



Constitution and By-Laws

Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be Safari DC Golf Club Inc., hereafter referred to as "Safari DC Golf Club" or "the Club."

Article II. Purpose

1. To promote and stimulate interest in amateur golf among residents of the Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, DC metropolitan area by organizing golf clinics, tournaments, competitions, and social events for the benefit and enjoyment of the Club's members.
2. To promote fellowship, camaraderie, and mutual respect among members, fostering a spirit of unity and fraternity while advancing the best interests of the Club in accordance with the traditions, values, and honorable spirit of the game of golf.
3. To ensure that all members and guests participating in Club golf events conduct themselves in accordance with the Rules of Golf as established by the United States Golf Club (USGA), as well as any local rules adopted by the Club in accordance with these Articles and Bylaws. The Executive Board shall be responsible for promoting fairness, equity, and adherence to the rules governing the game.
4. To encourage and maintain the use of accurate and properly administered individual handicaps among members. Members shall maintain an official handicap in accordance with USGA guidelines. In circumstances where a member does not have an established handicap, the Executive Board may assign a provisional or temporary handicap for the purpose of participating in Club events.

To establish and maintain cooperative relationships with other golf Clubs and organizations where such affiliations are deemed beneficial to the interests and welfare of the Safari DC Golf Club. Any such alliances or partnerships shall be pursued by the Executive Board or its designated representatives with the general consent of the membership. At its inception,

Safari DC Golf Club shall operate as an independent Club with no financial or organizational obligations to local or international golf Clubs.

Article III. Membership

Section 1. Eligibility

Pursuant to the foregoing Articles, membership in the Club shall be open to any individual who expresses an interest in the purposes and activities of the Club and agrees to abide by its governing documents. Upon admission to membership, everyone shall comply with and uphold all provisions of these Bylaws, including the payment of applicable membership dues and adherence to the rules of conduct and standards established by the Club.

Section 2. Membership Rights and Non-Transferability

Membership in the Club shall be granted to any individual who satisfies the eligibility requirements set forth elsewhere in these Bylaws. Membership is personal to the individual member and shall not be transferable. Each member shall exercise his or her membership rights individually. No member shall vote, act, or seek to act on behalf of another member or any non-member of the Club. Any member found to be in violation of this provision may be subject to disciplinary action. Such matters may be reviewed by an ad hoc **Disciplinary Committee**, which shall recommend appropriate sanctions based on the nature and severity of the violation. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to, reprimand, suspension of membership privileges, or expulsion from the Club.

Section 3. Playing Availability and Handicap Maintenance

Members are encouraged to play golf regularly and to maintain a current and accurate **Handicap Index** in accordance with the **USGA Handicap System**. Members should record all eligible scores promptly in the **Golf Handicap and Information Network (GHIN)** or another recognized handicap tracking system to ensure their handicap index remains up to date. Each member shall be individually responsible for maintaining and updating their handicap record. Upon request, members must provide verification of their handicap index to the Club's **Handicap Manager(s)** or other designated officials. Members whose handicap index cannot be publicly verified through GHIN, or an equivalent recognized system shall not be eligible to participate in competitions scored on a **Net basis**. However, such members may participate in competitions where a verified handicap is not required, subject to the rules established by the Club or Executive Board.

Section 4. Non-Affiliation

Membership in the Club does not confer any ownership, management authority, or decision-making rights over any golf course, clubhouse, or related facilities where the Club conducts its activities. Furthermore, membership in the Club does not grant members any special privileges, priority access, or preferential treatment with respect to the use of any

golf course, clubhouse, or affiliated facility. Members shall remain subject to the rules, policies, and fees established by the respective golf course or facility operators.

Section 5. Membership Term and Renewal

Membership in the Club shall be granted for a **calendar year**, commencing on **January 1** and expiring on **December 31** of the same year. All memberships are subject to **annual renewal**, and individuals wishing to continue their affiliation with the Club must renew their membership in accordance with the procedures and requirements established by the Club.

Section 5.1 Membership Dues and Financial Management

Membership dues shall be established in consultation with the general membership and approved in accordance with the procedures set forth in these Bylaws. All dues and related fees shall be collected and deposited with the **Treasurer**, who shall serve as a member of the Executive Board and be responsible for the proper management of the Club's funds. All funds collected from membership dues shall constitute the general operating fund of the Club and shall be deposited and maintained in an account held at a locally recognized financial institution insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

The Golf Club shall operate as a **nonprofit social club under Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code**, and all funds shall be used solely for the purposes and activities of the Club that benefit its members. In the event of dissolution of the Club, any remaining funds shall be distributed in accordance with applicable laws and these Bylaws, including the possible transfer to another nonprofit organization or charitable cause consistent with the Club's purposes. The **Executive Board** shall designate **three elected officers** as authorized signatories for the Club's financial account(s). The Treasurer shall serve as one of the signatories, and any two authorized signatories shall be required to approve and execute financial transactions on behalf of the Club.

For transparency and accountability, the Treasurer shall regularly report to the Executive Board and the membership on the status, management, and use of the Club's funds. All expenditure shall be used solely for authorized Club purposes. In the interest of sound governance, the Treasurer and at least one additional officer—who shall not be the **Captain of the Executive Board**—shall serve as signatories on the Club's financial account. The selection of the additional signatories shall be determined by the Executive Board through its established decision-making procedures.

The **Secretary** shall maintain accurate records and minutes of all meetings at which financial decisions are discussed or approved. To promote transparency and accountability, such minutes may be shared with the general membership as deemed appropriate by the Executive Board.

Section 5.2. Membership Fees

The Club may assess membership dues and other fees necessary to support its operations. The Treasurer shall propose membership fees based on the financial needs of the Club and proposed fees must be reviewed by the Executive Board and approved by the general membership. 4. Membership dues are payable on January 1 each year. Returning members shall be granted a grace period until March 15. All funds collected shall be deposited in a federally insured financial institution and used solely for the benefit of the Club.

Section 5.3. Categories of Membership

The Club shall recognize the following categories of membership: **Local Membership** – Individuals residing within the District of Columbia, Maryland, or Virginia (DMV) metropolitan area; **Youth Membership** – Individuals between the ages of twelve (12) and sixteen (16); and **Diaspora Membership** – Individuals residing outside the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia metropolitan area. Membership dues for **Youth** and **Diaspora** members shall be subsidized and shall not exceed **seventy-five percent (75%) of the standard Local Membership fee**, as determined and approved in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws.

Section 6. New Membership Proposals

Each candidate for membership shall be **proposed and seconded by an active member in good standing** who has fulfilled all obligations and requirements established by the Club. Members who are in arrears with respect to dues or other obligations shall not be eligible to participate in the nomination or recommendation of prospective members. The **Executive Board** shall review and determine the eligibility of prospective members. Approval of new members shall be at the discretion of the Executive Board and shall not require the presence or vote of the general membership.

Upon approval, the **Secretary** shall issue formal communication welcoming the new member and shall circulate the announcement to the general membership. The **Captain of the Executive Board** shall ensure that newly admitted members are provided with all necessary information to maintain their membership in good standing, including but not limited to the **Golf Club's rules, bylaws, and other governing provisions** outlined in this document.

Section 7. Foreign Participation

Non-members may, at the discretion of the Executive Board, be invited to participate in local Club tournaments and events. However, non-members may **not be eligible to receive prizes, trophies, gifts, or any awards** associated with the competition.

The Executive Board reserves the right to **impose an additional participation fee on non-members** taking part in local tournaments or events organized by the Club. Such fees shall be determined by the Committee and communicated in advance of the event.

Article IV. Meetings

Section 1. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Club shall run from **January 1 through December 31**, constituting a twelve (12) month calendar period. The Executive Board may, if necessary, review and determine any administrative adjustments relating to the fiscal year in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws. Any such decisions shall be promptly communicated to the general membership to ensure that members remain informed, including with respect to the timing and payment of membership dues.

The **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** of the Golf Club shall be held at a date, time, and venue determined by the **Executive Board**, each year prior to March 20. Notice of the meeting and all relevant details shall be communicated to the general membership in advance. The **Secretary of the Executive Board**, in consultation with the **Captain**, shall be responsible for ensuring that all such communications are properly prepared and distributed to the membership in a timely manner.

Section 2. Annual General Meeting

The **Captain of the Executive Board**, in consultation with the Committee members, shall prepare an **Annual Report** outlining the Golf Club's activities, achievements, and initiatives for the preceding year, as well as key plans and priorities for the forthcoming year. The report shall include a summary of the **financial performance and financial statements** for the prior fiscal year. The Annual Report shall be circulated to the membership in advance of the **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** to allow members adequate time to review its contents prior to its presentation and adoption at the meeting. Members are encouraged to review the report and prepare any questions or comments. Matters arising from the report shall be openly discussed during the AGM, and appropriate resolutions may be considered and adopted by the membership.

Attendance and voting rights at the AGM shall be limited to members in good standing whose membership dues are fully paid. Non-members may attend the AGM only upon submitting a formal request to the Committee Secretary in advance of the meeting. Such requests shall be reviewed by the Executive Board and may be granted at the sole discretion of the Committee. Non-members granted permission to attend shall not have voting rights unless otherwise expressly approved by the Executive Board.

A legal quorum at any meeting shall have two thirds of the membership present in person or by proxy. Each active member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote.

Article V. Discipline and Code of Conduct

Any member of the Club, including members of the Executive Board, who engages in conduct that brings discredit or disrepute upon the Golf Club, or who refuses or neglects to

comply with the rules, regulations, or directives established by the Club or its duly appointed officers, shall be subject to disciplinary action.

The disciplinary process shall begin with the submission of a report to the Club's Ombudsman. Upon receipt of the report, the Ombudsman shall notify the Chairperson and the Captain, who shall review the matter and determine the appropriate course of action based on the seriousness of the alleged infraction. Disciplinary action may include, but is not limited to, reprimand, suspension of membership privileges, or expulsion from the Club.

A member subject to disciplinary action shall be provided with written notice at least **seven (7) days in advance** and shall be given the opportunity to be heard before any final determination is made.

If the member appeals the disciplinary decision, the matter shall be referred to an appointed Disciplinary Tribunal, which shall hear the appeal and render a final decision. The determination of the Tribunal shall require a **two-thirds (2/3) majority vote** of its members. The Disciplinary Tribunal shall be appointed by the Executive Board and shall consist of **no fewer than five (5) members**.

In addition, the Executive Board may establish an **Ad Hoc Disciplinary Committee** from time to time to review allegations of violations of the Golf Club's code of conduct. This committee shall normally consist of **three (3) members**, at least one of whom shall not be a member of the Executive Board. The committee shall conduct its review in a fair, impartial, and transparent manner and shall recommend appropriate sanctions if a violation is substantiated.

Members of the Ad Hoc Disciplinary Committee shall perform their duties without bias or influence from any member or non-member. The committee shall not be used as a vehicle to pursue personal grievances or settle individual disputes. Any attempt to improperly influence the composition or decision-making of the committee may itself constitute grounds for disciplinary action.

The findings and recommendations of the Ad Hoc Disciplinary Committee shall be submitted to the Executive Board through the Chairperson, who shall convene a meeting of the Committee to review the report and determine appropriate action.

To maintain impartiality, the Chairperson of the Executive Board shall not serve as a member of the Ad Hoc Disciplinary Committee. The Chairperson's role shall be limited to presenting the matter and providing initial guidance regarding the committee's responsibilities. Thereafter, the Chairperson shall not participate in the committee's deliberations unless clarification is requested.

All proceedings and findings of the Ad Hoc Disciplinary Committee shall remain **confidential** until a formal report has been submitted through the appropriate channels. During the committee's review process, communications regarding the matter shall be

limited to the committee members unless clarification is sought through the **Executive Board Secretary**, who may coordinate communication with the Chairperson.

If the member under review is also a member of the Executive Board, that individual shall recuse themselves from any deliberation or decision related to the matter. In such circumstances, the Executive Board may appoint an additional member from the general membership to serve in place of the recused member. The Ad Hoc Disciplinary Committee shall be dissolved upon completion of its review and submission of its report.

If disciplinary proceedings result in suspension or expulsion, membership dues or subscriptions previously paid shall not be refunded, and any remaining balance shall be forfeited to the Club to offset administrative and operational expenses.

A member subject to discipline may raise concerns regarding procedural fairness. If credible evidence demonstrates that the disciplinary process violated the procedures outlined in these Bylaws, the Executive Board may review the matter and determine whether the proceedings should be reconsidered or dismissed in the interest of fairness and due process.

Article VI. Tournaments and Competitions

Section 1. Organization

Tournaments and competitions of the Golf Club shall be organized and administered by the Tournament Organizing Committee or the members of the Executive Board. Committee members may oversee the planning and execution of events and may, where appropriate, appoint volunteer members from the general membership to assist with tournament organization under the Committee's supervision.

The Golf Club shall organize a minimum of three (3) tournaments annually, consisting of at least two (2) one-day tournaments and one (1) two-day Major tournament. These events shall ordinarily be conducted using the stroke play format. The Executive Board may, at its discretion, introduce additional competition formats to encourage participation, competitive play, and camaraderie among members. Such formats may include, but are not limited to, Stableford, scramble, best ball, individual match play, or team match play. All tournaments and official events of the Golf Club shall be conducted under the authority of the Executive Board, which shall maintain oversight to ensure consistency with the Club's rules and objectives. Volunteer organizers may assist only when deemed necessary and with the approval of the Executive Board.

Service on a Tournament Organizing Committee shall be voluntary. Communication relating to tournament planning and management shall be conducted electronically through the Club's established communication platforms, including but not limited to WhatsApp or other approved digital communication channels.

Any individual appointed to serve on a Tournament Organizing Committee shall assume the duties and responsibilities associated with the organization and management of the specific tournament. Such responsibilities shall continue until the tournament has concluded and all related administrative and financial reconciliations have been completed.

Section 2. Tournament Rules and Ethics

The Executive Board may appoint a Tournament Rules Observer for any Club tournament or event. The Rules Observer shall be responsible for overseeing and enforcing the Rules of Golf as established by the United States Golf Club (USGA), as well as any applicable local rules established by the host golf course or relevant regional USGA affiliates. The Rules Observer may, but is not required, be a member of the Executive Board. The appointment of a Rules Observer shall apply only for the duration of the specific tournament or event and shall conclude upon its completion.

The Executive Board shall make reasonable efforts to negotiate green fees, establish event schedules, and manage ancillary expenses in a manner that serves the best interests of the Golf Club and its members. In preparation for tournaments and related events, the Executive Board shall also be responsible for organizing player pairings and event logistics. In doing so, the Committee shall exercise due diligence and ensure that all arrangements are conducted in a manner consistent with fairness, equity, and established traditions of competitive golf.

Section 2.1. Member Grievance Procedure

Any member who wishes to raise grievance shall submit the complaint in writing to the club's ombudsman, tournament's organizing committee or the Captain. Written grievances may be submitted electronically, including by text message or other approved communication channels. Grievance shall refer to a matter that personally affects a member and must be submitted to the Ombudsman within twenty-four (24) hours of the occurrence of the matter giving rise to the complaint.

Upon receipt of the grievance, the Executive Board shall review, investigate, and take reasonable steps to resolve the issue in a fair and timely manner. Where the Committee determines that the matter may benefit the broader membership through clarification of policy or precedent, the Committee may, at its discretion, communicate the matter and its resolution to the general membership.

Section 2.2. Member Grievance Procedure

Any grievance arising during a tournament or Club event shall be reported immediately to the Tournament Rules Observer, the ombudsman or the Captain for prompt review and resolution where possible. If the matter cannot be resolved during the tournament, or if it is determined that grievance requires further review outside the immediate event, the Captain shall notify the Executive Board within twenty-four (24) hours so that the matter may be formally recorded and scheduled for review.

Where appropriate, an Ad Hoc Disciplinary Committee, as defined in these Bylaws, may be established to review grievance. The committee shall consider the matter, conduct any necessary inquiries, and issue a determination. All such grievances shall be documented, and once resolved, a summary of the matter and its resolution may be communicated to the general membership in the interest of transparency, fairness, and the prevention of similar disputes in the future.

Article VII. Communication

Section 1. Constructive Feedback

Members are encouraged to provide constructive feedback and suggestions that support the growth and improvement of the Golf Club. Such feedback shall be communicated in a respectful and professional manner and shall not include language or conduct that is defamatory, demeaning, or belittling toward any member of the Executive Board or the general membership.

Section 2. Communication

The Golf Club shall promote and encourage open, respectful, and transparent **communication** between the Executive Board and the general membership. The Executive Board serves the Golf Club in a voluntary capacity, and its members may, at times, be balancing Club responsibilities with personal and professional commitments. Members are therefore encouraged to exercise patience and understanding in situations where responses to inquiries or requests may require reasonable time.

All communications between members and the Executive Board, or any of its members or subcommittees, shall be conducted in a professional, courteous, and respectful manner. The Executive Board and its subcommittees exist to serve the interests of the membership, and the continued success of the Golf Club depends upon mutual respect, cooperation, and constructive engagement between the Board and the general membership.

Article VIII. Governance

Section 1. Executive Board

There shall be an Executive Board elected by and from the members of the Safari DC Golf Club who are in good standing. The Executive Board shall be responsible for the governance and administration of the Golf Club. The Board shall have the authority to implement and enforce the provisions of this Constitution and Bylaws, and to establish rules governing tournaments, competitions, membership dues, sponsorships, and other activities of the Golf Club, provided that such rules remain consistent with the governing documents of the Club.

Members of the Executive Board shall remain accountable to the general membership of the Golf Club. Accordingly, Board officers shall be available to address reasonable questions or concerns raised by members, particularly where such matters relate to their assigned roles and responsibilities. In carrying out its duties, the Executive Board shall make reasonable efforts to consult with the general membership on significant decisions affecting the Golf Club, with the goal of promoting transparency, inclusiveness, and unity within the Club.

Section 2. Board Composition

Members of the Executive Board shall serve a term of **two (2) years**. Upon the expiration of a member's term, that individual shall not be eligible for immediate re-election to the Executive Board.

Former members of the Executive Board may serve in an advisory or mentorship capacity, providing guidance and institutional knowledge to newly elected Board members when necessary. Such mentorship may be coordinated under the leadership of the immediate past Chairperson.

The Chairperson of the Golf Club shall be the immediate past Captain. The Chairperson, together with all outgoing office bearers, shall ensure a timely and orderly **transition of responsibilities** from the outgoing Board to the incoming Executive Board. This transition shall include the completion of all required documentation, financial signatories, records transfers, and administrative handovers necessary to enable the incoming Board to carry out its duties effectively.

Section 3. Executive Board Composition and Duties

The Executive Board shall consist of the following officers: Chairperson, Captain, Vice-Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-Treasurer, Public Relations (PR) Manager, Handicap Manager, Vice Handicap Manager, and one General Board Member (Ombudsman). Each officer shall perform the duties normally associated with their title, as well as any additional responsibilities assigned by the Executive Board from time to time.

a) Chairperson

The **Chairperson** of the Safari DC Golf Club shall be responsible for providing overall leadership and governance of the Golf Club, ensuring that the club operates in accordance with its constitution, bylaws, and established policies. The Chairperson shall preside over Board meetings and general membership meetings, guiding discussions, maintaining order, and ensuring that decisions are made in a fair and transparent manner.

In collaboration with the Executive Board, the Chairperson shall help shape the strategic direction of the club, oversee Board's performance, and ensure that the board fulfill their responsibilities to the membership. The Chairperson shall represent the club in official matters with external partners, sponsors, and affiliated organizations. While the **Club Captain** shall oversee golfing activities, tournaments, and player engagement, the

Chairperson shall provide administrative oversight and support to ensure that all club operations align with the goals, governance standards, and long-term sustainability.

b) Captain

The **Captain** shall serve as the principal leader of the Club and shall preside over meetings of the Executive Board. In consultation with the Secretary, the Captain shall establish the agenda for Board meetings and provide leadership in decision-making for the benefit of the Golf Club, including matters relating to governance, discipline, and strategic planning.

The Captain shall have the authority to make urgent decisions on behalf of the Golf Club in situations where the Board cannot convene in a timely manner. Whenever possible, the Captain shall consult with the Executive Board through electronic communication or other available means before making such decisions. Records of such communications shall be maintained and may be presented at the **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** upon request by the membership.

The Captain shall develop and guide the strategic direction of the Golf Club during their term of office and shall present an **Annual Report** outlining the activities and achievements of the Club at the end of each year of service. The Captain shall also support the Treasurer in efforts to secure sponsorships and partnerships beneficial to the Club.

In the event of a tie vote during a formal Board meeting, the Captain shall exercise a **casting vote** to resolve the matter. The Captain may also designate another Board member to preside or act on their behalf when necessary.

c) Vice-Captain

The **Vice-Captain** shall support the Captain in the administration of the Golf Club and shall assume the Captain's responsibilities when the Captain is unavailable. The Vice-Captain shall take a leading role in the planning and management of tournaments, including identifying and booking golf courses, coordinating tournament logistics, managing match play competitions, and overseeing tournament results.

d) Secretary

The **Secretary** shall be responsible for maintaining effective communication between the Executive Board and the general membership. The Secretary shall schedule and coordinate Board meetings, maintain records and minutes of meetings, and manage official correspondence of the Golf Club.

The Secretary shall maintain a central record of Club documents and records, which shall be available to Board members and accessible to general members upon reasonable written request.

e) Treasurer

The **Treasurer** shall oversee the financial management of the Golf Club and ensure proper stewardship of the Club's funds and assets. The Treasurer shall prepare and present **financial statements and reports** at the Annual General Meeting.

The Treasurer shall propose **annual membership dues** in accordance with the financial needs and objectives of the Golf Club and shall facilitate the establishment and maintenance of the Club's financial accounts in accordance with approved signing mandates. All financial transactions require the authorization of **at least two designated Board signatories**.

The Treasurer shall also support the Captain and Executive Board in efforts to secure sponsorships and financial partnerships that benefit the Golf Club.

f) Vice-Treasurer

The **Vice-Treasurer** shall assist the Treasurer in financial management duties and may assume the Treasurer's responsibilities in their absence or when delegated by the Treasurer.

g) Handicap Manager

The **Handicap Manager** shall maintain and oversee the handicap records of all members to ensure fairness and integrity in scoring and tournament participation. The Handicap Manager shall verify participant handicaps, collect and compile tournament scores, and ensure that all results are properly documented.

The Handicap Manager shall also ensure that tournaments conducted by the Golf Club maintain accurate scoring procedures and adhere to the standards of the **USGA Handicap System**.

h) Vice Handicap Manager

The **Vice Handicap Manager** shall assist the Handicap Manager in maintaining handicap records, managing scoring logistics, and ensuring accurate recording and verification of tournament results.

i) Public Relations (PR) Manager

The **PR Manager** shall be responsible for maintaining and developing the **public profile and communications presence of the Club**, including management of the Golf Club's social media platforms and public communications. The PR Manager shall also assist in coordinating Club ceremonies, announcements, and celebratory events.

The PR Manager shall attend Board meetings when required. In the absence of another Board member, the PR Manager may participate in Board deliberations and shall be entitled to vote.

j) General Board Member (Ombudsman)

The **General Board Member**, serving in the capacity of **Ombudsman**, shall assist the Board in addressing matters that arise within the Golf Club and may provide support in areas not otherwise assigned to a specific officer.

The Ombudsman shall attend Board meetings as required and shall participate fully in Board deliberations, including voting, to assist in maintaining balance and fairness in the decision-making process. The Ombudsman may also assist in facilitating communication between the Board and the general membership when necessary.

Section 4. Board Vacancy and Postings

At least **two (2) weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting**, the Executive Board shall publish, through the Club's official communication platform, a list of nominees proposed to fill any vacancies for the upcoming term of office commencing on the date of the meeting.

Additional nominations of members in **good standing** may be submitted by members of the Golf Club. Such nominations must be submitted to the Executive Board **no later than one (1) week prior to the Annual General Meeting**.

Members seeking election to the position of **Captain** shall present a written statement outlining their proposed agenda and vision for leading the Club. This statement shall be shared with the membership through the Club's official communication forum prior to the election.

Section 5. Election and Voting Procedures

Voting for the election of officers shall be conducted by written ballot or by another method approved by the Executive Board and communicated to the general membership in advance of the election. The candidates receiving the highest number of valid votes cast shall be declared duly elected to the respective offices.

To ensure fairness and transparency, the Executive Board shall appoint three (3) Election Officers to supervise the election process. The Election Officers shall not be members of the Executive Board nor candidates for any office in the election.

The Secretary of the Golf Club shall be responsible for recording the results of the election and shall submit the official record to the outgoing Captain, who shall formally announce the results to the membership.

Election Officers shall remain eligible to vote in the election, provided they meet the membership eligibility requirements outlined elsewhere in these Bylaws.

Section 6. Executive Board Meetings

The Chairperson of the Executive Board, in consultation with the Captain and other Board members, shall coordinate the preparation of meeting agendas and determine the dates for Board meetings.

The Captain shall be responsible for formally communicating the meeting schedule and agenda to Board members in accordance with the procedures outlined elsewhere in these Bylaws. The Secretary shall also record the proceedings of each meeting and maintain accurate minutes and records of the Board's deliberations and decisions as part of the official records of the Golf Club.

Section 7. Succession

If a vacancy occurs in any Board position due to death, resignation, disqualification, or other cause, the Executive Board may appoint a successor by majority vote to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term of the departing officeholder. At the conclusion of that term, the individual appointed to fill the vacancy may, if otherwise eligible, stand for election to a full term of office in accordance with the provisions outlined in these Bylaws.

The procedures governing such appointments and transitions shall be applied in conjunction with the relevant provisions set forth in Section 6 of this document.

Article IX. Financial Oversight

Members may request an independent financial review or audit by a majority vote of the membership. The Treasurer shall maintain accurate financial records and present a financial report at the Annual General Meeting.

Article X. Amendments

The Executive Board shall not have the authority to repeal or amend any provision of these Bylaws without the approval of the general membership of the Golf Club. Any proposed amendment must be presented to the membership and shall only take effect upon full endorsement by the members in accordance with the procedures outlined in this document. All requirements relating to format, quorum, and voting thresholds, as specified elsewhere in these Bylaws, shall apply to any proposed amendments. A quorum consisting of two-thirds (2/3) of the general membership shall be required for the consideration and approval of any major amendment to this Constitution.

Meetings convened for the purpose of considering amendments shall be organized by the Chairperson of the Executive Board, in consultation with the **Captain**, who shall publish the agenda and provide advance notice of the meeting to the membership in accordance with the communication procedures of the Golf Club.

The current draft of this Constitution does not address provisions relating to the **dissolution of the Golf Club**, and such provisions may be considered and incorporated in future amendments as deemed appropriate by the membership.

Article XI. Dissolution

Pursuant to **Section 5.1 (Membership Dues and Financial Management)**, the Golf Club may be dissolved upon a determination by the general membership that the Golf Club has fulfilled or outlived its intended purpose. Such a decision shall require a formal vote of the membership conducted in accordance with the election and voting procedures outlined in these Bylaws.

Upon approval of dissolution, all **financial assets and funds of the Golf Club**, including those held in established bank accounts and any other financial resources of the Club, shall be distributed to one or more charitable organizations. Preference may be given to organizations located within the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia (DMV) region, although the membership may approve the designation of another charitable organization by majority vote, regardless of its geographic location.

The general membership shall be provided with verifiable documentation confirming the transfer and completion of such donations, ensuring transparency and accountability as part of the final closure of the Golf Club's affairs.