

FORE COUNTY WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

BY-LAWS

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Voted and approved by the Executive Board on March 8, 2018

ARTICLE I: NAME

The Association that was founded in January 1978 shall be called Fore County Women's Golf Association.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of this Association is to provide its membership with tournaments conducted according to the USGA Rules of Golf, while promoting good fellowship, competition, sportsmanship, and camaraderie. In addition, the Association shall develop, promote, maintain and protect the best interest of the game among amateur golfers.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all Florida women 21 years of age and over residing in Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie or Indian River counties. A woman joining for the first time must have a current, verifiable USGA Index of 16.4 or less. Members renewing within two (2) years must have a current, verifiable index of 18.4 or less. Handicaps may be verified on a monthly basis, or as often as deemed necessary by the Executive Board. Annual dues shall be determined by a majority vote of the Executive Board, payable annually. There will be a late fee of \$5 assessed for dues received after the date stated on the membership application. Should a member's index rise above an 18.4 during the tournament season, she may continue to play to a maximum index of 18.4.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Section 1

The Association shall be governed by an Executive Board consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Chairwomen of Treasurer/Membership, Tournament, Rules, Directory/Website, Scoring, Golf Course Coordinator and a Member-at-Large.

Section 2 POWERS AND DUTIES

- A. The President** shall preside over all meetings, appoint chairwomen for Standing Committees, oversee events and business of the Association, summarize the year's events for the membership and purchase/present trophies for the Founder's and Championship Days. In the President's absence her duties will be assumed by the following officers in this order: Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer.
- B. The Vice-President** shall assist the President in her duties, and preside over meetings in the absence of the President. She will be responsible for communicating via email with the membership and others as appropriate including reporting tournament results. She shall keep a record of individual members' participation in tournaments to confirm eligibility for the Association Championship.
- C. The Secretary** shall keep records of all meetings and distribute as appropriate. After each tournament she shall send thank you notes to the host club, Head Pro and hosting delegate.
- D. The Treasurer/Membership Chairwoman** shall collect applications and dues from prospective members, make deposits and expend monies of the Association at the discretion of the Executive Board, including payments to Host Clubs for tournament fees and prizes. She shall present a financial statement at each Executive Board meeting, provide an annual financial report to the President at the final tournament with copies available for the membership and provide a financial report whenever requested by the President. She shall send membership information to the Directory/Website

Chairwoman, and the person receiving event applications. Along with the President and Vice President she shall be a signatory on the Association account.

- E. The Tournament Chairwoman** shall appoint other members to assist her **as necessary**. She shall receive entries, determine flights, payouts, pairings, course set-up and request assistance from delegates. She shall formulate an email to members including all information pertinent to the tournament and forward this to the Vice President for distribution.
- F. Golf Course Coordinator** shall secure tournament sites and signed contracts with host clubs and send copies of contracts to the President, Treasurer and Tournament Chairwoman or her designee.
- G. The Rules Chairwoman** shall appoint as needed two members to assist in rules' decisions where there is a dispute.
- H. The Directory/Website Chairwoman** shall design, have printed and distribute annually to each member a Member's Directory which shall include the tournament schedule and event information; member contact information and other vital material. She shall oversee the updating of the Website.
- I. The Scoring Chairwoman** shall assure that scoring will be handled at all events either by local Pro or by scoring committee, and report results of tournaments. She will be responsible for prize distribution as determined by the Executive Board. Scoring sheets from events will be kept for one year.
- J. The Member-at-Large** shall advise the Board of past practices and events.

Section 3

The Vice-President may automatically assume the office of President upon the expiration of the President's term of office.

Section 4

The members of the Executive Board shall hold office for a minimum of two (2) years.

Section 5

Any Executive Board member may be removed by a two-thirds majority vote of the entire Board, whenever in its judgment the best interest of the Association would be served.

Section 6

Each year a Nominating Committee Chairwoman shall be appointed by the President at least one month prior to the Fall Meeting. The committee Chairwoman shall appoint two other members in good standing to the Committee who will present a slate of officers (committee members may be nominees) for approval by a majority vote of those present.

Section 7

If an office becomes vacant a Nominating Committee shall appoint a replacement to serve until the next election.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

There shall be an annual spring and fall meeting of the general membership, at the first and last play days. Board meetings will be held as deemed necessary by the President and/or three (3) or more members of the executive Board.

ARTICLE VI: DELEGATES

Each club shall have a delegate and/or alternate who acts as a liaison between the Executive Board and her club. Her responsibilities will be:

- A. Encourage membership in the Association, distribute applications and play schedule.
- B. When tournament is at her club the delegate/alternate shall:
 - 1. Assist the Tournament Chairwoman in securing a date for play and make necessary introductions.
 - 2. Choose and coordinate the luncheon.

ARTICLE VII: MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Proper golf attire is expected for **Golf & Lunch**. **NO** short shorts (inseam length under 5"), denim, tank or crop tops. **Shirts must have a collar or sleeves**. No hard spikes are allowed.
- B. Abide by USGA Rules & local rules approved and distributed specific to our tournaments.
- C. All putts must be holed and all scores posted.
- D. Ready golf is permissible and asking to play through a slow group is acceptable. A penalty for slow play may be enforced.
- E. **Lateness:** Arriving within five (5) minutes after play has started results in a two (2) stroke penalty. A player arriving after five (5) minutes may play but is not eligible for prizes that day.
- F. Refunds are only given if a cancellation is received by **11am** four days prior to event.
- G. Prior to beginning play exchange scorecards. Members are encouraged to keep their own score on a separate card.
- H. All scorecards must be returned even if the round is not completed. A member is ineligible for prizes if she picks up on a hole or the round is incomplete.
- I. Upon completion of the round the competitor should check her score for each hole. She shall ensure that the **marker** has signed the card, countersign the card herself and return the card to the Scoring table immediately.
- J. To be eligible for prizes a player shall complete her round of golf in **four and a half (4 1/2) hours** and return her scorecard to the scoring table with **four hours and forty minutes**.
- K. Report any rule questions, infractions, or conduct detrimental to the Association's reputation to the Rules Chairwoman or her designee for disposition and/or resolution.
- L. Completion of two (2) tournaments is required to become eligible for the title of Champion in the Championship Tournament.

M. Any member failing in the responsibilities as set forth above may be suspended or expelled by a two thirds vote of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VIII: PRIZES

Gift Certificates redeemable in the Pro Shop will be paid to approximately 30% of the field. A Hole-in-One will be awarded with a \$50.00 gift certificate at Club of her choice.

ARTICLE IX: INDEMNIFICATION

The Association shall indemnify each and every past, present and future members of The Executive Board of the Association and her heirs, executors, and administrators, against all expenses including amounts of judgments against or amounts paid in settlement by such members of the Executive Board, together with all costs, legal account or otherwise, necessarily or reasonably incurred or otherwise imposed upon her, in connection with the defense of any action, suit or proceeding to which she may be a party with which she may be threatened by reason of her being or having been a member of Executive Board of the Association, whether or not she continues to be a member at the time of incurring said expenses.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be amended or repealed at any meeting of the Executive Board by two thirds vote of those present, provided written notice of each proposed amendment shall have been submitted to each member fourteen (14) days before the meeting.

Amended: 4/22/2005, 11/03/2008, 11/02/2009, 03/21/2011, 11/07/2011,
03/05/2012, 03/15/2013, 11/17/2014, 3/8/2018

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