

**NORTH EAST FLORIDA SENIOR GOLF ASSOCIATION, INC.  
BY-LAWS**

**Article 1**

**Name**

**1.1 - The Name of the Corporation.**

The Corporation, which is a nonprofit corporation organized under The Corporation Act of The State of Florida, is the North East Florida Senior Golf Association, Inc. (NEFSGA), hereinafter the Association.

**1.2 - The Principal Office.**

The Office shall be situated in the State of Florida at such specific locations as determined by the Board of Directors from time to time. The Association may also have other offices as the Board of Directors determine.

**Article 2**

**Purpose**

**2.1 - General Purpose.**

The Association is organized and operated for the following general purposes:

(a) Exclusively as a social club organized and operated for the pleasure and recreation of its members within the meaning of §501(c) (7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as amended) or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law. 2.1.

(b) To exercise such of the rights, powers, duties and authority of a nonprofit corporation organized under the Nonprofit Corporation Act of the State of Florida which are consistent with the preceding paragraph.

(c) The Association shall not engage in the business of making its social and recreational facilities available to the general public. Further, the Association shall not make any solicitation of the general public to utilize club facilities.

## **2.2 - Specific Purpose.**

The specific purposes of the Association include, without limitation, the following:

- (a) To promote friendly competition and good fellowship among amateur senior golfers.
- (b) To conduct at least 23 golf tournaments and competitions.
- (c) To hold an annual championship tournament.
- (d) And to advance the best interests of golf among senior players.

## **Article 3 Membership**

### **3.1 - Qualifications for Membership.**

To join NEFSGA, an applicant must meet the following qualifications:

- (a) Have attained the age of 50 years old.
- (b) Be a member in good standing of a North East Florida Golf Club or an applicant residing in the North East Florida area approved by the Board of Directors.
- (c) Have an amateur standing.

### **3.2 - Membership Dues**

New Membership Fees and annual dues shall be determined by The Board of Directors and published in the General Information Section of the Website.

### **3.3 - Annual Meeting of Members.**

The annual meeting of members will be held at the conclusion of the December tournament each year. At each annual meeting the directors of the

Club shall then be elected, but if such meeting is not held or if directors are not elected thereat, they may be elected in any special meeting of the voting members held for that purpose.

### **3.4 - Suspension or Termination of Membership.**

Any member may have his membership suspended or terminated by the Board of Directors after notice to him of the charges against him and being given due opportunity to be heard by the Board. Charges against him/her are considered substantiated by failure of the member to make an answer or for non-appearance before the Board. Failing to pay dues will result in suspension. Members may be reprimanded, suspended or terminated for conduct, which in the Board's opinion, violates our by-laws, or is harmful to the reputation of the Association. The member has the right to meet with the Board to explain any items in dispute.

### **3.5 - Honorary Members.**

Any distinguished or worthy senior may, by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors, be elected an Honorary Member of the Association. An Honorary Member may enjoy all the rights and privileges of membership and is exempt from payment of annual dues

### **3.6 - Guests.**

Members may invite a guest to play in an association event providing that there is room for a guest without denying a member entry to the event. Guests will not be eligible to win a completion.

## **Article 4** **Board of Directors**

### **4.1 - Powers.**

Subject to any limitations of the Articles of Incorporation, the Florida Nonprofit Corporation Act or these Bylaws, all corporate powers shall be exercised by, or under the authority of, and the business and affairs of the Association shall be controlled by the Board of Directors. Without prejudice

to such general powers, but subject to the same limitations, it is hereby expressly declared that the directors shall have the following powers:

(a) To appoint and remove all officers of the Association subject to such limitations as may appear in the Bylaws, and to prescribe such powers and duties for officers as may not be inconsistent with law, with the Articles of Incorporation, or the Bylaws.

(b) To conduct, manage and control the affairs of the Association and to make such rules and regulations therefor, not inconsistent with law, or with the Articles of Incorporation, or the Bylaws, as they may deem best.

#### **4.2 - Number of Directors.**

The governing body of this Association is the Board of Directors which consists of twelve (12) members. The Board shall have the right to appoint an Emeritus Board Member to preserve a board member of invaluable experience on the board. In no case shall the Board exceed thirteen (13) members.

#### **4.3 - Election of Directors.**

Each year four (4) qualified candidates for the Board of Directors shall be elected at the Annual Meeting and serve a term of three (3) years, thereby staggering the terms of the directors. The Nominating Committee shall present a list of candidates nominated to fill the open positions at least thirty days prior to the annual meeting. This list of candidates will be published on the Website.

#### **4.4 - Qualifications for Office.**

Every director must be a member in good standing of this Association. No person who is holding public office is eligible to be a director. Each director shall serve without compensation except for reasonable expenses incurred for the Club. Directors appointed by the holder of any office or an officer or board of any other organization are to act in their own right and not as a representative of any interest or group. Each director shall be at least 50 years of age.

#### **4.5 - Executive Committee.**

The Directors may delegate administrative duties and other functions to the Executive Committee which shall consist of President, First and Second Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Tournament Director and the Immediate Past President.

### **Article 5**

#### **Officers**

##### **5.1 - Officers.**

The officers shall be a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer, who shall be elected from members of the Board. Two offices may be held by the same person except no one can simultaneously serve as President and First or Second Vice President.

##### **5.2 - Duties of the President.**

The President shall have general management of the current affairs of the Association and shall preside at the meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors. He/She shall appoint and also be an ex-officio member of all committees with the right to vote at all meetings thereof.

##### **5.3 - Duties of the Vice Presidents.**

The First Vice President shall, in the absence, death or physical inability of the President, act in his/her stead in all matters. In the case of absence, death or physical inability of both the President and First Vice President, the Second Vice President shall act in his/her stead.

##### **5.4 - Duties of the Secretary/Treasurer.**

(a) The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Association and deposit them in a financial institution as ordered by the Directors.

(b) The Treasurer shall pay all bills incurred for activities authorized by the Board of Directors and present an annual statement of receipts and expenditures at the first meeting of the Board after the election of officers meeting.

(c) Assistant Treasurers may be appointed. They shall make a prompt report of all expenditures to the Treasurer.

(d) At each Board of Directors meeting the Treasurer shall report the receipts and expenditures.

(e) The Treasurer will receive an account for all income from events and other sources.

(f) The Secretary shall work with the Tournament Director to plan, prepare and send out all tournament or other event notices. He/She shall prepare all bulletins of interest to the members, communications to the officers and directors for executive and other action and other notices as requested by the President or chairmen of permanent committees. He/She shall have the authority to incur and pay any reasonable expense necessary for the carrying out of these duties.

(g) Any officer of the association who handles funds will, if directed by the Directors, be bonded. The Directors shall designate the amount of the bond.

(h) Within 60 days after taking office, the President will cause an audit of all financial records of the association to be made. Results of such audit shall be reported to the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

(i) The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings and provide the Board of Directors with copies as soon as possible after each meeting. He/She shall assist the President when correspondence to members of the Board of Directors is required. He/She will also maintain the records of the Association.

## **5.5 - Compensation of Officers.**

Compensation of Officers or Committee Chairman if any, will be determined by the Board of Directors.

## **Article 6 Committees**

### **6.1 - Standing Committees.**

There shall be a Tournament Committee chaired by a Tournament Director, a Membership Committee, a Handicap Committee and a Nominating Committee. The Chairperson of all Committees shall be appointed by the President. Other Committees may be approved by the Board.

- (a) The Tournament Committee shall be responsible for the monthly tournaments during the year.
  
- (b) The Handicap Committee shall work closely with the Tournament Director and establish a player handicap approved or recognized by the Handicap Committee. Once a member has an established handicap it will be used in all events.
  
- (c) The Membership Committee shall handle all matters pertaining to membership including:
  - 1. Distributing and receiving applications.
  - 2. Recommending to the Board of Directors applicants for admission.
  - 3. Handling all membership correspondence and maintaining all lists and files as required.
  - 4. Recommend and carry out membership policy as approved by the Board of Directors.
  - 5. Collect initiation fees and annual dues and forward checks to the Treasurer.
  - 6. Prepare membership lists for publication in the Annual Directory.

(d) The Nominating Committee shall generate a slate of candidates to fill open Board positions in the coming year.

## **6.2 - Special Committees.**

The Board may establish such special Committees as it deems appropriate with such duties and responsibilities as it shall designate, except that no Committee has the power to do any of the things a Committee is prohibited from doing under the Florida Nonprofit Corporation Act. The Board shall appoint the members of such Committees. Persons other than directors may be appointed to such Committees, but the Chair of each Committee must be a director of the Association.

## **Article 7 TOURNAMENTS**

### **7.1 - Monthly Tournaments.**

(a) The Tournament Director shall offer two tournaments each month, except December, which shall have one.

(b) Tournament sign-up and cancellation policies shall be set by the Tournament Director with the approval of the Board of Directors.

(c) Tournaments shall be flighted based on handicap with prizes awarded in each flight. No flight shall have less than 9 golfers.

(d) Flights and prizes shall be determined by the Tournament Director based on number of entries.

(e) The Tournament Director is responsible for determining winners.

(f) Each year there will be a Club Championship Tournament. All

prizes shall be certificates for pro-shop credit at the hosting Club.



## **Article 8 ELECTIONS**

### **8.1 - Annual Meeting.**

At least 30 days prior to the December Annual Meeting, the President shall notify the general membership of the date and place of the Annual Meeting.

### **8.2 - Nominations.**

(a) At least 45 days prior to the December Annual Meeting, the President shall appoint the Chairman of the Nominating Committee. The Immediate Past President shall be first in line for the appointment. Two other members shall also be appointed to the Committee.

(b) The Nominating Committee shall present a slate consisting of one candidate for each open board position and the slate of candidates shall be made available to the membership at least three weeks prior to the Annual Meeting by posting same on the website and/or upon request to the President.

(c) The Board will accept nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting and such candidates shall be presented for a vote together with the nominees presented by the Nominating Committee.

### **8.3 - Election of Officers.**

Immediately following the election of the Board of Directors, the Board shall elect, from its own members, officers to open positions.

## **ARTICLE 9 PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES**

### **9.1 - Actions Jeopardizing Tax Status.**

This Association shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income taxes under §501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law.

### **9.2 - Lobbying and Political Activity.**

The Association may not devote a substantial part of its activities for lobbying purposes (including the publishing or distribution of statements) or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

### **9.3 - Private Inurement.**

No part of the net income or net assets of the Association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its directors, officers or members. However, the Association is authorized to pay reasonable compensation to employees for services actually rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its tax exempt purposes.

### **9.4 - Non-Discrimination.**

In the conduct of all aspects of its activities, the Association shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, national origin or gender.

### **9.5 - Litigation.**

The Association shall not be a voluntary party in any litigation without the prior written approval of the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE 10

### AUTHORITY TO AMEND BY-LAWS

#### 10.1 - These by-laws may be amended.

(a) The Board must be given the proposed changes at least two weeks before a Board Meeting. Change in the By-Laws may occur on the favorable vote of two-thirds of the Board Members at an official meeting of the Board.

(b) Any nine Association members may propose a By-Law change by presenting the proposed change in writing to the President. Such submission will be presented to the Board and acted upon under the provisions of ARTICLE 10-1, (a).

**NEFSGA, Inc.**  
**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

*Terms used as defined terms in these Rules and Regulations shall have the meaning set forth in The Bylaws of The Northeast Florida Senior Golf Association, Inc("Association".)*

**General Rules**

The Northeast Florida Senior Golf Association, Inc was formed to promote competition and camaraderie, priding itself on the best of both traditional and contemporary experiences for its members. These Rules and Regulations (the “Rules”) are established for the benefit of all members and to assist in the orderly and fair conduct of the Association. An important element of the Association community is that each member should know and respect these rules, as well as the rights and privileges of all other members. These Rules are established to assist our members in understanding the decorum, respectable conduct, and expectations for everyone. Members are urged to thoroughly familiarize themselves with these Rules.

These Rules have been created in 2021 and adopted by the Board of Directors. These Rules shall remain in full force and effect until they are modified or amended from time to time by the Board of Directors. Thank you in advance for your attention and respect for these guidelines, which help us to maintain an outstanding environment and standards for everyone who belongs to the NEFSGA family.

**General Membership Rules**

Qualified applicants shall be admitted January through December, paying full annual dues. Applicants joining after October 1<sup>st</sup> each year will be members for the remaining portion of that year until December 31<sup>st</sup> of the next year.

Membership Dues are \$65.00 per year. A new member will pay the dues upon submitting their application.

There will be a yearlong Points Series that all members are automatically entered. Points are earned both through attendance and performance. It will be flighted, and individual Flight winners will be awarded a free membership for the following year.

### **Administrative Costs**

The Board of Directors shall not receive compensation, but the following personal expenses shall be paid.

Treasurer - \$150 per event

Secretary - \$30.00 per month

Handicap Chairman - \$90 per month

Membership Chairman - \$70 per month

Tournament Director \$250 per event.

### **Tournaments**

An invitation will be emailed to you for each tournament. then make payment by credit card. You will be entered in the tournament. If you will not be playing it is requested that you click not playing on the invitation.

The cost of each event will be posted on the Portal along with the time and details of the event. Members are subject to the below policies regarding Credit Cards, Cancellation, and Weather Cancellation.

### **Credit Card Policy**

- All payments will by Credit Card.
- There will be an invitation sent by Golf Genius. Indicate you are playing, and you will be taken to the payment page. Use a credit card to make your payment.
- Stripe is our credit card handling company.

### **Cancellation policy:**

If you pay by credit card and you drop out of the tournament prior to five (5) days before the tournament date, your money will be refunded. A \$10 fee for credit card processing will be deducted.

- No refund for any cancellation less than five (5) days prior to the date of the tournament. No exceptions.
- The Tournament Director must be notified of any cancellations.

## **NEFSGA Weather Cancellation Policy:**

### **Prior to event starting:**

Continuing rain for the balance of the day

- Course cancels the event
- No payment to course

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- All checks shredded
- Tournament Director concurs with cancellation

If the event has started:

- Course management closes the course
  - No payment to the course
- The tournament is cancelled if less than 30% of the players complete the round
  - Payment to course for 100% of golf and food
  - Prize money is used to reduce future tournament fees
  - Skins dollars paid back to the competitors.
  - Blind bogey carried over to next event
  - Raffle tickets carried over to the next event

### **Guest Policy.**

A guest may join a member in a tournament if there is sufficient capacity available. The guest pays the same fees as the member but is not eligible for any of the flight prizes or eligible for any of the extra cash games offered for that event. The same guest can only play 2 times in a calendar year.

### **Rules of Play**

#### **ALL USGA RULES APPLY**

#### **NEFSGA LOCAL RULES**

- Triple Bogey is max on any hole
- Out of bounds or lost ball drop ball where last seen 1 stroke penalty
- Exchange scorecards between carts in each foursome
- Completed scorecards must be turned in at the scoring table
- Monitor pace of play and keep up with the group ahead of you
- Live scoring on a cell phone is mandatory

These Rules and Regulations are supplemental to the By-laws of Northeast Florida Senior Golf Association for the operation of the Association. Should there be a conflict, the By-laws shall prevail.