

Northern California Golf Association of the Deaf

By-Laws

Revised: July 2020

Article 1—Name

S1: The name of this organization shall be the Northern California Golf Association of the Deaf, known as NCGAD.

Article 2—Purpose

S1: The purpose of this organization shall be the encouragement and promotion of golf among the deaf.

Article 3—Membership

S1: Membership shall be open to all deaf men and women residing in Northern California.

S2: Hearing people who can sign (such as CODAs; advanced sign language students) and those who have an interest in the deaf community shall be allowed to join in as members.

Article 4—Officers and Duties

S1: There shall be five officers: a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary-Treasurer, and a Tournament Director.

S2: The **President** shall preside at all meetings, appoint committees, and countersign checks. He shall be editor of our annual meetings.

S3: The **Vice-President** presides in the absence of the President. He shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the members, such as keeping the handicap records of tournaments, etc.

S4: The **Secretary-Treasurer** shall keep minutes of meetings, take care of correspondence, keep copies of all important documents, such as the By-Laws, Standing rules, records of tournaments, etc. and shall send minutes to the tournament chairman who shall send along with notices of tournaments to members. The Secretary-Treasurer will be a co-signer of NCGAD financial transactions.

S5: The **Secretary-Treasurer** shall also collect dues and tournament fees, keep receipts of all expenditures, sign checks. He shall make a financial report once a year, which must be audited by and an auditor hand-picked by the President.

S6: The **tournament director** is responsible for preparing the golf schedule for the whole year. He shall contact golf courses for appropriate dates, sign contracts, arrange for deposits, prepare flyers for members in cooperation with the treasurer, and perform other duties as necessary. He will mail out notices of tournaments and minutes.

S7: Officers shall be elected in November to take office in January of the following year. They shall hold office for a term of two years.

Article 5—Quorum

S1: The quorum for a business meeting shall be a majority of the members in good standing.

Article 6—Meetings

S1: Meetings shall be held at the call of the President or the Tournament Director. An e mail vote of the membership may be taken if necessary.

Article 7—Dues

S1: Dues shall be 10 dollars a year, payable in by the first tournament of the year.

Article 8---Amendments

S1: Amendments to the By-Laws may be made at any meeting provided a quorum is present. A 2/3 vote of members present and voting is necessary to pass any amendment.

Article 9—Standing Rules

S1: Standing rules for the conduct of tournaments, such as the handicap system, the percentage of prizes, and other details are not a part of the By-Laws. They may be made at any meeting, provided a quorum is present, by a majority vote. The Tournament director shall make decisions regarding placement of tees and other tournament decisions. S2: The handicap system is used for all members who have played at least three NCGAD tournaments.

S3: To figure one's handicap:

- add scores of last 3-5 rounds
- Divide by 3 to 5 to get an average
- subtract 72
- multiply by .67

S4: Handicap is limited to 36 or use World Handicap System if you are a member (more info can be found via whs.com)

S5: Flight groups shall be determined by number of entries.

•Generally there will be three groups of 10 who compete among themselves in the flight for cash or other prizes. There shall be an additional group(s) if there are 40 or more players.

S6: Prize money will be distributed to winners such as net scores and skins.

S7: There shall be cash prizes for closest to pin on all par three holes. All golfers participating in a tournament shall be eligible for these prizes.

S8: Winter rules shall be used to hasten play. Move ball 6 inches back or to either side.

Follow USGA or local golf course rules for out-of-bounds and other situations.

S9: USGA rules for out of bounds and lost balls should apply stroke and distance. In case provisional ball is not played, there shall be a 1 stroke penalty.

S10: Ball in water is 1 stroke penalty.

S11: Guests may play by paying green fees.