

**N.J. SENIOR GOLF LEAGUE**  
**BY-LAWS**

ARTICLE 1- NAME

The name of this Private Golf Club shall be the NEW JERSEY SENIOR GOLF LEAGUE.

ARTICLE II- PURPOSE

1. To encourage and provide organized competitive Men's Senior Golf at New Jersey golf courses.
2. To promote and foster among the Teams and individual Members a closer bond and fraternity 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 the ancient and honorable traditions.
3. To encourage conformance to the USGA Rules of Golf in so far as possible.
4. To maintain a uniform system of handicapping as set forth in the USGA Handicap System and issue Club Indexes to its Members.
5. To provide an authoritative body to govern and conduct League competitions.

ARTICLE III- MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership shall consist of Teams, each Team playing out of a golf course located in New Jersey.
  - (a) A new team must notify the League Secretary of its desire to join the League, in writing no later than January 1 of the competition year. The request will be forwarded to the League's Officers and Executive Committee for review and recommendations. The recommendations will be voted on by the Captains as soon as is possible either via a Special Meeting or by an Internet vote,
2. Each Team shall be limited to a maximum of 25 Individual Members. Members may be replaced by New Members at any time. New team members shall have an established USGA, or compatible, handicap index of 26.4 or less.
3. Any member that leaves a team can be reinstated to that team, one-time in the same year, providing the following conditions are met:
  - the team's 25 member limit is not exceeded
  - the team captain notifies the League Secretary in writing
  - the returning member's handicap is restored by the League's handicap provider, unless it is requested that it be reset due to injury or long absence.
4. Each member shall be a Senior Male Golfer who has reached a minimum age of sixty years and shall pay dues assessed by the respective team Captain.
5. The Captain of each Team shall have the sole responsibility for selecting members of his Team.
6. An accurate roster must be communicated, in writing, to the League Secretary. This roster must be made available to the opposing team if requested. A captain, when activating a new member that will exceed the 25 member maximum, shall indicate, within the same written communication, the member he chooses to deactivate.

PENALTY: 3 Points shall be deducted from a team that played a match with an excess of 25 members

ARTICLE IV- OFFICERS

1. The Officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.
2. The President and Vice-President shall be either current Team Captains, Co-Captains or Past Captains.
3. All Officers shall serve for one year and be elected at the Annual Meeting in November. The President and Vice-President shall be limited to serving three consecutive terms.
4. The Duties of the Officers are:
  - (a) President - The President shall preside at all meetings of the League and shall have general supervision over the business and affairs of the League, and shall appoint such committees as necessary.

The President is responsible to the Committee of Captains as described in Article VI.

#### ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS continued

(b) Vice-President - the Vice-President shall assume all duties and responsibilities of the office of President in the absence of, or the disability of, the President, or when called upon by the President. He shall perform any other duties which may be assigned to him by the President.

(c) Secretary - The Secretary shall keep a timely and accurate record of all proceedings at all League meetings. He shall be the custodian of the records and other papers of the League not under the direct responsibility of any other officer. He shall give written notice to the Officers, Captains and Co-Captains of all meetings, and handle all correspondence under the direction of the President and other Officers. The Secretary is responsible for developing and disseminating League Match Schedules, League Rosters and Team Standings reports, and for overseeing the development and dissemination of League Handicaps. The Secretary is responsible for compiling and analyzing weekly Match Results for reporting to the Handicap Provider, and is responsible to ensure that all Course Ratings are accurately recorded by the League. The Secretary is responsible for compiling and analyzing results to declare winners of Year-end Awards. The Secretary is responsible for rendering the initial decision on disputes that arise within the League. The Secretary is paid a fee of \$600 per annum, **plus a flat fee of \$100 for expenses**, in recognition of the importance of his office to the League and the record keeping that he must perform.

An Assistant Secretary position may be used by the Secretary to aid in the recording and posting of League information and as a training position as future Secretary. The Assistant Secretary shall receive an annual stipend of \$300, plus **\$50 for expenses**.

(d) Treasurer - the Treasurer shall be responsible for the finances and the accounting/financial records of the League. He shall report the League's financial status at each meeting as described in Article V, and provide recommendations as he sees appropriate to continue the activities of the League. He will be responsible for the timely deposit of League receipts, and his signature or the signature of the President shall be essential for the validity of all checks.

#### ARTICLE V- DUES

Team dues shall be set each year by the Committee of Captains at the Organization meeting in March. **The team dues for 2016 will be \$150 per team.** Also at the March meeting, the Treasurer shall read and submit a revenue/expense summary report for the prior year. All deposit and receipt documentation for the prior year should then be turned over to the Secretary along with a copy of the Treasurer's report. It is recommended that the Treasurer's revenue/expense summary report include the following items:

- checkbook opening balance
- deposits (dues, etc.)
- expenditures (show following detail):
  - league secretary fee
  - league secretary expenses
  - donations (USGA, etc.)
  - annual luncheon awards
- miscellaneous- checkbook closing balance.

#### ARTICLE VI- COMMITTEES

The Primary Committee shall be the Committee of Captains whose members shall have sole voting privileges. The main function of this Committee is to perform as the Governing Body of the League.

Additional Committees to be appointed by the President shall be as follows:

1. Executive Committee - comprised of three members for the purpose of resolving, in a very timely manner, any issues pertaining to the League's rules and bylaws, and any filed match dispute that reaches Section 17C of the League's Conditions Governing Competition .
2. Handicap Committee - the Chairman of which shall be the League Secretary.
3. Nominating Committee - comprised of two to three member for the purpose of nominating, at the November meeting, a slate of officers for the coming year.

The President may appoint other Committees from time to time as needed.

## ARTICLE VII- MEETINGS

1. There shall be an Organization Meeting in March, which shall be held the first Tuesday of March of each year.
2. Additional Meetings shall be called by the President as required or upon written request to the President by at least five Captains.
3. A Legal Quorum for all meetings shall be a minimum representation of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the number of Teams in the League (currently 10 minimum). The Team Captain or his designated Representative shall represent each Team.
4. A Majority of all Teams present shall be required to pass any motion. The President shall vote to break any tie vote.
5. There shall be an Annual Meeting held usually on the Friday after Election Day in November. At that time the Nominating Committee shall propose officers for the succeeding year. The Committee of Captains shall vote for officers. Following the meeting there will be an Annual Awards Luncheon held for good golfing fellowship and the awarding of Individual and Team Trophies. The League President is designated as the Luncheon Host.

## ARTICLE VIII- AMENDMENTS

**Any motions passed by the Captains concerning the BY-LAWS, as well as the CONDITIONS GOVERNING COMPETITION, the RULES OF PLAY and any LOCAL RULES will automatically amend said documents.**

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