

HERITAGE RANCH MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the association is the Heritage Ranch Men's Golf Association also known as HRMGA.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

1. To promote interest in and improvement of golf among male members of Heritage Ranch.
2. To develop, organize, and increase participation in all golf tournaments sponsored by the HRMGA.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to any male age 48 or older who is either an owner, resident, annual pass holder or prospective owner under contract at Heritage Ranch.

ARTICLE IV DUES

1. Dues will be established by the MGA Board annually and approved by the HRMGA membership at the annual general membership meeting. Following the first MGA tournament, dues will be prorated for any first time member according to the number of tournaments remaining during the year. Dues will not be prorated below 50% for the year and are payable when billed.
2. Only members with dues paid in good standing are eligible to vote or to be considered for MGA office.
3. Only members with dues paid in good standing are eligible to play in MGA sanctioned tournaments.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS / BOARD OF DIRECTOR

1. Members of the Board shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and the Past President. Each Officer shall serve without compensation.
2. Duties of the Board shall be to manage and control the affairs of the

HRMGA

ARTICLE VI **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

1. The election of HRMGA Officers shall take place during the end of the year annual membership meeting. Annually either two or three members will be elected to the Board based upon the number of expiring terms. Board vacancies will be filled from a slate of qualified nominees, not to exceed six, presented by a nominating committee chaired by the Vice President. The Vice President shall automatically become President in the year following his election to the Board. Nominations may be made from the floor at the annual meeting provided that nominees are qualified and have given their prior consent. Elected Officers will take office effective immediately following the election and continuing until the next annual membership meeting.
2. Officers shall be elected for a one-year term by simple majority vote of the membership eligible to vote. Officers may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms unless the candidate is unopposed and willing to accept the office.
3. Board vacancies that unexpectedly occur during the year will be filled by the remaining members of the HRMGA Board.

ARTICLE VII **DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

The Officers shall attend and participate at all meetings.

1. The **President** shall preside at all meetings of the HRMGA, shall call all special meetings and direct all activities of the HRMGA. He shall also work in concert with the Heritage Ranch Management and the Head Professional and Director of Golf to insure cooperative understanding in all HRMGA events and promotion of golf at Heritage Ranch.
2. The **Vice President** shall perform as directed by the President. He shall also represent the HRMGA on any Heritage Ranch Committees. He shall be responsible for chairing a nominating committee, which will present a Slate of Nominees to fill annual Board vacancies.
3. The **Secretary** shall record the minutes of the board meetings and all membership meetings. He will be responsible for all communications to the members and outside organizations, as appropriate.
4. The **Treasurer** shall receive all moneys of the MGA and deposit such sums in a non-interest bearing account of a recognized bank. The Treasurer shall sign all authorized warrants and checks drawn on funds of the MGA. All financial obligations shall be approved and authorized by the Board before payment. All checks will be signed Treasurer. In the absence of the

treasurer the checks will be signed by the President. All Checks in excess of \$1,000 must be signed by both Treasurer and President. The Treasurer shall keep an itemized account of all financial transactions and render a report of receipts and disbursements at each meeting. The Treasurer shall insure that new members have been properly billed.

5. The **Immediate Past President** shall perform duties as directed by the President and shall be a voting member of the Board.

ARTICLE VIII

REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

Any Officer may be removed from the Board for failure to attend three (3) consecutive scheduled meetings of the Board, which have been duly noticed in accordance with notifications of scheduled meetings.

A vacancy in any position shall be filled by the MGA Board. The appointment shall last for the balance of the vacant term.

ARTICLE IX

MEETINGS

1. The annual General Membership Meeting will be held in January of each year. Other general meetings will be called as deemed necessary by the Board.
2. Board Meetings will be held at a time and place as determined by the Board. These meetings may be held monthly or as needed to direct the HRMGA activities.
3. A special meeting can be called at any time. A quorum for the Board shall be 3 members present.

ARTICLE X

COMMITTEES

The Board shall authorize and define the powers and duties of Committees. Openings for Chairs and members of said Committees shall be posted in order that volunteers can be accepted annually and approved by the Board. Each committee shall obtain Board approval for all major Committee events.

The Committees shall work closely with the MGA Board.

1. The **Tournament Committee**, in the event one is appointed, shall report to the HRMGA Board and be responsible for recommending tournament dates, type of competition, tee markers and other matters related to golfing events. The Committee shall work closely with the Director of Golf

and Head Professional in these matters. In the absence of an appointed Tournament Committee, these duties will be assumed by the HRMGA Board.

2. The **Handicap Committee**, in the event one is appointed, shall report to the HRMGA Board and be responsible to insure all individuals participating in any HRMGA event have an established Heritage Ranch handicap as outlined under General Rules and is in good standing. In the absence of an appointed Handicap Committee, these duties will be assumed by the HRMGA Board
3. The **Communications Committee**, in the event one is appointed, shall report to the HRMGA through the Secretary and be responsible for publications and notifications to the MGA membership and to new residents of HR to inform them of the HRMGA. In the absence of an appointed Communications Committee, these duties will be assumed by the HRMGA Board
4. The **Greens Committee**, in the event one is appointed, shall report to the HRMGA Board and shall work closely with the Director of Golf, the Head Professional, and the Golf Course Superintendent, assisting them in any way possible, and shall act as the liaison for the HRMGA with concerns relating to the upkeep and maintenance of the HR Golf Course. In the absence of an appointed Greens Committee, these duties will be assumed by the HRMGA Board
5. The **Rules Committee**, in the event one is appointed, shall report to the HRMGA Board and be responsible for promoting respect for and adherence to the USGA Rules of golf. The Committee shall work closely with the Director of Golf and the Head Professional in developing education programs designed to advance MGA members knowledge of the rules. In the absence of an appointed Rules Committee, these duties will be assumed

ARTICLE XI

GENERAL RULES

1. The acceptance of membership in the association shall bind each member to uphold the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of the association and to accept and enforce all rules and decisions of the Board of Directors, acting within the Board's jurisdiction.
2. Any member may be subject to suspension or expulsion for unbecoming conduct detrimental to the game of golf, the good name of the association and\or its proper functioning or administration. Any charges preferred must be in writing. Any member failing in his obligations as set forth herein may be suspended or expelled by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors; provided such member shall have been given due notice of the charges preferred against him and an opportunity to be heard in his defense.

3. Any member thus suspended or expelled by a vote of the Board of Directors may appeal from its decision to the members of the full organization at any annual meeting.
4. Any member expelled for cause shall have a refund of his dues for the unexpired term of the year. The amount of the refund will be prorated to the full number of quarters (3 months) remaining in the fiscal year.
5. To play in any HRMGA tournament, HRMGA members must be an HRMGA member in good standing and have an established USGA handicap or handicap trend (see 7 below), approved by the Handicap Committee. Guests may play in other MGA events, such as the Thursday Play Day, without an established USGA handicap.
6. Each tournament may have a fee charged above the annual dues fee. The additional fee charged will be used for prizes or food for that tournament. Annual dues not used for the handicap system will be used for prizes and/or food supplied through the club. Participants will be responsible for their cart and green fees.
7. For new members, they must play five (5) rounds at HR creating a temporary handicap prior to playing in any HRMGA event.
8. A maximum handicap for a HRMGA member will be 36.
9. Members of the HRMGA must post all scores of 9 holes or more and indicate the color of tee box played. They must all sign, date and show all players last name.
10. Handicaps will be posted monthly (all scores count to arrive at that handicap).
11. Unless otherwise specified all putts in tournaments shall be putted out.
12. Except where otherwise specified, rules of the U. S. G. A. will govern.
13. Unless otherwise indicated, the tournament committee will base eligibility to play a specific set of tees during club tournaments exclusively on a player's handicap index, without regard to age, according to recommendations set forth by the USGA.

ARTICLE XII

AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed by simple majority vote of the ballots cast at the regular annual meeting or at any special meeting of the Members called for that purpose.

The Members shall not have the power to change the purpose of the Association so as to decrease its rights and powers or to deprive any Member of rights and privileges then existing, or so to amend the Bylaws to deviate from the original intents and purposes of the Association.

Notice of any amendment to be made at a special meeting of the

Members must be distributed to the membership at least ten (10) days before such meeting and must set forth the amendments to be considered.

Any amendments to these by-laws must be approved by the HOA Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIII

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Vice President shall chair the Nominating Committee that shall consist of a minimum of three members.

The Nominating Committee shall assemble a list of nominees who have expressed their interests to serve as an Officer on the MGA Board.

The Nominating Committee shall mail/email the proposed slate to the members thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting and create the ballots for voting ten (10) days prior to the Annual Meeting.

Approved by MGA President

_____ Date: _____

Approved by HR HOA Board

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MGA Membership Approved Date 1/21/2009
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