

BROWN DEER GOLF CLUB

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. In election by ballot, candidates for elective offices shall be nominated from the floor by motion duly made and seconded, but not more than three candidates shall be nominated for any one elective office.

Section 2. Elective officers shall be chosen by secret ballot, except that officers may validly be elected by the unanimous vote of all Club members present.

Section 3. The total number of votes cast for nominees for any elective office shall not exceed the total number of Club members present at said election, and violation of this provision renders both the nominations and the votes cast for that elective office null, void, and of no force or effect.

Section 4. Officers elected annually at the last regular meeting of the Club shall be installed at the Wind-up Banquet.

ARTICLE II

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers of the Brown Deer Golf Club shall perform the following duties in addition to the duties prescribed by the Constitution:

The President, within thirty days after his election, shall appoint five Committee Chairmen: Membership, Handicap, Prize, Rules and Tournament Director. Each Committee Chairman may augment or enlarge the Committee to assist him in performing the duties assigned to his Committee.

The Vice-President, within thirty days after his election, shall appoint four members to an Entertainment Committee, and he shall act as Chairman thereof, having exclusive control over the activities and personnel of said Committee, except that the Treasurer shall be ex-officio a member of said Committee.

The Secretary shall appoint an acting Secretary whenever he has to act as President due to the absence or disability of the President and Vice-President.

The Treasurer shall submit a list of the members who are not in good standing to the President before each regular and special meeting, and at each regular meeting report the receipts and disbursements received and made by the Club since the previous meeting, and shall make a complete financial report to the Club at the last regular meeting of each year.

ARTICLE III

IMPEACHMENT, TRIAL AND REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Elective Officers of the Brown Deer Golf Club may be impeached by a written petition signed by more than fifty percent (50%) of Club members. Said petition shall set forth the offense charged against the Officer and the date or dates thereof when it was committed.

Section 2. The impeaching petition shall be presented to the highest ranking elective Club Officer not under impeachment, and he shall forthwith notify all Club members that the impeached Officer will be tried for the offense charged at the next regular meeting.

Section 3. The petitioners for impeachment shall select one of their members to act as their representative at the trial, and he shall present there at whatever evidence petitioners have in support of their charges and present such witnesses as he desires.

Section 4. After the representative of the petitioners has rested the petitioners case, the impeached Officer shall put in his defense and introduce whatever witnesses he desires in proof thereof.

Section 5. Each side shall have but one opportunity to present their case to the Club members, although each side is permitted to cross-examine their opponent's witnesses.

Section 6. After the impeached Officer or his representative has closed his case, the Club members of good standing present at the meeting, shall by secret ballot find the accused Officer "guilty" or "not guilty" of the charges contained in the petition of impeachment. A vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present being necessary for conviction, it being agreed that fifteen (15) members constitute a quorum for the purpose of trying an impeached member.

ARTICLE IV

DUES

Section 1. Membership dues in the Brown Deer Golf Club for the coming year, shall be set at the last meeting of the current year. If no action is taken, it shall be assumed that the dues will remain the same.

Section 2. Dues are payable in full on or before February 1 of the current year. Dues for new members must be paid prior to the New Members' meeting. Applications for membership received after the New Members' meeting shall be added to the Waiting List for the following year.

Section 3. Any member not having paid his dues in full by February 1, shall be dropped from the membership of the Club; he must re-petition for membership through the Membership Chairman. After receiving the petition, the Membership Chairman will place the petitioner's name on the bottom of the list of prospective new members. However, any member fulfilling military obligations and absent from the area, thereby preventing him from participating in Club activities, will be considered to be in good standing. Upon his release from such active service, he will be given 30 days to re-activate his Club membership with the payment of a proportionate share of his dues.

Section 4. Dues are payable to the Treasurer and the burden shall be upon the individual member to pay the dues to the Treasurer, rather than upon the Treasurer to collect the dues from the member.

Section 5. Annual dues or a portion thereof, shall not be refunded to members ousted or suspended in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Club.

Section 6. A member, upon reaching the age of 65, and having been a member in good standing, for the previous five (5) years shall be considered to be a Senior Member, with all the privileges of membership. Dues for the Senior Member shall be set at the last meeting of the year. All other rules covered by this ARTICLE IV apply to the Senior Member as well as the Regular Member.

ARTICLE V

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. A. Number of Members; Types of Membership. The membership roll of the Brown Deer Golf Club shall contain not more than two hundred (200) regular members at any one time, with the only exception being that of a returning member from Military Service as covered in Article IV, Section 3 of these By-Laws, Exempt Members, Life Members and/or Honorary Members duly elected in accordance with Article III, Section 5 and 6 of the Constitution.

B. Participation as a Condition of Continued Membership. Annually, all members are required to record a minimum of ten (10) scores on his handicap card. Failure to comply shall be grounds for termination of membership.

Section 2. Changes in Membership Status. Any member of the Brown Deer Golf Club who has been in good standing for the past five (5) consecutive years may, at his option, change his regular membership to that of a Social Member or take a one year Leave of Absence or petition to become an Exempt Member.

A. Social Member. A Social Member shall pay no dues, have no voice or vote, nor hold any position or function, but will be welcomed at all regular meetings and social events. A nominal fee of five (\$5.00) dollars will be assessed, in lieu of dues, to cover the cost of mailings, newsletters, roster, etc. The Social Member does not hold a place on the list of potential new members unless he has re-petitioned for Membership in accordance with Article IV, Section 3 of these By-Laws.

B. Leave of Absence. A member may request a "Leave of Absence" of one playing year from February 1 to January 31 of the following year. A person granted a "Leave of Absence" shall pay no dues, have no voice or vote, nor hold any position or function, but will be welcomed at all regular meetings and social events. A nominal fee of five (\$5.00) dollars will be assessed, in lieu of dues, to cover the cost of mailings, newsletters, roster, etc. A person on "Leave" will be held at the top of the list of potential new members during such leave and will only be granted regular membership if an opening exists when he desires to again become a regular member. To regain regular membership, a written Request for Re-instatement must be given to the Membership

Committee before February 1, prior to the expiration of the "Leave of Absence". The dues for the current year, must accompany the Request for Reinstatement. Persons whose Leave of Absence has expired without requesting reinstatement, can re-petition for membership in accordance with Article IV, Section 3 and would then be placed on the bottom of any list of potential new members.

C. Exempt Member. An Exempt Member is one who, for physical or occupational reasons, can no longer meet the requirement of Article V, Section 1B, (the 10 rule). The exempt member shall pay regular dues and is entitled to full membership rights and responsibilities. An Exempt Member may petition for regular membership prior to February 1 and will be granted priority over other potential new members.

D. Honorary Member. "Honorary Membership" may be conferred as a high honor upon a member of exemplary character who has followed the true tenets and integrity of the Game and either possesses an exceptional playing record above the Club level over an extended period of time or who has made major contributions to the Club and/or the Golf Community over an extended period of time. Honorary members shall enjoy full membership rights but pay no dues and are exempt from the 10 Rule.

E. Life Member. "Life Membership" shall be awarded to any member after 45 years of continuous membership. An active playing Life Member pays no dues but is responsible for his WSGA Associate Membership Fee, enjoys full membership rights and is exempt from the 10 Rule.

Section 3. Any Associate golfer with the payment of the current Associate Fee and the consent of the membership will be added to the club with full membership rights and responsibilities. An Associate member is defined as anyone who is 25 years old or under at the beginning of the calendar year.

Section 4. The decision of the Membership Chairman in regard to the assignment of any membership shall be final and conclusive, except that any decision can be reversed by a vote of the majority of the members who are present at any regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE VI

DUTIES OF COMMITTEES

Section 1. The duties of the Committees, in addition to the duties prescribed by the Constitution, shall be as follows:

A. Handicap Committee. The Handicap Committee shall accept attested score cards from the members as of April 1 each year; examine them for correct adjustment; and submit such scores for handicapping purposes.

B. Rules Committee. The Rules Committee shall prescribe and post on the Club bulletin board, not later than the April meeting of each year, all local rules governing play on the Course; said local rules together with the rules promulgated by the United States Golf Association shall govern Club play.

C. Membership Committee. 1. Maintenance of Roster. The Membership Committee shall keep a list of all present and past members, together with their addresses and telephone numbers; said list shall be in the custody of the Chairman of the Committee and shall be turned over by him to his successor.

D. Tournament Committee. The Tournament Committee shall prepare all playing schedules of the Club; shall be in full charge of all tournaments and matches scheduled by the Club; and shall enforce the USGA Rules of Golf and Local Rules as promulgated by the Rules Committee. Further, all individual matches must be played by the date shown, and the winner's name must be immediately posted on the schedule. Once posted, the name cannot be changed. If no name is posted by the deadline date, it shall be deemed by the Tournament Committee that both players are disqualified.

E. Prize Committee. The Prize Committee shall select, designate, and distribute the prizes awarded the winners of all Club Tournaments and Matches.

Section 2. Compliance with the 10 Rule. To assist the membership in understanding their status regarding compliance with this rule, the Membership and Handicap Committee shall compile and post a list of all members who have not recorded a minimum of ten (10) scores on his handicap card by August 1. Any member not recording ten (10) scores by the end of the year, will, upon notification, be dropped from the membership of the Club. The member may appeal to the Membership at the next Club meeting. Special circumstances to exempt any member from this rule must be submitted to the current President. Each special circumstance will be reviewed by the current and the two (2) immediate past Presidents on a case by case basis.

ARTICLE VII

MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings of the Brown Deer Golf Club shall be held according to a schedule presented by the President at the first meeting of the year.

Section 2. Special meetings shall be held at the date, place, and hour as designated by the President.

Section 3. Attendance at a New Member Meeting for all incoming new members will be mandatory for initiation/acceptance into the Club. Each new member will be assigned to an active member, with similar handicap, who will act as mentor to the new member.

ARTICLE VIII

ADVISORY BOARD

Section 1. An Advisory Board shall be established at the end of each and every year. This Board is to consist of the three (3) most recent Past Presidents, and three (3) Members At Large. The At Large Members are to be elected annually at the last regular meeting.

Section 2. The purpose of the Advisory Board is to assist the President prior to the start of his planning the Club's Golf and Social programs for the coming year, and subsequently as the President may require.

ARTICLE IX

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Section 1. Parliamentary procedure in the Club shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, the Constitution, together with these By-Laws, shall govern.

ARTICLE X

DEFINITIONS

Section 1. "Members in good standing" are members who have paid their annual dues in full, do not have any other outstanding obligations in the Club and have met the other qualifications as outlined in Article V, Section 1 of these By-Laws.

Section 2. "The Home Course" for all Brown Deer Golf Club Matches shall be the Brown Deer Golf Course. In extenuating circumstances and upon agreement of all parties in the match, an alternative course may be used, however, if one player disagrees, Brown Deer Golf Course shall be deemed to be the default course. The finals for all Matches must be played at Brown Deer unless the course is closed.

Section 3. "Weekend Club". All Brown Deer Golf Club Matches shall be played on Saturday or Sunday unless all parties in the Match agree to the same weekday, if one player disagrees, Saturday and Sunday shall be deemed to be the default days.

Section 4. "Responsibility for arranging Matches". All parties share equal responsibility for arranging the first Match in a timely manner. Timely telephone or personal contact for subsequent matches shall be the responsibility player/players whose match was last decided. If no timely telephone or personal contact has been made by the due date, the last player/players to have won the previous match, shall be deemed to have forfeited the next match.

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1992 by Arnold Walker under President Charles Treiber.
1994, 1995 and 1996 by Arnold Walker under President Richard Sell.
1999 by Arnold Walker under President John Carlton.
2004 by Arnold Walker under President James Means
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~~Section 3. Any junior golfer, with the payment of a fee equal to the current cost of securing Handicap Service, and with the consent of the membership, may be added to the handicap rolls, for the purpose of procuring a handicap only. No other benefits of the Brown Deer Golf Club shall apply to such junior golfer.~~