

# HERITAGE RANCH MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

## **ARTICLE I** **NAME**

The name of the association is the Heritage Ranch Men's Golf Association also known as HRMGA.

## **ARTICLE II** **PURPOSE**

1. To promote interest in and improvement of golf among male members of Heritage Ranch.
2. To develop, organize, and increase participation in all golf tournaments sponsored by the HRMGA.
3. To promote competitive tournament golf (MGA18) as well as a group for casual golf (MGA9).

## **ARTICLE III** **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership is open to any male age 48 or older who is either an owner, resident, has any Heritage Ranch Golf Membership program or prospective owner under contract at Heritage Ranch.

## **ARTICLE IV** **DUES**

1. Dues will be established by the MGA Board annually and approved by the HRMGA membership at the annual general membership meeting. Dues are payable upon registration.
2. Only members with dues paid in good standing are eligible to vote or to be considered for MGA office.
3. Only members with dues paid in good standing are eligible to play in MGA sanctioned tournaments.
4. The MGA board shall establish base dues for each membership to cover common expenses, and then add separately to each group the additional amount for tournament related expenses.

## **ARTICLE V** **OFFICERS / BOARD OF DIRECTOR**

1. Members of the Board shall be the President, Vice President of MGA18, Secretary-Treasurer, Director of Tournament Administration, Vice President of MGA9 and the Past President. Each Officer shall serve without compensation.
2. Duties of the Board shall be to manage and control the affairs of the HRMGA
3. There will be 5 (five) voting members of the Board. The five members listed above, except the Past President.

## **ARTICLE VI**

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

1. The election of HRMGA Officers shall take place during the end of the year annual membership meeting. All five members will be up for election each year. Board vacancies will be filled from a slate of qualified nominees, not to exceed six, presented by the nominating committee. Either the Vice President 18 or Vice President 9 will assume the Presidency in the year following his election to the Board. The Board will vote on which Vice President will be nominated. The MGA9 membership shall nominate their own Vice President of the MGA9. Nominations may be made from the floor at the annual meeting provided that nominees are qualified and have given their prior consent except for the Vice President MGA9 who is elected exclusively by only MGA9 members. The MGA9 vote will be held prior to the annual meeting. Elected Officers will take office effective immediately following the election and continuing until the next annual membership meeting.
2. Officers shall be elected for a one-year term by a majority vote of ballots cast. Officers may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms unless the candidate is unopposed and willing to accept, he may serve an unlimited number of terms.
3. Board vacancies that unexpectedly occur during the year will be filled by the remaining members of the HRMGA Board.

## **ARTICLE VII** **DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

The Officers shall attend and participate at all meetings.

1. The **President** shall preside at all meetings of the HRMGA, shall call all special meetings and direct all activities of the HRMGA. He shall also work in concert with the Heritage Ranch Management and the Head Golf Professional and General Manager to insure cooperative understanding in all HRMGA events and promotion of golf at Heritage Ranch.
2. The **Vice President MGA 18** shall perform as directed by the President.
3. The **Vice President MGA9** shall administer all activities related to the MGA9 as directed by the President. He shall direct any MGA 9 committees.
4. The **Secretary-Treasurer** shall record the minutes of the board meetings and all membership meetings. He shall receive all moneys of the MGA and deposit such sums in a non-interest bearing account of a recognized bank. The Treasurer shall sign all checks drawn on funds of the MGA. The annual budget (and any subsequent revisions) will be approved by the Board which is deemed approval for the expenditure. All non budgeted expenditures shall be approved by the Board including the Secretary-Treasurer prior to committing to payment of the expenditure. All checks will be signed by the Treasurer. In the absence of the treasurer the checks will be signed by the President. All Checks in excess of \$1,000 must be approved by both Treasurer and President with written documentation. The Treasurer shall keep an itemized account of all financial transactions and render a report of receipts and disbursements at each meeting. The financial records shall be kept in sufficient detail to account for the activities of both the MGA18 and MGA9.
5. The **Director of Tournament Administration** shall administer all activities of tournament play including but not limited to: Scheduling of tournaments, coordination with head pro, financial payouts, record keeping systems, and oversee any joint play with MGA18 and MGA9. He will also be responsible for maintaining the Associations

website.

6. The **Immediate Past President** shall perform duties as directed by the President and shall be an advisory non voting member of the Board.
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## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **REMOVAL OF OFFICERS**

Any Officer may be removed from the Board for failure to attend three (3) consecutive scheduled meetings of the Board, which have been duly noticed in accordance with notifications of scheduled meetings.

A vacancy in any position shall be filled by the MGA Board. The appointment shall last for the balance of the vacant term.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **MEETINGS**

1. The annual General Membership Meeting will be held after the conclusion of the MGA golf season. Other general meetings will be called as deemed necessary by the Board.
2. Board Meetings will be held at a time and place as determined by the Board. These meetings may be held monthly or as needed to direct the HRMGA activities.
3. A special meeting can be called at any time. A quorum for the Board shall be 3 members present.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **COMMITTEES**

The Board shall authorize and define the powers and duties of Committees. Openings for Chairs and members of said Committees shall be posted in order that volunteers can be accepted annually and approved by the Board. Each Committee shall obtain Board approval for all major Committee events. The Board may appoint any committee as the need arises to address any specific issues.

The Board will assign a current Board member to represent the HRMGA on the Heritage Ranch Golf Committee.

The Committees shall work closely with the MGA Board.

1. The **Tournament/Event Committees**. There shall be two standing committees:
  - A. MGA9 Tournament Committee chaired by the Vice President MGA9. The Director of Tournament Administration shall sit on this committee with the balance of members coming exclusively from the MGA9 or golf staff.
  - B. MGA18 Tournament Committee shall be chaired by the Director of Tournament Administration. The balance of members will be from the MGA18 or golf staff.
  - C. In the event that other committees are appointed they shall report to the one of the respective standing tournament committees.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **GENERAL RULES**

1. The acceptance of membership in the association shall bind each member to uphold the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of the association and to accept and enforce all rules and decisions of the Board of Directors, acting within the Board's jurisdiction.
2. Any member may be subject to suspension or expulsion for unbecoming conduct detrimental to the game of golf, the good name of the association and/or its proper functioning or administration. Any charges preferred must be in writing. Any member failing in his obligations as set forth herein may be suspended or expelled by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors; provided such member shall have been given due notice of the charges preferred against him and an opportunity to be heard in his defense.
3. Any member thus suspended or expelled by a vote of the Board of Directors may appeal from its decision to the members of the full organization at any annual meeting.
4. Any member expelled for cause shall have a refund of his dues for the un-expired term of the year. The amount of the refund will be prorated to the full number of quarters (3 months) remaining in the fiscal year.
5. To play in any HRMGA tournament, HRMGA members must be an HRMGA member in good standing and have an established USGA handicap index.
6. Each tournament may have a fee charged above the annual dues fee. The additional fee charged will be used for prizes or food for that tournament.
7. In accordance with the World Handicap System a minimum of 54 holes has to be recorded in the Golf Handicap Information Network (GHIN) system for a member to have a handicap index. A handicap index is required to compete in HRMGA event and participate in the competition for prize money or season long points. A new member that has not recorded 54 holes will be allowed to participate in an event but will not be eligible for prize money or season long points and will not be charged an entry fee.
8. A maximum handicap index for a HRMGA member will be 54. This number may be changed based on new guidelines from the USGA.
9. It is expected that each member will properly post their scores to GHIN in accordance with the Rules of Handicapping. All event/tournament rounds will be posted to GHIN by the Director of Tournament Administration.
10. In accordance with the World Handicap System all handicap indexes are revised on a daily basis reflecting rounds posted to that date.
11. Except where otherwise specified, rules of the U. S. G. A. and local rules will govern. Both the MGA18 and MGA9 may implement modified rules for each event or tournament as determined by the respective Event/Tournament Committees.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS**

These Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed by simple majority vote of the ballots cast at the regular annual meeting or at any special meeting of the Members called for that purpose.

The Members shall not have the power to change the purpose of the Association so as to decrease its rights and powers or to deprive any Member of rights and privileges then existing, or so to amend the Bylaws to deviate from the original intents and purposes of the Association.

Notice of any amendment to be made at a special meeting of the Members must be distributed to the membership at least ten (10) days before such meeting and must set forth the amendments to be considered.

Any amendments to these by-laws must be approved by the HOA Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE XIII**  
**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The President shall chair the Nominating Committee that shall consist of a minimum of three members.

The Nominating Committee shall assemble a list of nominees who have expressed their interests to serve as an Officer on the MGA Board.

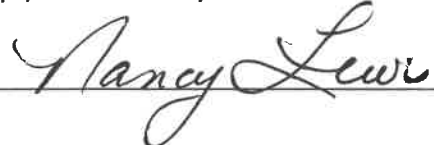
The Nominating Committee shall mail/email the proposed slate to the members thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting and create the ballots for voting ten (10) days prior to the Annual Meeting.

Approved by MGA President

  
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Date: 10/24/2021

Approved by HR HOA Board

  
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Date: 9/17/21

MGA Membership Approved Date 7/16/2021

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