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Article #1 - Title

The name of the Association shall be "Southern California Golf Association of the Deaf" (SCGAD), hereinafter referred to as the Association; and it shall operate pursuant to the laws of the State of California and the United States of America.

Article #2 - Purpose

The purpose of the Association is to foster deaf-related recreational golf tournaments, clinics, and/or supporting events throughout the year, all for the public competition, enjoyment, and social welfare, and for no other purpose.

Article #3 - Membership

Deaf and Hard of Hearing golfers and those who have a genuine interest in the deaf and hard of hearing community are eligible for membership. The Board of Directors shall determine annual membership dues. Members who are in good standing may be elected to the Board and serve on committees.

Article #4 - Board of Directors

Composition: The Board of Directors of the Association shall consist of five (5) members. Election of board members are held in conjunction with the [even numbered year] Annual SCGAD Championship which is typically held during the final quarter of each year; date, time and place to be determined by the Board. Voting shall be done by membership ballots at the [even numbered year] Annual Championship. Election results shall be determined by majority count; the board candidates who receive the highest number of votes shall become the elected members of the Board for the new term. At each [even numbered year] Annual SCGAD Championship, a total of five (5) SCGAD Board Members shall be elected for a term of two (2) years.

Section 1

Officers: The members of the board shall determine their respective duties as officers of the board. The officers shall be comprised of President (Commissioner), Vice President (Tournament Director), Secretary-Treasurer (Finance, Membership & Website Coordinator), and two (2) General Counsels (Member Representatives).

Section 2

Duties: The Board of Directors shall have control of the Association and all of its assets. They shall approve and execute all leases, contracts, or other documents necessary for the operation of the Association.

Article #5 - Term of Officers

The board officers shall be elected to a term of two (2) years. The term begins on December 1st and ends on November 30th of the [even numbered year] following election results.

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Article #6 - Meetings

Section 1

The Board of Directors shall hold its Annual Meeting during the month of January and additional meetings as deemed necessary by the President or when requested in writing to the Secretary by any SCGAD member.

Section 2

Special and Standing Committees may be established by the President or by a majority vote of the board. The committees shall meet in accordance with their objectives as deemed necessary.

Article #7 - Vacancies

Section 1

In the event the Office of President becomes vacant for any reason, The Board of Directors shall elect a new President by majority vote to serve out the balance of the vacated term. The Board of Directors shall also elect a new member to the board to fill this newly created vacancy.

Section 2

In the event of a vacancy in any other office, the Board of Directors shall appoint a Board member to complete the term of the vacated office, as well as a new Board member to fill the Board vacancy thereby created.

Article #8 - Duties of Officers

Section 1

President (Commissioner): It shall be the duty of the President to direct and oversee the day-to-day operations of the Association. The President runs the regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors. The President shall vote only when necessary to break a tie.

Section 2

Vice President (Tournament Director): It shall be the duty of the Vice President to propose, secure, and coordinate tournaments (sites) as well as assist the President in the administration of all Association duties and activities. The Vice President shall act as President in the absence of the President. The Vice President is also responsible for coordinating tournament awards and prizes.

Section 3

Treasurer: It shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer to receive all Association funds and at the earliest

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convenient date, deposit it into appropriate Association accounts. The Treasurer shall keep a written accounting record of all financial transactions, showing in full detail the receipts and disbursements. The Treasurer shall maintain complete and accurate record of accounts, and report financial results to the Board of Directors at least annually and/or upon special request. The Treasurer shall prepare operating statements at least annually, and supervise timely preparation of all required tax documents. The Treasurer shall act as President in the absence of the President and Vice President.

Secretary: It shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify all board members of all meetings, maintain an up-to-date list of members, to keep minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors and to conduct all necessary correspondence of the Association as directed by the President, or by vote of the members of the Board of Directors. The Secretary is also responsible for tournament results and rankings as well as uploading content and maintaining the Association website.

Section 4

General Counsel: It shall be the duty of the General Counsel to serve as an advisor and/or consultant to the board. The General Counsel should be the voice of reason and represent the best interests of the Association's members during the meetings of the Board of Directors.

Article #9 - Bank Accounts

All Association bank accounts shall be in financial institutions, which are members of the FDIC, FSLIC, SPIC or a similar federal insurer or guarantor, and no account balance shall at any time exceed its insured amount. Checks drawn on all checking accounts and withdrawals from any other accounts shall require the signature and countersignature of at least any two (2) of the officers described in Article 4, Sections 1 and 2.

Article #10 - Committees

Section 1

The President recommends, and the Board of Directors shall vote to approve on whether to create a new additional committee, either ad-hoc or standing, as deemed necessary for the proper functioning of the Association. The Board shall name a chairperson, preferably an existing Board member, as well as two other members to serve on any of these committees.

Article #11 - Awards

Tournament awards shall include, but not be limited to, Closest to the Pin, Fewest Putts, Longest Drive, Low Gross, Low Net, and Championship Flight(s). A listing of the awards is to be determined by majority vote of the Board of Directors on an annual basis.

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Article #12 - Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the Association, assets shall be distributed to the Far West Golf Association of the Deaf (FWGAD), or for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the 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 a Court of Competent Jurisdiction 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.

Article #13 - Non-Discrimination Policy

The Association makes every effort to conduct its official business without discrimination with regard to age, gender, sexual orientation, color, race, creed, national origin, religious persuasion, marital status, political belief and disability.

Article #14 - Rules of Order

All procedural matters not specifically covered herein shall be governed by the rules of procedure as described in Robert's Rules of Order.