

BYLAWS OF THE DEBARY MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION INC
1/15/24

Part I - The Association

A. Mission:

The DeBary Men's Golf Association Inc hereinafter referred to as "the Association" or "DMGA", is a non-profit organization established solely for the enjoyment of its members through its golf tournaments and other related activities, at the DeBary Country Club (DCC) .

The DMGA is committed to foster an environment of fellowship, and friendly competition that ensures a "level playing field" for all of its members regardless of skill level. It is dedicated to provide all of its members opportunities to participate in competitive golf tournaments played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as promulgated by the United States Golf Association. The Association members shall abide by the USGA rules of golf, as well as the rules of DCC and the rules of the DMGA and its membership.

The DMGA expects its members to be ambassadors of the DCC in promoting the use of the club facilities and encourage new members to participate in the DMGA. The DMGA also requires that its members exhibit high standards of character and sportsmanship that reflect the values

of the DCC. They will respect the golf course, other facilities, staff and all rules and regulations of the DCC.

B. Eligibility:

Members must be male, and either a member of DCC, or employee who has paid DMGA dues for the current year. He must also meet all the requirements defined in the DMGA Rules.

Individuals are asked to foster good sportsmanship during all DMGA events and while on golf course property. Any person may be removed from a tournament and as a member of the DMGA for un-sportsman like conduct, impairment, or violation of rules defined by the DMGA Board. Members who have been suspended have the right to appeal the decision of the board in writing or in-person at any board meeting. If a member is suspended or removed as a member of the DMGA, any dues will be refunded back to him at a pro-rated rate. Any member of the DMGA has the right to attend all meetings conducted by the DMGA.

Members wishing to speak before the board MUST submit a request in writing including the matter of concern to the board at least 14 days before the meeting. Any member not meeting these requirements must ask for a waiver from the board which must be approved by a majority vote.

C. Dues:

The Association shall set the level of dues as defined in the rules. The dues will be billed to the members DCC account before the first of March. The dues when paid are non-refundable, except when a member is removed. The DMGA Board is responsible for setting the DMGA dues.

D. Funding and Fund Raising:

The association expenses will be funded though dues, portions of tournament entry fees, 50-50 raffles, sponsorships and other fundraising activities. Fund raising at any Association event on behalf of any member or organization other than the DMGA is prohibited without specific

approval of the Association at least 30 days prior to the event.

In addition to the above-mentioned source of funds to the association additional funds may be raised through corporate or individual sponsors. Depending on the level of donation the DMGA will provide sponsors with advertising as defined in the sponsor package distributed by the board. The DMGA reserves the right to utilize the sponsor raised monies as it deems fit and voted on by the board. This may include but is not limited to, Events, The Debary Cup, The Tuesday Night Scramble, The WGA, signage, prizes, trophies, gift cards, charitable donations, payments/tips for services, beverages, food and any DCC capital improvements. All expenditures must be voted on and approved by the DMGA board. Corporate or individual sponsors do not have voting privileges or rights in any DMGA business or club events.

E. Board Meetings:

The Association shall hold board meetings as defined in the rules

The meetings must have a quorum (over 50%) participating either in person or via other communications methods.

Board members are required to attend all meetings scheduled by the Board. This includes monthly meetings and committee meetings, the board will take every possible resource to notify board members of these meetings. Any board member that misses more than three (3) meetings in a 12-month period may be removed from the board by a majority vote without cause. Exceptions may be made for medical and personal reasons. Any board member who does comply, and is voted off the board, must be replaced within 30 days. The board will be responsible for nominating a replacement from the membership and a majority vote will be needed for confirmation.

Part II – Elections, Expenses, Duties & Responsibilities

A. Elections

The Association shall post its slate of candidates for board members in the DCC Pro Shop, by email, and on the DMGA website at least 30 days prior the election. The election shall take place during the scheduled time period set forth by the board. Nominations may also be made from the floor during the annual meeting. The board members will serve voluntarily and of their own free will. The term of the elected Board Members is for one year. There shall be no term limits for Board Members. In the event of a vacancy during the year, the board shall appoint a replacement from the membership of the association.

No board member of the DMGA will be compensated for his position on the board and receives no additional benefits from the DCC or the DMGA.

The Officers of board will be selected by a vote of the board members, at the first meeting after the annual election. Those positions include President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer.

B. Expenses

All purchases made must be approved by a majority board either before disbursement or ratified before reimbursement. All purchases must be supported by documentation.

All reimbursement requests must be accompanied by a receipt before reimbursement can be made. All agreed purchases must have a quote or written support before commitment of association funds.

C. Duties and Responsibilities

The members of the board reserve the right to change or adjust the position responsibilities to fit an individual's skill set to best serve the board. The duties and responsibilities listed below are to be used as a guideline.

1. President

The President shall serve as the spokesman for the Association in dealings with Club Management, and other member organizations. The President may appoint from the Association membership a Tournament Chairman. The President shall be responsible for membership notification or, and chairing Board meetings. He will be aware and responsible of all subcommittee meetings and activities. The President shall insure that he and his committee and subcommittee chairmen maintain appropriate records of meetings and procedures during the year for reference and to facilitate the transition of succeeding officers. Such records shall constitute a "Golf Association Handbook" which will be passed on to succeeding boards from year to year as well as assist in the transition of the current board to the next board. The President will, in the event of board vacancies during the year, insure any replacements made shall come from a members of the Association.

2. Vice President

The Vice President shall carry out the duties of the President in the event of his absence. Should the office of President become vacant the Vice President shall assume the office of President until such time as the board selects a new president. The vice President will assist the President and the Executive Board in projects, tournaments and any other duties assigned by the President.

3. Secretary

The Secretary shall keep minutes of all Association meetings as well as generate correspondence as necessary with the members of the Association. In the Secretary will maintain an updated roll of the Association membership. In the event of an absence by the Secretary at any meeting, the President shall designate one of the officers present to take the minutes.

4. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall maintain an Association bank account, keep full account of all funds received and dispersed and prepare a financial report for board member reviews and final approval by the elected officers. He shall prepare a year-end financial report for the Association for its annual meeting. The financial report shall be made available for review upon request. Any decision to publish the report lies solely within the discretion of the board.

5. Communications / IT

The Communications / IT Director shall represent the DMGA with new members. He will assist with the duties of communications including maintaining and working with representatives for the DMGA Web Page and other media. Emails, text messages and other forms of communications will also be within his scope of responsibilities.

Tournament Director

The Tournament Director position is appointed by the President and act as an additional resource to the President. If appointed, the Tournament Director will serve as an advisor to the Board, with no voting rights. The tournament director will be responsible for establishing the schedule and rules for all DMGA tournaments. If appointed, the Tournament Director shall be responsible to the Board for planning and working closely with the DCC Pro Shop to conduct Association tournaments. He shall prepare a schedule of events for the season and present it to the Board for approval. The schedule must be forwarded to the Board no later than December 1st. Activities that require more than normal Food and Beverage Service or club assistance shall be highlighted in the schedule. In lieu of a Tournament Director, the Board will be responsible for all tournaments associated with the DMGA.

3. Amendments of By-Laws

The Executive Board shall be responsible for assessing the need for amending the by-laws of the Association. Proposed changes to the by-laws must first be approved by a majority vote of members of the Board. Recommendations for modifications of the by-laws shall be posted on DMGA bulletin boards and other forms of electronic communications for review by Association members at least 30 days prior to the scheduled date for voting on the changes. A majority of the members in attendance are required to approve a change to the by-laws

4. Competition Standards

The DMGA reserves the right to change parts of or entire scheduled tournaments. In the event of a change, the Board will notify all members of any changes at least 14 days in advance when possible. A change may not be made to an event without majority Board approval.

Handicap allowances for all competitions shall be in accordance with the recommendations set forth in the USGA Handicap Manual including any local and club handicap policies.

Depending on the tournament, a variety of different tees may be used for competitions.

There is a tournament fee for all events. The amount paid may vary depending on the tournament. All tournament fees will be announced through communications and sign-up information.

Members will be given the opportunity to sign up for all events and tournaments within a minimum of 14 days prior to the event date. It is the responsibility of the member to notify the Pro Shop if cancelling his participation in an event he has signed up for. The individual is required to notify the pro shop no later than 24 hours in advance of the cancellation. Those individuals who do not follow this procedure may be charged for the event and may be suspended from future events.

Prize money may be awarded to individuals who place in any DMGA events in the form of cash, Merchandise prizes, or DCC club credit A portion of money collected for the events may be retained by the DMGA for future tournaments, and events , donations to the club.

The Pro Shop

The Pro Shop shall manage competition conduct in coordination with "The Event Board" as specified in the USGA Rules of Golf and will set the local rules for the competition. "The Event Board" for each tournament/event shall consist of at least one member of the Executive Board, the Tournament Committee (if applicable) and the Head PGA Professional or his designee. They will also be responsible for creating tournament scorecards and tabulating and recording all scores on the day of the tournaments and determine all tie breaking rules.

Suspension/Revocation of DMGA Membership

Any member of the DGMA may have his membership suspended and/or revoked by a majority vote of the Board for conduct that is deemed un-sportsman like and/or detrimental to other members in the spirit of professional courtesy, competition, or member camaraderie.

The DMGA Board of Directors

Addendum

DeBary Men's Golf Association Rules

Dues:

Dues for annual membership in the DMGA are set at \$40.00 Payable March 1 and non-refundable.

Eligibility for participation:

Participants must be at least 18 years of age as of the date of the event.

They must be enrolled in the club's (USGA/GHIN) handicap system.

They must be in good standing with the Club and the a dies paying member of the DMGA.

Board meetings:

Board meetings are held monthly on the 3rd (third) Tuesday of each month. The DMGA reserves the right to change the date and call additional meetings as needed.

Add tournament rules here: