

THE VILLAGES MEN'S GOLF CLUB BY-LAWS - 2025

The Villages Men's Golf Club, also known as the 18 Hole Men's Golf Club, is a resident organization subject to the control and policies of the Club Board of Directors of The Villages Golf and Country Club.

ARTICLE I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization is to provide maximum enjoyment and competition through utilization of the 18-hole golf course.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

Permanent resident men having a Villages handicap from the Northern California Golf Association are eligible to be members of the Villages Men's Golf Club. Membership shall be terminated by resignation, loss of handicap, or termination of Villages residency.

ARTICLE III. GOVERNING BODY

The Executive Committee (hereinafter called The Committee) is the executive body of The Villages Men's Golf club. Its membership shall be ratified by action of the Club Board of Directors.

Section A. The Committee shall schedule and operate The Villages Men's Golf Club tournaments, supervise the application of the NCGA Handicap System, encourage golf play and involvement by Villages residents, publicize golf activities, maintain liaison with other golf groups, coordinate its activities with The Villages management, and make appropriate recommendations to the Club Board of Directors through membership in the Villages Golf Committee (VGC).

Section B. The Committee's operating year shall be from January 1 through December 31.

The Committee shall be composed of nine (9) members, each shall serve three (3) years as provided in Article VI, Section A. In addition, the Villages Golf Professional and Course Superintendent shall serve as non-voting advisors.

1. The Committee shall meet monthly at the call of the General Chairman. Five (5) elected members shall constitute a quorum for transacting the business of The Committee and The Club.
2. In the event urgent action may be required between regular meetings, the General Chairman may call a special meeting or members may be polled by telephone or email providing the action taken is confirmed by The Committee by formal motion at its next meeting.

Section C. Except in the performance of his assigned responsibilities, no member may speak for The Committee without its express authorization. Any club member may present suggestions to The Committee, preferably in writing, and attend any Committee meeting to discuss them.

Section D. The outgoing General Chairman shall call and initially chair an organizational meeting before the December meeting, consisting of both the current Committee members and the newly elected members who are to serve on the Committee the following year. He shall conduct an election by secret ballot by which the attending members select a General Chairman from among those members who have previously served for at least one year, who shall preside from January 1, until December 31, of the following year.

The General Chairman shall appoint a Vice-Chairman and various chairmen from within The Committee who shall each be responsible for specific assignments of duties for one year.

Section E. Duties of Officers:

1. The General Chairman shall preside at all General and Special Committee meetings, represent The Villages Men’s Golf Club elsewhere, as feasible, and maintain liaison with the Villages General Manager on matters of interest to men golfers. The General Chairman shall provide an agenda for all Executive Committee meetings. He shall be an ex-officio member of all Committees. The General Chairman shall ensure that the duties of the officers and the functions of the committee chairmen are fulfilled.
2. The Vice-Chairman shall assist the General Chairman as requested and act in his place as appropriate.
3. The Secretary shall keep and maintain records of all meetings and proceedings of The Committee, distribute minutes to Committee members, and ensure that a complete file of Committee proceedings is maintained in the office of The Villages General Manager.
4. The Treasurer shall deposit in a bank any monies received by The Committee. He shall also keep a record of all receipts and expenses and report same at each regular meeting of The Committee. He shall work with other committee members on projections and budgeting to assist in event planning. He shall draw funds when instructed to do so by the General Chairman.

Section F. Committee Responsibilities: In addition to the general purposes noted in Article III, Section A, above, The Committee shall:

1. Represent the views of The Villages Men's Golf Club on all matters relating to golf play, course changes, modifications, or improvements. Such views may be obtained in any feasible way, but The Committee will present them to the Villages Golf Committee only after consideration in its regular or special meetings. When presented in writing as a formal request, a written answer will be requested so that the Committee records may be complete.
2. Establish plans and procedures for members' Hole-In-One recognition.
3. Approve any proposed changes in the Local Rules of Play before submittal for consideration by the Villages Golf Committee.
4. The Committee has the authority and responsibility to place a member on probation or terminate his membership for inappropriate conduct by a two-thirds vote of the total Committee voting membership.

Section G. Vacancies: A committee vacancy shall occur upon resignation of a member, or whenever he shall no longer qualify for membership in The Men's Golf Club. A member may be removed for cause by a two-thirds vote of the total Committee voting membership.

A vacancy may be filled through nomination by the General Chairman and ratification by a majority of The Committee present at any called meeting. Appointments to vacancies shall preserve an expiration rate of three seats on The Committee as of December 31, of each year.

ARTICLE IV. GENERAL MEETINGS

General membership meetings may be called by the General Chairman upon petition by 25% of The Men's Golf Club membership. Such meetings shall be for general discussion, and any voting, therein, shall be advisory only by The Committee. Notice of such meetings shall be published in two consecutive editions of The Villager prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE V. DUES AND FEES

Annual membership dues shall be established by the Committee. The dues shall be assessed for each member on January 1 of each year. The dues shall be charged to each member's Villages account. In addition, a portion (approved by The Committee) of each entry fee in a Men's Club-sponsored tournament shall be deposited in a Men's Golf Club Fund. This money shall be used for the expense's incidental to the operation of Men's Club tournaments and other expenses approved by The Committee.

ARTICLE VI. ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE GOLF COMMITTEE

Section A. Annually, in August, the General Chairman shall appoint a Nominating Committee of not fewer than three (3) members, preferably Past General Chairmen, who shall prepare a slate of candidates who have agreed to serve on The Committee for three (3) years, if elected. The slate should include not less than twice as many names as vacancies to be filled, and these names shall be given to the General Chairman in time to meet the mandated election schedule. A member of the Nominating Committee may not be a candidate for election.

1. The Nominating Committee shall both solicit and receive names of prospective nominees and shall prepare a slate to elect members to replace those members whose terms are expiring.
2. Elected members are limited to two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms. A member will be eligible for election again after one (1) year has elapsed.
3. When a member has been appointed to fill a vacancy left by an elected member, he shall be eligible to serve, if elected, two (2) additional terms.

Section B. Names of the Nominating Committee and the time schedule for the election shall be published in *The Villager*. The names of prospective candidates shall be given to any Nominating Committee member by any Club member before a deadline that will be included in the published schedule.

Section C. Each prospective candidate will be interviewed by the Nominating Committee. Prior to the election the names of the nominees, together with a brief resume submitted by each candidate, shall be published in *The Villager*.

Aside from the candidates who have been nominated by the Nominating Committee, any member may become a candidate for election to the Committee by written petition endorsed by 10% or more of the membership. Such petition must be submitted to the General Chairman no later than September 21 of the election year. All candidates must be willing and available to attend meetings and perform all duties assigned to them by the General Chairman.

Section D. Voting, which will be concluded before the month of November, will be by secret ballot sent to all Villages Men's Golf Club members listed on the current membership list. Voting instructions shall specify a date of return of the voted ballots. The new Committee members will assume their duties at the January Committee meeting.

Section E. The General Chairman shall appoint an Election Committee before October 1 of not fewer than three (3) members, whose only duty shall be to count the ballots and certify an official copy of the results to the General Chairman. Any ties will be decided by vote of the current Executive Committee.

Section F. The President of the Club Board of Directors will be advised by letter from the General Chairman of The Committee of the names of the new Committee members after the December meeting. The General Chairman will notify the newly elected members directly.

ARTICLE VII.

CHAIRMEN AND CHAIRMEN FUNCTIONS

All Committee chairmen shall serve for (1) year unless earlier relieved by the General Chairman. Each shall keep records of his committee's activities and turn these over to his successor updates to all posting room tournament plaques/photos and sports wall plaques. Committee Chairmen may appoint their own committeemen from members of the Club to assist them in their duties.

Section A. Tournament Chairmen:

Conduct all member tournaments in cooperation with the Golf Professional, including supervision of scoring and prize allocations. Prepare a summary sheet and financial report at the conclusion of events for inclusion in the Tournament Committee files and for the Executive Committee. Use historical cost/attendance data to work with the Committee towards improving event attendance and member experience. Also, maintains and updates the Men's Golf Club plaques and photos in the posting room, the shared photo frames on the Bistro Sports Wall and the MGC locker and keys.

Section B. Rules Chairman:

Coordinate with the Golf Professional and the committee on matters affecting the following responsibilities:

1. Interpret USGA Rules and the recommended Local rules that are not in conflict with those of the USGA.
2. Discuss proposed changes with the Committee and upon approval prepare the changes for submittal to the VGC for their approval.
3. Investigate serious violations of the rules and make recommendations to the Committee for disciplinary action of Men's Club Member.

Section C. Handicap Chairman:

Supervise the NCGA Handicap System and member's adherence to same. Administer the handicaps of the non-Men's Club Villagers who maintain a GHIN number through NCGA. Make appropriate reports for the Committee.

Section D. Evergreen Invitational Chairman:

Plan and conduct the Annual Evergreen Invitational Tournament. Appoint appropriate sub-chairmen and coordinate all the activities. Chair all necessary meetings to ensure a successful event. After Evergreen is concluded, focus on next year's enhancements, and become a resource to other chairmen in their pursuits.

Section E. Home and Away Chairman:

Arrange, schedule, and conduct inter-club Home and Away activities with other selected golf clubs. Continually seek other fine clubs for the rotation.

Section F. Communications Chairman:

Communicate the activities of the Men's Golf Club in The Villager newspaper, MGC Website, Comcast Channel 26, and with e-mail & bulletin board notices. This includes upcoming tournaments, both home and away, results of tournaments, rules, and general announcements.

Section G. Membership Chairman:

Administer the membership roster and coordinate this activity with the appropriate Villages administration offices.

Section H. NCGA Chairman:

Review scheduled NCGA activities and make recommendations to The Committee regarding events in which the Villages Men's Golf Club might consider participation. Ensure that Men's Golf Club members are aware of scheduled NCGA activities in which the Club or individual members may wish to participate.

Section I. Hole-In-One Chairman:

a) oversee the administration of the Hole-In-One Insurance Program,

Section J. Other Committees:

Special and ad-hoc committees may be appointed by any Chairman to perform specific functions.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

Section A. These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of The Committee, provided that each proposed amendment be first presented for consideration no later than the regular Committee meeting preceding that which voting is to be scheduled.

Section B. Proposed amendments shall be publicized in The Villager in advance of Committee action, and any Committee member shall receive, and report opinions expressed to him by any member of the Men's Golf Club.

ARTICLE IX. APPROVALS

Section A. The Committee shall act for The Men's Golf Club in approving these By-Laws.

Section B. No amendment to these By-Laws shall become official until approved by the Executive Committee of The Villages Men's Golf Club, notification of Villages Management and the official copy in the possession of the Executive Committee shall include each date of approval of their approval.

Approved by the Board of Directors, February 25, 1975.

Amended and approved by the Club Board of Directors, September 8, 1975; September 23, 1975; November 1, 1980; June 15, 1983; January 3, 1984; January 1985; June 1986; December 1989; January 1991; January 1992; December 31, 1992; December 1999; January 2001; January 27, 2009; September 27, 2011; October 28, 2014; January 02, 2017; November 2, 2021