



*Georgia Women's Golf Association, Inc.*

**RESTATED AND AMENDED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
GEORGIA WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION, INC.**

1.

The name of the corporation is GEORGIA WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION, INC. (hereinafter referred to as "the corporation" or as "GWGA").

2.

The corporation is organized pursuant to the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code.

3.

The corporation shall have perpetual duration.

4.

Membership in the Association is open to all female amateur golfers who were female at birth and are bona fide residents of Georgia for a minimum of sixty days prior to submitting an application and who meet qualifications as specified in the By-Laws. Other classes of membership may be established by the Board of Directors. Annual membership dues and entry fees for tournaments conducted by GWGA shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Annual membership shall expire on October 31 each year. (A "member" as described herein is not a "member" as defined in Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 14-3-140(20).)

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The mailing address of the initial principal office of the corporation is 2405 Westgate Dr., Albany, Georgia 31707.

6.

The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable activities and is not organized for profit. The purposes for which GWGA is organized are:

- a. To develop, promote, maintain and protect the best interests of the game of golf among the amateur female golfers throughout the State of Georgia.
- b. To conduct an annual Championship Tournament and provide recognition of the winners of this event.
- c. To conduct other tournaments as determined by the Board of Directors.



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7.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, officers or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article 6 hereof and as set forth in the Bylaws. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

8.

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Superior Court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

9.

The officers shall be a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. They shall serve as an Executive Committee.

10.

The affairs, assets, property and policies of GWGA shall be managed by a Board of Directors, which shall be the governing body. The Board of Directors shall consist of a minimum of thirteen (13) and a maximum of fifteen (15) Directors not including the Chairman of the Board. The Board of Directors shall name its members and officers. (A "member" as used herein is not a "member" as defined in Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 14-3-140(20).) Amended. 4/97

A Nominating Committee, consisting of members of the Board of Directors, shall be appointed by the President and chaired by the Chairman of the Board. Nominations may come from members as specified in the Bylaws.



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Any vacancies occurring on the Board of Directors or Officers may be filled by appointment of the President with the approval of a majority of the Board of Directors. Any appointment shall expire at the end of the current annual term.

The Board of Directors shall adopt Bylaws which constitute the code of rules for the regulation and management of GWGA. The Board of Directors shall adopt any policies, procedures and regulations it deems necessary for the government of GWGA subject to the requirements of the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code and subject to the Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(4) and all related code sections and the regulations thereunder.

Any resolution in writing, signed by a majority of members of the Board of Directors, shall constitute action by the Board of Directors with the same force and validity as if the said resolution had been adopted by the vote of the same number of members of the Board of Directors at a duly called and held meeting thereof provided such resolution is filed with the Recording Secretary in the minutes.

GWGA indemnifies each member of the Board of Directors against any personal losses or expenses incurred solely as a result of being a member of the Board of Directors. This indemnity shall extend to suits, claims, attorney fees, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement in connection with such action made by any person against any member of the Board of Directors simply because she is serving as a member of the Board of Directors.

11.

A Director shall be elected for an initial term of four (4) years and may be elected for a successive term of two (2) years. A Director shall serve no more than six (6) years with one exception; the retiring President shall always serve as Chairman of the Board regardless of the length of time she has served on the Board of Directors. After a six-month retirement, a member may be eligible for re-election or appointment as a Director. Any appointment resulting from a vacancy on the Board of Directors shall expire at the end of the current annual term. The annual term for Directors and Officers shall begin on November 1 and expire on October 31.

12.

The Board of Directors shall meet annually. An Open Business Meeting shall be held at the site of the Annual Championship Tournament either proceeding or during the Tournament. Additional Open Business Meetings may be called by the Board of Directors. The order of business at all meetings shall be conducted according to Roberts' Rules of Order (Revised).

13.

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended, altered or repealed at any meeting of the Board of Directors provided the proposed plan has been presented, in writing and signed by three (3)



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members, at least one meeting before it is presented for a vote. Such action must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. All amendments shall be in compliance with the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code and subject to the Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(4) and all related code sections and the regulations thereunder.

### **BY-LAWS OF THE GEORGIA WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION, INC.**

These By-Laws constitute the code of rules for the regulation and management of the Georgia Women's Golf Association, Inc. All competition conducted by the Association shall be in accordance with the governing rules and regulations of the United States Golf Association.

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### **ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP**

1.01 . Membership in the Association is open to all female amateur golfers who were female at birth and are bona fide residents of Georgia for a minimum of sixty days prior to submitting an application and who meet qualifications as specified in the By-Laws.

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1.02 Membership applications shall be received by the Association from November 1 of the preceding year and must be received by January 15 of the current year to be included in the Membership Directory. All memberships shall expire on October 31 of each year.

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1.03 Dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors and are payable in full with application for membership.

1.04 If an individual has been a member of the Association for at least fifteen years Honorary Life Membership may be granted by resolution of the Board of Directors in recognition of that individual's achievements as an amateur golfer and/or her contribution to the Association by way of service as a Director. This membership is perpetual and annual membership dues are waived. An Honorary Life Member may compete in tournaments conducted by the Association if she meets the Association's current residency and handicap index requirements.

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1.05 The Board of Directors may establish other classes of membership.

1.06 The acceptance of membership in the Association shall bind each member to all rules and regulations of the Association.



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1.07 Any member of the Association may be suspended or expelled upon a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

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### **ARTICLE II - ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

2.01 The Board of Directors shall name its successors.

2.02 The Nominating Committee shall actively seek qualified nominees to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors and shall accept written nominations from members of the Association on or before August 1. A nominee shall be a member of the Association who has demonstrated a knowledgeable interest and dedication to the purpose and programs of the Association.

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2.03 The Nominating Committee shall prepare and mail a Report to each Director by August 15. The Report shall list those Directors eligible for re-election and shall include a completed Director Nominee Profile and a written reference for each candidate for election to the Board of Directors.

Rev. 1/94, 4/94, 10/95

2.04 At the Fall Board of Directors meeting, the Nominating Committee Chairman shall present the list of Directors for re-election. Voting shall be by secret ballot.

2.05 At the Fall Board of Directors meeting, the Nominating Committee Chairman shall present the list of nominees for election to the Board of Directors, stating the number of positions to be filled. Voting shall be by secret ballot with each Director voting for no more nominees than there are vacancies.

2.06 In all instances, a Director who has an excused absence shall vote by written proxy.

2.07 To be elected, a candidate must receive a majority of votes from the Directors. Vacancies are filled by the candidates with the highest number of votes first and proceeding in descending order until vacancies are filled, if possible.

2.08 The Nominating Committee Chairman shall notify each nominee of the election results as soon as possible.

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### **ARTICLE III - ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

3.01 Officers of the Association shall be named from the Board of Directors.

3.02 The Nominating Committee Chairman shall meet with the Committee to prepare a slate of Officers for the coming year. The proposed slate of Officers shall be mailed to the Directors by August 15.



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3.03 At the Fall Board of Directors meeting, the Nominating Committee Chairman shall present the proposed slate of Officers. Voting shall be by secret ballot and a Director who has an excused absence shall vote by written proxy.

3.04 The nominee receiving the highest number of votes for each office shall be elected.

3.05 The Officers shall serve as the Executive Committee.

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### **ARTICLE IV - DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

4.01 It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to create, maintain, evaluate and revise the Officers and Directors' Manual by which it carries out the duties delegated to it by the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. This Manual shall include procedures, policies and regulations as adopted by the Board of Directors.

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4.02 The Executive Committee shall be empowered to act for the Board of Directors when necessary. Any action of the Executive Committee shall be reported at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

4.03 The President is ex-officio member of all committees. The First Vice-President shall serve as Tournament Committee Chairman. The Second Vice President shall serve as Rules Committee Chairman. The Recording Secretary shall serve as the Auditor.

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4.04 Members of the Board of Directors shall compose the Standing Committees and shall fulfill the assignment of duties of these committees. Chairmen of these committees (except Nominating) shall be appointed by the President.

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#### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

MEMBERSHIP  
NOMINATING  
PAIRINGS  
PUBLICITY  
RECORDS AND INFORMATION

REGISTRATION  
REVISIONS  
SCOREBOARD  
TROPHY

4.05 The President shall appoint any special committees as needed with the approval of the Executive Committee.



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4.06 Any time the number of Directors on the Board falls below fourteen (14), the President shall be empowered to appoint new Directors to fill vacancies with the approval of the majority of the Board of Directors. When possible, appointments shall be made from among former Board members. Any appointment shall expire at the end of the current annual term.

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### **ARTICLE V - OPERATIONS**

5.01 The Fiscal year of the Association shall be November 1 through October 31.

5.02 The Association shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall keep minutes of its proceedings. Records and correspondence shall be kept for at least five (5) years. Minutes shall be kept in perpetuity. Financial records shall be kept for five (5) years.

5.03 The official records of the Association shall be held and maintained by each Director based on her specific area of responsibility. Annual record transfer, no later than November 1, is required when the area of responsibility is changed. If a Board of Directors vacancy prohibits the transfer of records, such records shall be transferred to the Recording Secretary.

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5.04 The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of all funds of the Association; shall keep and maintain correct accounts of the Association's properties and business transactions, shall render current financial reports at each Board of Directors meeting and each Open Business meeting, and shall maintain an income/expense ledger of all transactions. The Treasurer shall transfer all necessary records to the Auditor prior to November 15 each year.

5.05 The Treasurer and President shall prepare an operating budget for approval by the Board of Directors at the January meeting.

5.06 The Treasurer shall collect all monies belonging to the Association and disburse the same under the direction of the Board of Directors. The Assistant Treasurer is authorized to act in this capacity.

5.07 The Association may pay reimbursement in a reasonable amount to Officers and Directors for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

5.08 A Contingency Fund to cover expenses which are extraordinary and not a part of the annual operating budget shall be established and maintained.

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### **ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS**

6.01 An Open Business Meeting of the Association shall be held at the site of the Annual Championship Tournament either preceding or during the Tournament. Additional Open Business Meetings of the Association may be called by the Board of Directors. The time and place of these meetings shall be designated by the Board of Directors.

6.02 The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors shall occur in January with an additional meeting taking place at the site of the Annual Championship Tournament either preceding or during the Tournament. Additional meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President. The President shall designate the time and place of these meetings.

6.03 Members of the Board of Directors shall attend the Annual Board of Directors Meeting and all Board of Directors Meetings at tournaments. Any absence, barring emergency or necessary absence excused by the President, shall constitute an automatic resignation from the Board of Directors.

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### **ARTICLE VII - COMPETITION**

7.01 The Annual Championship Tournament shall be held, at a time to be determined by the President at the discretion of the host club with the approval of the Board of Directors of the Association. The winner of this Championship shall be the Georgia Women's Amateur Champion.  
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7.02 The Board of Directors may conduct other tournaments as it may determine.

7.03 Tournament Regulations shall be adopted for all competitions conducted by the Association.

7.04 The entry fee for all tournaments shall be set by the Board of Directors and entries shall be made in the manner prescribed by the Board of Directors.

7.05 Suitable trophies and prizes shall be awarded to the winners in Association competitions.

7.06 Members in good standing in the Association are eligible to enter and compete in tournaments conducted by the Association. Handicap indexes above the allowed maximum index of 23.2 will be adjusted down to this maximum for play in Association Tournaments. The Board of Directors shall approve the eligibility of entrants and reserves the right to reject any application and refund any entry fee. Rejection can occur at any time (including during actual tournament play). Members participating in GWGA tournaments must be residents of the state of Georgia as determined by the Tournament Committee, at the time of entry into the competition.

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7.07 All rules disputes shall be decided by the Tournament Rules Committee of the Association, whose decision shall be final.

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### **ARTICLE VIII - DRESS AND CONDUCT CODE**

8.01 Members are required to wear proper golfing attire when participating in tournaments conducted by the Association. Tennis skirts, short shorts, cut-offs, blue jeans, tank tops, and halter tops are not allowed. When specific tournament sites have more stringent dress codes, those codes shall be stated in the tournament program information and shall prevail.

Rev. 6/94

8.02 Members of the Association who are participating in or attending tournaments conducted by the Association are required to exercise proper decorum.

8.03 The official colors of the Association are dark green and white.

Rev. 4/88, 1/91

### **ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS**

9.01 These By-Laws may be amended, altered or repealed at any meeting of the Board of Directors by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting.

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### **GWGA TOURNAMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

#### **I. GENERAL RULES AND CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

All competition conducted by the Association shall be in accordance with the governing rules and regulations of the United States Golf Association.

1.01 The President and Board of Directors shall be responsible for obtaining all tournament sites.

1.02 The Tournament Chairman, Rules Chairman and appropriate persons at the tournament site may establish local rules they deem necessary. Printed tournament information and specific rules applicable to the tournament shall be available to all contestants prior to the competition.



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1.03 A program, stating tournament regulations, specifying the effective Handicap Index Revision date and a tournament entry form shall be mailed to all members of the Association at least seven (7) weeks prior to the tournament.

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1.04 Members in good standing in the Association are eligible to enter and compete in tournaments conducted by the Association. Handicap indexes above the maximum index of 23.2 will be adjusted down to this maximum for play in Association Tournaments. The Board of Directors shall approve the eligibility of entrants and reserves the right to reject any application and refund any entry fee. Rejection can occur at any time, including during actual competition.

Rev. 6/95, 4/98

### 1.05 ENTRY PROCEDURE:

1. Entries must be submitted on the GWGA tournament program entry form.
2. No entry shall be accepted unless accompanied by the full amount of the entry fee specified in the tournament program.
3. All entries must be completed and received by the date specified in the tournament program as the deadline for close of entries (4 weeks before the Tournament). No "walk-in" entries shall be accepted.

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4. The team member with the lower handicap index shall be notified of the team's acceptance. The order for acceptance shall be determined for each tournament.

Rev. 1/05

5. No competitor accepted into the field shall have her entry fee refunded after the date specified in the tournament program as the deadline for refund of entry fee (2 weeks before the Tournament).

Rev. 6/98

6. No starting-time requests shall be honored.

7. Registration in person at the tournament site or, in emergency, by telephone, prior to the deadline specified in the tournament program completes a contestant's entry. An individual authorized by the contestant may register the contestant provided the individual can verify and supply all necessary information and pay all fees. Penalty for failure to complete entry is disqualification.

Rev. 1/90, 1/93, Rev. 1/01

1.06 All contestants must comply with the Dress and Conduct Codes of the Association as specified in the By-Laws, Article VIII, Paragraphs 8.01 and 8.02.



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1.07 Carts or other automotive transportation, as approved by the Board of Directors, shall be used by contestants during the competitions. Players are not permitted caddies, or to use a pull-cart or to carry their own golf bags.

1.08 Each player shall be responsible for knowing the conditions under which the competition shall be played.

1.09 A player who fails to arrive at her starting point, ready to play, within five (5) minutes after her starting time shall be disqualified. A player who arrives at her starting point, ready to play, within five (5) minutes after her starting time shall be permitted to start, provided her starting group has not completed play of the first hole. She shall then incur a two (2) stroke penalty on that hole.

Rev. 10/95

1.10 Except under emergency circumstances, no player is permitted to leave the golf course during play without permission from a tournament official.

1.11 All rules disputes shall be decided by the Tournament Rules Committee of the Association in accordance with the USGA Rules of Golf and their decision shall be final.

Rev. 1/93

1.12 Slow play shall not be tolerated and appropriate penalties shall be assessed in accordance with the "Slow Play Policy and Procedure" adopted by the Board of Directors. Copies of this policy shall be available to all contestants prior to competition.

1.13 Copies of the SPECTATOR POLICY adopted by the Board of Directors shall be available to all contestants at each site prior to and throughout the competition.

1.14 Contestant scorecards must be properly marked, signed, attested, and delivered to Official Scorers at the Scoreboard immediately after play is completed.

Rev. 4/88, 1/93

## **II. CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT POLICIES**

2.01 The Championship Tournament shall be played annually in the Fall, the dates to be determined by the President at the discretion of the Host Club and with the approval of the GWGA Board of Directors. The winner of the Championship shall be the Georgia Women's Amateur Champion.

2.02 The competition shall be played over a course considered by the GWGA Tournament Committee to be of championship caliber.



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2.03 The competition shall be fifty-four (54) holes of stroke play and shall be played from two sets of tees which shall be designated by the GWGA Tournament Committee as "Championship" tees and "Forward" tees.

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2.04 Competitors entering the tournament with a HCI of 7.4 or less SHALL play from the set of tees designated by the GWGA Tournament Committee as the Championship tees.

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Competitors entering the tournament with a HCI greater than 7.4 shall indicate on the entry form whether they wish to play from the Championship tees or the set of tees the GWGA Tournament Committee designates as the Forward tees.

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The Champion, Runner-Up, Medalist and winners of the Golfer Trophy, Doak Cup and Burns Cup shall come from those competitors competing from the Championship tees. The Champion and Runner-Up shall come from those competitors having qualified for Championship Flight A or B.

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2.05 The Host Club shall provide, without charge, the course and facilities necessary for the tournament dates, as well as a practice-round date immediately preceding the tournament dates and shall accept all entries certified by the Association.

Rev. 1/98

2.06 The field shall be limited to 112 contestants.

2.07 A program which states tournament regulations, specifies the effective Handicap Index Revision date and includes an entry form shall be mailed to all members of the Association at least seven (7) weeks prior to the tournament.

Rev. 1/05

2.08 Tournament entry procedure shall be in accordance with GENERAL RULES AND CONDITIONS OF PLAY, ¶1.05.

2.09 Entries shall be accepted only from members whose membership applications are submitted and accepted in accordance with the Bylaws of the Association.

2.10 Order for Acceptance (the lower handicap index and date of entry determine priority in each group):

- A. Defending Champion
- B. Honorary Life Members



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- C. Past Champions
- D. Current Board of Directors
- E. Past Presidents prior to 1989
- F. Other Association Members
- G. Waiting List

2.11 Competitors shall play the qualifying rounds as a field within their respective divisions of Championship or Forward tees. After the qualifying rounds, the field shall be divided as equally as possible into no more than fourteen (14) flights.

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CHAMPIONSHIP TEE DIVISION: After the second round, the sixteen (16) players with the lowest qualifying score and who are competing from the Championship tees shall constitute the Championship Flight. The Championship Flight shall be divided into A and B, each a separate flight with a maximum of eight (8) players. The remainder of those competitors competing from the Championship tees shall be formed into flights beginning with flight number one (1) through the flight number necessary to include all competitors playing from the Championship tees.

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FORWARD TEE DIVISION: The remainder of the field, playing from the Forward tees, shall be formed into flights divided as equally as possible, commencing with first flight and continuing through the flight necessary to include the remainder of the field.

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Flight and position within flights shall be determined by qualifying scores with the lowest qualifying score of each division (Championship tee division and Forward tee division) in the first position of the lowest flight of that division.

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2.12 Ties for sixteenth (16th) position in the Championship Flight shall be resolved by a sudden death playoff beginning on the hole designated by the Tournament Committee. Any competitor who fails to report on time for the playoff shall be disqualified from the Championship Flight and shall be placed in the next highest flight. If a tie cannot be resolved by a playoff, (excluding the absence of a playoff competitor), it shall be resolved by blind draw. Ties for last position in all other flights will be resolved by first awarding that place to the contestant with the lower handicap index and then by blind draw.

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2.13 Total Tournament scores shall determine the winners in all flights. The Competitor in Championship Flight A or B with the lowest total tournament score shall be the Champion. The competitor in Championship Flight A or B with the second lowest score shall be the Runner-Up.



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The Champion and the Runner-up shall be lifted from the Championship Flight and shall not qualify for a flight prize.

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The competitor with the lowest score playing from the “Forward” tees shall be designated as the winner of that division. That competitor shall not qualify for a flight prize

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2.14 Ties for the Champion and/or Runner-Up and ties for the lowest Total Tournament score from the “Forward” tees shall be resolved by a playoff immediately after the conclusion of play, beginning on the hole designated by the GWGA Tournament Committee. The winner of each playoff shall be the contestant with the lowest aggregate score after the first three playoff holes. If a tie exists, the playoff shall advance to the fourth playoff hole and be resolved by sudden death.

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Ties for first, second and third place in all flights shall be resolved by matching scorecards in accordance with procedures set forth by the USGA, adopted by the GWGA Tournament Committee and published in the Tournament Notice To Competitors.

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Playoffs shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures adopted by the Board of Directors.

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2.15 PRIZES: Three Prizes shall be awarded in each flight: Winner, Second, and Third.

2.16 Should weather conditions occur that prevent play as described in Championship Tournament Policies 2.03, 2.11, 2.12, 2.13 and 2.14 the Tournament Chairman, Tournament Committee and officials at the Tournament site may establish the format they deem appropriate and necessary to determine the GWGA Champion and flight winners.

Rev. 1/98, 1/03

2.17 There shall be no refund of tournament fees for cancellation of play due to weather conditions.

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### CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT PERPETUAL TROPHIES:

*The Champion, Runner-Up, Medalist and winners of the Golfer Trophy, Doak Cup and Burns Cup shall come from those competitors competing from the Championship tees.*

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*The Champion and Runner-Up shall come from those competitors having qualified for Championship Flight A or B.*

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*The competitor with the lowest fifty-four ( 54 ) hole score playing from the forward tees shall be presented a Perpetual Award.*

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1. Eleanor M. Keeler Memorial Trophy - awarded to the Georgia State Amateur Champion.
2. Eleanor Keeler Trophy - awarded to the second place winner (Runner-up).
3. Medalist Trophy - awarded to the competitor with the lowest score(s) after the qualifying rounds of competition.  
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4. Golfer Trophy - awarded to the competitor having the lowest 18-hole score.



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5. Doak Cup (Team Trophy) - awarded to the club whose any two members have the lowest total score after qualifying rounds.

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NOTE: A contestant who is a member of more than one club shall designate on her entry form the club for which she is competing and may not change that designation after the close of entries.

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6. Burns Cup (Senior Trophy) - awarded to the Senior (50 years or older) entry with the lowest qualifying score.

Rev. 1/03, 1/06

NOTE: An eligible contestant shall signify her intention to compete for this trophy by checking the appropriate space on her entry form or by informing an official at the Registration Desk before Registration is closed.

7. Frances Rich Memorial Trophy – awarded to the competitor with the lowest total hole score playing from the Forward tees.

Rev. 1/06

8. The Hole-In-One Trophy is awarded to any contestant who scores a hole-in-one in the Tournament from either the Championship or Forward tees. The trophy shall be engraved with her name and shall be in her possession until the next GWGA competition. If more than one player scores a Hole-In-One in the Tournament, each shall share possession of this Trophy an equal period of time.

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9. A GWGA Commemorative Bag Tag shall be awarded to each of the competitors in Championship Flights A and B.

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10. A Perpetual Award shall be presented to the competitor having the lowest fifty-four ( 54 ) hole score from the Forward tees.

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NOTE: CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT PERPETUAL TROPHIES shall be in the possession of their respective winners for one year and winners must complete and sign a "Trophy Location Contract" before leaving the site. These contracts shall be kept in the files of the Trophy Chairman. An appropriate prize shall be awarded to each winner. In the event



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of ties, the winners shall share possession of the trophy for an equal time during that year and duplicate prizes shall be awarded.

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### **III. FOUR - BALL TOURNAMENT POLICIES**

3.01 The annual Four-Ball Tournament shall be played in the Spring at the discretion of the Board of Directors and the host club. It shall be played on weekdays, if possible.

3.02 Competition shall be thirty-six (36) holes of stroke play. All teams shall play as a field (no flights).

3.03 The field shall be limited to 72 teams if the tournament is to be played on one (1) course. The field shall be limited to 128 teams if the tournament is to be played on two (2) courses.

Rev. 1/89

3.04 Order for Acceptance (lower handicap index and the date of entry determine the priority in each group):

- A. Defending Team (if same partners only)
- B. Honorary Life Members
- C. Current Board of Directors
- D. Past Presidents prior to 1989
- E. The order of team acceptance is determined by the lower handicap index of the two team members. If a tie exists, the lowest TOTAL handicap index resolves it. If a tie continues, the earliest date of entry resolves it; thereafter, a blind draw is used.

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3.05 Entry and/or withdrawal shall be by team only. An incomplete entry form shall not be accepted.

If there is no waiting list, and entries are closed, substitution of one team member shall be allowed. If there is a waiting list, and entries are closed, substitution of one team member shall not be allowed. A team member may compete as a single; however, if two (2) singles remain in the field, they may join and compete as a team.

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The deadline for refund of entry fee applies to those competitors accepted into the field. It shall be the responsibility of each team to settle its own finances. Any change in entry shall be reported to the Assistant Treasurer as soon as possible. No changes in entry shall be accepted after registration is closed.



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3.06 The USGA Handicap Index at the revision date specified in the tournament program shall be used for tournament entry and competition. The USGA Handicap Allowance Percentage recommended for women's four-ball stroke play shall be applied to this handicap index to determine the number of strokes each player shall receive.

The Tournament Chairman and Committee have the authority to verify the handicap index of any player and adjust it as necessary. Each player's handicap strokes shall be marked on the official scorecard.

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3.07 Contestants shall be provided the opportunity for a practice round prior to the tournament.

3.08 "Shotgun" starts shall begin play. The Tournament Pairings Program used by the Pairings Chairman shall determine starting holes and no special requests can be considered. Play shall be in foursomes (two teams).

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3.09 Ties for the low net winner shall be resolved by a sudden death playoff. The number of tied teams which shall play off together shall be determined by the Tournament Chairman. Other identically tied teams shall share equally the total of an identical number of place awards.

### 3.10 PRIZES:

Prizes in the form of Gift Certificates which are redeemable for merchandise at the Host Club Golf Shop shall be awarded to the percentage of the field established by the Board of Directors.

Members of the winning team shall be awarded First Place Gift Certificates and suitable engraved mementoes or plaques.

### FOUR-BALL TOURNAMENT PERPETUAL TROPHY:

The DIRECTORS CUP is awarded to the Low Net Winners and shall be in the possession of that team for one year during which each team member shall share possession of the trophy for an equal period of time. Winners must complete and sign a "Trophy Location Contract" before leaving the site. These contracts shall be kept in the files of the Trophy Chairman.

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3.11 If the tournament is played on two golf courses and, if play on either day is entirely rained out, half the prize budget shall be allotted to prizes for teams which competed on Course I and half the prize budget shall be allotted to prizes for teams which competed on Course II. In such case, two Low Net Winners shall be declared: one from each course. These two teams shall share possession of the Directors Trophy an equal period of time and duplicate engraved mementoes shall be awarded each team member.

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### **IV. SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

In conducting tournaments for the Association the Board of Directors may appoint Special Committees to carry out specific duties.

4.01 The GWGA Rules Chairman may appoint Rules Officials to serve only for the duration of their specific assignment which may be to accompany and/or observe play during playoffs. These Officials do not make rulings for the players unless they are members of the Tournament Rules Committee.

4.02 The Registration Committee operates under the direction of the GWGA Registration Chairman.

4.03 The Starters Committee operates under the direction of the GWGA Tournament Chairman.

4.04 Spotters and Marshals operate under the direction and control of the GWGA Tournament Chairman and are **not** authorized to make rulings for competitors unless they are members of the Tournament Rules Committee.

4.05 The Scoreboard Committee operates under the direction and control of the GWGA Scoreboard Chairman.

4.06 The Trophy Committee operates under the direction and control of the GWGA Trophy Chairman.

4.07 The Publicity Committee operates under the direction and control of the GWGA Publicity Chairman.

4.08 Local General Chairman, Hospitality and Reservations Committee operate under the direction and control of the GWGA President.

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### **V. GWGA SLOW PLAY POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

#### **PACE OF PLAY**

Rule 6-7 of the USGA Rules of Golf states: "The player shall play without undue delay. Between completion of a hole and playing from the next teeing ground, the player shall not unduly delay play." The penalty for breach of the Rule is loss of hole in match play or two strokes in stroke



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play. (If the player unduly delays play between holes, he is delaying the play of the next hole and the penalty applies to that hole.) The penalty for a repeated offense is disqualification.

GWGA does not wish to apply penalties for undue delay; however, the Association insists that, in the interest of all, the pace of play be reasonable. We believe that, in individual stroke play rounds, fifteen (15) minutes per hole (4 hours and 30 minutes total round) is reasonable, and that, in Four-Ball stroke play, thirteen (13) minutes per hole (3 hours and 54 minutes total round) is reasonable. These times are based on the assumption that the field shall play in foursomes.

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### **PROPER POSITION**

The committee assumes an orderly start. Each group should be approximately one starting interval behind the preceding group throughout the entire round. The position of the following group has no bearing on determining whether or not a player's pace of play is satisfactory. A group shall be deemed out of position if it reaches any spot on the course as much as fifteen (15) minutes for individual stroke play or thirteen (13) minutes for Four-Ball stroke play behind the preceding group. Each player is responsible for maintaining her group's proper position on the course.

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### **WARNING PROCEDURE**

When a group is deemed to be out of position, an Official shall alert and warn the group accordingly after the group has completed play of the hole. The Official shall ask about any difficulties encountered by the group, delayed starting time, or situations beyond their control which caused their delay. The Official shall advise the group that they must regain their position within the next two holes. The Official shall then move to the location on the course which represents completion of the two holes provided for the group to regain its position. If the group has not regained its position at the completion of the two holes, the Official shall begin the timing procedure.

### **TIMING PROCEDURE**

A group may be monitored or timed for compliance with this pace of play guideline if it is "out of position." When a group is "out of position", a competitor in the group is expected to play a stroke within 40 seconds. The timing of a competitor's stroke will begin when she has had a reasonable opportunity to reach her ball, it is her turn to play, and she can play without interference or distraction. Time spent determining yardage, selecting a club, marking and cleaning the ball, looking at the line from beyond the hole on the green or any other actions is considered part of the time for the next stroke if it is the competitor's turn to play.

When timing a competitor, if an Official determines the competitor is unduly delaying play



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between strokes, the Official may begin the timing process before the competitor reaches her ball. Additionally, if a competitor's actions are continually delaying the play of others in her group, the actual time of delay shall be added to the time used for her to play a hole.

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### **VI. GWGA TOURNAMENT SPECTATOR POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

The Georgia Women's Golf Association encourages spectators who are interested in observing the competition at our tournaments. To insure fair play for all contestants in the Tournament, the following spectator regulations shall apply:

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1. From tee to green, spectators must remain in the rough and/or no nearer to a contestant than fifty (50) yards.
2. Spectators must observe play from positions which do not interfere with or delay the play of any competitor or group of competitors playing immediately behind, adjacent to or ahead of the group they are observing.
3. No carts or other automotive transport shall be permitted on the course during the competition except those used in performance of official duties or in travel to and from areas of official responsibility. Carts may be permitted during playoffs if the Host Club approves.
4. With the approval of the Tournament Chairman, automotive transport may be provided to members of the media assigned to cover the Tournament. The Tournament Chairman shall designate a driver for the transport to insure that no contestant is either delayed or inappropriately distracted by the media.
5. Spectators are asked to observe golf etiquette at all times and to respect the condition of the golf course, facilities and the services the Host Club provides to the contestants.
6. Spectators are reminded that advice to and/or coaching players during a competitive round is prohibited by the Rules of Golf. Contestants are reminded of their authority to invoke a two-stroke penalty should any contestant receive advice and/or coaching from a spectator during a competitive round.
7. Tournament Officials with specific tournament management responsibilities for a competitive round are authorized to ask those who refuse to observe these regulations to leave the course.

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