

Tradition Ladies Golf Association



ARTICLE 1: NAME

The name of the organization shall be The Tradition Ladies' Golf Association (hereafter referred to as TLGA).

ARTICLE 2: OBJECT

The object of this association is to promote the game of golf by providing league play for the mutual benefit and enjoyment of the members.

ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP

A. Membership shall be limited to 70 Lady Members at least eighteen years of age who are members of The Tradition Golf Club. The maximum number of non resident members will be capped at 10.

1. Members are defined as those who pay their annual dues to the Tradition Golf Club and TLGA as well as an annual computer handicap fee. Resident members are defined as those who are homeowners in the tradition community. Non Resident members are defined as those who are not homeowners in the tradition community.

2. Resident or non-resident ladies who have been granted membership privileges as a condition of employment at The Tradition Golf Club may also become members of TLGA. **Membership granted to members of TLGA who lived outside of Tradition as per the agreement dated October 9, 1997 will be exempt from the residency requirement.

3. Members who have been Paid Members for at least 4 of the prior 5 league years shall be granted the opportunity for continuous League Membership if they move out of Tradition property but maintain their membership in both the Tradition Golf Club and TLGA.

4. Non-resident members of the TLGA may not hold office on the TLGA board.

B. Members must have a USGA 18-hole Handicap Index to play in weekly tournaments and keep their handicaps current at The Tradition Golf Club.

1. All first-time members must have a USGA Established Handicap Index of 36.3 or less, resulting in a handicap of 40 or less from the ladies tees [Red tees at Tradition or comparable tees at other courses]. Each non-resident member must be sponsored by two active TLGA members. No Tradition resident will be denied membership if they qualify based on the By Laws of the TLGA

2. Handicap Index should be based on a minimum of ten 18-hole scores from the red tees as recorded in the Tradition Club computer and/or proof of USGA Index.
3. All new members join TLGA as Associate Members and move to Active Member status upon completion of 12 league plays, if Active Membership is not full.
4. Prior to membership, all new members are to be aware that the maximum handicap for all TLGA events is 40 from the red tees (blue tee players will receive a maximum handicap based on USGA rules covering multiple tee play).

C. An Active member is required to play at least 12 league day tournaments a year. (A year is defined as beginning December 1 and ending November 30.)

1. League day play cancelled either by the Club or the League Day Chairperson will count toward the above requirement.
2. In cases of extenuating circumstances that prevent a member from completing the 12 league rounds required to maintain active status, that member may petition the Board for a one year exemption. The Board's decision will be final.

D. An Associate member:

1. Is one who plays less than 12 weekly league days a year (December 1 through November 30.)
2. Must pay annual dues to both the Tradition Golf Club and TLGA, as well as an annual computer handicap fee.
3. May play as an alternate on league day when space is available and will be included in weekly prize money.
4. Shall have no voting rights.

E. Social Membership:

1. Social Membership is limited to those who have been Active Members of the TLGA. Social Members need not be members of the Tradition Golf Club.
2. Social Members may attend TLGA social events; however, if the event has space limitations, current Members will have attendance priority.
3. Social Members will pay dues at the rate of 50% of the annual dues paid by Active/Associate Members.
4. Social Members will not have voting rights or hold office.

ARTICLE 4: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- A. The President will appoint an Election Committee for the purpose of :
1. Posting a sign-up sheet in the Member Room no later than September 1 for any Active Member interested in serving on the Board.
 2. Distributing ballots with the proposed slate of officers to every Active Member no later than October 1.
 3. Collecting and counting the ballots no later than October 30.
- B. The President of the current Board will convene a meeting with the incoming Board to propose the following year's budget to be presented to the Active Members for vote at the last annual Membership Meeting.
- C. The new officers shall be introduced at the Year End Awards Meeting.

ARTICLE 5: OFFICERS

- A. The Officers shall be elected by ballot by a simple majority of the Active Members.
- B. The Officers shall consist of the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian.
- C. The term of each office shall be one year commencing December 1.

ARTICLE 6: DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

- A. **President** shall preside at all meetings and approve all activities of the Association. She shall appoint any special chairpersons or committees she deems necessary including a yearly internal auditor of all funds.
- B. **1st Vice President** will be in charge of the weekly league day tournaments, assist in any other tournaments, and appoint a Handicap/Rules Assistant. She will assist the President at all times in the fulfillment of her duties and shall preside at all meetings and events in the absence of the President.
1. The Handicap/Rules Assistant shall assist with weekly league play as necessary.
- C. **2nd Vice President** will be in charge of all league-sanctioned events. She will assist the President and 1st Vice President in the fulfillment of their duties and will preside at all meetings and events in the absence of the President and 1st Vice President.
- D. **Secretary** shall keep minutes of all meetings, attendance, maintain a current membership roster, handle any correspondence with the Association and any other duties assigned by the President.
- E. **Treasurer** shall handle all finances of the Association and keep a record of such. She shall deposit all monies in a local bank in the name of the Association. She or the President should sign all checks. She shall report on the financial condition of the Association at any meeting thereof. At year-end, she shall

prepare a budget for the ensuing year and see that a minimum of \$60 is available for transfer to the new Treasurer and submit the records for audit. Excess funds at year's end will become part of the next year's budget whose use will be approved by full membership during budget approval at the first meeting.

F. **Historian** shall be responsible for the league scrapbook, the taking of pictures for all special events, providing information to the Newsletter, and maintaining the bulletin board.

G. **Vacancy on the Board**

1. The Board may appoint a substitute to fill any vacancy in an elected office until an election by the Active Members can be held.

ARTICLE 7: DUES/FEES

The Board shall determine the annual dues based on the proposed budget for the coming year (December 1 through November 30). Dues for the TLGA are due no later than December 15th. If dues for the coming year are not received by December 15th, an application for the TLGA will have to be submitted and that person will move to the Associates list for that year.

ARTICLE 8: LEAGUE DAY PLAY

- A. Play is to be held once weekly.
- B. Eight (8) or more players are required to constitute a tournament.
- C. Players must sign up 72 hours prior to league day.
- D. Cancellations must be made 24 hours prior to league day.
- E. No Shows and excessive cancellations will be referred to the Board for further action.
- F. The 1st Vice President, as League Day Chairperson, will plan weekly play and determine the prize distribution of the day.
- G. All adjusted game scores are to be posted.

ARTICLE 9: LEAGUE TOURNAMENTS

- A. **Member-Guest** will be open to all members and will be played to full handicap. Guests must have a current USGA Handicap Index.
- B. **Member-Member** will be open to all members and will be played to full handicap.
- C. **Ringer Tournament** will be a two-day net tournament open to all members.

D. **President's Cup** and **Club Championship** will be played concurrently, will be played after September 1 and will be open to all members having 12 credited league days prior to September 1. The overall low gross will be declared the Club Champion and the overall low net will be declared the winner of the President's Cup. In case of extenuating circumstances that prevent a member from completing the 12 required rounds, that member may petition the Board for an exemption. The Board's decision will be final.

E. **Tournament Chairpersons** are selected by the 2nd Vice President each year. In the event that a tournament does not have a volunteer to chair it by December 31st of the league year, that tournament shall be cancelled.

ARTICLE 10: LEAGUE SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS

Annually the board will review and approve participation in league-sanctioned events. Participation will count towards attendance if played on a scheduled league day or if approved by the Board.

ARTICLE 11: MEETINGS

There shall be a minimum of two league meetings held each year. Meetings shall be conducted under basic Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE 12: SPECIAL AWARDS

A. To be eligible for awards at the end of the year, members must have credited league days equal to at least 40% of the weekly league day tournaments by November 30.

B. Awards will be given for Overall Low Gross, Overall Low Net, Lowest Gross, Lowest Net, Lowest Putts, Most Birdies, Most Improved Handicap, Eagles and Holes-in-One.

C. Birdies, Eagles, and Holes-in-One only apply on league day and league-sanctioned tournaments. Birdies and eagles must be holed out for inclusion in league statistics and awards.

D. Birdie and eagle awards will be given to first-time qualifiers only regardless of times such qualifiers played during the year.

E. The Board may include other awards at their discretion.

ARTICLE 13: AMENDMENTS

A. The By-Laws of the Tradition Ladies' Golf Association are established for the purpose of maintaining an efficient and equitable administration for the membership. They also serve as the basis for understanding the general duties of each officer and chairperson and for establishing ease and continuity when newly elected members assume various offices.

B. The By-Laws may be appended, amended, repealed, or supplemented by the Board after approval of a two-thirds vote of the Active Membership present at a meeting held in accordance with the provisions contained herein.

As reviewed and adopted by the membership on the 1st Day of February 2011

The Tradition Ladies' Golf Association

By: Maureen Lempert
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By: Celise M. McLaughlin
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By: Sandy Blais
Sandy Blais, Treasurer

By: Suzanne Strasser
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