



BY-LAWS NORTH TEXAS SENIOR GOLF ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I

MEETINGS

Section 1. The following order of business shall be adhered to at meetings of the North Texas Senior Golf Association (NTSGA):

- a. Roll call (except at meetings of the entire membership).
- b. Reading and approving, or correcting minutes of the previous meeting.
- c. Secretary/Membership Chairman's report.
- d. Treasurer's report.
- e. Committee reports.
- f. Consideration of appeals (if any) from the action of suspension or expulsion of a member provided in Article VIII of the Constitution.
- g. Election of officers (publish in Newsletter).
- h. General business.
- i. Adjournment.

Section 2. All appeals from decisions of the Board of Directors (Board) under Article VIII of the Constitution shall be heard. If the appeal is decided in favor of the member, reversing the decision of the Board, the member's active status shall be restored.

ARTICLE II

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. No Board member involved in any dispute shall participate in the final resolution of the dispute or complaint.

Section 2. The Board shall exercise discretion in the interpretation and enforcement of the By-Laws and shall, in every way, safeguard the best interests of the NTSGA and the game of golf.

Section 3. The Board shall meet at the call of the President. At least three days notice of the time and place of the meeting shall be given to each member of the Board.

Section 4. One more than one-half the number of members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of normal business. Voting requirements on special business subjects are stated in the Constitution, and in some cases, the By-Laws.

ARTICLE III

THE PRESIDENT

Section 1. In addition to the powers and duties assigned the President in the Constitution, the President shall have the authority to appoint such special committees as may be found desirable and necessary for the best interests and purposes of the NTSGA.

ARTICLE IV

STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. There shall be two standing committees of the organization: Tournament and Technology/ Handicap (T/H).

Section 2. The Chairman of each committee shall be appointed by the President, with concurrence of the Board.

Section 3. The Chairman of each committee may, at his discretion, enlist additional assistance to perform the duties of his assigned responsibilities: i.e., (Scoring/Skins, Two-Man Team assistance).

Section 4. The Chairmen of the Standing Committees shall be members of the Board and have a vote in all matters coming before the Board.

ARTICLE V

INCOME AND EXPENDITURES

Section 1. The income of the NTSGA is based exclusively on the annual dues and the fees paid to play in each tournament by the membership, as well as interest earned from the NTSGA's deposits.

Section 2. The annual dues of the NTSGA shall be set by the Constitution (Article VII) and may be changed only by the procedures set forth in the Constitution.

Section 3. The Board, by majority vote of the quorum present, shall determine the amount of the fee to be charged each participant in the tournaments scheduled for the NTSGA.

Section 4. The number of tournament flights and number of winning places within each flight will be determined by the total number of participants within each competing group (Forward or Back Tees).

A minimum of seventy percent (70%) of the prize fees collected for each tournament shall be distributed to the top net winners within each flight and the closest-to-the-pin winners.

Within each competing group, every attempt will be made to ensure there are a similar number of players within each flight. The T/H Chairman, in concurrence with the Tournament Chairman, shall

define the parameters determining the number of flights, the number of winners within each flight and the distribution of prize money.

Section 5. The monies won by members in the tournaments, excluding Skins money payouts, and Two-Man team competition payouts shall be held in the NTSGA Treasury until requested by the member. If a member's balance exceeds \$300, the Treasurer may disburse a check to the member.

Section 6. Certain guidelines for the fiscal management of the NTSGA should be followed. If the net cash assets (total bank account less the amounts held for members representing unclaimed winnings) exceeds two hundred percent (200%) of the annual dues collected, the Treasurer will so notify the President. Surpluses may be disbursed under the direction of the Board in the following suggested means:

- a. Additional money distributed to tournament winners.
- b. "No fee" tournaments or tournament fee refunds.
- c. Meeting expenses.
- d. Donations to Junior Golf promotions or Senior Golf events.
- e. Refund portion of dues.

Section 7. NTSGA Board members shall be provided meals at all Board Meetings. The Secretary/Membership Chairman, Treasurer, Tournament Chairman and T/H Chairman shall be reimbursed for; use of equipment and monthly NTSGA administrative expenses in the accomplishment of their duties. The amount shall be \$50.00 per month. The individual amounts of such reimbursement should be reviewed and continued in force annually by the Board.

Section 8. The expenses of green fees, carts and tournament fees for the Secretary/Membership Chairman, Treasurer, T/H Chairman, Tournament Chairman, Scoring/Skins assistants and Two-Man Team Coordinator shall be paid by the organization for each tournament.

ARTICLE VI

RULES FOR COMPETITION

Section 1. Playing rules shall be in accordance with rules of the USGA, unless amended for local course conditions by the Tournament Chairman or rules of the tournament course.

All members shall be required to participate in a minimum of twenty (20) tournaments each year to retain an active membership.

Special consideration by the Tournament Chairman and Secretary/Membership Chairman will be given to established members who have short term medical or family issues. If a member becomes disabled due to illness, injury or other circumstances, he would be placed on the "Inactive List" for a period of up to, but not to exceed, one year from the point the Secretary/Membership Chairman or Tournament Chairman being notified of the player's issue. Every effort will be made to notify the member of their status by the Secretary/Membership Chairman.

If the player has not resumed active play within one year, their membership status will be terminated. If the terminated member wishes to return to "active status", he will be placed at the top of the waiting list by the Secretary/Membership Chairman.

Section 2. Any member paying his tournament fee and commencing play, who later has to withdraw from the tournament for any reason (DQ'd, illness, injury, WD), shall not be eligible to receive any awarded monies; i.e. flight prize money, two-man team competition, Closest-To-Pin or skins money. If a member pays the entry fee and withdraws before starting the round, his entry fee will be added to his account balance.

Section 3. Modifications to the USGA rules for NTSGA use shall require a majority approval of the Board. The modifications shall be summarized and included in the first issue of the Newsletter each year.

Section 4. Tournament Sign-Up Policy. 128 golfers constitutes a full field of golfers.

Email and telephone sign-ups start at 8:00AM, eight days prior to an event and stop at 12:00 noon, **two days before** the next scheduled tournament. After this time any sign-ups will be considered late.

Players who sign-up and fail to show-up (for tournament play), may incur a two event suspension and be placed at the top of the random drop list, regardless of any previous drop.

If a player no-shows at a full field tournament, he has prevented another player from participating and the player is subject to being dropped from a future event.

A suspension can be prevented by notifying the Tournament Chairman by website or email prior to 12:00 noon, **two days prior** to an event.

Whether or not the tournament has a full field of players, after three sign-up no-shows, a player's NTSGA membership will be terminated.

The sign-in table at tournament sites will close 30 minutes prior to the start time.

At this time the Tournament Chairman will assign vacant pairing spots to alternate golfers who have come to the golf course hoping to play. If a member shows up late and a spot still exists for him to play, the Tournament Chairman may allow him to play.

Section 5. Excessive Tournament Sign-ups. **All players (members and guests) who signed-up prior to the sign-up cutoff date (two days before the event at 12:00 noon) are given priority over anyone signing up late.** When more than 128 golfers sign-up for an event, all players will be screened against a computer randomized selection process designed to drop the number of golfers necessary to reach a full field of 128.

Dropped players will be placed on a waiting list and may be offered a slot to play if the on-time sign-up count drops below 128. They will be responsible for checking the NTSGA website to determine if they are included in the current week's tournament. Players who are dropped and want to take a chance that a no-show will occur, may come to the course with the understanding there must be less than 128 players to be awarded a spot to play. Priority for these alternate players will remain the same as the computer determined list of random selections.

ARTICLE VII

HANDICAP SYSTEM

Section 1. The Board shall determine the handicap system. The T/H Chairman will update members' handicaps after each tournament and make them available on the NTSGA website.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The By-Laws may be amended at any meeting by a majority vote of the Board.

Section 2. Any amendments to the By-Laws will be published in the next Newsletter and posted on the NTSGA website.

Revised 09/27/2023