

ACADIANA GOLF ASSOCIATION

BY-LAWS

Article I: Name

This organization shall be known as the Acadiana Golf Association, later referred herein to as the AGA.

Article II: Objectives

The objectives of this association shall be for the advancement of golf and for the promotion of Camaraderie as follows:

- Section 1: Through developing and maintaining a group of golfers whose aims are to improve their game by regular play under competitive circumstances.
- Section 2: To promote a relationship through sportsmanship between members and their families.

Article III: Membership And Voting

- Section 1: Membership shall consist of golfers at least 18 years of age or older and of good moral character.
- Section 2: Membership shall be limited to 150 regular members.
- Section 3: The qualifications for voting on the affairs of the AGA shall be as follows:
 - Must be an ACTIVE member in good standing with the AGA
 - Must be current in his Dues at the time of the vote.
- Section 4: A quorum for the transaction of the affairs of the AGA shall be $\frac{1}{2}$ (one half) of the Board Members at the time of the meeting. This means that at least 4 Board Members must be present for there to be a quorum.

Article IV: Officers

- Section 1: The officers of the AGA shall be: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.
- Section 2: The officers will be selected by the 5 Board Members. All elected Board Members will serve a term for one (1) full year.

- Section 3: Board Members will be selected from Current Members yearly.
- Section 4: Board Members can select non-board members for any office position.
- Section 5: Duties of the Officers:
 - President – Shall preside at all meetings and have the power to appoint any and all committees necessary to handle the affairs of the AGA. President will vote to break any ties.
 - Vice President – Shall assume the duties and powers of the President when the president is absent.
 - Secretary – Shall keep minutes and notes from all meetings and handle correspondence as required by the AGA.
 - Treasurer – Shall keep records of all events as well as current handicap and point averages for all members. He shall receive and disperse funds at the discretion of the Board and keep financial records of all transactions. He shall be prepared to make a financial report at any and all Board or General Membership meetings. The treasurer will have access to bank account and all funds of the AGA. He shall sign all checks with either the President or Vice President as Co-signers.
 - Tournament Director – Shall set up tournament schedule and out of town trip for the year. Board shall be able if needed to vote on tournament schedule.
- Section 6: Any officer may be removed of the duties during his/her term by a $\frac{3}{4}$ (three-fourths) majority vote of the current members.
- Section 7: Any Vacancy among the Officers during the year shall be filled immediately by the board; and any member thus selected shall hold office for the remainder of the year.

Article V: Board of Directors

- Section 1: The Board of Directors shall consist of at least (5) elected members of which at least 4 of the members must be elected from the current board. They shall hold office for a period of 1 year.
- Section 2: The Board of Directors will meet once a month or upon request from a board member.
- Section 3: The Board shall be the governing body of the AGA and shall be empowered to act on behalf of the membership. Its authority includes, but is not limited to:
 - Fill vacancies in office
 - Approve and distribute of funds
 - Draft and submit amendments to the constitution

- Suspend and expel members not conforming to regulations
- Audit the record of the treasurer
- Call meeting of the general membership provided all members shall have at least 3 days' notice thereof
- Determine the qualifications of any and all new members
- Set dues schedule for each year
- Regulate the sponsorship of new members. They shall also handle any and all internal affairs which involve the membership
- Section 4: Officers and Board Members shall be responsible for Nominating, Awards, Socials, Tournaments, and the Constitution.

Article VI: Elections

- Section 1: The nominating committee shall submit a list of qualified candidates for the Board Members to pick from. All Good standing members shall submit their names for board positions if they wish to join.
- Section 2: The 5 elected Board Members will be selected from the list of members who have actively participated in 3 AGA sponsored tournaments.

Article VII: Dues

- Section 1: Membership Dues for all members shall be set annually by the Board. Dues will be sent out in November and be paid before fist tournament of the year,
- Section 2: If member is delinquent in dues, they shall be considered as having resigned from association. If said member wishes to rejoin at a later date they will have to re-establish handicap.

Article VIII: Hole in One

- Section 1: A fee of \$10 is collected out of the membership Dues for the Hole in One Pot.
- Section 2: Hole in One / Double Eagle Fund will be capped at \$500 once the pot is suitable enough to pay out. Pot will be paid out at the end of the tournament year. Ex. (If 2 people hit a Hole in One in tournament play, they will split the pot.)
- Section 3: Once funds exceed \$1500 all payouts will be \$500.
- Section 4: Hole in One Fund will not hold more than \$2500. Once that amount has been reached, the \$10 fee will go into Association funds to be used for Tournament payouts or other activities.

- Section 5: Once Funds drop to \$1500, \$10 fee will be used to grow pot back to \$2500.

Article IX: Tournaments

- Section 1: Scoring for Tournaments will be as follows for handicap calculations:
 - Hole in One / Double Eagle – 5pts.
 - Eagle – 4 pts.
 - Birdie – 3 pts.
 - Par – 2 pts.
 - Bogey – 1 pt.
 - Double Bodey – 0 pts.
 - Pickup at double bogey to keep up with pace of play.
- Section 2: Playing Rules are as follows:
 - You are allowed to bump/clean your golf ball 1 scorecard no closer to the hole in your own fairway.
 - Play the ball down in the rough
 - Rake and Place in Bunkers
 - Weather will dictate if it is Lift clean and place everywhere on the course
 - USGA rules for OB
 - Re-tee if ball is hit OB shooting 3
 - Point of Entry shooting 4
 - PUTT EVERYTHING OUT (NO GIMMIES)
 - If taking a drop or unplayable, ball must be dropped from knee height no closer to the hole.
 - Yardage will be determined by course (Staying around 6400 yards. For Regulars, 1 tee box up for Seniors, and 2 tee boxes up for Super seniors)
 - Regulars: 59 and Younger
 - Seniors: 60-69 years of age
 - Super Seniors: 70+ years of age
 - CHEATING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. If you get caught cheating you will get a warning. If you get caught doing it again you will be kicked out of the association.
- Section 3: To be eligible for the Club Championship you must have competed in 4 rounds.
- Section 4: To be considered off the bubble 2 rounds must be played to establish your handicap. You may not exceed +5 on your points for payout purposes. Once player is deemed off the bubble, he/she is allowed to go as low as possible.

- Only 2026 Calendar year, 2 rounds will be used to declare off the bubble. Starting in 2027 3 rounds must be played to declare off the bubble for new members.
- Section 5: Each tournament will be flighted based off handicap.
 - Number of flights dictated by number of participants
- Section 6: Tournament Fees will be course green fee plus \$15.
 - \$15 will be used for :
 - \$10 towards the points game
 - \$4 Closest to the Hole
 - \$1 for Each Par 3 hole will be used
 - Payout amount determined by number of participants
 - \$1 to Association to use as needed
 - \$10 Optional Skins Pot will be collected
 - This pays out for birdies and eagles.
 - IF you are the only person to birdie or eagle a hole you will collect from this pot.
 - Total money in the pot divided by amount of birdies/eagles not covered to figure out payout per.
- Section 7: Deadline to enter monthly tournaments are the SUNDAY before the scheduled event.
 - Board meetings are generally held the Tuesday or Wednesday before the scheduled tournament.
 - Once pairings and flights are finalized:
 - If member has to back out after the scheduled Board Meeting you will forfeit your \$15 Game fee plus \$10 skins game if entered. The remainder will go as credit on the books.
 - If member does not notify via email or text a board member you will forfeit your entire tournament fee.
- Section 8: Members are allowed to bring guest to play tournaments.
 - Same guest may only play 1 tournament per year.
 - If that guest joins association before the next tournament that round played will count as their first round (B1) as a member.