

BYE-LAWS OF SOCIETY OF SINGAPORE GOLFERS

1 GENERAL

- 1.1 These bye-laws ("Bye-Laws") shall form part of the Constitution (the "Constitution") of the Society of Singapore Golfers (the "Society") and the Management Committee may, from time to time, review the Bye-Laws and shall revise, add to, delete, supplement or replace any part of the Bye-Laws as it may deem necessary for the efficient running of the Society.
- 1.2 Any revision, addition, deletion, supplement or replacement shall come into operation at such time as is fixed by the Management Committee.
- 1.3 All Bye-Laws are to be strictly adhered to and any violation is considered to be prejudicial to the interests of the Society for which action may be taken as provided for and in accordance with these Bye-Laws and the Constitution.
- 1.4 It shall be the Members' duty to keep apprised of the Constitution and the Bye-Laws of the Society and all revisions, additions, deletions, supplements and replacements made thereto. Ignorance of the Constitution and/or the Bye-Laws (revisions, additions, deletions, supplements and replacements included) shall be no excuse for any breach or default by any Member in complying with the Constitution and these Bye-Laws.
- 1.5 The interpretation of the meaning and intent of these Bye-Laws by the Management Committee shall be final.

2 MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1 The first Members shall be the following persons, viz:

S/No	Name	S/No	Name
1	Ayob Sidek	14	Mohd Noor
2	Azlan Bakar	15	Mohd Yasin
3	Bernard Lau	16	Ng Tiow Khoon
4	Candy Yan	17	Raymond Tan
5	Daniel Choo	18	Richard Goh
6	David Low	19	Siow Li Lin
7	Douglas Teo	20	Tan Hock Cheng
8	Ivan Wee	21	Tommy Koh
9	Jacqueline Lim	22	Vincent Law
10	Jan Michael Au	23	Vinod Martin
11	Joe Ng	24	Windson Yeo
12	K Saravanan	25	Yeo Meng Chuang
13	Lisa Voon		

who, having determined to form themselves into the Society, are in this Bye-Laws referred to as the Founder Members.

- 2.1 Every candidate for Ordinary membership other than Founder and Associate Members must be proposed by one member and the proposal must be seconded by another member, both proposer and the seconder being Members of the Society and both vouching for the candidate's fitness for membership.

3 ENTRANCE AND SUBSCRIPTION

- 3.1 The Entrance Fee for Ordinary Membership shall be \$20.00, payable in advance. As for Associate Membership, the entrance fee shall be waived as a form of goodwill on the part of those selected Clubs as determined by the Management Committee for their efforts in promoting the Society's membership to its members.

- 3.2 The Annual Subscription Fee for the following categories of Membership shall be payable in advance as prescribed below:

- a. Founder, Ordinary or Associate (Category A) - \$70.00
- b. Founder, Ordinary or Associate (Category B) - \$20.00

Associate members shall not be qualified to:

- a. be officers or members of the Management Committee unless co-opted by the Management Committee;
- b. vote or move or second resolutions; or
- c. nominate members for election to the Management Committee.

Founder, Ordinary and Associate members under Category B membership shall not be entitled to the free maintenance of handicaps provide by the Society.

- 3.3 Annual subscriptions are due and payable on 1st January of each year.
- 3.4 All membership fees and dues shall be decided by a General Meeting from time to time in such amounts as it deem to be adequate to operate and maintain the Society.
- 3.5 Members shall be liable for dues until written resignation has been received and accepted.
- 3.6 All monies collected shall accrue to the benefit of the membership.
- 3.7 This Section shall not apply to Honorary Members.

4 ADMINISTRATION

- 4.1 The Administration of the Society shall be vested in the Management Committee to be elected at the Annual General Meeting each year.
- 4.2 The powers and duties shall be such as their titles would indicate and as defined in the Constitution of the Society.
- 4.3 The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.
- 4.4 The Management Committee shall have full powers to decide on all matters relating to the management of the Society and all matters and/or questions arising out of or not covered in the Bye-Laws and/or Constitution and such decision shall be final.

5 SUB-COMMITTEES

5.1 The Management Committee shall have the power to appoint sub-committees for any purpose or object including the object of furthering any particular activity of the Society. The Management Committee may delegate to such sub-committees such powers and duties of the Management Committee (except those relating to the expulsion of a Member or suspension of a Member's membership) as it may deem necessary or expedient.

5.2 All appointed sub-committees shall function as recommended in the USGA Golf Committee Manual. The following committees may be appointed or such other committees as the President may deem necessary or advisable:

(a) Golf:

1. Plan and conduct all competitions.
2. Prepare schedule of events, and upon approval by the Management Committee, distribute to members.
3. Distribute responsibility of the programme among the committee members, and acquaint players with procedures.
4. Publish and post special conditions of play.
5. Assist in preparations of Local Rules, if any, to be used for play.
6. Post USGA and Local Rules, and explain these Rules to players.

(b) Handicap

1. Assume responsibility for scoring, handicap revisions, turning in score cards, assessing penalties, maintaining records and notifying members of changes.
2. Announce course rating and tees to be used to play.
3. Issue handicap cards to members or a periodic list of players with Handicap Index.

(c) Social

1. Create suitable social activities in conjunction with the golf programme.

(d) Publicity

1. Keep members advised of activities.
2. Distribute information regarding the Society to the media and to the sponsoring organizations.

(e) Membership Committee

1. To investigate and act upon all applications for membership and to recommend appropriate action to the Management Committee.

5.3 Sub-committees shall consist of such persons (which may include members of the Management Committee) and such number of persons as may be determined by the Management Committee from time to time. The Management Committee may, at any time or in its absolute discretion, remove and replace any member from a sub-committee.

5.4 Each such sub-committee shall keep minutes of all its meetings and proceedings which minutes shall, upon the request of the Management Committee, be promptly produced to the Management Committee and shall conduct its business in accordance to the directions of the Management Committee.

- 5.5 No sub-committees shall have the power to incur any expense on behalf of or pledge the credit of the Society or give any warranty or guarantee on the behalf of the Society except to such extent as the Management Committee from time to time may specifically authorize.
- 5.6 The quorum for all meetings of any sub-committee shall be any number constituting at least half of the total number of members of that sub-committee. The chairman of the sub-committee shall be the chairman of the sub-committee meetings, and in his absence, the person nominated by the chairman to the meeting.
- 5.7 All questions arising at any meeting of the sub-committee shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present and voting and a determination or decision by such majority as regards any matter shall for all purposes be deemed to be the determination or decision of the sub-committee as regards that matter, and in the case of an equality of votes, the chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

6 BREACH OF BYE-LAWS AND/OR CONSTITUTION

- 6.1 Members shall have no rights or obligations among or between themselves as Members of the Society.
- 6.2 Breaches or violations of any of these Bye-Laws and/or Constitution shall be reported directly to the Management Committee. The Management Committee is the only party permitted to take any action with respect such breaches or violations and such action shall include any disciplinary action.
- 6.3 Breach or violation of any of the Society's Constitution and/or Bye-Laws shall constitute conduct unbecoming of a Member of the Society and any Member found to have breached or violated these Bye-Laws and/or Constitution shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with these Bye-Laws and/or Constitution.

7 DISCIPLINARY ACTION

- 7.1 The Management Committee may, in its absolute discretion, expel any Member from the Society who acts in any way prejudicial to the interests of the Society or its members, or is found to have breached any provision of the Society's Constitution and/or Bye-Laws, or is found to have made a false statement or provided false information in his/her application for membership to the Society. Before any Member is expelled, his/her conduct shall be inquired into by the Management Committee at a meeting. The Member concerned shall not be entitled to attend this meeting. If at such a meeting it is considered by the Management Committee that there is sufficient evidence to justify calling the Member to answer the charges and/or allegations made against him/her, a notice in writing specifying such charge(s) and/or allegation(s) shall be given to the Member. Such Member shall be called to attend a meeting for the purpose of answering such charge(s) and/or allegation(s). The Member concerned shall have the right to be heard in his/her own defence at such meeting.
- 7.2 If after such meeting, the Management Committee decides to expel the said Member, he/she shall be notified in writing and shall thereupon cease to be a Member of the Society. Instead of expelling the Member concerned, the Management Committee may, in its discretion, elect to censure or suspend the Member or impose any other lesser punishment. The Management Committee's decision is final and conclusive and no

appealing shall lie from the decision of the General Committee to any other meeting or to any Court of Law or arbitration.

- 7.3 If the Member concerned refuses, for any reason, to attend the meeting organized for the purposes of hearing his/her defence to the charge(s) and/or allegation(s) made against him/her, the Management Committee shall be entitled to proceed to make its decision in respect of the said charge(s) and/or allegations(s). In such event, the Management Committee may expel, censure or suspend the Member or impose any lesser punishment. Such decision made by the Management Committee's decision shall be final and conclusive and no appeal shall lie from the decision of the Management Committee to any other meeting or to any Court of Law or arbitration.
- 7.4 Any suspension of a Member by the Management Committee shall not exceed six (6) consecutive months in duration.
- 7.5 Any Member who is suspended shall forfeit all rights and privileges of a Member for the duration of the suspension.
- 7.6 The Management Committee may, in its discretion, reduce the period of suspension or re-admit a Member who has been expelled under this Article 7 on any terms and conditions it sees fit.
- 7.7 For the avoidance of doubt, any Member who is suspended or expelled from membership under this Article 7 shall not be entitled to any refund of his/her Annual Subscription Fee or any fees or charges paid to the Society.

8 CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- 8.1 Any Member who:
- (a) has resigned or died;
 - (b) has been adjudicated bankrupt;
 - (c) becomes an enemy alien of Singapore;
 - (d) has been expelled;
 - (e) has been convicted of any offence involving violence or dishonesty or who suffers imprisonment for any reason whatsoever;
 - (f) leaves Singapore to escape criminal proceedings; and
 - (g) leaves Singapore for a period of 12 months or more
- shall cease to be a Member.
- 8.2 Any Member on ceasing to be a Member shall forfeit all rights and privileges of a Member.
- 8.3 The Management Committee may, in its absolute discretion, re-admit to membership on any terms and conditions it sees fit, any person who has ceased to be a Member pursuant to this Article 8.

9 RESIGNATION

- 9.1 A Member may at any time, by giving notice in writing to the Management Committee, resign his/her membership of the Society, but shall continue to be liable for any subscription or other debt due and unpaid at the date of his/her resignation.

- 9.2 The Management Committee may, in its discretion, re-admit to membership on any terms and conditions it sees fit, any person who has resigned as a Member pursuant to this Article 9.

10 CHANGE OF DETAILS IN APPLICATION FORM

All Members shall inform the Management Committee of any change of address or change in any other detail listed in the application form (including but not limited to the mailing address which the Member wishes all mailings, annual statements, notices, or other communications to be sent).

11 PROHIBITIONS

No member shall borrow in the name of or pledge the credit of the Society.

12 GOLF GAMES, COMPETITIONS AND TOURNAMENTS

- 12.1 The fees, dates, times, courses, terms and conditions and rules relating to and regulating any golf game, competition or tournament organized by the Society shall be determined by the Golf Committee.
- 12.2 All members who participate in any golf game, competition or tournament organized by the Society shall:
- (a) Abide by and comply fully with all rules and regulations and bye-laws of the club/course at which the golf game is played or at which competition or tournament is held (hereinafter called the "Participating Club"); and
 - (b) Promptly pay, in addition to any fee which the Society may charge for such golf game, competition or tournament, the green fees and other costs as determined by the Participating Club.
- 12.3 The Society shall determine eligibility for any golf game, competition or tournament it organizes and may in connection therewith impose requirements on play such as age, the possession of a current USGA handicap or a proficiency certificate issued by the Club.
- 12.4 Before the start of a golf game, competition or tournament, every participant shall register in the manner determined by the Golf Committee. Any participant failing to observe this rule shall automatically be disqualified and any green or other fees paid by such participant to the Society shall be forfeited.
- 12.5 Any participant who is unable to play in the golf game, competition or tournament shall notify the Society in writing within the prescribed period as determined by the Golf Committee; failing which any green or other fees paid by such participant for the same shall be forfeited by the Society. If a written explanation is given for the late notice and such explanation is accepted by the Golf Committee, the Golf Committee may, at its absolute discretion, refund the participant any fees paid.
- 12.6 There shall be no refund of the green and other fees paid once the member has teed off or is unable to complete a round for whatever reason of if the course is closed for whatever reason and the member decides not to continue with play after the course is re-opened or playable. The decision to close the course shall be determined by the Participating Club.

- 12.7 Rules on stroke competitions and tournaments, match play, ballsweeps and scratch competitions shall be determined by the Golf Committee.
- 12.8 If a member belongs to more than one club and has golf handicap indexes in more than one club, in any competition or tournament organized by the Society, he/she shall play off the lowest handicap.
- 12.9 In any 18-hole competition, if, for any reason, the competition is cancelled after two-thirds of the competitors have completed their round of 18 holes, the competition shall be deemed to have completed.
- 12.10 In match play competitions, if a match finishes all square, that match shall continue in the same sequence as the first 18 holes until one side has gained a hole whereby the match shall have been won. In handicap play, stroke shall again apply as in the 18 hole round.
- 12.11 In stroke play competitions, in the event of a tie, the Society count-back system shall follow that which is set out by the USGA.
- 12.12 In any competition or tournament organized by the Society, the scores shall be recorded and the scorecard countersigned by the participant's opponent or fellow competitor.
- 12.13 In all competitions involving stroke play, players shall return their cards whether completed or not the conclusion of play. Any player who fails to comply with this Bye-Law may lose his/her eligibility to enter the next competition.
- 12.14 Where any concessions are given, adequate proof of status required for such concession must be shown at the time of registration for the golf game, competition or tournament organized by the Society.
- 12.15 Members shall ensure that they obtain, at their own expense, sufficient insurance coverage for all golf games, competitions and tournaments they participate in. If there are sufficient numbers, the Society may, on the member's request, assist members in arranging for group insurance. Payment for all premiums for such group insurance shall be at the expense of the members who wish to obtain such insurance.
- 12.16 Members shall, upon the Society's request, promptly furnish the Society evidence satisfactory to the Society, of the insurance he/she obtained.
- 12.17 Members will not be permitted to participate in any golf game, competition or tournament organized by the Society if they do not have insurance coverage or insufficient insurance coverage, the existence and sufficiency of insurance coverage being determined by the Golf Committee whose decision shall be final.
- 12.18 Members shall hold the Society harmless and indemnify the Society from all losses, damages, costs and expense incurred or suffered by the Society and from all demands, claims and suits made on the Society arising out of or in connection with any act, omission, neglect, default, negligence of the member in the play of golf or while at the course or premises of a Participating Club.
- 12.19 Members who refuse to provide the Society with the aforesaid indemnity or such other indemnity as the Society shall determine will not be permitted to participate in any golf game, competition or tournament organized by the Society.

13 LIABILITY

The Society shall not be liable in anyway for any loss of or damage to property or any injury suffered by or caused to members arising from or in connection with any golf game, competition or tournament organized by the Society.

14 HANDICAP SYSTEM

- 14.1 The Society shall adopt the USGA Handicap System and will maintain and issue USGA Handicap Indexes to the members in accordance to it.
- 14.2 The computations and adjustments of Handicap Indexes of all members shall be in accordance with the USGA Handicap Formula.
- 14.3 Only members with a reasonable and regular opportunity to play with fellow members and who can personally return scores (hereinafter called the "Scorecards") for posting may be members and receive USGA Handicap Indexes through the Society.
- 14.4 In order to obtain a USGA Handicap Index, a member must:
 - (a) Attend a workshop on Rules of Golf & Etiquette and sit a written test conducted by the Society or appointed golf club;
 - (b) Attend a workshop on Handicapping;
 - (c) Submit at least five 18 holes or ten 9 holes adjusted gross scores; and
 - (d) Pass the required Courtesy Round conducted by the Handicap Committee or Handicap Test conducted by appointed Golf Professional.
- 14.5 Having satisfying the requirements stipulated in Article 14.4, the member may apply for and take a test arranged or conducted by the Society. The test shall be conducted either by testers appointed by the Society or testers from the club where golf course is being used for such testing.
- 14.6 On passing such test, the member shall receive his/her USGA Handicap Index and will be notified by the Society in writing.
- 14.7 If the member does not meet the minimum requirement standards, at least one month (or such other period as the Society may determine) shall lapse before he/she becomes eligible for a re-test.
- 14.8 The handicap revision schedule shall be determined by the Society and/or in accordance with the recommendations made by authorized golf association.
- 14.9 The Society shall have the right and authority to revise the course handicap of any members who are players in competitions and tournaments organized by the Society even though such players' handicap index is not issued by the Society.
- 14.10 The Handicap Committee of the Society may, at its discretion, revise, suspend or withdraw the Handicap Index issued by the Society to its members at any time.
- 14.11 Revised USGA Handicap Indexes of the Society shall be posted on the first day of each month.

14.12 A member shall return a scorecard every time he/she plays a round of 9 or 18 holes at golf games, competitions or tournaments organized by the Society or elsewhere and the following information should be recorded in the scorecard for each round:

- (a) Member's name and his/her membership number of the Society;
- (b) Member's handicap index;
- (c) Date the round was played
- (d) Name of course
- (e) State the colour of tee being played (e.g. gold, black, blue, white or red)
- (f) Adjusted Score of each hole; and
- (g) The Course and Slope rating of the course

All returned scorecards shall be mailed to the Society or any designated address as determined by the Management Committee for handicapping purposes.

14.13 The Society reserves the right to check the authenticity of every scorecard submitted by its members and the Handicap Committee may withdraw or revoke the handicap index of any member who fails to observe the spirit of the USGA Handicap System.

14.14 Any member who fails to post any scores for the last 6 months shall be placed on the Inactive list and a remark "Inactive" will appear against his/her name. Members who are in the Inactive list will not generally be eligible to participate in any tournaments organized by the Society or any of the SGA-associated or affiliated Clubs. However, the Golfing Committee of the Society or any SGA-associated or affiliated Club may allow them to participate in their tournaments with a lower course handicap than they would be entitled to if they were in the Active list. A member in the Inactive list is required to post at least one 18-hole acceptable scores before his/her handicap index is reinstated into the Active list.

14.15 Members who are also members of foreign or other local clubs and whose current handicap indexes were issued by and maintained at such other clubs, may transfer their handicap indexes to the Society and the Society shall accept such transfer if the issuing club is a member club of its national/authorized association/club.

15 AMENDMENTS TO BYE-LAWS

The Management Committee shall have the power to repeal or amend any of these Bye-Laws provided that such action shall not be effective until approved by a majority vote of the members of the Management Committee at a meeting held in accordance with the provisions contained herein.

These Bye-Laws, read and approved by the members of Management Committee are accepted by:

Raymond Tan
President

Douglas Teo
Secretary

Richard Goh
Treasurer

29th May 2009
Date