



GUNPOWDER GOLF ASSOCIATION

Official Rules & Bylaws

2012

As of: 01/01/2012 (Dues Increase)

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- I. Any and all additions or changes to these rules and bylaws will be done by a majority vote by the active members present (quorum of 50% of the total active membership required) at an official GGA meeting.
- II. The Association Secretary will be in possession of a current copy of these rules and bylaws.
- III. This Association will be governed by an Executive Committee consisting of five (5) duly elected officers.
 - A. The officers' titles will be: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tournament Chairman, and Handicap Chairman.
 - B. To be an officer of the Association, a member is required to be an active participant for the entire year prior to being elected.
 - C. Each officer will serve a two (2) year term.
 - D. In the event of an officer vacating his post prior to the completion of his term, a replacement will be appointed by the Executive Committee.
 - E. All new officers will be nominated and elected, by majority vote, at the regular November meeting in even years (Term effective January 1 of following year).
- IV. Rules governing Association Membership are as follows:
 - A. This Association will be limited to a maximum number of thirty-five (35) members.
 - B. Individual dues will be \$100.00 per/year to be paid in full by the close of the regular November meeting. (Dues are non-refundable).
 - C. New members will be assessed an additional \$50.00 initiation fee to be due immediately upon being accepted as a member, (initiation fee will be non-refundable).
 - D. Prospective members will complete and submit an application form to the Executive Committee, prior to a membership vote.
 - E. Prospective members will be placed on a waiting list in chronological order based on the date of receipt of their application by the Executive Committee.
 - F. Each proposed new member will be accepted or rejected by a majority vote of the membership present at a regularly scheduled meeting.
 - G. If an individual member violates an Association rule or by-law, the Executive Committee will meet and determine if said member will be expelled from the Association. Decisions of the Executive Committee will be final and binding.

V. Rules governing Association Meetings are as follows:

- A. There will be twelve (12) monthly meetings.
- B. All members are required to participate in a minimum of 10 rounds of golf at Club Events and attend 50% of the monthly meetings per year.
- C. The president will preside and maintain order at each meeting, in the absence of the President, a substitute officer will preside based on the order of progression stated in (III. A.).
 - 1) All speakers must first be recognized by the presiding officer.
 - 2) No meeting shall exceed two (2) hours in length.
- D. The Secretary, or authorized substitute, will read the minutes of the previous meeting at each new meeting.
- E. The President has the authority to 'call' an Executive Committee meeting at his discretion. (Three-fifths [3/5] of the Executive Committee must be present at said meeting to constitute a quorum).

VI. Rules governing the Association Treasury.

- A. The Treasurer is responsible for keeping up-to-date written records of all association finances.
 - 1) The Treasurer will submit an oral report at each regular meeting.
 - 2) Any member has the right to examine the Associations financial records upon request.
- B. The authority to issue Association checks will be limited to the President or Treasurer.
- C. The Association will donate a portion of the existing end-of-year treasury balance (as of November) to a charity selected by the Executive Committee.

VII. Rules governing handicaps are as follows:

- A. Member's handicaps are the sole responsibility of the Handicap Chairman and will be set initially for all members at the regular March meeting.
 - 1) Exception to the above, handicaps for new members will be subject to change at any time until five (5) official scores are posted.

VIII. Rules governing golf activities are as follows:

- A. A golf calendar of events will be compiled and distributed to all members prior to the year's first event.

- 1) Any tournament or event involving Association sponsored prizes or awards will be determined by the Handicap Chairman.
 - B. All special activities, including fund raisers, will be planned and implemented by 'special volunteer committees' approved by the President.
 - C. Seasonal Awards and Trophies will be presented at the Annual Member/Guest Party.
- IX. Rules governing regular Association golf play.
- A. Play will be governed by strict U.S.G.A. rules with the following exceptions:
 - 1) "Winter-rules" apply on your fairway only!
 - 2) When on the green in double par or less, continue until holed out. If off the green in double par, pick up for star.
 - 3) Any other changes will be at the discretion of the Handicap Chairman, due to local conditions or inclement weather.
 - B. Members must submit to the GGA Tournament Chairman at each monthly meeting the list of golf outings the member will attend the following month. Participation in weekly events is limited to Members only until two (2) weeks before the scheduled event at which time Members may contact the Tournament Chairman with the name of a Guest that wishes to participate.
 - C. If a member must cancel a scheduled outing, it must be done through the GGA Tournament Chairman by 8:00 p.m. the Wednesday prior to the scheduled event. Failure to do so or failure to appear at a tee time or have a substitute appear in their place will result in an assessment equal to the greater of the cost of the 'golf fees' for the outing if the Club was required to pay for the greens fees for that Member or a \$25 fee, payable to the GGA Treasurer prior to participation in any further GGA events. Failure to pay aforementioned fee will be considered a violation of the Rules of the Association subjecting Violator to action by the Association as permitted by the By-laws.
 - 1) Legitimacy of excuses will be determined by the Executive Committee.
- X. The preceding Association Rules and Bylaws were originally proposed, accepted, and implemented the regular Association meeting of November 3, 1993, revised November 8, 1995, revised May 8, 1996, revised February 6, 2002 and revised March 5, 2008.