

FAR CORNER 18 HOLE LADIES LEAGUE

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Article I

The name of this League shall be "Far Corner 18 Hole Ladies' Golf League"

Article II

The Purpose of this League shall be to promote the true spirit of golf and the enjoyment of the game for golfers of all levels and ability.

Article III Officers/Executive Committee

- A. The officers of this League shall be President(s), Vice President(s), Secretary, and Treasurer.
- B. The Executive Committee shall be composed of Officers of the League as indicated above and shall be empowered to transact any necessary business which needs immediate attention between meetings of the Board of Directors.
- C. Duties of the Officers:
 - 1. The **President(s)** shall call and preside at all meetings of the League, Board of Directors and Executive Committee immediately following election in October. She/They shall be ex-officio member(s) of all committees except the Nominating Committee and be overseer(s) of all League expenditures.
 - 2. The **Vice President(s)** shall perform all duties of the President in the absence of the latter and in addition, shall be Chair(s) of the Tournament Committee.
 - 3. The **Secretary (s)** shall keep a record of each meeting of the League, Board of Directors and Executive Committee and be responsible for all correspondence pertaining to the league. At the Annual Meeting, she shall present a report of all actions taken by the Board of Directors.
 - 4. The **Treasurer (s)** shall collect all dues and handicap fees belonging to the League and monies from any special events (such as Member Guest and Annual Meeting luncheon or dinner); keep a record of all income and disbursements; make disbursements in accordance with written expense documentation; and prepare a full report of the year for presentation at the Annual Meeting.

Article IV The Board of Directors

- A. *The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers of the League, the Chairs of the Standing Committees, and the immediate past president(s). Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum.*
- B. *The **Board** shall conduct the business of the League. It shall have the power to create or dissolve any Standing Committee or Standing Rule and shall fill any vacancy in an elected office for the unexpired term.*

Article V Standing Committees

- A. *It shall be the duty of each Chair to attend meetings of the Board of Directors and to keep records of her duties to facilitate the work of the incoming Chair.*
- B. *The **Nominating Committee** shall consist of the President(s) and up to three additional members. It shall prepare a single slate for Officers and Standing Committee Chairs for the ensuing year to be presented at the Annual Meeting in October.*
- C. *The **Tournament Committee** shall consist of the Vice President(s) who may have the assistance of other members. It shall plan and conduct all tournaments; draft and submit a tournament schedule for the golf season; be the arbitrating board in all matters relating to tournaments; and be responsible for determining weekly prizes.*
- D. *The **Membership Chair(s)** shall prepare and mail out the first membership renewal/dues application; be responsible for welcoming new members and acquainting them with League rules and policies, prepare a directory of members for distribution to the membership and maintain a waiting list of prospective members.*
- E. *The **Inter-Club Chair(s)** shall be responsible for conducting all necessary functions of the Inter-Club League. She may have a committee of three or four other members.*
- F. *The **Handicap Chair(s)** shall be responsible for assuring that all members maintain current handicaps and for resolving any problems that may arise regarding handicaps. She has the authority to make any changes or adjustments she deems necessary.*
- G. *The **Member-Guest Chair(s)** shall be responsible for planning and implementing the Member-Guest tournament including advertising, decorations, menu, pairings, determining the cost, collecting revenues, prizes and other related activities.*
- H. *The **Ringer Book Chair(s)** shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining the ringer book in which all members record all of their scores for each hole in regular tournament competition. She shall compile the results at the end of the season, and provide the tournament chair(s) with a list of results/awards at the close of the season.*

- I. The **Sunshine Chair(s)** shall be responsible for sending appropriate acknowledgements to members when needed.
- J. The **Webmaster (s)** shall be responsible for maintaining and updating the Ladies 18 Hole League website as needed
- K. The Tee Time Co-ordinator Chair (s) shall be responsible for setting the weekly tee times for the league. The chair will request (by email) confirmation of sign up from members, following last sign up time for the week the chair will create random tee time list and distribute to the membership.

Article VI Membership

- A. The total membership of the League shall not exceed ninety-six active members.
- B. A waiting list shall be maintained in the order of applications received.
 - 1. Resignation of any member shall be noted on the annual membership form that is mailed to all members by the membership chair or sent to the membership chair via email.
- C. There shall be two classes of members:
 - 1. Active Members.** Active members, upon payment of annual dues, are eligible to participate in all League events, receive all League publications, and are entitled to the privilege of making motions, voting and holding office.
 - 2. Associate Members.** Only former members who through reasons of retirement, relocation, or disability are unable to participate actively will be eligible. An associate member shall not have the privilege of competing in weekly tournaments, holding office, making motions, or voting. She shall be eligible to attend luncheons and banquets and play along with members in the last group upon payment of necessary fees.

Article VII Membership Dues

- A. The membership dues shall be established at the beginning of each year by the Board of Directors prior to the membership mailing. Membership dues consist of a tournament fee and a handicap fee which are payable in one lump sum.
- B. Membership dues shall be paid by March 1st. Members failing to pay upon notice shall be dropped from the membership and will not be eligible to play until you pay
- C. A refund of 50% of membership dues less handicap fee will be made upon receipt of written resignations on or before June 1st. No money will be refunded after June 1st.

- D. *New members joining after the start of the season shall pay the full handicap fee plus a pro-rated amount of the tournament fee portion of the dues.*
- E. *Entry fees may be charged for additional special tournaments*

Article VIII Weekly Tournaments

- A. *Weekly tournaments shall be held Wednesday mornings. The beginning tee off time shall be agreed on by a majority vote at the Opening Meeting.*
- B. *Only ACTIVE League members are eligible to participate in weekly tournaments. No one else will be allowed on the course except Associate Members and potential members who may play once. Potential members will tee off in last group of the league.*
- C. *USGA Golf Rules apply except where modified by local rules. Check your scorecard for local rules. All members must know the rules.*
- D. *Prizes for weekly tournaments shall be merchandise credit issued for use at any of Bill Flynn's Golf Shops. This credit may not be used for greens fees, cart fees or membership dues.*

Article IX Meetings

- A. *An opening meeting shall be held in April to welcome new and returning members and serve as a kick-off for the season.*
- B. *An annual meeting and award ceremony shall be held in October at the close of the regular golf season. This shall be for the purpose of awarding merchandise credits for prizes and tournament winnings during the year, electing officers and directors for the ensuing year, and for such other business as requires action by the membership.*
- C. *Forty percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum.*
- D. *Committee reports will be given at the Board of Directors meeting at the close of the season. All League members are welcome to attend this meeting as observers.*

Article X Nominations

- A. *No one shall be eligible for office until she has been a member for at least one year.*
- B. *No officer shall serve for more than two consecutive years in the same office, unless agreed to by executive committee*

- C. The Nominating Committee shall present the proposed slate of Officers and Standing Committee Chairs at the Annual Meeting.
- D. The election of Officers and Committee Chairs shall be at the Annual Meeting by a majority vote.

Article XI Amendments

These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at a duly authorized meeting of the membership.

These by-laws were originally accepted and approved November 1989

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