

# Egg Harbor Golf Association Bylaws

## Article 1: Name

1. The name of the organization is the Egg Harbor Golf Association.

## Article 2: Purpose

1. To encourage interest in golf, to promote and foster among the members a closer bond for their mutual benefit, to promote and conserve the best interests and true spirit of golf as embodied in its ancient and honorable traditions.
2. To encourage conformance to the EHGA Rules of Golf by creating a representative authority.
3. To maintain and provide for the members a handicap as set forth by the EHGA Handicap System.
4. To provide an authoritative body to govern and conduct club activities.

## Article 3: Membership

1. Membership shall be available to all men 18 years of age or older. Total membership in the club shall not exceed 48 players in a calendar year. A waiting list shall be maintained by the secretary.
2. The fiscal and calendar year for the club will be January 1 through December 31st.
3. Each candidate for membership shall be proposed and seconded by two active members in good standing.
4. Club meetings will be held before the first match each month at the course 30 minutes prior to the first tee time. Additionally, an annual meeting will be held the first week of March to discuss the rules and schedule for the year.
5. A quorum of 8 members present is required to vote on issues concerning dues, awards, annual banquet, tournament schedule and other current issues.
6. Members will be required to attend 4 meetings and 6 tournaments per year. Failure to do so will result in a fine as determined by the executive board.
7. An outing roster will be posted one week prior to all scheduled outings. Each member is required to commit their attendance by the end of the day the Sunday before the match. If a member commits to playing and does not show up for the match, they will be assessed an escalating fee as determined by the executive board.
8. Pairings will be posted to the league website (EHGA.net) and emailed to the Google Group by Thursday the week of the outing.
9. Annual dues to be determined by budget requirements as set forth by recommendations of Secretary and Treasurer and voted on by the membership. Dues are due prior to the first scheduled outing unless fiscal needs require earlier payment. Members failing to pay dues on time are subject to removal as active members.

## Article 4: Executive Board

1. The Executive Board shall consist of the Association Officers and the Committees Chairman. They shall exercise all powers of management of the association not specifically covered by these By-Laws. The president shall be the chairman of the Executive Board.
2. During the month of October the Executive Board shall appoint a nominating committee to accept names of candidates for the election of new officers. Voting for candidates shall take place at the regular December meeting. Election of officers is by voice or recognition.

## Article 5: Officers and Committees

1. The officers shall consist of president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. Their duties shall be such as their titles would indicate or such as may be assigned to them from time to time. The duration of their terms shall be for one year with no restrictions as to term limits.
2. The president shall appoint all committee chairmen, and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. The president shall define all authority and duties of all committees. The vice president, secretary and treasurer may hold positions as committee chairman or members.
3. Committee Chairman shall solicit members in good standing to serve as committee members as required in these By-Laws.
4. The Tournament Committee shall consist of a chairman and 2 committee members. The duties of the committee are to schedule monthly outings at courses with a reasonable price range, tee times and traveling distance. All outing correspondence, monies and attendance requirements are functions of this committee. Voting on recommendations of this committee will be at the discretion of the President.
5. Handicap Committee shall consist of a chairman and at his discretion 1 additional committee member. The committee's primary responsibility is to establish a fair and proper system in accordance with the EHGA Handicap System and to establish flights for tournament play.
6. Membership Committee. The secretary of the association will preside as sole member of this committee. Candidates will be nominated from the floor and placed on a waiting list. When vacancies exist the secretary shall notify the Chairman of the ! Executive Board who shall act upon the candidate as outlined in Article 3 Section 3 of the By-Laws.
7. Special Events Committee. The Special Events Committee shall consist of a chairman and 2 committee members. The duties of the committee include scheduling of the annual trip and to facilitate the annual awards dinner (including the awards). Voting on recommendations by the committee for the special event will be at the discretion of the president.
8. Rules Committee. The Rules Committee shall consist of chairman and 2 committee members. The duties of the Rules Committee are to develop a set of rules for tournament play and a method for scheduling tournament starter and scorer. Additional responsibilities include ensuring scorecards are delivered to handicap chairman, developing a flight prize structure, resolve rules issues and violations, and addressing slow play problems. To the greatest extent possible, all rules changes will be proposed prior to the start of the season and documented in the by-laws. To add, amend or rescind tournament rules the following procedure will be

followed:

**First & Second:** An initial motion for the proposed change

**Discussion:** discussion on the issue.

**Vote:** A vote on the motion. A yes vote by majority the motion passes. The secretary will record the motion, notify all members that a final vote on the issue will be held at the next monthly meeting. The method of notification will be at the discretion of the secretary. A no vote the issue is dropped

9. Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Procedure shall be followed at all meetings.

## Article 6: Amendments to Bylaws

1. The Executive Board shall have the power to add, repeal or amend any of these By-Laws provided that such action shall not be effective until approved at two consecutive meetings by a majority vote of the members of the association.

## Article 7: Rules of Play

1. League play will be governed by USGA (single match) rules as modified by local club rules, and with the following league rules and exceptions.
2. We will have a maximum score of double par on any hole. If you reach that number, just pick up and record the score.
3. Roll the ball in your own fairway, treeline to treeline, down everywhere else.
4. You may lift, rake and place your ball in a sand trap anywhere.
5. Tee box selection: Members must identify the tee box they intend to use at the course when they commit to playing on the Monday before the outing. This selection will be used to facilitate the pairings for facilitating pace of play. The handicap sheet posted on the website shows the member's handicap for each tee box. The member is responsible for identifying the tee box used when entering their score (and noted on the card). The low gross prize is only available for scores entered using the white tee box.
6. Flights: the member roster will be flighted by handicap.
7. Handicaps: Handicaps are established and published on the website. Any new member must either provide a GHIN or appropriate handicap index to become a member. If no index is provided, the EHGA handicap index will be identified after 3 outings within the league. Until the member has an established handicap, they are unable to win any outing prizes.
8. Eligibility Rules: In order to remain a 'member in good standing', you must comply with the following rules.

If you are a no-show after indicating you will attend a match, you will pay an escalating assessment as follows: 1st offense \$10, 2nd offense \$20, each additional offense \$30. This is intended to maintain good standing with the courses and limit fees assessed by the course for

no-shows. Four attendance violations in a year will remove the status of “good standing” and the member will have to re-apply for membership..

9. Lost Ball - If you are concerned that your ball may be lost or out of bounds, you may hit a provisional ball. If you find your first ball, you must play it. If you do not play a provisional ball and you cannot find your ball (limit to 3 minutes to find) you can either drop a ball where you believe your ball would have come to rest in bounds with a 1 stroke penalty or you can bring the ball out to the edge of the fairway no closer to the hole with a 2 stroke penalty. If your ball is lost and all members of your foursome agree that it was in the fairway, you may take a free drop in the fairway where the ball was last seen for no penalty.
10. In order to be eligible for any prize money, you must be present 30 minutes prior to your assigned tee time and have paid your dues. On random draw tournaments, we will continue to draw the names at random at the preceding meeting and publish the tee off order in a newsletter. The foursomes will be listed by tee time (Le. 10:00, 10:07 etc.). You must report to the starter at least 30 minutes prior to this time. It is your responsibility to report, not the starters. The starter will move the people up to fill any gaps made by absent players by asking the next group in line for volunteers to move up.
11. Unplayable Lie - USGA rule.
12. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP -We will have a gross and net champion in each flight. The champion will be determined by the total score obtained by adding together the best 7 scores for the club championship rounds. Outings are designated on the schedule. The outing rounds are random draws for foursomes based upon tee boxes used. The last round, the leaders are paired together.
13. Scorer Responsibilities: It is the responsibility of the scorer to record the scores on the card and note the tee box played. He must then get those scores to the handicapper in a timely manner. Scores must also be entered on the website.
14. If the secretary is not present at the end of the round, he may mail the scores to the secretary or give them to someone to deliver in person. If you are selected as the scorer and cannot be present at the tournament to do the job, it is your responsibility to find a replacement
15. Starter Responsibilities: It is the responsibility of the starter to maintain a smooth flow of starting times at the tournaments. In a random draw event, the following rules are to be followed. The pairings posted on the website and distributed via email are to be followed as closely as possible. If someone is a no-show, this information needs to be noted and details provided back to the executive board.
16. In the interest of all, players should play without delay.
17. Players must ensure they keep up with the group directly in front of them. There should never be more than “half a hole” open in front of your group. It is very important to keep up with the pace of the course’s play. If you are on the tee box of a par 4 and the group in front of you is off the green or leaving the green, you are running behind and you have to pick up the pace.
18. When you reach the green, park your cart as close as possible to the next tee.
19. When all players are on the green, it is the responsibility of the player closest to the pin to tend it (etc.) until it is no longer needed.
20. It is the responsibility of the player who holes out first to replace the pin upon completion of all putting.

21. When putting is completed, move quickly to the next tee; scores are to be recorded there. Teams with honors be ready to tee off.
22. Drivers of the carts will be the scorers. Tell them your scores. Don't make them ask for it.
23. It is everyone's responsibility to watch all ball striking and ball hunting as much as possible. Ask for the help of your fellow competitors.
24. Hit a provisional ball if there is any doubt that your ball is out of bounds or lost.
25. You have no more than 3 minutes to look for a lost ball.
26. Play "Ready Golf" when possible. Plan your shot during your competitor's shot. Use common sense and courtesy.
27. If a match fails to keep its place on the course and loses more than 1 clear hole on the players in front of it, the match should invite the following group to pass.
28. Common sense is to be used at all times during the round. It is the responsibility of the members of each foursome to speed things up.
29. Gimmes are only allowed when putting for bogey or greater.
30. Gimmes are only allowed when the ball is within a putter grip distance to the hole.