

# Mission City Golf Association

## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

### Article I – NAME

The name of this golf club shall be Mission City Golf Association, also known as MCGA located in San Antonio, TX.

### Article II – PURPOSE

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Share good space with good people while playing the game of golf by the rules regardless of the conditions.

**FIRST:** To stimulate interest in golf in the Greater San Antonio Area by bringing together a group of golfers desirous of forming a golfing organization.

**SECOND:** To promote and foster among the 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 its ancient and honorable traditions.

**THIRD:** To encourage conformance to the USGA Rules of Golf by creating a representative authority.

**FOURTH:** To maintain a uniform system of handicapping as set forth in the USGA Handicap System and issue USGA Handicap Indexes to the members.

**FIFTH:** To provide an authoritative body to govern and conduct club competitions.

**SIXTH:** To support our local communities in raising funds for multiple charities.

### Article III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership shall be available to all men and women 18 years of age or older. **There shall be at least 10 members** with a maximum membership of 300.

Section 1A. Junior Membership shall be available to all boys and girls between the ages of 13-17. Junior Members must be sponsored by a MCGA member in good standing. Junior Members are not allowed to participate in games with monetary reward.

Section 2. Memberships in the club are individual and non-transferable.

Section 3. Only golfers with a reasonable and regular opportunity to play golf with fellow members and who can personally return scores for posting may be members and receive USGA Handicap Indexes from the club.

Section 4. Membership confers no voice in the operation of any golf courses, clubhouses nor any facilities of the courses.

Section 5. Membership confers no special privileges in connection with any golf course.

Section 6. Memberships in the club are for a calendar year only, with all memberships expiring on October 31st.

Section 7. The fiscal year for the club will be November 1st through October 31st.

Section 8. Each candidate for membership shall be proposed and seconded by two active members in good standing. The Board of Directors shall act upon each proposal by vote and two negative votes shall disqualify any candidate.

Section 9. The Board of Directors may confer honorary memberships upon those whom they feel have contributed to the advancement of golf. The unanimous affirmative vote of the Board shall be required to approve such action.

Section 10. In the event that any member of the club shall commit any act which reflects discredit or disrepute thereon or shall refuse or neglect to comply with the rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Directors or the duly appointed officers, such member shall be subject to suspension or expulsion after ten days of formal notice and the right to be heard, by a vote of two-thirds of the Board of Directors at any regular meeting or special meeting called for such purpose.

Section 11. The Mission City Golf Association will hold **membership meetings twice a year in April and October**. The Board of Directors shall provide for the holding of such other meetings as may be deemed necessary or desirable, and they shall call special meetings upon written petition signed by not less than ten percent of the membership.

Section 12. A legal quorum at any meeting shall be 51% members present in person or by proxy. Each active member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote.

Section 13. All membership fees and dues shall be **established and modified as necessary** by the Board of Directors from time to time in such amounts as they deem to be adequate to operate and maintain the club. Members shall be liable for dues until their written resignation has been received and accepted. All monies collected shall accrue to the benefit of the membership.

Section 14. Membership dues shall be due and paid by the end of October after our yearly tournament. In order to be eligible for the Semi-annual tournament a member shall be in good membership standing.

#### **Article IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of at least seven members in good standing of the Mission City Golf Association and they shall exercise all powers of management of the club not specifically excepted by these By-Laws. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of the elected officers and at least three other members in good standing.

Section 2. At least 30 days prior to an election, the Board of Directors will notify the membership of the election and of any vacancies that need to be filled. Members may submit nominations to the MCGA Secretary. Nominees must be members in good standing.

**Section 2A. Term limit of each board member will be 2 years, from April to April.**

Section 3. Voting shall be in person or by proxy and those names receiving the greatest number of votes cast shall be elected. **Proxy votes must be sent to two non-board members selected by the board, via a special email address** prior to election.

Section 4. The Board of Directors shall meet at such times and places as they may select and a majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

Section 5. In the case of any vacancy through death, resignation, disqualification or other cause, the remaining directors, even though less than a quorum, may elect a successor by majority vote to hold office for the unexpired term of the director whose place shall be vacant, and until the election of his successor.

#### **Article V - OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

Section 1. Officers of the Board of Directors will be elected by membership.

Section 2. The officers shall consist of president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, and their duties shall be such as their titles would indicate or such as may be assigned to them respectively from time to time.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall authorize and define the powers and duties of all committees. Chairmen and members of all committees shall be approved by the president, and the president shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee

Section 4. The following committees shall be appointed each year, with such other committees as the Board of Directors may deem necessary or advisable:

- Tournament Committee to arrange and schedule with the management of any golf course as necessary, and conduct all intra-club and inter-club competitions.
- Handicap Committee composed primarily of members with the responsibility to establish a fair and proper system of handicaps in accordance with procedures set forth in the USGA Handicap System Manual.
- Membership Committee to investigate and act upon all applications for membership and to recommend appropriate action to the Board of Directors.
- Financial Committee composed of the Treasurer and 1 other member responsible for the weekly collection of funds for pools, membership dues and tournament fees
- Charity Committee composed of members who facilitate selecting charities for our donations and presentation of those funds

#### **Article VI - AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS**

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall have the power to repeal or amend any of these By-Laws provided that such action shall not be effective until approved by a majority vote of the members of the Mission City Golf Association at a meeting held in accordance with the provisions contained herein.