

FAR CORNER LADIES 9-HOLE GOLF LEAGUE
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BY-LAWS
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ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this League shall be "Far Corner Ladies 9-Hole Golf League".

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

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

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD-OFFICERS

The Officers of this League shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Administrative Board shall be composed of the Officers of the League as indicated above and shall be empowered to transact any necessary business which needs immediate attention between meetings of the Executive Board.

Duties of the Officers:

- A. The **PRESIDENT** shall preside at all meetings of the League, Administrative and Executive Board immediately following election in October. She shall appoint the Chairpersons of all "Standing Committees" with the approval of the Administrative Board. She shall also be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee and be the overseer of all League expenditures.
- B. The **VICE-PRESIDENT** shall perform all duties of the President in the absence of the latter and, in addition, shall be Chairperson of the Tournament Committee.
- C. The **SECRETARY** shall keep a record of each meeting of the League and Executive Board; be responsible for all executive correspondence pertaining to the League; and at the Annual Banquet Meeting present a report of all actions taken by the Executive Board.

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- D. The **TREASURER** shall collect all dues and handicap fees belonging to the League and monies from any special events such as Member-Guest and Annual Banquet Meeting; keep a balanced record of all income and disbursements. Prepare a full report of the year for presentation at the Annual Banquet Meeting.

ARTICLE IV

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board shall consist of the Officers of the League and Chairpersons of the Standing Committees. Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum.

The Executive Board shall conduct the business of the League. It shall have the power to create or dissolve any Standing Committee or rule by a two-thirds (2/3) vote until ratified by an amendment and shall fill any vacancy in an elected office for the unexpired term.

Meetings of the Board shall be called by the President.

ARTICLE V

STANDING COMMITTEES

It shall be the duty of each Chairperson to attend Executive Board meetings and to keep a record of her duties to facilitate the work of the incoming Chairperson.

- A. The **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** shall consist of the Chairperson who has been a past Officer and up to two (2) others. It shall prepare a list of nominees for the Executive Board for the ensuing year to be presented at the Annual Banquet Meeting in October.
- B. The **TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE** shall consist of the Vice-President and up to three (3) other members. It shall plan and conduct all tournaments; draft and submit a tournament schedule for the golf season; calculate 9 hole handicaps; be the arbitrating board in all matters relating to tournaments; and be responsible for awarding weekly prizes.
- C. The **MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON** shall be responsible for new members and acquainting them with League rules and policies; keep a waiting list of prospective members and maintain a roll of golfing membership; and provide a list for all members. She shall send out the annual membership letters, and collect annual dues to be submitted to the treasurer. She may enroll up to 2 assistants.
- D. The **INTERCLUB LEAGUE CHAIRPERSON** shall be responsible for conducting all necessary functions of the Interclub League. She may have a committee consisting of two (2) or three (3) members.
- E. The **HOSTESS/STARTER CHAIRPERSON** shall be responsible for providing a Hostess and

Starter every week. She shall be responsible for soliciting league members to provide the required Hostess and Starter each week and updating and maintaining that list, as well as sending out a reminder to the Hostess and Starter prior to each week's tournament.

- F. The HOSPITALITY CHAIRPERSON shall be responsible for arranging for refreshments at the (a) opening day meeting, and (b) for the home inter-club tournaments, and (c) work with the member/guest tournament committee.
- G. The MEMBER-GUEST TOURNAMENT CHAIRPERSON shall be responsible for coordinating all aspects of the annual member-guest tournament. She may assign as many assistants as she deems necessary. The tournament shall be scheduled on or about the first Tuesday of August.
- H. The ANNUAL BANQUET MEETING COORDINATOR shall work with the President in planning the annual banquet. The Annual Banquet Meeting shall be held on or about the last tournament date of the golfing season. The coordinator's duties shall include securing a date, banquet site, menu, table centerpieces, decorations, planning a program/agenda.
- I. The WEB MASTER shall be responsible for maintaining and updating the Ladies 9 Hole League website as needed.
- J. The TEE TIME COORDINATOR shall be responsible to publish the tee time sheet via Signup Genius a week before play, send out notification to members to signup, and to provide the Starter with the tee sheet on day of play. She may have a committee consisting of two (2) members.

ARTICLE VI

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership of the League shall not exceed One Hundred twenty (120) active members.

A waiting list shall be maintained in the order of applications received.

- A. A former member of the League "in good standing" on the waiting list shall be put at the top of the list.
- B. Resignation of any member shall be accepted upon written/email/verbal notification.

There shall be three (3) classes of members:

- A. ACTIVE MEMBERS - Active members, who 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.

- B. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS – a limited number of Associate Members may be admitted at the discretion of the Executive Board. Only former active members “in good standing” who through reasons of retirement, relocation, or disability are unable to participate in weekly tournaments, holding office, making motions or voting. She shall be eligible to attend luncheons and banquets and play along with the members up to three (3) times per year upon payment of the necessary fees.
- C. HONORARY MEMBERS – Honorary membership shall be granted to past Presidents upon request who are no longer active members. An Honorary Member shall have the same privileges as an Associate Member, but shall be exempt from payment of green fees no more than three (3) times per year.

ARTICLE VII

MEMBERSHIP DUES

The dues for membership shall be established at the beginning of the year and shall remain until changed at some future organizational meeting. Membership fees are used for the weekly tournament payouts. GHIN membership fee is paid directly to Mass Golf.

Membership dues shall be paid to the Treasurer by April 1st. Members failing to pay will not be eligible for weekly prize money. Members failing to pay upon notice shall be dropped from the membership and will be considered in “poor standing”.

A refund of 50% of membership dues will be made upon receipt of written resignations on or before June 1st. No money will be refunded after June 1st.

Entry fees may be charged for additional special tournaments.

Prizes for weekly tournaments shall be merchandise credit issued for use in any of Bill Flynn’s Golf Shops. This credit MAY NOT BE USED FOR GREENS FEES, CART FEES, OR MEMBERSHIP DUES.

ARTICLE VIII

WEEKLY TOURNAMENTS

Weekly tournaments shall be held Tuesday mornings. Tee-off time shall start at 8:00 a.m. (7:30 a.m. June-September) unless otherwise instructed by Tournament Committee or Pro Shop.

Weekly tournaments MUST BE PLAYED WITH LEAGUE MEMBERS ONLY. No one else will be allowed on the course EXCEPT Associate Members and Honorary Members who will be allowed to play a limited number of times.

USGA Golf Rules apply except where modified by local rules. All members must know rules.

Rained out tournaments need not be rescheduled.

A player must pick up after 10 strokes on a given hole and mark an X for that hole's score. If that hole matters in the tournament she is automatically out of the tournament.

ARTICLE IX

MEETINGS

An annual meeting shall be held in April to meet new members.

An Annual Banquet Meeting (paid for in advance by each member attending) shall be held in October at the close of the regular golf season. This shall be for the purpose of issuing any merchandise credits, and installing officers for the ensuing year. Annual reports shall be given by the Executive Board.

Forty percent (40%) of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE X

NOMINATIONS

No one shall be eligible for office until she has been a member of the League for at least one (1) year.

Members shall serve for 2 consecutive years in their office/committee.

The Nominating Committee shall present the proposed slate of Officers at the Annual Banquet Meeting.

Election of Officers shall be at the Annual Banquet Meeting. If the slate is not contested, the Secretary shall cast one (1) ballot in favor of the proposed slate.

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at a duly authorized meeting of the membership.

THESE BY-LAWS WERE ORIGINALLY ACCEPTED AND APPROVED IN 1986.

Changed, voted and approved, 1987

Art. V "Standing Committees" Inter-Club Chairman added

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Changed, voted and approved, 10/13/87	Art. V Sec. 2 Tournament Comm.” Art. V Sec. 3 “Handicap Chairman” deleted Art. VII Sec. 2 Waiting List”
Changed, voted and approved, 4/10/90	Art. VII Sec. 3 “Spec. Membership Dues” deleted Art. VI Sec. 1 Membership increased from 72 to 82 members.
Changed, voted and approved, 4/14/92	Art. VI Sec. 1 Membership increased from 82 to 90 members.
Changed, voted and approved, 10/10/95	Art. III, 2(c) Delete “maintain a roll of golfing membership and provide a list for all members”. Art. V, (3) change to read “and keep a waiting list of prospective members and maintain a roll of golfing membership and provide a list for all members.” Art. V, add #5 “Hostess/Starter Chairperson” Art. V, add #6 “Hospitality Chairperson” Art. VI, Sec. 1 Membership increased from 90 to 100
Changed, voted and approved 4/01	Art. VIII #1 add between 7:30 and 10:00 a.m. in July and August.
Changed, voted and approved 4/07	Current Standing rules
Changed, voted and approved 4/08	Art. I changed to read “Far Corner Ladies 9-Hole Golf League”; “Chairman” changed to “Chairperson” throughout; “Annual Meeting” changed to “Annual Banquet Meeting” throughout; Art. V, Sec. A added “up to two (2) others”; Art. V, Sec. B added “up to two (2) other members”; Art. V, Sec. F deleted “the annual member-guest tournament” and added “and two (2) home interclub tournaments”; Art. V added Sec. G “The Member-Guest Tournament Chairperson”; Art. V added Section H “The Annual Banquet Meeting Coordinator”; Art. VI, Sec. B changed to “written/email/verbal notification”; Art. VI (Assoc. Members) changed to “up to three (3) times per year”

Changed, voted and approved 4/09	Art. V, Sec. A changed “Officers” to “Executive Board”; Art. VII deleted “New members joining after August 1 st shall pay 75% of the tournament fee portion of the membership plus handicap fee.” and replaced with “No new members will be accepted after July 1 st .”; Art. VIII changed last paragraph to agree with Standing Rules - “A player must pick up after 10 strokes on a given hole and mark an X for that hole’s score. If that hole matters in the tournament she is automatically out of the tournament.”
Changed, voted and approved 10/2015	Art X: Nominations: Removal of statement limiting positions to “2 consecutive years”. Art. VII, Removal of statement “no new members shall be accepted after July 1.”
Changed, voted and approved 4/2016	Art VI: Membership: revised to read “Total membership of the League not to exceed One Hundred twenty (120) active members”.
Changes, voted and approved 4/2021	Art. V: Standing Committees: Modified responsibilities of Hostess/Starter Chairperson; Addition of Web Master position; Modified Tournament Committee duties- addition of “calculate 9 hole handicaps” and up to three (3) other members. Art. VII: Membership Dues: strike out “which are payable in one lump sum” and League fee in place of tournament fee.
Changes, voted and approved 10/2021	Art. VIII: Weekly Tournaments: Modified start tee times; Art V:F Hostess duties – removed number of home inter-club tournaments
Changes, voted and approved 4/2024	Art. VII: Membership Dues: Removed handicap fee; GHIN pay to Mass Golf; Refund of dues Art V: Standing Committees : Added Tee Time Coordinator position.