

BY-LAWS OF THE MINNESOTA
PUBLIC GOLF ASSOCIATION
Revision 18

Article I – Name

The name of this organization shall be The Minnesota Public Golf Association.

Article II – Purposes

The purposes of this Association shall be:

1. To foster, promote and conserve the interest and true spirit of the game of golf in the State of Minnesota.
2. To support and promote events for public golf and/or member clubs.
3. To afford a convenient and authoritative means of arranging dates and places for holding its tournaments and avoiding conflicts with other scheduled events.
4. To conduct any tournaments and events approved and voted by the Executive Committee.
5. To assist the USGA Public Links Championship.

Article III – Membership

Membership in this Association shall:

1. Be limited to paid MPGA public golf clubs located in the State of Minnesota or paid MPGA public golf clubs located in states contiguous to Minnesota which are not members of any other Public Golf Association.
2. Be represented at the Annual Fall and spring meetings of the MPGA by delegated representatives from each member club. Each club represented at these meetings will be allowed only one vote on any motions presented.
3. Be granted, at any time, to an eligible club by a majority vote of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.
4. Vote on major issues affecting the general welfare of the MPGA and brought to it by the Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

Article IV – Board of Directors

There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of the President/leader of each member club, or representative, the Executive Committee of the Association and the USGA Public Links representative. The Board of Directors shall set policy and review and ratify any recommendations presented by the Executive Committee. Except when a formal meeting of the Board of Directors is required or held, any power vested in the Board of Directors may be exercised without formal meeting by the Executive Committee if approved subsequently by a majority of quorum vote of the Board of Directors, either in writing or by telephone, and confirmed in writing.

Article V – Executive Committee

There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of four officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer), at-large members elected by the Board of Directors at its Fall meeting, and the Immediate Past President as an ex officio member. The elected terms shall be:

1. President - 2 years.
 - A. No more than one term.
2. Executive Vice-President – 2 years
 - A. No more than one term
3. Vice-President – 2 years
 - A, No more than one term
4. Secretary & Treasurer – 2 years.
 - A. No more than two terms.
5. Six At-Large Members – 2 years.
 - A. No more than three terms.
6. Immediate Past President – 2 years.
 - A. No more than one term.

A nominating committee co-chaired by the Immediate Past-President and the Vice Presidents shall nominate a slate of candidates to fill the expiring terms of the Executive Committee and make its report at the Fall meeting. Any member club may suggest a nominee for the Executive Committee but must do so by submitting the name of the nominee in writing to the nominating committee not less than 30 days prior to the Fall meeting.

The Executive Committee shall exercise all powers granted it by the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the MPGA, and may establish policies for the Association not inconsistent with the policies established by the Board of Directors or by the membership during the interim meetings of the Board of Directors. Officers and at-large members completing their maximum terms are not eligible for reelection until a minimum of one year

has passed. No member can hold more than one office. In the event there is a need to replace a member of the Executive Committee during his term of office for any reason, the Executive Committee may elect an individual to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

A term of office starts at the Fall Board of Directors meeting/Banquet.

Article VI – Committees

The President shall have the right to appoint regular or ad hoc committees or task forces as the need arises.

Article VII – Meetings

The schedule of meetings for this Association is as follows:

1. Membership – There shall be two regularly scheduled meetings of the full membership.
 - A. The fall meeting shall be held on a Friday evening in late October or early November.
 - B. The spring meeting shall be held on a Friday evening in April.
2. The Executive Committee – The Executive Committee shall meet several times during the year on call by the President.
3. Special Meetings – Special meetings of the Association or Board of Directors may be called by the President upon written request of the majority of the Board Members.
4. Order of Business for Association Meetings – The following order of business shall be observed at all Association meetings:
 - Roll call
 - Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting
 - Treasurer’s Report
 - Election of Officers and Members (Annual Meeting)
 - Unfinished Business
 - New Business
 - Adjournment

At all meetings, the most current Roberts Rules of Order shall be in effect regarding the general order of business.

5. Quorum – At any regular or special meeting of the Association, Board of Directors or Executive Committee, 51 % of the members or 20 member clubs being represented, shall constitute a quorum. Voting by proxy at any meeting will not be permitted.

Article VIII – Duties of Officers and Executive Committee Members

The general duties of the officers and Executive Committee members are as follows:

1. The President

- A. He shall preside at all meetings of the Association, the Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee.
- B. He shall appoint committees and committee chairmen as the need arises.
- C. He shall be an ex officio member of all committees and perform all duties consistent with the office of President.

2. The Executive Vice-President

- A. He may assume the responsibilities of the President in the event the President, for any reason, is unable to do so (this includes conducting meetings).
- B. He shall function as a President-Elect and may be nominated for the President position at the end of the current President's term.
- C. Co-Chair the Nominating Committee
- D. He shall be chairman of the committee for future tournament sites for the MPGA.

3. Vice-President

- A. He may assume the responsibilities of the President in the event that the President or the Executive Vice-President for any reason is unable to do so.
- B. He may be nominated for the Presidents position at the end of the current Presidents term.
- C. He will be the chairman of the match play team competition.
- D. He will co-chair the nominating committee.

4. The Secretary

- a. He shall issue notices of all Association, Board of Directors and Executive Committee meetings and shall record minutes of these meetings.

- b. He shall be responsible for the maintenance of all records, membership rolls, correspondence, etc., pertaining to the Association.
- c. He shall be responsible for billing member clubs for dues and any other expenses to the Association.

5. The Treasurer

- a. He shall be responsible to maintain all financial records for the Association, including the general account, savings account and any special accounts.
- b. He shall prepare an annual written financial report including all Association receipts and expenditures for presentation at the annual meeting and be prepared to submit a detailed written analysis of the Association's financial condition whenever requested.
- c. He shall pay all bills owed by the Association.

6. The Immediate Past President

- a. He shall Co-Chair the Nominating Committee and be responsible for its functions and dates.

7. At-Large Committee Members

- a. Committee members will receive specific duties from the President. These will generally consist of assuming Chairmanship responsibility for Association tournaments, events or other specific assignments relating to tournaments or meetings.

Article IX – Dues

The annual dues from member clubs to the Association shall be set by the Executive Committee and approved by the Board of Directors each year. These dues shall be payable on or before May 1st of each year and must be received by the Association Treasurer no later than May 1st. Clubs not submitting dues by May 1st shall be considered delinquent and its individual members will be declared ineligible for participation in any Association sponsored tournament. Notification of delinquencies shall be sent to the Executive Committee and delinquent clubs shall be dropped from membership if a majority vote from the Executive Committee is received.

Article X – Tournaments

Each year, the Association shall conduct several tournaments or events which may include but not be limited to the State Public Links, the Mid-Amateur/State Individual Low Net, the State Four Ball, Match Play Team Competition and other Inter-Club Competitions, the Combination, and the State Senior. The following procedures will be followed for all Championships:

1. The sites for these tournaments shall be determined on or before the day of the annual meeting preceding the tournament year.
2. The Executive Committee shall determine the structure and format for each tournament prior to the Spring Membership meeting.
3. Tournament entry fees shall be determined by the Executive Committee.
4. A Chairman for each tournament will be appointed by the president and all entries must be sent to the Chairman.
5. Any amateur player is eligible if he is a rostered member in good standing of a club which has been a duly elected member of the MPGA and its current membership dues have been paid by the May 1st deadline date for non-delinquent membership.
6. All MPGA sponsored tournaments shall be played under the rules of the U. S. Golf Association.
7. All Association sponsored tournaments shall be played on schedule regardless of the weather unless prohibited by danger to the person as described in the USGA rules.
8. The Match Play Team Competition event shall be match play under the “Four Ball” rules as defined by the USGA as follows:

Match Play Team Competition ties shall be decided by having each team select two men to play a sudden death best-ball match starting at the first tee.

Article XI – Obligations of Membership

1. Each member club agrees to abide by all the conditions set forth in the By-Laws and policies of the Association and agrees to accept and enforce the decisions made by the Association’s Board of Directors.
2. If, for any reason, a member club does not comply with the By-Laws and policies of this Association or with the decisions of the Board, it renders itself subject to suspension or expulsion by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. If such a vote is forthcoming, the decision can be appealed to the full membership at the annual meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose.
3. No member club may be disqualified or deprived of its membership privileges without sufficient notice. Specific formal charges against any club must be made in writing and said club must be given the opportunity to present its own defense.

Article XII – Amendments

The By-Laws of this Association may be amended by a two-thirds quorum vote of the Board of Directors present and voting at any meeting called for that purpose, provided that written

notice of any proposed amendment shall have been mailed to the Board Members at least thirty days prior to the meeting.

Amended and Adopted

This April 30, 2010 by the
Membership of the Minnesota Public Golf Association