**Triple S Senior Golf Club** 

**By-Laws** 

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# Article I - Name

1. The name of the organization shall be <u>**Triple S Senior Golf Club**</u> hereinafter referred to as The Club.

# Article II - Home Course

1. The Triple S Senior Golf Club consider the Los Angeles County La Mirada Golf Course to be The Club's Home Course.

## Article III - Purpose

- 1. To stimulate interest in senior golf in the La Mirada and adjacent areas of Southern California.
- 2. To promote the best interest and spirit of the game of golf as embodied in its ancient and honorable traditions.
- 3. To provide both mid-week and away tournaments for The Club members.
- 4. To maintain a uniform system of handicapping as set forth in the regulations of the United States Golf Association referred to as the USGA and Southern California Golf association, hereinafter referred to as SCGA.
- 5. To provide a convenient and authoritative body to govern The Club and the Club's tournaments.

## Article IV - Membership, Guests and Meetings

- 1. Club membership shall be available to all golfers 50 years of age and older.
- 2. No eligible person shall be denied membership on the grounds of race, creed, color, national origin, political affiliation, marital status, sex, age or disability.
- 3. Membership in the Club is for the calendar year expiring December 31. Memberships are renewable between the second Wednesday in October and the third Wednesday of November of each year.
- 4. Membership Dues (including renewal dues) comprise an amount that The Club pays to the SCGA and an amount collected for the general benefit of The Club. All membership fees and dues shall be established by the Board of Directors from time to time in such amounts as they deem to be adequate to operate and maintain the club. The renewal fee is provided such renewal is made by the fourth Wednesday of November of the preceding year. Members not renewing by the fourth Wednesday of November shall be considered late and shall pay the late membership renewal fee established by the Board. The SCGA portion of their membership dues applies for 12 months from SCGA registration. A two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors is required to change the annual dues amount for renewal or for new members

- 5. Guests of a member of The Club in good standing may play as a "nonmember" in any club event provided there are openings available and a member of The Club in good standing is not denied the right to play as a consequence. The non-member shall not enter the prize fund and shall not be eligible for any tournament prize. [This clause may be waived by the Board of Directors in the event The Club sponsors a "Member/Guest Tournament".
- 6. In the event any member of The Club commits any act which reflects discredit upon The Club or shall refuse, or neglect to comply with the rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Directors, such member shall be subject to suspension and/or expulsion with ten (10) days written notice from the Board of Directors. Upon receipt of such notice, the member shall have the right to appear before the Board of Directors at a meeting called for purpose of a hearing, the date of which shall be stated in the letter of notification. After such hearing, whether or not that member makes an appearance, the Board of Directors will vote on the suspension or expulsion. A two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors present is required to render a decision in the matter. Such decision shall be binding and final and the member/ex-member shall be notified in writing.
- 7. Members recognize that golfing may cause damage to property or personal injury, and hold the Triple S Senior Golf Club and its Directors harmless, should damage or injury occur while participating in a club event.
- 8. General Membership Meetings shall be held regularly as determined by the Board of Directors and announced to the membership. The Board of Directors shall meet outside of the general membership meetings as required to conduct the business of The Club. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum at any Board meeting.
- 9. The Annual Meeting for purpose of the election of officers of The Club shall be held in November or December each year. The Board of Directors may change the time and date of general meetings, Board of Director's meetings, or annual meeting upon publication of such change on the Club website at least fifteen (15) days prior to the rescheduled date.

## **Article V - Junior Membership**

- 1. The Junior, up to the age of 18, must be a family member (son, daughter, grandchild, etc.) of the sponsoring Club Member.
- 2. Cost of Junior Membership is \$10 per year, paid by the Sponsoring Member.
- 3. Junior Members may play in any Club sponsored event provided it does not crowd out a Club Member. Junior member will be assigned a tee time by the Tournament Chairman and, if practical, will play in the group with his/her sponsor.
- 4. Junior Members will not be eligible to participate in the Prize Fund or to win tournament prizes.

- 5. Junior Members shall play from tee locations assigned by the Tournament Chairman and shall play under USGA Rules of Golf. Each Junior Member shall have his/her own clubs and bag.
- 6. For Handicap purposes, the Sponsoring Club Member shall ensure the Jr. Member's correct adjusted score is posted on the computer upon completion of play.

#### Article VI - Officers, Directors and Committees

- 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of no less than three and no more than ten (10) members in good standing. They shall exercise all powers of The Club's management whether specified in these by-laws or not.
- 2. The Board of Directors shall consist of: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chairman, Handicap Chairman, Communication Chairman, Home Tournament Chairman, Away Tournament Chairman and Rules Chairman.
- 3. In addition to the duties specified in Article VI #8 below, and as their titles would indicate there may be other responsibilities as assigned by the Board of Directors.
- 4. In the event of any vacancy through death, resignation, disqualification, or other cause, the remaining members of the Board of Directors may elect a temporary successor to hold office for the un-expired term of the respective office.
- 5. A handicap committee consisting of no less than three members in good standing shall evaluate all matters as pertains to adjustments of a member's handicap. Their recommendations will be administrated by the Handicap Chairman as stated below in 10-f
- 6. In September of each year, the President shall see that a Nominating Committee is formed of at least two (2) members in good standing whose names shall be announced in an email to the membership. The Nominating Committee shall post the current list of nominees in October and November for the following year Board of Directors. In November, the Nominating Committee will announce the final list of nominees for each office, and solicit additional Nominees for an election of Board Members for the following year. Newly elected members will take office on January 1 of the following year but are encouraged to attend the December Board meeting. Nominations and/or elections may be held either in person or by electronic means as determined by the Board of Directors. Should online ballots be used, they must be completed within a stated filing deadline.
- 7. The election of Board of Directors shall be conducted by the Chairman of the Nominating Committee or his designee and shall generally follow the spirit and principles of "Robert's Rules of Order".

- 8. The Board of Directors shall authorize and define the powers and duties of all Special Committees.
- 9. The Board shall be empowered to set rules and protocols regarding health, safety and the well-being of the members.
- 10. Duties of elected Board of Directors are as follows:
  - a. **President** Shall conduct Board and General Membership Meetings. Shall conduct one tournament per year resulting in the award of the President's Cup. The President shall represent the Club to course management and to the SCGA governing body.
  - b. Vice President Shall conduct President's duties in the President's absence and shall conduct the annual Club Championship event.
  - c. **Secretary** Shall keep written records of all proceedings of the Board of Directors and any meetings. These written meeting records shall be posted on The Club website on the Secretary's page. He will also perform other duties that are usually accomplished by the Secretary of any social organization.
  - d. Treasurer Shall be responsible for all Club funds; conduct all Club banking procedures; pay all legitimate Club bills for goods and services; reimburse Club Officers, Directors and members for expenses they incur on behalf of The Club upon written request including expense receipts; and shall keep accounting records of all Club receipts and expenditures. He is required to submit any unusual reimbursements to the board for approval prior to payment. The Treasurer shall prepare semi-annual reports on Club finances to be submitted to the Board of Directors and to the General Membership at scheduled meetings.
  - e. **Membership Chairman** Shall keep records of current membership and coordinate and communicate such records, including new members on a timely basis with SCGA and the Communication Chairman for inclusion in the email distribution list. He shall post renewal deadlines and dues in a timely manner on the website and accept membership renewals in accordance with Article IV above. All membership dues received shall be turned over to the Treasurer in a timely manner along with names of payers. Shall provide the postal address and e-mail address, if available, to the Communication Chairman.
  - f. **Handicap Chairman** Shall be responsible for maintaining handicap records of The Club members. He will post handicap Index records as they are received from the Golf Handicap and Information Network (GHIN) on the Club website. He is responsible for advising the membership on changes in posting procedures and generally in helping the membership understand the handicap and posting system. The Handicap Chairman may post a member's score or correct a member's posting if the member has not posted correctly. He may adjust members handicap Index up or down to ensure that the member's handicap index

reflects his true potential ability with the approval of the Handicap Committee. (This may occur due to member's temporary disability or due to member manipulating his posting or playing or for other reasons.) Member must be notified and have an opportunity to explain away any circumstance causing such adjustment prior to such adjustment becoming effective. Members may appeal any such adjustment to the Board of Directors if they feel the adjustment is not justified.

- g. **Communications Chairman** Shall be responsible for timely publication and posting of club activities, maintenance of the club website, and communication to members as needed regarding club events.
- h. Away Tournament Chairman Shall book away tournaments at various nearby golf courses and be responsible for running those tournaments and compiling and publishing tournament results. Consideration should be given to cost and driving distance in determining various tournament locations.
- i. Home Tournament Chairman Shall take entries and conduct all Club home tournaments. This includes establishment of flights according to handicaps of those signing to play and closest to the pin contests. Money collected for any tournament event (closest to the pin, flight prizes) shall be used to award players of that tournament. Home Tournament Chairman shall organize the awarding of tee times as best as he can according to members requests and the best interest of The Club.
- j. **Rules Chairman** Shall settle rules disputes and answer questions regarding rules as printed in Rules of Golf and Decisions on the Rules of Golf, both published by the USGA. If he cannot resolve the dispute or answer the question when presented, he shall research the matter and reply back to the inquiring Member as soon as possible. The Rules Chairman will review and maintain all club rules on the website. He shall also conduct the prize drawings if and when a General Membership Meeting is held in-person. Rules Chairman shall periodically review the bylaws and bring to the attention of the Board of Directors any suggested changes.

#### Article VII - Amendment to Bylaws

The Board of Directors shall have the power to revise, repeal and/or amend these Bylaws provided that such action shall not become effective until approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

# Article VIII – Dissolution

In the event of dissolution, liquidation or abandonment of The Club, after providing for payment of all debts and obligations of the club, the remaining assets shall not inure to the benefit of any person other than as provided herein. The remaining assets will be distributed to one or more nonprofit funds, foundations, or non-government organizations which are organized and operated exclusively for charitable or nonprofit purpose and which has established its tax-exempt status under application to the Federal and CA Government. The selection of this non-profit organization or organizations shall be made by the Board of Directors.

### Amendments-

10-i 1 The Home Tournament Chairman shall be included in the home tournament prize fund at no cost to the Chairman. The prize fund does not include skins or any other side games.

## **Certificate of the Secretary**

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify:

I am the Secretary of the Triple S Senior Golf Club.

The foregoing Bylaws comprising 7X pages, constitute the Bylaws of the Club duly amended at a meeting of the Board of Directors thereof.

Bill Baker, Secretary

Signed: Bill Baker

Dated: January 2, 2023