



Montclair Men's Golf Association Constitution and By-Laws

The name of this organization shall be the Montclair Men's Golf Association (MMGA).

Article I – Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be the promotion of good fellowship among its members, the enjoyment of golf through sportsmanship, and the participation in a schedule of tournaments. These tournaments shall be conducted in accordance with the current USGA rules of golf and local rules of association.

Article II – Organization

Section 1 – The business of the Association shall be conducted by the Executive Committee.

Section 2 – Regular business meetings will be held, as deemed necessary.

Section 3 – Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called at any time by order of the President or of any three (3) members of the Executive Committee. Notice of any special meeting shall be given at least seven (7) days before the date of the meeting. Such notice shall be given by posting a general announcement on the bulletin board in the men's lounge or a written invitation sent via e-mail to each member of the Executive Committee.

Section 4 – Meetings of the full membership may be called at any time by order of the President or of any three (3) members of the Executive Committee. Notice of any meeting of the full membership shall be given at least seven (7) days before the date of the meeting. Such notice shall be given by posting a general announcement on the bulletin board in the men's lounge.

Article III – Amendments

The constitution and by-laws may be altered or amended at any regular or special meeting of the full membership. A two thirds (2/3) vote of the members present is required for the adoption of the alteration or amendment.

Article IV – Policies

The Executive Committee may establish such policies as become necessary to conduct the affairs of the association. Any such policy shall be posted on the bulletin board in the men’s lounge and shall remain effective until modified or revoked by future executive committee action.

Article V – Membership and Dues

Section 1 – Any male, at least twenty-one (21) years of age, who is a member of a family that is a member of the Montclair Country Club is eligible for membership in the Montclair Men’s Golf Association (MMGA). Any member not in good standing with the Montclair Country Club shall not be considered a member in good standing of the Montclair Men’s Golf Association and shall be ineligible to participate in association activities or meetings.

Section 2 – The amount of annual dues shall be established by the Executive Committee. They shall be disbursed as deemed appropriate.

Article VI – Executive Committee

Section 1 – The Executive Committee will perform as the Officers of the Association. The committee shall be comprised of the President, Treasurer, Handicap Chairman, Tournament Director, and Secretary.

Section 2 – The President shall preside at all meetings of the association and of the Executive Committee, and shall have general supervision of all of the affairs of the association and attend to the necessary correspondence of the association. In the absence of the President the duties of the office shall be performed by the Tournament Chairman.

Section 3 – The Handicap Chairman is responsible for monitoring the handicaps of the association members. The Handicap Chairman will identify any irregularities in handicaps and make appropriate adjustments. Adjustments will take into account rounds not posted as well as erroneous postings. The Handicap Chairman shall keep records of the meetings of the association and of the Executive Committee, to include a complete list of association members.

Section 4 – The Treasurer shall collect and account for monies of the association and disburse them as directed by the Executive Committee. He shall make financial reports to the Executive Committee at each meeting and to the association at annual meetings.

Section 5 – The Secretary is responsible for administrative duties of the MMGA, as well as the maintenance of, and updates to the Montclair GHIN Club website. This includes, but is not limited to the posting of MMGA Tournament results, Most Improved Player and Player of the Year revision updates, other news and information attachments as needed, and email broadcasts to the membership.

Section 6 – The Tournament Director shall ensure all tournaments are carried out as determined by the executive committee. The Tournament Director shall also ensure that the tournament schedule (dates but not necessarily formats) are communicated to the membership by the end of January for each upcoming year.

Section 7 – The President of the association shall also serve as a member of the Board of Governors of the Montclair Country Club, as appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Montclair Country Club.

Section 8 – Absence of any member for two (2) consecutive meetings, unless excused by the President shall be considered a resignation from the Executive Committee. The resulting vacancy shall be filled by the President, with the concurrence of the remaining members of the committee.

Section 9 – The Executive Committee shall determine rules for the conduct of golf tournaments; these rules shall supersede any other local rules.

Section 10 – The Executive Committee shall take office the first (1st) day of December.

Section 11 – Nominations for the Executive Committee shall take place at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the elections. Nominees shall be presented to the membership on a ballot. The ballot shall be presented to the general membership at a meeting prior to the last tournament of the year. There may also be nominations from the floor at the meeting in which, elections will be held. All votes will be by secret ballot, except where there is only one nominee for a position, in which a voice vote may be taken from the floor.

Section 12 – The duties of the Executive Committee shall be determined, by majority agreement, at the beginning of their term of office, and may be amended as is necessary throughout the year.

Section 13 – Ad-hoc committees may be appointed by the executive committee for duties it deems necessary.

* The amendments of changing the MMGA membership age minimum from 18 to 21 in Article V, Section I, and the addition of the Secretary position to the Executive Committee in Article VI, Section 5 were proposed and approved by the 2/3 minimum vote of present MMGA members at the October 2011 MMGA meeting.

** The amendments to Article VI – Executive Committee Section 1, 2, and 6 to eliminate the Vice President position and post the tournament schedule by January 31st were approved by the 2/3 minimum vote of present MMGA members at the March 25, 2016 MMGA meeting.