

Somerset Ladies Golf Association
By-laws
2007

Article I – Name

The name of the organization shall be Somerset Ladies Golf Association (SLGA).

Article II – Purpose

The purpose of this non-profit organization shall be to promote and foster among the members a close bond and fraternity for their joint and mutual benefit, and to promote and conserve the best interests and true spirit of the game of golf as embodied in its ancient and honorable traditions. The purpose is also to stimulate interest in golf at the Somerset Country Club by bringing together a group of golfers desirous of forming a golfing organization in accordance with the USGA Rules of Golf.

Article III – Membership, Dues, Meetings

- A. Any woman that is a member of the Somerset Country Club and 18 years or older may join SLGA upon payment of dues.
- B. The Board of Directors shall determine annual membership dues for the SLGA in December of each year. Dues will be payable to the Treasurer January 1 and delinquent after February 15.
- C. The fiscal year shall be January 1 through December 31.
- D. Memberships are for a calendar year only with all memberships expiring December 31.
- E. The annual meeting of the SLGA shall be held in October. The Board of Directors shall provide for other meetings as may be deemed necessary or desirable.
- F. A legal quorum at any meeting or emailing to the members shall be 25% of the membership. Each equity member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote. No voting proxy will be permitted.
- G. The Board of Directors shall from time to time establish all membership fees and dues as they deem to be adequate to operate and maintain the Association. All monies collected shall accrue to the benefit of the membership.

Article IV Board of Directors

- A. The Board of Directors (BOD) shall consist of five members in good standing of SLGA who shall be elected by the membership to serve a one-year term.
- B. No Board member may serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.
- C. A period of one year must elapse before again being eligible to become a Board member.
- D. The Board of Directors shall meet at such times and places as they may select and a majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

E. In the case of any vacancy through death, resignation, disqualification or other cause, the remaining directors, even though less than a quorum, may elect a successor by majority vote to hold office for the remainder of term until the election of her successor.

Article V – Officers and Committees

Nominating Committee

- A. At least five weeks prior to the Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of five members of the organization.
- B. The Nominating Committee shall be composed of a Chairperson and five (5) members.
- C. The Chairperson shall have served on the committee in a previous year.
- D. The current president should not be a member of the Nominating Committee.
- E. One committee member shall be a past or present member of the Board of Directors.
- F. Members of the Nominating Committee shall serve one (1) year.
- G. The Nominating Committee shall prepare slates for election of next year's Officers/Directors at it's August meeting.
The President-elect shall be slated as President.
- H. The Nominating Committee shall confirm the willingness of all candidates to serve before they may be nominated.
- I. These proposed slates shall be posted for the general membership four (4) weeks prior to the October general membership meeting.
- J. Nominations, in addition to those of the Nominating Committee, may be submitted by two (2) members of the general membership.
- K. They must be in writing.
- L. They must be received by the Nominating Committee fourteen (14) days prior to the general membership meeting.
- M. The Nominating Committee may accept nominations only after verifying that nominees are willing to serve in the position.
- N. Once accepted, the Nominating Committee will post the nominations at least seven (7) days prior to the general membership meeting in October.
- O. Voting shall be by written ballot at the annual meeting or by e-mail, and those names receiving the greatest number of votes cast shall be declared elected.
- P. Voting may be conducted by voice vote if there is only one nominee for office.

Officers

- A. The officers shall consist of president, president-elect, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, and their duties shall be such as their titles would indicate or such as may be assigned to them respectively from time to time. The past-president will be part of the BOD in an advisory position with no voting privilege.

Article VI – Tournaments and Handicaps

- A. Handicaps for new players cannot be established until a member has posted five (5) 18-hole rounds or ten (10) 9-hole rounds of golf.
- B. To be eligible for tournament play, a woman must be a member for at least 60 days and have played five (5) 18-hole rounds or ten (10) 9-hole rounds within that 60 day period and be a member in good standing.
- C. During play days, players will exchange scorecards for posting hole-by-hole scores.
- D. Players must exchange scorecards with fellow competitors for validation signatures at end of play.
- E. On non-play days, player is responsible for correctness of her score.
- F. All play day scorecards must be given to Handicap Chair after posting.
- G. All play scores must be posted on the Country Club computer.
- H. In all events, participation shall determine the number of prizes awarded by the Awards/Tournaments Committee.
- I. Handicaps will be carried over from season to season (March -November), provided the handicap was current at the end of the previous season.
- J. An established current handicap from another course will be verified and accepted.
- K. No one is eligible for prizes unless her dues are paid before the start of play.
- L. No more than one prize per person in any one tournament.
- M. A woman without an established handicap will be considered a novice golfer and will not be eligible for prizes until she establishes a handicap.
- N. All handicaps will be computed under the USWGA handicap system.

Article VI – Amendments to By-Laws

- A. The Board of Directors shall have the power to repeal or amend any of these By-Laws provided that such action shall not be effective until approved by a majority vote of the members of SLGA.