

**BYLAWS OF THE SENIOR MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION
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Part I - The Association

A. Mission

The Senior Men’s Golf Association of Montgomery Country Club (MCC), hereinafter referred to as “the Association” or “SMGA”, is a non-profit organization established solely for the enjoyment of its members the golf tournaments and related activities. It is dedicated to competitive golf played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as promulgated by the United States Golf Association and the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews. The Association members shall abide by the Rules of Golf and Regulations of the MCC and the Bylaws of its Member Council.

B. Authority

The SMGA derives its authority to exist and function from Section 4.1 of the MCC Member Council Bylaws.

C. Eligibility

An individual must be a male member of MCC who has paid SMGA dues for the current year, be the age of 50 as of the date of participation in any SMGA tournament, be enrolled in the club’s handicap system and be in good standing.

D. Dues

The Association shall set the level of dues for the year and the dues must be paid by March 1st. Members who join after March 1st will be subject to a late fee. New members of MCC who join the club after March 1st are exempt from any late fee. Members of the SMGA will automatically be enrolled in the membership in the Maryland Interclub Senior Golf Association (MISGA). MISGA is an organization of almost 4500 senior golfers from 58 clubs in Maryland and parts of Pennsylvania, Delaware and Virginia.

E. Funding and Fund Raising

Association expenses will be funded though dues, portions of tournament entry fees, 50-50 raffles and other fundraisers. Fund raising at any Association event on behalf of any member organization other than the SMGA is prohibited without specific approval of the Association at least 30 days prior to the event.

F. Annual Meeting

The Association shall hold its annual meeting on the date of the SMGA's Closing Day tournament or by December 31st.

G. Junior Golf

The SMGA supports its support of the Junior Golf program and will offer assistance to the MCC Member Council and Pro Shop's program.

H. Liquidation of the Association

Should the Association be liquidated or otherwise disbanded, its assets shall be reserved for MCC's Junior Golf Program. Should there be no Junior Golf Program or should MCC cease to exist, the assets of the SMGA shall be contributed to the Washington Metropolitan Golf Association, specifically designated for its Junior Golf Program.

Part II – Officers

A. Elections

The elected officers of the SMGA shall be General Chairman, Vice Chairman, MISGA Representative, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers shall constitute the Executive Council of the Association. The Association shall post its slate of candidates for these officers on the MCC club bulletin boards at least 30 days prior the election. The election shall take place at the annual meeting of the Association. Nominations may also be made from the floor during the meeting. When two or more candidates are vying for the same office, the election shall be by secret ballot. Otherwise, the election shall be by voice vote or a show of hands. The terms of the elected officers shall be for two years. There shall be no term limits for elected officers.

B. Duties and Responsibilities

1. General Chairman

The General Chairman shall server as the spokesman for the Association in dealings with the Management, the Member Council and with other Member organizations.

The General Chairman shall appoint from the Association membership a Tournament Chairman. He may appoint ad hoc subcommittee Chairman as the need arises. All appointees serve at the pleasure of the General Chairmen. He shall hold committee meetings at regular intervals and have ultimate responsibilities for all subcommittee activities.

The General Chairmen shall insure that he and his committee and subcommittee chairmen maintain appropriate records of procedures during the year so as to facilitate the work of succeeding officers. Such records shall constitute a “Golf Committee Handbook” which will passed on from year to year.

In the event of vacancies during the year, the General Chairman shall appoint replacements from the membership of the Association.

2. Vice Chairman

The Vice Chairman shall carry out the duties of the General Chairman in the event of his absence. Should the office of General Chairman become vacant the Vice Chairman shall assume the office of General Chairman.

3. Secretary

The Secretary shall keep minutes of all Association meetings including meetings of the Golf Committee, conduct correspondence as necessary, and maintain a roll of the Association membership. In the event of absence by the Secretary at any meeting, the General Chairman shall designate one of the officers present to take the minutes.

4. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall maintain an Association bank account, keep full account of all funds received and dispersed and prepare a budget for approval by the elected officers. He shall prepare a written report for presentation to the Association at its annual meeting.

5. MISGA Representative

The MISGA Representative shall represent MCC in the MISGA organization and serve as Chairman of the MISGA subcommittee. He shall attend MISGA wide planning and organizational meetings. He shall report the results of the MISGA events for the golf season at the annual meeting of the Association.

Part III – Executive Council, Committees, Subcommittees

A. Executive Council

1. Membership

The Executive Council shall consist of the elected officers of the Association.

2. Meetings

The Executive Council shall meet upon the call of the General Chairman or upon the call of at least three of its members. Each member shall have one vote, except that the General Chairman will vote only in the event of a tie. Three members will constitute a quorum. Either the General Chairman or Vice Chairman must be present unless neither remains in office.

3. Association Meetings

By a majority vote of at least three of its members, the Executive Council may schedule a meeting of the Association on any reasonable date. At least 21 days notice will be provided to the membership either by placing a notice on MCC bulletin boards or by printed or electronic notice in the club newsletter. The notice shall include the purpose of the meeting.

4. Amendment of Bylaws

The Executive Council shall be responsible for assessing the need for amending the bylaws of the Association. Proposed changes to the bylaws must first be approved by a majority vote of at least three of members of the Executive Council. Recommendations for modifications of the bylaws shall be posted on MCC bulletin boards for review by Association members at least 30 days prior to the scheduled date for voting on the changes. Proposed changes must be approved by a two-thirds vote of those present at the Annual Meeting or at a meeting scheduled for the purpose of amending the bylaws.

5. Dues

The Executive Council shall set the level of dues for the organization by a majority vote of at least three of its members.

6. Golf Committee Membership

The members of the Executive Council shall serve on the Golf Committee.

B. Golf Committee

1. Membership

The Golf Committee shall consist of the Executive Council, the Tournament Chairman and the MCC Head PGA Professional.

2. Duties

The Golf Committee shall plan and direct the activities of the association. It shall designate one or more of its members to serve on the MCC Member Council's Handicap Committee.

3. Role of Executive Council

The Executive Council shall 1) rule on policy issues which may arise within the Golf Committee; 2) direct the Committees fund raising activities; 3) approve the Golf Committees budget; 4) approve expenditures made outside of the budget; 5) act as the nominating committee in selecting candidates for Committee elections; 6) review bylaws changes recommended by the Golf Committee; 7) vote on any issues that come before the Golf Committee.

C. Tournament Subcommittee

1. Membership

The Chairman of the Tournament Subcommittee shall appoint Association members to the subcommittee.

2. Duties

The Tournament Chairman shall be responsible to the General Chairman for planning and working closely with the MCC Pro Shop in the conduct of all Association tournaments. He shall prepare a schedule of events for the season and present it to the Golf Committee for approval. The schedule shall be in accordance with Section 4.2a of the MCC Member Council Bylaws and must be forwarded to the Member Council no later than February 1. Activities that require more than normal service from Food and Service shall be highlighted in the schedule.

E. MISGA Subcommittee

1. Membership

The MISGA Representative shall appoint Association members to the subcommittee and serve as its chairman.

2. Duties

The MISGA Subcommittee shall be responsible for scheduling and coordinating with the Divisional MISGA organizations all MISGA home and away mixers. It shall be responsible for determining the roster of Association members that will be participating in MISGA events and supply such rosters to the MCC Pro Shop or the appropriate MISGA organization. The Subcommittee will be responsible for fund raising at MISGA events held at MCC.

Part IV – MCC and Interclub Competitions

A. MCC Competitions

1. Eligibility

Participation in SMGA MCC competitions is limited to Association members.

2. Competition Days

SMGA competitions shall be held on non-holiday weekdays.

3. Prizes

The part of the entry fee set aside for prizes, with the exception of the amount allotted for trophies or similar awards, shall be awarded in the form of Pro Shop credit.

4. Competition Standards

Handicap allowances for all competitions shall be in accordance with the recommendations set forth in the USGA Handicap Manual. The Senior (Gold) tees shall be used for all competitions.

5. The MCC Pro Shop

The Pro Shop shall conduct the competition in coordination with “The Committee” as specified in the USGA Rules of Golf and set the local rules for the competition. “The Committee” for each event shall consist of at least one member of the Tournament and Rules Committee, the Tournament Committee Chairman and the Head PGA Professional or his designee. “The Committee” shall insure that the results are phoned in to the Washington Post.

6. Suggested Competitions

The SMGC will conduct at least five MCC competitions. These competitions could include, but are not limited to:

Opening Day

Senior Stableford

Senior Presidents Cup

Senior Two Man Team

Closing Day (Doug Moats Open)

In addition, the SMGA may conduct a flighted match play tournament. The final list of competitions for the upcoming year will be approved at the Annual Meeting.

B. MISGA MCC Mixers

1. Eligibility

Participation in MISGA MCC mixers is limited to Association members and MISGA members from visiting golf clubs.

2. Competition Days

MISGA mixers shall be held on non-holiday weekdays.

3. Prizes

The part of the entry fee set aside for prizes shall be awarded in the form of Pro Shop credit.

4. Competition Standards

Handicap allowances for all competitions shall be in accordance with the recommendations set forth in the USGA Handicap Manual. The Senior (Gold) tees shall be used for all competitions.

5. The MCC Pro Shop

The Pro Shop shall conduct the competition in coordination with the Chairman of the MISGA Subcommittee. The MISGA Chairman shall insure that an appropriate notice of the results is communicated to SMGA members via e-mail, the MCC Newsletter or the Washington Post.

C. Other MISGA Competitions

1. Eligibility

Participation in other MISGA competitions is limited to Association members and MISGA members at other golf clubs. The competitions are any MISGA sponsored events conducted at other golf clubs. These include, but are not limited to:

Away Mixers

Two-Man Championship

Single (A-B-C-D) Championship

Division Pro-Am

2. The MISGA Committee Chairman shall insure that appropriate notice of the results of these competitions is communicated to SMGA members via e-mail or the MCC Newsletter.

D. Senior A Team

The Senior Club Champion will be captain of the Senior A Team. In the event that the champion declines or is unable to perform as captain, the current Senior Club Champion runner up will succeed him. In the event that the champion or runner up are not members of the SMGA, the dues for that individual will be waived for participation in the Senior A Team Matches. If the runner up declines or is unable to perform as captain, the General Chairman shall appoint a captain from the membership of the SMGA. Other members of the Senior A Team must be Association members.