



Stonehouse Golf Club Constitution & By-Laws

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this golf club shall be Stonehouse Golf Club.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

FIRST: To stimulate interest in golf at the course of Stonehouse Golf Club by bringing together a group of golfers desirous of forming a golfing organization.

SECOND: To promote and foster a closer association among the members 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 honourable traditions.

THIRD: To enforce uniformity to the USGA Rules of Golf by creating a representative authority.

FOURTH: To maintain a uniform system of handicapping as set forth in the **USGA Handicap System** and issue USGA Handicap indexes to the members.

FIFTH: To provide a convenient and authoritative body to govern club competitions and events.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership shall be available to all golfers 18 years of age and older. There shall be a minimum of 10 individuals with a maximum of 400.

Section 2. Memberships to Stonehouse Golf Club (a privately owned and operated Golf Course) are individual and non-transferable.

Section 3. Memberships shall only be issued to golfers with a reasonable and regular opportunity to play golf with fellow members and who can return scores for posting and calculation of handicap indexes by the club.

Section 4. Membership confers no voice or special privileges in connection with the operation of any golf course, clubhouse, or any facilities of the golf course or courses where the club may conduct its activities.

Section 5. Membership confers no special privileges in connection with any golf course.

Section 6. Memberships are for a calendar year only, with all memberships expiring on March 31st.

Section 7. The fiscal year for Stonehouse Golf Club will be April 1st through March 31st

Section 8. The first 10 organizers of the Club shall be deemed to be members in good standing. Thereafter each candidate for membership shall be proposed and seconded by two active members in good standing. The Board of Directors shall act upon each proposal by vote and two negative votes shall disqualify any candidate.

Section 9. In the event that any member of the club shall commit any act that reflects discredit or disrepute on the club or shall refuse or neglect to comply with the rules and regulations adopted by the board of directors or the duly appointed officers of the club, such member shall be subject to suspension or expulsion after 10 days' written notice and the right to be heard, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the board of directors, at any regular meeting or special meeting called for that purpose.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

Section 1. The Annual Meeting of the Club shall be held in the month January. The Board of Directors shall provide notice, by publication, of such meeting at least 21 days prior to that date.

Section 2. A quorum for any meeting shall be 20 members present in person or by proxy. Each active member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote.

Section 3. A Director or Officer may participate in a meeting by means of telephone or other communications facilities that permit all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other.

Section 4. A resolution in writing signed by all of the Directors or Officers entitled to vote on that resolution is as valid as if it had been passed at a meeting of Directors or Officers.

ARTICLE V: DUES

Section 1. All league fees and dues shall be established by the Board of Directors from time to time in such amounts as they deem are adequate to operate and maintain the Club's leagues. Such fees and dues shall include membership dues payable to the each individual league. Member's association dues will be promptly remitted to the associations. Improper reporting of membership numbers and the resulting association fees will result in suspension of the golf club league.

ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of five members in good standing with Stonehouse Golf Club and they shall exercise all powers of management of the club not specifically excepted by these By-laws.

Section 2. At least five weeks prior to the Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of five members of the Club. At least four weeks prior to the Annual Meeting, the committee shall submit to the Board and shall post upon the club bulletin board a list of nominees to fill any vacancies for the term of office beginning on the day of the meeting. Names of other members in good standing may be nominated by petition signed by at least five members and submitted to the Board at least two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. At least one week prior to the Annual Meeting, a list of all candidates nominated shall be published in such a manner as to afford reasonable notice to the members of the proposed candidates.

Section 3. Voting shall be by written ballot and those names receiving the greatest number of votes cast by those present and entitled to vote at the meeting shall be declared elected. The Board shall appoint a committee of three persons who are not members of the Board or candidates for election to supervise the elections.

Section 4. 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.

Section 5. 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 unexpired term of the Director whose place was vacant, and until the election of a successor.

ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

Section 1. Within ten days after the Annual Meeting and election, the Board of Directors shall meet and elect a president, vice-president, and secretary/treasurer whose duties shall be such as their title would indicate or such as may be assigned to them respectively from time to time.

Section 2. An officer must be a Director of the club.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall authorize and define the powers and duties of all committees. Chairmen and committee members shall be appointed by the president, and the president shall be ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.

Section 4. The club must have a Handicap Committee composed primarily of members with the responsibility to establish a fair and proper system of handicaps in accordance with procedures set forth in the USGA Handicap System Manual. The following committees may be appointed each year, with such other committees as the president may deem necessary and advisable:

Tournament Committee to arrange and schedule with the management of any golf course as necessary, and conduct all intra-club and inter-club competitions.

Membership Committee to investigate and act upon all applications for membership and to recommend appropriate action to the Board of Directors.

Rules Committee to ensure that the members adhere to the Rules of Golf and Amateur Status.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS OF BYLAWS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall have the power to repeal or amend any of these Bylaws, provided that such action shall not be effective until approved by a two-thirds vote of the members of Stonehouse Golf Club at a meeting held in accordance with the provisions contained herein.

ENACTED: _____ (date)

WITNESSED:

President

Secretary