

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS GULF CITY GOLFERS CLUB ASSOCIATION

Amended and Adopted this 7TH day of December 2024

Whereas, **The Gulf City Golfers Club Association** was organized to bring together individuals whose primary interests are to play golf, and

Whereas, it was also agreed upon that this could best be accomplished by coming together on a regular basis to engage in the past time they enjoyed,

Whereas these individuals also felt a coming together provided them an opportunity to participate in local community and civic activities thus the organization was formalized.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Article I - NAME and LOCATION

Section 1. The name of this golf club shall be **GULF CITY GOLFERS CLUB ASSOCIATION**.

Section 2. The Headquarters for this organization shall be the Azalea City Golf Course of Mobile, Alabama.

Article II - PURPOSE

FIRST: To stimulate interest in golf for the growth of **GULF CITY GOLFERS CLUB ASSOCIATION** by bringing together a group of golfers desirous of forming a golfing organization. To promote and further the interest of its members as it relates to the game of golf through regularly scheduled golf outings and organization sponsored tournaments.

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 true spirit of the game of golf as embodied in its ancient and honorable traditions.

THIRD: To encourage conformance to the 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 Index to each of its members.

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

SIXTH: To encourage inner city youths to engage in the sport of golf. Thereby providing the means for participation. To sponsor and support local community and civic activities as the membership deems appropriate.

SEVENTH: To teach the eight principles of Golf; Honesty, Integrity, Sportsmanship, Respect, Confidence, Responsibility, Perseverance, and Courtesy.

Article III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership shall be available to (all men/women of any age).

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 an SCGA/USGA Handicap Index 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 December 31st. Membership dues are due and payable between January 1st and April 1st. Any individual that is not current with their dues shall be placed in an inactive status and not eligible to participate in Club activities nor vote on issues brought before the membership. Proration of membership dues will be limited to new members only, and limited to once in a lifetime of the member.

- Annual membership dues must be current.

Section 7. The fiscal year for the club will be (January 1st through December 31st).

Section 8. Each candidate for membership shall be proposed and seconded by two active members in good standing.

Section 9. 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 this Executive Board or the Duly appointed officers, such member shall be subject to suspension or expulsion after (10 days) written notice and the right to be heard, by a vote of 2/3 of the executive Board of Directors at any regular meeting or special meeting call for such purpose.

CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

The intention of this policy is to establish clear and acceptable norms for behavior of Gulf City Golfers Club Association members and guests.

All members and guest will:

- Conduct themselves in a Sportsman-like Manner and conform to all Gulf City rules of play.
- Respect the rights of other members, players and guests.
- Not approach other members, guest with abusive conduct, threatening language or violent behavior.
- Shall not deliberately attempt to damage, destroy, or hinder a cause or activity of Gulf City Golfers Club Association (sabotage).
 1. A deliberate action to weaken or destroy The Organization, the efforts of the organization.

Section 11. Members considered (nominated) to hold office within Gulf City Golfers Club Association shall:

- Attend at least 75% of scheduled meetings.
- Adhere to Gulf City Golfers Club Association Code of Conduct policy (Article 3 Section 9).
- MEMBER in GOOD STANDING according to Membership policy (Article 3 section 6). **Effective January 1, 2025**

Section 12. A legal quorum at any meeting shall be (twenty percent) of the current membership present in person. Each active member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote.

Section 13. All membership fees and dues shall be proposed by the Executive Board of Directors from time to time in such amounts as they deem to be adequate to operate and maintain the club and approved by the membership. 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. "Honorary Memberships" may be conferred by the Executive Board of Directors to certain individual. Such "Honorary Memberships" shall be agreed to by simple majority of the Officers. Honorary Memberships shall be valid for one year and Honorary members shall not have voting power on issues brought before the membership. Honorary members shall be appropriately identified on the membership listing for the Association.

Section 15. An applicant may be an associate member if he or she has an established resident that is outside a two-hundred-mile radius of Azalea City Golf Course and cannot attend meetings on a monthly basis. Associate members must attend a minimum of three meetings per year. Dues for Associate membership is fifty percent of regular membership dues.

Article IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS (EXECUTIVE BOARD)

Section 1. The Board Directors shall consist of (five) elected members in good standing: **The President, Vice President, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary** and they shall exercise all powers of management of the club specifically accepted by these Bylaws.

Elected members shall serve **two-year terms** beginning with the election of **2025** for the offices of **The President and Recording Secretary**. The offices of **Vice President, Treasurer and Financial Secretary** shall begin serving **two-year terms** in the year of **2026**. Elected members will be **limited to two (2) consecutive terms**, with the exception; the member is unopposed for the office and voluntarily elect to accept the office. Elected officers must serve on the **Executive Board of Directors for Gulf City Golfers Club Association.**

Section 2. At least five weeks (September meeting) prior to the October Meeting, the Board of Directors shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of five members of the organization. At least four weeks prior to the November Meeting, this committee shall submit to the Board and shall post a list of nominees to fill any vacancies for the term of office beginning on the day of the meeting. Names of other members in good standing may be nominated by members at the October meeting. At least one week prior to the November Meeting, a list of all candidates nominated shall be distributed to each member via appropriate means and a copy of such list shall be posted. Elections will be during the November meeting.

Section 3. Voting shall be written ballot and those names receiving the greatest number of votes cast shall be declared to be elected. The Board shall appoint a committee of three judges who are not members of the Board or candidates for election to supervise the 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 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILTIES

Section 1. Elected officers must serve on Executive Board of Directors for Gulf City Golfers Club Association.

Section 2. President, Vice President, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary and they shall exercise all powers of management of the club not specifically excepted by these By-Laws. Elected members shall serve 2-year terms beginning with the election of 2025. Elected members will be limited to two (2) consecutive terms, with the exception; the member is unopposed for the office and voluntarily elects to accept the office.

Section 3. **The President**

- A). The President shall be responsible to preside and called meetings of the Association and the Executive Board of Directors.
- B). President is to ensure that all officers and committees Chairpersons are carrying out the duties and responsibilities as defined herein.
- C). The President shall ensure that all matters on the agenda are discussed and acted/voted upon in a timely manner.
- D). The president shall only cast a vote on matters where the Presidents vote is required to break a tie.
- E). The President through the Recording Secretary is responsible to ensure that a written agenda is prepared and provided to the membership at least one week prior to a scheduled meeting
- F). In the event of an emergency, the President with the consent of (2) two officers, shall be vested with the authority to release funds on an emergency basis on matters involving the Association. However, in the event of such actions the president shall make a full and documented accounting to the Financial Secretary and Treasurer within one week of said emergency release of funds.
- G). The President shall be vested with authority to appoint all committees.

Section 4. **The Vice President** shall act as the President in the absence of the President. Additionally, the Vice President shall act as the Parliamentarian during all scheduled and called meetings of the Association and the Executive Board.

Section 5. **The Financial Secretary** shall be responsible to the Association to ensure that the annual budgets and event budgets are approved in advance of all expenditures. Additionally, the Financial Secretary must ensure all expenditures are consistent with each budget and in conjunction with the treasurer and appropriate Chairs provide reconciliation for all expenditures.

- a) In addition, The Financial Secretary along with President must approve all cash disbursements on behalf of the Association. All cash disbursement will require both the signatures of the President and the Financial Secretary except under emergency situations.

Section 6. **The Secretary** shall record all pertinent deliberations at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Association and Executive Board. Additionally, the Secretary shall maintain all pertinent minutes, legal and financial documents relating to The **Gulf City Golfers Club Association**.

Section 7. **The Treasurer** shall be responsible to maintain a complete and accurate accounting of all Association financial accounts. The Treasurer shall collect all dues and make all deposits to the Association's accounts that accrue as a result Association activities. The Treasurer shall present a reconciled statement of accounts to the Executive Board every month and to the membership every month.

Section 8. **The Office of Correspondence Secretary** is repealed and its duties are assigned to the Tournament committee, the Social Committee and other committees as needed.

Article VI - COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall authorize and define the powers and duties of all committees. Chairs and members of all committees shall be appointed by The President, and the president shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.

Section 2. The following committees shall be appointed each year, with such other committees as The President 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.
- Social Committee to encourage and arrange social entertainment features and events for special occasions.
- Community activities
- Junior Golf
- Benevolence
- Elections

Article VII - 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 **GULF CITY GOLFERS CLUB ASSOCIATION** at a meeting held in accordance with the provisions contained herein.

