

TRADITION LADIES NINE HOLE GOLF ASSOCIATION
BY-LAWS
January 23, 2020

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the association is Tradition Ladies Nine-Hole Golf Association, otherwise known as the TLNHGA, a non-profit organization.

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

TLNHGA is organized for weekly play of golf. The object of the organization is to improve an individual's game of golf while observing the rules and etiquette of golf and promoting good sportsmanship.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

- A. There are three categories of membership in TLNHGA: Full membership, League guest member and Social membership.
1. Membership shall be limited to members of The Tradition Golf Club and grandfathered-in guest members who are listed on the roster as of January 1, 2019. Members must be at least 21 years of age. Only residents of Tradition may serve on the Executive Board due to Liability issues. Once you leave General Membership, you may not return.
 2. Full members and League guest members are entitled to
 - a. Vote
 - b. Receive awards at the reward luncheon.
 3. League guest members are entitled to play with TLNHGA if there are adequate tee-times available and will pay the standard guest fee established by the Tradition Golf Club.
 4. Social members are entitled to attend all social events sponsored by TLNHGA. New social members are limited to former golf members and guest members.
 5. All new members of the TLNHGA must be members of Tradition Golf Club.
- B. Annual dues for members is \$25.00 and league guest members is \$30.00. Dues are payable on or before January 1st of each year. After January 1st, there will be a late fee of \$5.00.
- C. Members and League guest members of the TLNHGA are **required** to pay the charge for an annual Tradition computer handicap by January 31 (GHIN #). This is required in order to play in the league, as well as tournaments and game days.
- D. Membership is for one year beginning January 1st until December 31st.
- E. The Executive Board may increase the dues, provided the increase does not exceed \$5 annually or as voted by the membership.
- F. **Members** are expected to **observe the By-Laws of the TLNHGA and the USGA rules**-as well as **etiquette of golf**.
- G. At limited attendance events, priority will be given to TLNHGA members of the Tradition Golf Club.

- H. Tradition Club members are entitled to bring a guest to play. The guest will be required to pay the standard guest fee established by the Tradition Golf Club. The same guest may play four (4) times before being required to join the TLNHGA if they would like to continue to play with the group. Members and League guest members will be given priority and guests will be added to play on Monday morning if space is available. Guests can play on Game days but cannot participate in the game unless they have a handicap when needed.

ARTICLE IV: EXECUTIVE BOARD

- A. The Tradition Ladies Nine Hole Executive Board shall be comprised of a Board Chairperson, Co-Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary are required to be residents of Tradition. The social Chairperson will become an ex-officio member of the Executive Board.
- B. The Chairperson and Co-Chairperson will appoint a Nominating Committee of three (3), with one being a Board member, for the purpose of presenting a slate of officers for election and installation at the annual Holiday Luncheon Award meeting. The slate of officers will be sub-mitted no later than the last week of October of the current year. The Nominating Committee will post a "Self-Nomination Election List" on the Ladies Nine-Hole Bulletin Board in the Members Room the first week of October.
1. If the slate is uncontested, the Secretary will cast one vote on behalf of the membership.
 2. If the slate is contested for any given office, a ballot will be available to each member, at the clubhouse, on the first Tuesday in November. It will be the responsibility of each member to obtain her ballot. The outcome will be determined by a majority vote of the ballots returned.
 3. Elected individuals will be notified a week after balloting is completed. Elected officers will be installed at the Holiday Awards Luncheon.

The term of each Board Member shall be one (1) calendar year.

The Executive Board may appoint a temporary substitute to fill any vacancy in an elected office. A membership vote on a nomination to fill the position for the unexpired term of office must be held within 30 days. If a member of the Executive Board is unable to complete their term, they must submit a written resignation.

ARTICLE V: DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

- A. The Board Chairperson and Co-Chairperson shall:
1. Oversee weekly events and be the point of contact to the Tradition Club Pro-Staff.
 2. Provide assistance to the membership as needed and to hold a minimum of three (3) meetings per year including the Holiday Luncheon Awards meeting.
 3. Distribute a membership packet to new members.
 4. Request volunteers to chair tournaments, invitationals, games, social duties and other activities.
- B. **The Treasurer Shall:**
1. Handle all finances of the Association and keep a concise record of all expenditures and receivables of these funds in chronological order.
 2. Write checks for charitable donation of \$50 or less at the discretion of the Executive; charitable donations exceeding \$50 must be approved by the majority of the Board.

C. The Secretary Shall:

1. Retain all weekly scorecards and update and maintain stats on spreadsheets for the purpose of determining players' achievements throughout the year.
2. After weekly play, send pars, chip-in, birdies, eagles and hole-in-ones to website.
3. Record minutes of meetings and send out to membership in a timely manner.
4. Maintain current membership roster and make available to members upon request.
5. Author Tradition Newsletter article.
6. Send appropriate news to Georgetown Times and Coastal Observer.
7. On a monthly basis, send GHIN information to Tradition Club manager for posting.
8. Each January, send an updated list of members to website.
9. Collect membership application and check.

D. The Social Chairperson Shall:

1. Take responsibility for all social activities approved by the membership, including the date and location of the Holiday Awards Luncheon.
2. Select and purchase achievement awards
3. Appoint event coordinators who will collect monies and record expenditures.

ARTICLE VI: WEEKLY PLAY

- A. Play is to be held on Tuesdays (or alternate days when necessary), with show time 30 minutes prior to the first tee time.
- B. To be eligible to play, players must sign up by noon on Sunday preceding the day of play.
- C. The Club books tee times monthly.
- D. Monthly Pairing Volunteers (2) shall:
 1. Remove Sign-up sheet Sunday afternoon and advise the desk of any adjustments in tee times.
 2. On Play day have membership sign up for the following week. Get tee times for following week and indicate tee times on signup sheet.
 3. Collect \$1.50 for Bagmen tip money, plus 50¢ for 50/50.
 4. Furnish desk and starter with list of players prior to check in
 5. During those times when weekly play will be a pre-selected game, prizes for the winner(s) will be deposited in their Tradition account. Participants shall contribute a minimum of \$2 toward the prize(s).
 7. Be responsible for calling members signed up to play, of her decision to cancel.
 8. Shall organize games for game day on the third Tuesday of the month.
- E. The number of signed up players on the weekly roster will be the total number of spots held in reserve for the Association. This list will serve as a “guarantee” of the number of players. Substitutions may be made right up to the time of play; however, the Association will be liable for the total number of players that were contained on the list. The Club will monitor this closely. Members/League guest members who are scheduled to play on any given Tuesday, must call the pairing member to cancel. If not complied with, the member/League guest member will get a warning for the 1st offense, the 2nd offense will be a suspension for a month of play, and finally the 3rd offense will be voted on by executive board.
- F. Members and G/M will be required to adhere to the PGA as well as Tradition Golf Club dress code.
- G. Maximum strokes per hole is 2X par.
- H. Ball in motion accidentally hits a player or flagstick (in or out), there is no penalty.

I. GAME DAYS:

1. Guests, with a handicap, can participate in the game on Game days.
2. **COUNT ALL STROKES** - All strokes – including whiffs.

At the beginning of each year or when a new member joins the league, she will declare the tees she will be playing from (red or blue). After the tee is declared, the member may change tees ONCE in a given year. She shall have up to (1) month to decide if she has made the correct decision. (In other words, if a member has been playing the blue tees and decides to go to the red tees, and realizes within-1 month that this was not a good choice, she may change back to the blue tees) She will then have to play from the blue tees for the rest of the year. These changes must be reported to the Secretary of the league promptly.

ARTICLE VII: AWARDS

- A. To be eligible for awards at the end of the year, a member must have played twelve (12) times during the calendar year. If a scheduled play is canceled due to inclement weather or circumstances beyond our control, members who signed up for day are entitled to count it as one of the 12 required days.
- B. Awards will be given to, “Low Putts (avg.), Low Gross, Birdies, most improved and Holes-In-One. Only one award will be given a player per category, annually.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS

- A. The By-Laws of the Tradition Ladies Nine-Hole Golf Association are established for the purpose of maintaining an efficient and equitable administration for the membership. It also serves as the basis for understanding the general duties of each Officer and Chairperson and for establishing ease and continuity when newly elected members assume various offices.
- B. Proposed changes may be presented, in writing, by any member to the Executive Board.
- C. The By-Laws may be changed by the Executive Board providing the proposed changes are published for membership examination in advance of the vote. Final approval requires a majority vote by the membership present, provided a quorum is in attendance (a quorum is hereby defined as two-thirds of the membership).

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