



**SAN DIEGO COUNTY SENIORS GOLF ASSOCIATION OF SAN DIEGO**

Established August 12, 1951 – San Diego, CA

P.O. Box 420421  
San Diego, CA 92142-0421  
[www.sdcsga.org](http://www.sdcsga.org)

**BY-LAWS  
STANDING RULES**

**By-Laws:** Pages 1-6

**Standing Rules:** Pages 7-8

# **BY-LAWS OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY SENIORS GOLF ASSOCIATION**

## **ARTICLE I – NAME**

This Association shall be known as the San Diego County Seniors Golf Association, hereinafter called, in these By-Laws, the “Association.”

## **ARTICLE II – PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Association are to foster and promote the spirit of camaraderie and good fellowship among senior golfers residing in San Diego County and conduct one or more tournaments each year for its members.

## **ARTICLE III – MANAGEMENT OF ASSOCIATION AFFAIRS**

The control and management of the Association and of its affairs, funds and property are entrusted to and vested in a group of no less than seven (7) or more than thirteen (13) active members, elected or appointed in accordance with Article IV, below, who corporately are known as the Board of Governors of the Association. A simple majority of Governors shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business.

## **ARTICLE IV – BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

Section 1. Members of the Board of Governors, hereinafter called the Board, must be members of the Association, are elected by vote of the membership at the Annual General Meeting and hold office for a term of three (3) years beginning at the conclusion of such meeting. No Governor may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms as such. However, a Governor may be elected to an additional one-year term if the Board deems it to be in the best interests of the Association with the conditions being described more fully in Article VII, Section I. of these By-laws.

Section 2. A vacancy which may occur in an office of Governor in the interim between Annual General Meetings may be filled through appointment by the remaining members of the Board. A Governor so appointed shall serve for the unexpired portion of the term of the Governor whom he replaces. Should the Board choose not to make such appointment, the vacancy for the unexpired term shall be filled by election at the next Annual General Meeting.

## **ARTICLE V – ELECTION TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

Section 1. The slate of nominees proposed for the consideration by the Board shall be presented to the membership in open session at the Annual General Meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor provided that the proposer can assure the Presiding Officer that the nominee has agreed to serve if elected.

Section 2. When nominations have closed, the Presiding Officer shall conduct a vote. In the event there are more nominees than there offices to be filled, the nominee with the greatest number of votes shall be considered to have been elected. In like manner, the remaining nominees in descending order of number of votes cast for them, shall be considered to have been elected until such time as all of the offices to be filled have been filled.

## ARTICLE VI – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any resident of San Diego County who has attained the age of fifty-five (55) and who is in good repute is eligible for active membership in the Association. An application for membership, which must be in writing and endorsed by a current member of the Association, becomes effective upon approval by the Membership Committee and payment, by the applicant, of appropriate fees.

Section 2. The membership of the Association shall consist of up to 200 active members. The Board may establish a waiting list of applicants to be considered, in order of their placement on that list, for admission to membership as vacancies occur within the ceiling.

Section 3. The Board of Governors may elect any deserving member of the Association to “Honorary Life” status. Such status normally shall be reserved to those members who attained their 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and who have been active in the Association for at least fifteen (15) years. Honorary Life members are exempt from the payment of annual fees but shall have all the rights and privileges of active membership in the Association.

Section 4. The Board of Governors may expel any member from the Association for good cause after giving due notice to him of the charges against him and due opportunity to be heard.

## ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Section 1. The officers of the Association are a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer; appointed from among their own number by members of the Board at the July Board meeting. These officers serve a one-year term beginning at the close of the Annual General Meeting and continuing to the close of the next such meeting. There shall be no term limits imposed on any of these officers so long as any additional term is clearly in the best interest of the Association and then only if approved by a vote of the membership present at the Annual General Meeting.

### Section 2.

An Immediate Past-President may be elected to serve an additional one-year term only if the President is also elected to serve an additional term. If no time is left after the Immediate Past-President has served as President, a one-year extension shall automatically be in place in order for the position of the Immediate Past-President be fulfilled.

Section 3. The President or, in his absence, the Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer, in that order, shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Board. The Presiding Officer shall report on all matters, which in his opinion are important to or of benefit to the Association and its members.

Section 4. The Secretary keeps the records and minutes of meetings for the Association and of the Board, attends to the correspondence of the Association and the Board, maintains a current roster of all duly elected members and of applicants for membership.

Section 5. The Treasurer collects annual fees from members. He has custody of and shall safeguard and account for the funds and property of the Association, paying bills as presented.

## ARTICLE VIII – COMMITTEES

Section 1. There are the following standing committees of the Association: Executive, Finance, Nominating, Membership, Tournament and Handicap.

Section 2. The Executive Committee consists of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Immediate Past President. This committee expedites the routine business of the Association but shall report regularly to the whole Board for confirmation of its acts.

Section 3. The Finance Committee consists of the Treasurer and up to two (2) additional members of the Board appointed by the Executive Committee if so desired. One of the members so appointed shall serve as Chairman.

- a. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all revenue and make disbursements on behalf of the Association as necessary, and shall be held accountable for proper documentation of same.
- b. The Finance Committee is responsible for obtaining an independent audit of the accounts of the Treasurer at the end of the Association's fiscal year, which runs from September 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Section 4. The Nominating Committee consists of the executive Committee. The President shall designate one to serve as Chairman. The Committee shall identify nominees in number at least equivalent to the number of positions on the Board which are scheduled to be vacated because terms are ending. Such nominees shall, with individual's consent, be proposed to the membership at large for election at the Annual General Meeting into positions to be vacated. At the request of the Board, the Committee also shall propose one or more nominees for appointment by the Board (in accordance with Article IV, Section 2, above) into a position vacated in the interim between Annual General Meetings. This committee shall also nominate the officers to serve for the ensuing year from the current members of the Board of Governors. Both the slate of nominees to fill Board vacancies and the slate of officers shall be presented to the Board of Governors at the July Board meeting.

Section 5. The Membership Committee may consist of up to three (3) members of the Board of Governors appointed by the Executive Committee. The President shall designate one of these members to serve as Chairman. The Committee shall take the steps necessary to insure that there is an adequate membership waiting list, shall review each application for membership in the Association and may approve those it considers to be qualified for membership.

Section 6. The Tournament Committee may consist of up to three (3) members appointed by the Executive Committee. The President shall designate one of these members to serve as Chairman.

- a. Each calendar year the Committee selects the time, place and type of play for the various competitions of the Association and presents the schedule to the Board for approval.
- b. It is the responsibility of the Tournament Chairman, or his designate, to check (by phone) with the course one (1) month in advance of play and again seven (7) days in advance of play to determine that the Association is expected on the appointed day,

provisions have been made for the host-starter's table, etc. At the same time he is to determine that a host-starter is available to check players in. He shall also insure that the pro shop is prepared to accept score cards as players complete their rounds and that someone has been designated to pick-up said cards and mail them to the Handicap Chairman in the previously supplied self-addressed stamped envelope.

- c. The Host-Starter is responsible for the collection and disbursement of tournament revenue. He shall reconcile and be held accountable to the Finance Committee and Secretary in a timely manner after each tournament. At the discretion of the Board, the Host-Starter may be paid a stipend for his services.
- d. The Committee supervises the conduct of play in all competitions and is the final arbiter of all complaints or appeals arising from such play. At the discretion of the Board, the Tournament Chairman may be paid a stipend for his services.

Section 7. The Handicap Committee may consist of up to three (3) members appointed by the Executive Committee. The President shall designate one of these members to serve as chairman. The Committee, with Board approval, shall establish the system under which a playing handicap shall be assigned each member of the Association for competition purposes and thereafter shall maintain a continually updated record of such handicaps for use by the member in each of the Association's competitions. At the discretion of the Board, the Handicap Chairman may be paid a stipend for his services.

Section 8. The President may create, in addition to these standing committees, such special committees as are necessary for specific purposes and abolish such committees when the ad hoc purpose for which they were created have been served. At the discretion of the Board, Special Committee Chairmen may be paid a stipend for their service.

#### ARTICLE IX – COMPETITIONS AND TOURNAMENTS

Section 1. The Association shall hold regular competitions for its members, normally once each month, at times and places to be designated by the Board and announced in a timely fashion to the Membership. All play shall be in accordance with the Rule of the United States Golf Association as amended by the Local Rules of the course being played and subject to further amendment by the Tournament Committee.

Section 2. The Board shall establish a procedure to ensure the equitable allocation of starting times to players in the Association's competitions.

Section 3. A spring outing shall be designated the Cy Ramage Tournament and shall be a best-ball-of-partners tournament. This tournament shall be limited to members only.

Section 4. The regular monthly competition held in August of each year shall be known as the Rod Cameron Memorial Tournament. Unless otherwise directed by the Board, this tournament shall be conducted at medal play over eighteen (18) holes with players assigned to classes according to age as follows:

Upon completion of play a list will be prepared of members who completed all 18 holes. The list will contain the name, birth date, gross score and handicap of each player. The list will then be sorted by birth date in ascending sequence. The Handicap Chairman will divide the list, as

evenly as possible, into five (5) equal groups, making certain that the members with a similar birth date are assigned to the same group.

The five (5) groups will be referred to as:

Class A+	Oldest Members
Class A	2 <sup>nd</sup> Oldest Members
Class B	3 <sup>rd</sup> Oldest Members
Class C	4 <sup>th</sup> Oldest Members
Class D	Youngest Members

At the discretion of the Handicap Chairman, if he deems there are not enough players in a class, classes may be combined. This tournament is for members only.

Section 5.

At either or both the Cy Ramage Tournament or Rod Cameron Memorial Tournament, the Board may authorize guests to play when it can be determined that there are fewer than 144 members signed-up to play. Guests would have to pay the full costs of green fees and cart rental; would not be eligible to compete for prizes; and, would not submit a scorecard.

Section 6. A “Senior Champion” shall be determined each year by the lowest gross score made in any class in the Rod Cameron Tournament. (Such honor, however, cannot be won more than once by the same person until he is in another age group.)

Section 7. A “Senior of Seniors” champion shall be determined each year by the lowest gross score made in Class A+ in the Rod Cameron Tournament. (Such honor, however, may not be awarded more than once in two (2) years to any one person.)

Section 8. The Reuben H. Fleet Award shall go to that member achieving the most points (lowest net) during the year’s play. (Such honor, however, may not be awarded more often than once in two (2) years to anyone person.)

ARTICLE X – FEES

Section 1. There shall be no initiation fee for membership in the Association. However, the Board of Governors may establish a registration fee to be paid by all applicants at the time of application.

Section 2. The Board of Governors shall set an annual fee to be subscribed by each member, except Honorary Life members (Article V, Section 3). The amount of such fees shall be sufficient to cover the estimated costs of the routine expenses of the Association.

Section 3. The annual fee is due and payable September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year and becomes delinquent on October 1<sup>st</sup>. the Board of Governors may take such action, including suspension from competition or termination of membership, as it deems appropriate in each case of delinquency.

Section 4. The annual fee to be paid by an applicant who accedes to membership between September and February pay the full annual fee. The Annual fee to paid by an applicant who accedes to membership between March and August pay one half the full annual fee. The Board

of Governors may rebate all or part of the annual fee to a member whose membership is terminated without prejudice during the year.

#### ARTICLE XI – MEETINGS

Section 1. The Board of Governors shall meet regularly, twice each year, in the months of January and July. Additional meetings may be held as conditions warrant.

Section 2. The annual meeting of the general membership for the transaction of Association business and for the election of members of the Board shall be held in the month of September at a time and place to be designated by the Board and notified to the individual members by appropriate means at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of such meeting. The slate of nominees proposed by the Board for election to the Board at this meeting shall be included with this notification. This meeting is for those who have been, or became, members during the past year.

Section 3. The members present at such Annual General Meeting constitute a quorum for the conduct of Association business.

Section 4. At all meetings, Robert’s Rules of Order apply in matters not covered by these By-Laws.

#### ARTICLE XIII – AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

The Board shall have the power, when conditions so necessitate, to amend or suspend temporarily any provisions of these By-Laws. Any such temporary amendment or suspension is subject to ratification by the membership at the next Annual General Meeting. Otherwise amendments shall be made by the members assembled at the Annual General Meeting. Timely notification of any proposals to amend these By-Laws shall be provided to the membership for their review prior to the meeting at which they shall be acted upon.

#### ARTICLE XIII - ADOPTION

The By-Laws contained in the Articles above are approved and adopted by vote of the General Membership this 10th day of September 2007.

Additional: September 13, 2004

Additions and Revisions: September 6, 2005

Additions and Revisions: September 10, 2007

## SDCSGA STANDING RULES

### ARTICLE I – HANDICAPS

Section 1: Handicaps will be assigned new members and waitees in one of two ways:

- a) If a new member/waitee does not have a current SCGA “index” at the time of joining, a handicap will be assigned AFTER THREE complete rounds at SDCGSA scheduled outings. Member will not be eligible for any awards or prizes until a SDCSGA official handicap is established.
- b) If a new member/waitee has a current SDGA “index” it will be used for the first three rounds played with SDCDGA. After three rounds are recorded, handicap will be computed by SDCSGA and used for all future tournaments.

Section 2: Handicaps are determined by a computer program that mirrors the USGA handicap system.

Section 3: Adjusted Gross Score is entered for handicap purposes. SDCSGA uses the current SCGA method for hole score adjustments to determine adjusted Gross Score.

Note: the Handicap Committee is responsible for determining the adjustments to be made and entering adjustments to the handicap program.

### ARTICLE II – AWARDS

Section 1: The SDCSGA Tournament Starter at each tournament will collect \$5.00 from each playing member at check-in to be used for paying 'Closest To The Hole' winners on the par three holes, the Annual Meeting luncheon with golf prizes and awards, and monthly prizes as required.

Section 2: Winners of each tournament except the Cy Ramage and Rod Cameron tournaments will be awarded certificates for free play or equivalent cash value.

Section 3: The Cy Ramage and Rod Cameron tournaments mentioned above are explained in detail in the SDCSGA BY--Laws in Article IX -COMPETITION AND TOURNAMENTS section.

Section 4: A member who scores a 'Hole in One' during a SDCSGA scheduled tournament and it is witnessed by the player's partners will be awarded \$250.

### ARTICLE III - INCLEMENT WEATHER

Section 1: It will be the responsibility of the Tournament Chairman to check with a course to determine whether the course is open for play. Even if open for play the Tournament Chairman will make the determination as to whether the tournament will be held. It is then the responsibility of individual members to check with the course to determine whether the outing is being held.

## ARTICLE IV – RULES OF PLAY

Section 1: In an effort to speed up play we will play “winter rules” (roll ‘em, NO CLOSER TO THE HOLE!) Tee-to-green at every outing. (If you are “filing” your score with SCGA you may not do this.) Any ball within 12” of the hole will be considered a “gimmie.”

## ARTICLE V – SCORE CARDS

Section 1: FAILURE to record the following information on every score card will result in DISQUALIFICATION:

- a) Each player’s PRINTED NAME followed by his hole-by-hole score.
- b) SCORER’S AND ATTESTER’S signature.
- c) GROSS SCORE total.
- d) HANDICAP used for the round.\*
- e) NET SCORE total.

NOTE: During SPECIAL TOURNAMENTS (better-ball, scrambles, etc.) please check the bulletin board for instructions on filling out score cards.

\*NEW MEMBERS without handicap please indicate “No handicap” someplace on score card.

Revised July 2012