

**Tri Palm Estates & Country Club**

**TRI-PALM MEN'S GOLF CLUB**

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**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**  
**Revised 2025**

**ARTICLE I        NAME**

The name of the organization shall be **Tri-Palm Men's Golf Club**

**ARTICLE II        PURPOSE**

**Section One:**        To provide a representative authority to promote and conserve the best interests and true spirit of golf as embodied in its ancient and honorable tradition.

**Section Two:**        To assure that a uniform system of handicapping be maintained as set forth in the Regulations of the United States Golf Association.

**Section Three:**    To govern Tournament, Play and other golfing events sponsored by the Club.

**ARTICLE III       MEMBERSHIP**

**Section One:**        Membership shall be available to all men who are property owners or renters who have a valid Golf Pass bought at Tri-Palm Estates & Country Club Pro Shop.

**Section Two:**        In the event any member of the Organization shall commit any act which reflects discredit or disrepute thereon or shall refuse or neglect to comply with the rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Directors, or the duly appointed officers, such member shall be subject to suspension or expulsion after ten days written notice and the right to be heard, by a vote of two-thirds of the Board of Directors at any regular board meeting or special meeting called for such purpose. (Adopted December 5, 2006)

**EXPLANATION**

1. *Yelling or screaming objections from the floor will not be tolerated.*
2. *A member shall not interrupt a recognized speaker until the speaker finishes his report.*
3. *A member wishing to be recognized by the chair shall stand and raise his hand.*
4. *If a member does become obnoxious, unruly, or insulting, that member will be found out of order and will be ordered to sit down and refrain from such disruptive behavior.*
5. *If said member shall continue such disruptive behavior, he will be ordered to leave the meeting and the Sergeant of Arms (as appointed by the President) will escort the offending member from the meeting.*

*Subsequently, that member will be notified of a Board Hearing, to be held within 10 days of that notice, where the member could be suspended from the monthly meetings and/or expelled from the Men's Club.*

- 6. If the member shall refuse the order to leave the meeting, the chair will ask the membership to suspend all the members Men's Club privileges including Tournaments for up to 6 months and a vote will be immediately taken.*
- 7. There will be no discussion of this issue prior to the vote.*

**Section Three:** Annual membership and the fiscal year of the club shall be from November 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup> of next year.

## **ARTICLE IV MEETINGS**

**Section One:** Regular meetings of the Club shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month, except during May, June, July, August, September, and October. The Board of Directors shall provide for the holding of other meetings as may be deemed necessary and shall call Special Meetings as outlined in Section Two of this Article. There will be a meeting in May for those members who plan to play during the summer months.

**Section Two:** Special Meetings shall be called upon receipt of a written petition if said petition is signed by not less than 5% of the membership. During May, June, July, August, September and October, a Special Meeting notification shall be sent to each member stating the cause of the Special Meeting not less than 30 days prior to such Special Meeting. An absentee ballot shall be included with the Special Meeting notification.

**Section Three:** A legal quorum at any meeting shall be 25% of the total membership. Each member of good standing shall be entitled to one vote. Unless otherwise specified, a Simple Majority vote of the membership shall be required for the passage of any question put before the membership for vote.

**Section Four:** The annual meeting of the club shall be held on the first Tuesday in November. The Board of Directors will be installed at the annual meeting.

## **ARTICLE V DUES AND FEES**

**Section One:** The Club shall maintain-three membership categories. The categories and the dues/fees components of each are:

1. Regular Member Members who play the 18-hole Millennium Course on Thursday)). Fees and dues for Regular Members shall consist of two components: Annual Membership Dues and Annual GHIN membership fee as set by the Southern California Golf Association (SCGA).
2. Regular Par 3 Member (Members who play only the Par 3 Thursday Tournaments). Dues and fees for Regular Par 3 Members shall consist

- of Annual Membership Dues and Annual GHIN membership fee as set by the Southern California Golf Association (SCGA)
3. GHIN membership only as set by the Southern California Golf Association (SCGA). Those players will not be eligible for Thursday play during the season.

**Section Two:** The dues and fees for the succeeding calendar year for each of the membership categories shall be designated by the Board of Directors.

**Section Three:** Dues and fees for the succeeding calendar year shall be due and payable on November 1st. All members who are delinquent after the 15<sup>th</sup> of December shall be considered to have resigned.

## **ARTICLE VI      OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

**Section One:** The officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Duties of the officers shall be such as whether their title would indicate, or such as may be assigned respectively from time to time.

**Section Two:** The President, with the approval of the Board, shall authorize the powers and duties of all committees. Chairpersons of all committees shall be appointed by the President, and he shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nomination Committee.

**Section Three:** The term limit of the Presidency shall be two years.

## **ARTICLE VII      BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section One:** The Board of Directors shall consist of the following: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Director, 18-Hole Tournament Director, Assistant Tournament Director; Par 3 Tournament Director, Handicap Director, Rules Director, Special Events Director, Assistant Special Tournament Director, and Greens Director. All shall be elected from the membership. The President shall: automatically assume the duties of Chairperson of the Board. The Board may combine Director Positions when it thinks this is in the Club's best interest. The Board may also appoint a Special Director as conditions require. However, a positive vote of membership will be required to approve any Special Director position that is expected to continue for more than one year.

**Section Two:** The Board of Directors shall meet at times and places they may select. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

**Section Three:** In the case of a vacancy created by the death, resignation, disqualification, or other cause of a member of the Board, the remaining Directors, by Simple Majority vote, shall elect a successor to hold office for the unexpired term of the open Director position.

**Section Four:** The Board of Directors, by a Simple Majority vote, shall remove any Officer or Member of the Board for any one of the following reasons:

1. Malfeasance or misfeasance in handling of Club affairs.
2. Dereliction or neglect of duty.
3. Unexcused failure to attend two regular Meetings in succession.
4. Conviction of a felony while serving as a Member of the Board.
5. Refusal to follow any provision of the Constitution or By-Laws of the Club.

**Section Five:** The immediate past President shall be an ex-officio non-voting member of the Board of Directors.

**Section Six:** The Secretary shall keep a primary set of the Constitution & By-laws and shall furnish any member with a copy upon written request.

**Section Seven:** The Treasurer shall have the authority to pay legitimate bills as they come due. All payments shall be made by check or electronic transfer when available. A minimum of three members of the Board of Directors, in addition to the Treasurer, shall be authorized to sign checks.

**Section Eight:** The President may ask Past Presidents to take part in Board meetings without voting privileges.

## **ARTICLE VIII ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

**Section One:** The election shall be held at the regular March-meeting. At least three weeks prior to the first day January the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three members. At least two weeks prior to the regular February meeting, a list of proposed Officers and Directors shall be posted on the Club Bulletin Board. Nominations from the floor may be made at the regular-February meeting. The first order of business at the regular March meeting shall be the balloting for the Officers and Directors.

**Section Two:** Voting shall be by written ballot. Those receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected. The President shall appoint a Committee of three (3) judges who are not candidates for election to count the ballots and supervise the election.

**Section Three:** A written ballot is not needed when there is only one candidate for each office.

**Section Four:** Installation of the newly elected Officers and Directors shall be the first order of business at the regular November meeting.

## **ARTICLE IX        AMENDMENTS TO BY- LAWS**

**Section One:**        The Board of Directors shall have the power to repeal or amend any of the By-Laws, provided that such action shall not be effective until approved by a Simple Majority of the members who are present at a regular meeting.

## **ARTICLE X        INTERPRETATION**

**Section One:**        On all questions as to construction or interpretation of these By-Laws, the decision of the Board of Directors shall be final. Roberts' Rules of Order shall be the guide on matters not covered by these By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE XI        DISSOLUTION**

**Section One:**        In case of dissolution of this organization, all remaining funds and any other assets shall be returned to the members at the time of the dissolution. The Board of Directors will decide on the method of distribution of the funds after all debts have been paid.

## **MENS GOLF CLUB TOURNAMENT RULES**

1. Men's Day Tournaments are open for all Men's Club members in good standing.

### **Pairings:**

Select a group you want to play with and sign up on the board in the Caddy Shack. You may sign up as an individual. The Tournament Director reserves the right to move players from one group to another. Times for signing up will be announced by the Tournament and Par Three Directors at the monthly General meetings.

### **Score Cards:**

Tournament score cards will be printed by the Tournament Director and issued at the rear Clubhouse parking lot (*or an area designated by the Tournament or Par Three Directors*) prior to the morning or afternoon starting time. "Shotgun" hole assignments, players' names, and handicaps will be printed on the score card.

### **Adjustments to Score Cards:**

Only the Tournament Director is authorized to alter or change the official Score Card of any Group. Non-compliance with this rule will immediately disqualify all members on that card.

### **Responsibilities:**

All Tournament Players are responsible that the correct score posted on the score card and that all addition, subtraction, and adjusted scores are correct. The Scorer and Attester must sign the official Score Card, and each player must initial by his name denoting the Score Card is correct before it is posted and turned into the Tournament Director. Any deviation will result in disqualification in the respective Tournament. Each player is responsible for posting their adjusted score in the GHIN System whenever they play an official round of golf.

**Play Through:**

No team is allowed to play through unless there is a physical problem or an equipment breakdown, which must be resolved in a reasonable amount of time. Otherwise, the team in question is disqualified.

**Violations of any of these rules must be reported to the Tournament Director as soon as possible after completion of the round, and the violator may be disqualified or suspended for one or more weeks.**