**Old North State Golf Association for Senior Women**

**CONSTITUTION**

Article I. Name

The name of this Association shall be Old North State Golf Association for Senior Women, herein referred to as ONSGA.

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of ONSGA shall be to promote good fellowship and expand friendly competition in golf among amateur senior women of North Carolina through an annual tournament and such other events as the Board of Directors (“Board”) shall decide.

Article III. Membership

Membership of ONSGA shall be individual.  The applicant shall have been a female at birth. She must have a residence in NC and must have reached her fiftieth birthday at the time of application.  The applicant must have a valid GHIN handicap at a North Carolina golf club, to include North Carolina eClubs.

Article IV. Meetings

There shall be an annual membership meeting and tournament of ONSGA to be held at the discretion of the Board. The site of all the meetings and tournaments shall be held as often as possible throughout the state of NC.

Article V. Management

The business and affairs of ONSGA shall be directed between meetings of the membership by a Board. The Board shall be composed of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chairman, Historian, Tournament Chairman (appointed by the President), and four Members at Large and the Ex-Officio. The Board shall be representative of all sections of the state. The Officers and Members at Large shall be selected as specified in By-Law III. The Board may

create and fill such offices as may from time to time be necessary for a definite term, or otherwise.

Article VI Parliamentary Authority

Robert’s Rules of Order, Revised, is the parliamentary authority for ONSGA.

Article VII Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership present and voting at any meeting of the membership provided that notice of the general nature of the proposed amendment shall have been included in notice of the meeting.

**BY-LAWS**

Article I – Membership

1. The membership of ONSGA shall be of two classes: regular and associate.

The Board shall from time to time fix the maximum number of regular members, not to exceed 160.

1. Any woman golfer who will have reached her fiftieth birthday, who has a current established handicap at a NC golf club - to include NC eClubs - who has a NC residence, born a female, and whose handicap meets the ONSGA requirement is eligible to apply for regular membership in ONSGA. The Board shall fix from time to time the maximum handicap requirement for eligibility in ONSGA. Eligibility requirements will be attested by an applicant’s home club. A regular member who no longer wishes to participate in the annual tournament, but wishes to attend the social functions, may become an Associate Member. Annual dues will be $5.00 to cover the cost of mailing. All expenses for the social functions, pertaining to the tournament, will be borne by the Associate Member.

1. After all eligible membership quota have been reached, all other applicants will be placed on a waiting list. New members will be taken from that list in order of receipt of application as openings develop. A list of active regular members and the waiting list will be posted at annual meetings. All applications shall be acknowledged.
2. A player will be taken off the membership list if she has not participated in the annual tournament for three consecutive years.   This does not  include someone who applies for tournament registration before the registration entry expires but is turned away due to having a full tournament field. In that case she will be considered a participant  for purpose of her membership status.

Article II – Meetings

1. The annual meetings shall be fixed by the Board, which shall be

during the time of the annual meeting.

1. The Board shall meet at such time and place as it shall designate.
2. Special meetings of the ONSGA may be called at the discretion of the President

 or quorum of the Board.

1. At least ten days notice of all meetings, other than the annual meeting, shall be mailed, by the Secretary, to members and said notice shall state the general nature of business to be transacted.
2. One third of members present and voting constitute a quorum.

Article III – Board of Directors and Officers

1. The Board shall uphold the Constitution and By-Laws of ONSGA

 and shall have authority to manage the affairs of the Association.

1. Election of officers and members at large shall be by acclamation or by

 ballot and will take place at the annual meeting. A President, Vice President,

 Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chairman, Historian and four Members at

 large will be elected or until their successors shall be selected. The tenure of

 any one office shall not exceed two years. Exceptions for the Secretary,

 Treasurer, Membership and Historian positions may be extended by the Board

 at any time it is felt that these extensions will benefit operations of the

 organization.

1. Five Board Members constitute a quorum for the transacting of business. The

 absence of a Member of the Board for two consecutive meetings, unless

 excused by the President, constitutes a resignation.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of ONSGA, the Board, and in

 general perform the duties incident to this office. The President shall be

 authorized to disburse funds in the absence of the Treasurer. The

 outgoing President is Ex-Officio, a member of all committees except

 nominations, without the right to vote except to break a tie.

1. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in her absence or at

 her request. She shall be responsible for a bona fide invitation for the annual

 tournament, in writing, preferably a year in advance, from an official of the club

 issuing the invitation.

1. The Secretary shall keep an authentic record of all meetings of ONSGA and the

 Board. She shall issue written notice of all meetings; she shall conduct the

 correspondence of ONSGA and preserve all documents including the official

 membership and waiting lists; she shall present at each Annual Meeting a full

 report of all matters relating to ONSGA affairs including a summary of all

 actions taken during the year by the Board and any other duties normally

 associated with the Office of Secretary.

1. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all ONSGA funds, receiving all fees

 and dues and depositing same in a depository designated by the Board.

 She shall disburse these funds only in conformity with the budget and as

 directed by the Board. She shall present at each Annual Meeting an accurate

 report of the financial affairs of the Association; she shall make a like report

 whenever requested by the Board; she shall preserve the Treasurer’s books

 which shall be reviewed annually by the ONSGA Executive Committee. The

 review shall be made October 1st and completed before March 1st .

1. The Membership Chairman shall receive applications for membership in

 ONSGA. She shall respond to each application as to the receipt and status

 on the Wait List. She shall notify applicants beginning in January of an

 opening in the Organization and offer an invitation to join. The Membership

 Lists and Wait Lists shall be kept up to date and available to the Board when

 requested.

1. The Historian shall keep records of Annual Tournaments and photo albums

 shall be maintained whenever possible. She shall make these records

 available at the Annual Meeting.

Article IV – Standing Committees

1. The Executive Committee, consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, is for consultation and emergency action, which action shall be subject to ratification by the Board.

 2. The Tournament Chairman shall be appointed by the President. All other

 Committee members shall be appointed by the Tournament Chairman.

 The Tournament Committee, in consultation with the Secretary and with

 reference to the previous records, shall be responsible for the preliminary

 arrangements incident to the tournament, including the arranging the schedule

 of events, the printing of programs, purchase of prizes, etc. A report of

 income and expenditures shall be presented to the Treasurer within 60 days

 of the final day of the annual tournament. The tournament bank account

 and any remaining funds shall be turned over to the Treasurer.

 3. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall be selected by the Board; the

 four additional members, preferably representing different parts of the State

 shall be selected by the Nominating Chairman. The Nominating Committee

 shall submit a slate of officers and members of the Board to election at the

 Annual Meeting.

Article V – Revenue

 1. The annual dues shall be set by the Board and will be announced

 at each Annual Meeting. The fiscal year begins at the conclusion of each

 annual meeting. Every effort shall be made to utilize the revenue from the

 annual dues during the fiscal year, with only a working fund (the amount set

 by the Executive Committee) carried over to the succeeding year.

 2. Dues are payable at the Annual Tournament each year. Any member whose

 dues remain unpaid one month following the tournament will receive a

 reminder from the Treasurer. If dues are unpaid after two months, a second

 reminder shall be sent, and the member will be fined $5 in addition to annual

 dues. If delinquent after three months she must reapply for membership in the

 Association.

 3. A new member’s dues shall be due upon receipt of written notice of her

 membership acceptance.

Article VI – Amendments

 These By Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present

 at the yearly general business meeting. Notice of the proposed changes or

 amendments shall be sent to the membership prior to the general meeting.

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