

MARS GOLF LEAGUE BYLAWS

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PURPOSE:

The primary purpose of this golf league is to provide a pleasurable golfing experience promoting social interaction and friendly competition for MARS members through the conduct of a weekly tournament. This league shall provide a means to receive and maintain a USGA handicap.

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this league shall be “MARS GOLF LEAGUE”. The league shall be an informal, non-profit organization without a formal charter.

ARTICLE II: MEETINGS

Section 1: There shall be an annual general membership meeting to be held in March of each year preceding actual League play. The date and time of this meeting shall be determined by the officers of the League and communicated to the membership by email or phone. The order of business at these meetings shall be:

Call to order

Reports by the officers of the activities and results of the past year

Discussion of the place and time for the games to be played during the coming season

Election of officers for the current year

Evaluation and modification of the play and tournament rules

Assignment of Co-chairs for each scheduled event

Discussion of any old or new business

Adjournment

Section 2: The officers may call a special meeting of the League at any time, or a meeting may be called by a request from 10% of the membership. Notice of these meetings and the annual membership meeting shall be emailed or phoned to all members prior to the scheduled meeting. Special meeting notices shall define the subjects to be discussed, and special meetings shall be limited to the defined discussions.

Section 3: Motions made and seconded can be passed by a majority of the members present at the meeting.

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS AND WEEKLY EVENT MANAGEMENT

Section 1: Officers of the MARS GOLF LEAGUE: President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, Handicap Chair. All officers will hold the position for 1 year; each officer shall be eligible to succeed himself. All officers shall be elected by majority vote of the membership present at the annual general membership meeting.

Section 2: The President shall preside at all League meetings. The President shall sign all instruments which have been authorized by the membership or the Bylaws. The President shall have general supervision of the affairs of the League and shall perform other duties as authorized through the Bylaws or directed by the membership. The President shall determine the allocation of the Annual League Tournament Prizes (Article VIII, Section 1). The President shall contact members who have not signed up as Co-Chairs to complete the season schedule. Further the President shall sign all contracts and have bank check signature authority in the event the Secretary/Treasurer is unable to support that task.

Section 3: The Vice-President shall support the President in the performance of duties and shall perform the duties of the President when the President absent. The Vice-President may become President for the second year in office without any further voting.

Section 4: The Secretary/Treasurer shall collect all agreed to fees and assessments and make a full and accurate account of all financial funds and transactions available for review when requested. The Secretary /Treasurer shall pay all authorized League expenses and League annual tournament awards as determined by the President. The Secretary/Treasurer shall create and maintain the League membership list.

Section 5: The Handicap Chair shall review member scores posted in GHIN and make corrections as necessary, update and maintain the League roster in GHIN and the League's golf program, create and maintain each season's event schedule in the League's golf program, update and maintain League information in the League's golf program, and work with the USGA organization to determine and maintain official USGA handicaps. The Handicap Chair shall be responsible for ensuring that the League is compliant with USGA/CGA and GHIN documentation requirements. Further the Handicap Chair shall work towards promoting play consistent with the nature and purpose of the League.

Section 6: The Co-Chairs shall check in players and collect weekly fees, place and collect closest to the pin markers, determine prizes consistent with applicable prize allocation tables, and have the prizes available prior to or at the next week's event. Complete requirements are available in the MARS Golf League Co-Chair Guidelines.

Section 7: The Event Manager shall be responsible for the computerized pairing process, reporting pairings to course management and members signed up to play and making all required documents available to the co-chairs in advance of the scheduled event. On the day of the event, the Event Manager shall update the event roster as required, download current handicap indexes from GHIN, assign players to flights for individual competition formats, enter hole by hole scores into the League's golf program, determine winners applying tiebreakers as required, make results available to League members, and upload players' scores to GHIN. The complete requirements are available in the MARS Golf League Event Manager Guidelines.

Section 8: An event may be cancelled due to weather. Prior to the event the President and/or Vice President, in conjunction with the golf course, will determine if an event is cancelled and will communicate the cancellation to the members through the Event Manager. Sometimes events are cancelled on the morning of the event, and it is not practical to contact everyone playing. Members are encouraged to call the golf course for the latest status. The President may delegate this responsibility to the Event Manager if necessary. Once Event check-in has started, it becomes the responsibility of the Event Manager and Cochairs to determine if the event should be cancelled or shortened..

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: All members of the League shall be current members of MARS [Martin Aerospace Retiree's Society] Associates and meet the requirements of the MARS Golf League membership. In special cases where a current member of MARS who has Golf League membership requires support assistance in order to participate, the support assistant may be given "significant other" status for the duration of the remaining golf league season. Approval by the elected officers of the MARS Golf League must be granted.

Section 2: Active members shall have paid the current membership fees prior to participation. The members of the League shall be classified as active members. Memberships shall be considered as lifetime unless a request to withdraw has been specifically received from a member. The right to vote and hold office shall be the privilege of active members.

Section 3: All members will have an established USGA handicap to compete for prizes in weekly and annual tournament play. New members without established USGA handicaps may play in weekly events but will not be eligible for prizes. They will not be required to pay the event entry fees unless they have an established handicap.

Section 4: Membership in the League is not transferable.

Section 5: This is an 18-hole league. All members must plan to play 18 holes in each event unless an on-course injury or illness precludes completion of 18 holes. In the event of other unforeseen circumstances, the Event Manager and Co-Chairs have the final decision as to when to cancel or shorten the event.

ARTICLE V: LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP FEES AND ASSESSMENTS

Section 1: Annual assessments will be established during the March membership meeting preceding each golf season, assessments should be paid in full before a member is permitted to play in any weekly event.

Section 2: Greens fees and prize money must be paid prior to teeing off the day of the event.

Section 3: In the event of a no-show on the day of the event [i.e., the player did not notify a Co-Chair or the Event Manager of not being able to play after previously committing to play], the individual will be responsible for any costs incurred by the League because of the no-show. In addition, a player may be fined for failing to cancel. A player must contact the Event Manager or Cochair to cancel a tee time. Cancellations made later than 9:00 pm on Monday prior to play will result in a \$5 fine. Failure to cancel and not show up for your tee time (no call/no show) will result in a \$10 fine. A player cannot collect winnings for any tournament until the fine(s) is paid. If fines are not paid by the end of the golf season, membership in the league may be cancelled. The President and/or Vice-President may review and waive the fine in the event of disabling health or personal circumstances. A player choosing to cancel because of weather when the league has decided to play will be fined. See Article III, Section 8.

Section 4: The officers of the League shall have the right to recommend changes to the assessments shown herein, but no changes can be approved without a vote of the membership.

ARTICLE VI: RESIGNATIONS

Section 1: Resignation of officers shall be submitted in writing addressed to the President or the Vice-President. The President or Vice-President will have the authority to appoint a replacement to hold office in place of the resigned officer until the following annual meeting, where new officers will be elected.

Section 2: Resignation of members may be communicated to any officer of the League.

ARTICLE VII: DISCIPLINE

Section 1: All members are to always conduct themselves in an admirable fashion. They are to be courteous to other members and others on or about the course premises. This means that no member shall cause their behavior to be questioned by others during play, throw or project any items other than the golf ball, intentionally cause damage to the course or its properties, be profane in any manner, be it verbal or physical in nature. All members shall conduct themselves in manner consistent with course requirements and the general rules of etiquette associated with league and course regulations; and to limit embarrassment to the league and/or its membership.

Section 2: In the event a member conducts themselves in such a manner as stated in Section 1, or inconsistent with course regulations, they will be subject to forfeiture of membership.

Section 3: The MARS Golf League President, will be responsible for review of any misconduct. In the event a member is to be barred from further membership, the Leagues officers will convene and by majority vote determine the outcome.

Section 4: In the event barred member request reconsideration, a majority vote of the membership is required for reinstatement.

Section 5: Retention of active membership in the MARS GOLF LEAGUE shall be contingent upon participation in a minimum of 5 of the scheduled events. Final refusal to accept a membership application must be approved by the membership at the annual meeting. Long term illness will be an exception to this rule provided that the member notifies the officers of the league

ARTICLE VIII: ANNUAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT PRIZES AND AWARDS

Section 1: The President shall determine the number of net winners and the dollar amounts to be awarded based on the amount of prize money available and the number of players playing in the tournament.

Section 2: Awards for “Closest to the Pin,” will be made for each of the two League Championship events.

Section 3: The Handicap Chair shall determine the Most Improved Player and the President shall determine the amount of money to be awarded.

ARTICLE IX: SALARY AND DEBTS

Section 1: The officers of the MARS GOLF LEAGUE shall receive no salary or compensation.

Section 2: No debt shall be contracted against the MARS GOLF LEAGUE, other than in the normal conduct of league tournaments or banquets, except by vote of the membership.

ARTICLE X: ORGANIZATION

Section 1: This League shall be a non-profit organization, organized solely for the social benefit of its members. This League shall not be liable to any member or to any person for damage or claim arising out of the League's operation. Any applicant accepted into this League hereby waives any such damage or claim which may exist at the present time, or which may exist at any time in the future.

ARTICLE XI GUESTS

Section 1: Guests will be permitted to participate in League events. The Guest must be sponsored by a member of the League. The member will be responsible for the Guest's conduct, including

acknowledgement that the Guest has been told about or has read the Pace of Play Guidelines and League Rules. The Guest will not be eligible for prize money.

Section 2: Acceptance of Guests rests with the Event Manager who may determine that Guests will not be allowed in the event of a lack of available tee times or similar reason. Members must request Guest approval in sufficient time to allow the Event Manager to coordinate Guest participation.

ARTICLE XII: RULES PERTINENT TO THE BYLAWS

Section 1: These Bylaws may be amended, replaced or altered, in whole or in part, by a majority vote of the membership present at a called meeting, or by email. (Note: if an individual member cannot respond via email, a telephone vote may be obtained by the President or Vice-President.) Notice of a proposed amendment, including its complete contents, must be made available prior to the meeting at which it is to be considered. Any such amended, replaced, or altered article or section shall be incorporated into the Bylaws and made available to the membership.

Section 2: All business proceedings of the League not provided for in the foregoing Bylaws shall be governed by "Roberts Rules of Order".