

Waterlefe Men's Golf Association Constitution and By-Laws Revised 1/15/2026

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The name of this non-profit organization shall be Waterlefe Men's Golf Association, or WMGA. The WMGA will have a fiscal year that begins on October 1st of each year and ends on September 30th of the following year. The WMGA was founded on April 20, 2011.

I. PURPOSE

- i. The main purpose of the WMGA is to promote fellowship and increase the participation among the male passport-holders of The Waterlefe Golf Club through golf and related social and/or charitable activities. Fellowship will be promoted through golf events or such other events as approved by the WMGA Board of Directors. The WMGA will represent members in all matters relating to golf, except those of the handicap committee, including all men's golf tournaments of Waterlefe Golf and River Club. These include those events established by the WMGA and other events sponsored by the Waterlefe Golf Professional Staff. The WMGA and the Staff shall work in conjunction with each other on all events and tournaments.
- ii. Other than the men's championship, all men's events shall be deemed WMGA events and shall operate under the WMGA by laws. The WMGA shall adopt formats, set scheduled dates, recommend handicap monitoring when necessary, and establish prizes and winnings to flight and overall winners. The pro staff shall administer the operation of events on the scheduled day or days. The men's championship shall be deemed a club event and operated and administered by staff.
- iii. The WMGA shall communicate at an annual meeting with the passport holders regarding golfing issues and/or suggestions that are raised by the membership.

II. MEMBERSHIP

- i. Any male passport-holder of The Waterlefe Golf Club over the age of 18 and in good standing with The Waterlefe Golf Club is automatically a member of the WMGA.
- ii. All membership years will end on the last day of the WMGA fiscal year; that being September 30th.

III. DUES

There shall be no dues assessed to passport members. The Board shall, however, have the option to initiate dues when deemed necessary.

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IV.OFFICERS

- i. The Officers of the WMGA shall be the President, Vice President, and a Secretary/Treasurer and at least four other Directors at Large.
- ii. Directors shall serve on the Board as nominated and elected at the WMGA Annual Meeting. Nominations from the Board shall not prevent nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

V.DUTIES OF DIRECTORS

- i. The nominated Officers and Directors shall serve on the Board of Directors after being approved at the WMGA Annual Meeting. The Board shall accept and confirm the election at its next Board meeting.
- ii. The Board shall meet at least every three months or at the discretion of the President or as called for by a majority of the Board. All meetings are open to all WMGA members. Regardless of the number of Directors. The required quorum shall be four Directors.
- iii. The President shall preside at all meetings of the WMGA and its Board of Directors. The President shall oversee the affairs of the organization.
- iv. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence.
- v. The Secretary/Treasurer shall maintain all records, papers, and correspondence of the WMGA. He shall record the minutes for all Board of Directors Meetings and general membership meetings. A membership list will be coordinated with the information maintained by the Waterlefe Pro Shop Staff.
- vi. The Treasurer shall, in conjunction with Staff, supervise the collection and disbursement of funds collected for tournaments, voluntary contributions, and any other expense or expenditure.

VI.TERMS OF OFFICE

- i. All Officers and Directors will serve a term of one year.
- ii. There are no term limits, but it is the intention that new Board members will be rotated into service periodically to replace Board members who have served multiple terms.

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VII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- i. The elected Directors shall manage the affairs of the WMGA.
- ii. The Board shall review, set, and approve the annual slate of WMGA tournaments and establish operational procedures for the WMGA, and create committees, as needed, to assist in the management of WMGA.
- iii. The Board may not impose any special assessment on the Waterlefe passport-holders but may accept voluntary contributions to charities or promote charitable donations in accordance with the purpose of the WMGA.
- iv. The Board shall have the power to appoint and/or fill any WMGA vacancy that may occur during an Officer's or Directors remaining term of office or appointment.

VIII. VACANCIES

The office of President, should it become vacant during the term, shall be filled by the Vice President. All other vacancies shall be filled, for the balance of the vacating Officer's or Director's term, with the approval of the Board.

IX. MEMBERSHIP ENTITLEMENTS

Membership in the WMGA, as defined in III I above, entitles male passport-holders to participate in all WMGA events. Minors under the age of 18 years are not deemed members of the WMGA and shall not be eligible to participate in WMGA events.

X. AMENDMENTS

The Constitution and By-Laws of the WMGA may be changed by majority vote of the Board of Directors. However, any WMGA member may propose changes to the Constitution and By Laws. Such proposal shall be submitted in writing, along with the signature of five (5) other WMGA members endorsing the proposal. The Board will communicate the amendment to the membership. The membership will vote on such a proposal at the next scheduled WMGA meeting.

XI. GOLF RULES & HANDICAP

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The WMGA recognizes the USGA as the governing authority concerning the rules of golf and supports the USGA Handicap System. The supervision of such rules shall be the sole duty of the Handicap Committee which shall be a separate and independent committee of the WMGA.

The WMGA members shall incorporate in its bylaws and abide by the Waterlefe Golf Club Rules and Regulations last revised November 18, 2023. Should there be an interpretation conflict the Waterlefe Golf Club Rules and Regulations shall supersede the WMGA bylaws.

The WMGA, its members, officers, directors and staff shall comply with and adhere to all Florida Statutes regulating gambling and gaming of any kind, including but not limited to pari-mutuel betting and any and all cash wagering. Any awards, prizes, and winnings shall be compensated with pro shop credits, trophies, or other non-monetary recognition.