions become effective upon approval by the general membership unless otherwise noted.

Section III - Those present at an Annual or Called General Meeting constitute a quorum. A favorable vote on any issue will require the assent of the majority of those present.

ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section I - The affairs of the MGA shall be managed by the Board of Directors.

Section II - The Board shall consist of the elected officers of the MGA, the immediate past president who may serve on the board for a period of one year after his term as president, the MGA Committee Chairs, and the MGA Committee Vice-Chairs.

Section III - The Board shall have the power to appoint and/or fill any vacancy that may occur during an officer's or committee member's term of office or appointment.

Section IV - A simple majority of board members will constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES AND CHAIRMEN

Each chairman shall have the authority to appoint members of the MGA to assist him in carrying out his duties, keeping the board informed at all times.

Section I - Standing Committees may include:

- A. Communication Committee
- B. Sponsorship Committee
- C. Competition Committee
- D. Member-Guest Tournament Committee
- E. Nominating Committee

Section II - Duties of the Committee Chairmen

- A. Their duties shall be such as their titles would indicate or such as may be assigned to them respectively from time to time.

ARTICLE VIII - RULES AND HANDICAPS

The MGA recognizes the USGA as the governing authority concerning the rules of golf and supports the USGA Handicap System. Other than special tournaments such as scramble, odd tee configurations, and other formats not sanctioned by the USGA, the USGA Rules and HC System

will be followed. Any member keeping his handicap at more than one club will advise the committee of the lower handicap index when he registers to play.