# MARYLAND INTERCLUB SENIORS GOLF ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

## **ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of this corporation shall be *Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association, Inc.*, which may hereinafter be referred to as the "*Association*" or as "*MISGA*."

#### **ARTICLE II - PURPOSES**

MISGA is a non-profit, non-stock association with no part of its income benefitting any member, hereinafter referred to as an "Associate." It was founded in 1975 to develop greater interest, enjoyment, communication, and participation in golf by senior members of golf clubs in the State of Maryland and adjoining areas. Its goal is to foster friendships and camaraderie through tournaments and mixers on a host and guest basis, and to provide an opportunity to play at other member golf and country clubs.

## **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

## A. MEMBER CLUB

- 1. A Member Club is any golf or country club in the State of Maryland or adjoining areas approved by the Board of Directors. The Club must be a member of and rated by the United States Golf Association (USGA).
- 2. Each Member Club will have an organization of seniors that will elect or otherwise select a Club Representative who shall serve as the Club's authorized representative for MISGA affairs.
- 3. A club applying for membership must satisfy the guidelines referred to in Section VI.E.1 of the Bylaws.
- 4. Club membership may be terminated for failure to comply with the purposes and policies of MISGA by a majority of voting members present at a Board of Directors meeting in accordance with Section VI.E.2 of the Bylaws.

## **B.** ASSOCIATES

A MISGA associate is a person who has attained the age of fifty (50), is a golf member in good standing in a MISGA member club under the normal and usual conditions for membership established by that member club, has paid the MISGA Associate dues, and, if such member club has a senior organization through which members become MISGA Associates, remains in good standing in that senior organization.

## C. DUES AND FEES

Continued membership of Clubs and Associates is contingent upon payment of such fees, dues, and other charges as may at any time be established by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE IV - ADMINISTRATION**

## A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Association and its affairs, properties, and assets shall be under the management and control of the Board of Directors.

The Board shall consist of the elected Division Directors and Assistant Division Directors from each Division, each having one vote, and the appointed Secretary, Treasurer, and Standing Committee

Chairs, who are non-voting members. Two of the Division Directors shall also act as President and Vice President of the Board.

No individual shall serve more than four consecutive years as a voting member of the Board. There must be at least a one-year absence from voting office before the individual may return to a voting position on the Board. All members of the Board may present motions at Board of Directors meetings, including non-voting members.

The regular term of office for Division Directors and Assistant Division Directors shall be two (2) years, with the Assistant Division Director serving a two-year term followed by two years as Division Director.

## **B.** OFFICERS

The officers of the Association are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

## C. ANNUAL MEETING

A meeting of Club Representatives, chaired by the President and attended by the Board members shall be held annually for the conduct of any business within the Association's powers.

## **ARTICLE V - AMENDMENTS**

- **A.** A motion to repeal, amend, or adopt the Articles of Incorporation or Constitution must first be approved by two-thirds of the voting members present at a Board of Directors meeting. The proposed motion must be furnished to all voting Board members at least fifteen (15) days in advance of the meeting at which the motion is to be proposed.
- **B.** If approved, the motion must then be submitted to the next Annual Meeting of the Club Representatives. The motion, and pertinent information, is to be submitted to the Club Representatives at least fifteen (15) days before the date of the Annual Meeting.
- **C.** An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Club Representatives present at the Annual Meeting makes the motion an act of the Association.

## **ARTICLE VI - DISSOLUTION**

- **A.** Upon dissolution of MISGA the assets of the Association shall be distributed to such charitable organizations as are listed in Section 501c3 of the Internal Revenue Code.
- **B**. Voluntary dissolution of MISGA requires an affirmative vote of a majority of all Club Representatives entitled to vote at an Annual Meeting of the Club Representatives.