

# **Triple S Seniors**

## **By-Laws**

**As Revised August 2025**

## **Article I - Name**

The name of the organization shall be Triple S Seniors.

## **Article II - Home Course**

Triple S Seniors considers the Los Angeles County La Mirada Golf Course to be the home course.

## **Article III - Purpose**

To stimulate interest in senior golf in the La Mirada and adjacent areas of southern California.

To promote the best interest and spirit of the game of golf as embodied in its ancient and honorable traditions.

To provide both mid-week and away tournaments for members.

To maintain a uniform system of handicapping as set forth in the regulations of the United States Golf Association and Southern California Golf Association.

To provide a convenient and authoritative body to govern Triple S Seniors tournaments.

## **Article IV - Membership, Guests and Meetings**

Membership shall be available to all golfers 50 years of age and older.

No eligible person shall be denied membership on the grounds of race, creed, color, national origin, political affiliation, marital status, sex, age or disability.

Membership is valid for 12 months from the membership start date. Membership is renewable on or before the annual membership end date.

Membership dues include an amount paid to the SCGA and an amount collected for the general benefit of Triple S Seniors. 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 Triple S Seniors. A two-thirds majority vote of the board of directors is required to change the annual dues amount for membership renewal or for new members.

Members will receive a renewal notification from Triple S Seniors or the SCGA prior to their membership end dates. Renewal dues must be paid on or before membership end date. Members who do not renew on time will be placed in inactive status. Once deemed inactive, they will then need to pay the late membership renewal fee to be placed in active status again.

Guests of a member of Triple S Seniors in good standing may play as a “nonmember” in any sponsored event provided there are openings available and a member of Triple S Seniors 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 prizes. This clause may be waived by the board of directors in the event Triple S Seniors sponsors a “Member/Guest Tournament”.

In the event any member of Triple S Seniors commits any act which reflects discredit upon Triple S Seniors 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. 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.

Members recognize that golfing may cause damage to property or personal injury and hold Triple S Seniors and its directors harmless should damage or injury occur while participating in a sponsored event.

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 Triple S Seniors. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum at any board meeting.

The annual meeting for purpose of the election of officers of Triple S Seniors shall be held in November or December each year. The board of directors may change the time and date of any meetings, upon publication of such change on Triple S Seniors website at least fifteen days prior to the rescheduled date.

#### **Article V - Junior Membership**

The junior, up to the age of 18, must be a family member (son, daughter, grandchild, etc.) of the sponsoring Triple S Seniors member.

The cost of junior membership is \$10 per year, paid by the sponsoring member.

Junior members may play in any sponsored event provided it does not crowd out a Triple S Seniors member. Junior members will be assigned a tee time by the Tournament Chairman and, if practical, will play in the group with his/her sponsor.

Junior members will not be eligible to participate in the prize fund or win tournament prizes.

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 equipment.

For handicap purposes, the sponsoring Triple S Seniors member shall ensure the junior member's correct score is accurately posted upon completion of play.

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

The board of directors shall consist of no less than three members in good standing. They shall exercise all powers of Triple S Seniors management whether specified in these by-laws or not.

The board of directors consists of the following officers as found to be necessary: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chairman, Handicap Chairman, Communication Chairman, Home Tournament Chairman, Away Tournament Chairman, Hospitality Chairman, and Rules Chairman.

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.

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.

A handicap committee consisting of at least three members in good standing shall evaluate matters pertaining to adjustments of a member's handicap. The recommendations will be administrated by the Handicap Chairman.

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 first 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 other means as determined by the board of directors. Should online ballots be used, they must be completed within a stated filing deadline.

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 general principles of "Robert's Rules of Order".

The board of directors shall authorize and define the powers and duties of all special committees.

The Board shall be empowered to set rules and protocols regarding health, safety and the well-being of the members.

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 Triple S Seniors to course management and to the SCGA governing body.
- b. **Vice President** - Shall conduct the President's duties in the President's absence and shall conduct the annual Triple S Seniors Championship event.
- c. **Secretary** - Shall keep written records of all proceedings of the board of directors and any other meetings. These written meeting records shall be posted on Triple S Seniors 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 Triple S Seniors funds; conduct all banking procedures; pay all legitimate Triple S Seniors bills for goods and services; reimburse Triple S Seniors Officers, Directors and members for expenses they incur on behalf of Triple S Seniors upon written request including expense receipts; and shall keep accounting records of all Triple S Seniors 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 Triple S Seniors 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 Triple S Seniors members. He will post handicap Index records as they are received from the Golf Handicap and Information Network (GHIN) on Triple S Seniors 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 Triple S Seniors activities, maintenance of Triple S Seniors website, and communication to members as needed regarding 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 Triple S Seniors 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 Triple S Seniors.
- j. **Hospitality Chairman** - Shall facilitate correspondence to members when those members are hospitalized, ill, injured, or in recovery. Duties include obtaining and mailing get well cards and sympathy cards, and also purchasing and managing delivery of plants or flowers to homes or funeral locations when a member passes away.
- k. **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 in a timely manner. The Rules Chairman will maintain all Triple S Seniors rules on the website. Rules Chairman shall periodically review the by-laws and bring to the attention of the board of directors any suggested changes.

## **Article VII - Amendment to By-laws**

The board of directors shall have the power to revise, repeal and/or amend these by-laws 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 Triple S Seniors, after providing for payment of all debts and obligations of Triple S Seniors, 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.

## **Certification of the Secretary**

I, the undersigned, do certify that I am the Secretary of the Triple S Seniors and that these by-laws have been duly ratified by the board of directors of Triple S Seniors.

Bill Baker, Secretary

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: August, 2025