

BY-LAWS
SOUTH SHORE COUNTRY CLUB MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION (SSCCMGA)
274 SOUTH ST., HINGHAM, MA. 02043

ARTICLE I - PURPOSE OF BY-LAWS

These By-Laws set forth the powers of the Association, its Members, Directors and Officers and all matters concerning the conduct and affairs of the Association.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE OF THE ASSOCIATION

- a. The SSCCMGA is established for the purpose of promoting and coordinating golf tournaments, in compliance with the rules and regulations of the USGA, MGA and local rules.
- b. Recreational and social activities at the South Shore Country Club, on behalf of and for the benefit of male permit holders who are members of said Association.
- c. To develop a knowledge and appreciation of rules, traditions and etiquette among members.
- d. All activities of the SSCCMGA shall be carried on without financial benefit to its members, officers or directors, none of whom shall be paid for their services to the SSCCMGA.
- e. The SSCCMGA shall be a non-profit organization. All funds received by the SSCCMGA from its activities or dues shall be used solely for the purposes set forth in this article.

ARTICLE III – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- a. The Board of Directors shall consist of all the elected officers and Directors. The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the Association and each Director shall have one (1) vote on any matter coming before the Board.
- b. The Board of Directors shall establish policy and be responsible for the proper operation of the Association.
- c. The Board of Directors shall meet a minimum of 4 times per year. A simple majority will constitute a quorum to conduct business of the Association.
- d. There shall be nine (9) Directors elected from the members of the Association for a term of three (3) years. The terms of office shall be staggered in order that three (3) members are elected every year. All Directors shall begin their term of office January 1st. Adjustments may be required for continuance of (3) Board members to be voted on every year.
- e. At its first board meeting of the fiscal year, the Board shall elect Officers who will each serve a one -year term as an Officer.
- f. Once an Officer serves their one- year term as an officer, they return to their position on the Board as a Director to serve out the rest of their elected term. They may be re-elected to an Officer position in any succeeding year of their term.
- g. If the elected term of office as a Director of the immediate past president expired at the end of his term as President, the immediate past president shall continue as a Director ex officio non-voting member for one year after his elected term as a Director expires. During this period, the past president serves as an advisor to the Board.
- h. Each Director shall serve until his duly elected or appointed successor takes office.

- i. Whenever a vacancy exists on the Board of Directors, the President shall appoint a successor to fill the unexpired term of that Board member.
- j. Any Board Member may, for just cause, be removed from the Board by a 2/3 majority of those present and voting at any meeting.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

The Officers of the Association are also members of the Board of Directors and shall consist of:

PRESIDENT
VICE PRESIDENT
SECRETARY
TREASURER

Officers shall be elected by the Board for a term of one (1) year and shall begin their terms of office January 1st.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

The President shall be elected by the Board of Directors at its first meeting of the fiscal year. A member must have served at least one (1) full year as a Director to be eligible for the office of President. The remaining officers listed in Article IV shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

The President shall:

- 1) Preside at all meetings of the SSCCMGA and Board of Directors;
- 2) Generally supervise the affairs of the SSCCMGA, its officers, affairs and activities;
- 3) Represent the SSCCMGA to outside persons, the Country Club Management Committee, the Women's Golf Association, Massachusetts Golf Association and any other organizations as determined by the Board of Directors;
- 4) Prepare an annual budget within the time and guidelines specified in these By-Laws;
- 5) Prepare a proposed tournament schedule within the time prescribed by these By-Laws.

VICE PRESIDENT

- 1) In the absence of the President, perform the duties of the President.
- 2) Conduct correspondence on behalf of the SSCCMGA;
- 3) In the absence of the President preside over meetings of the SSCCMGA. or Board of Directors.

SECRETARY

- 1) Keep minutes of all meetings of the membership and Board of Directors;
- 2) Maintain a roll of the membership;
- 3) In the absence of the President and Vice-President preside over meetings of the SSCCMGA or Board of Directors.

TREASURER

- 1) Maintain a checking account on behalf of the Association and record all financial transactions affecting the Association;

- 2) Maintain and report upon a full account of monies received and expended;
- 3) Assist the President in preparing the annual budget for approval by the Board of Directors;
- 4) Disburse funds as directed by the Board of Directors in accordance with the budget.

ARTICLE V – COMMITTEES

All Committees shall be established and governed by the Board of Directors. The following Committees or any other Committees as seen fit may be established by the Board of Directors.

TOURNAMENT:	The Board shall appoint a Chair and Vice Chair for each tournament who shall develop formats, determine entry fees and prizes, determine winners, and resolve all issues. Any disputes or interpretations shall be referred to the Tournament Committee and its decision shall be final.
HANDICAP:	The Board shall appoint 3 Directors who shall monitor and, if necessary, adjust handicaps for all SSCCMGA tournaments. A historical-based system that takes into account prior tournament performance data is strongly recommended. The Committee shall encourage posting of all scores, provide education for GHIN postings and review all postings.
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT):	Manage and coordinate website, emails and all IT related communications to and for the SSCCMGA membership.
RULES:	Consult with Pro Shop on local rules. Work with each tournament committee to adjust specific rules for tournaments.
SOCIAL:	Schedule social events and determine all matters relating thereto.
Election:	Operate nomination and election processes. Provide all communications for these processes to SSCCMGA membership.

ARTICLE VI – ELECTIONS

At the September regular meeting of the Board of Directors, the President shall appoint an election committee consisting of three (3) board members. The election committee shall post a sign-up sheet for candidates for the positions of Directors whose terms are expiring. This shall be posted on the bulletin boards of the SSCC clubhouse no later than October 10 of each year. Additional nominees may be nominated on or before October 21 of each year by members in good standing of the SSCCMGA.

Directors shall be elected in November by secret ballot. Ballots shall be mailed to the members no later than November 7 of each year and must be returned on or before 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. The election committee shall serve as judges promptly after the ballot deadlines, count the ballots and report the results of the election to the SSCCMGA. Each member in good standing is entitled to cast one vote for each position to be filled. Any ballot on which the voter voted for more candidates than the number of Directors to be elected will be void. The candidate(s) receiving a plurality of votes shall be elected.

ARTICLE VII – MEMBERSHIP

All male permit holders 21 years of age or older of SSCC are eligible to be members of the SSCCMGA.

The Board of Directors, by a 2/3 vote of those present and voting, shall have the power for just cause to suspend, put on probation or cancel any SSCCMGA member, or not accept into membership any potential member.

ARTICLE VIII – DUES

Association yearly dues shall be established by the Board of Directors. Only permit holders who have paid their dues will be eligible to participate in Association tournaments or other activities sponsored by the Association.

ARTICLE IX – FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Association shall be from January 1st to December 31st.

ARTICLE X – MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

All meetings of the General Membership shall be called by the Board of Directors and posted conspicuously in the clubhouse at least one week before each meeting.

ARTICLE XI - GRIEVANCES

Any grievance must be submitted in writing and signed by any member of the Association to the Board of Directors, who will act on same and communicate its decision to said member as soon as possible.

ARTICLE XII – RULES OF GOLF

The Rules of Golf adopted by the United States Golf Association shall be the rules of this Association supplanted by such local rules as promulgated by the Rules Committee of this Association.

ARTICLE XIII – AMENDMENTS

Any amendments to these By-Laws shall be voted upon by the Board of Directors. Any member of the Association may propose an amendment by submitting same to the Board of Directors in writing. Amendments can be added to the By-Laws on a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors.

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