

# SINGAPORE SENIOR GOLFERS' SOCIETY

## CONSTITUTION

### NAME

- 1 The Society shall be called "SINGAPORE SENIOR GOLFERS' SOCIETY".

### OBJECTS

- 2 The Objectives of the Society are:-
  - (i) To foster and maintain for its members who are residents of Singapore and who have attained the age of 55, interest in the game of golf.
  - (ii) To arrange golf matches and competitions and organise activities related to golf.

### MEMBERSHIP

- 3 There shall be the following categories of members:-
  - (i) Founding Members
  - (ii) Honorary Members
  - (iii) Ordinary Members
  - (iv) Associate Members
  - (v) Term Members

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

- 4 Founding Members shall consist of such persons who were present at or whose names were brought before the inaugural meeting of the Society held in Singapore, on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 1968, and who have indicated in writing their willingness to become members of the Society.

### HONORARY MEMBERS

- 5 (i) Honorary membership may be bestowed by the General Committee on a person with the following qualifications:
  - (a) distinguished person whose association with the Society will contribute to and enhance the Society.
  - (b) any member of the Society who has made significant contribution to the Society.
- (ii) Honorary Members shall not hold office or have voting rights.
- (iii) A person who is not a member of the Society shall not have to pay entrance fee and annual subscription when bestowed Honorary membership. A member of the Society shall not have to pay annual subscription when bestowed Honorary membership.

### ORDINARY MEMBERS

- 6 Ordinary Members shall consist of such members who have been elected to membership of the Society after the said inaugural meeting in accordance with the rules of the Society. Both Ordinary Members and Founding Members shall have the same privileges.

### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

- 7** Associate Members shall have been elected to membership of the Society in accordance with the rules of the Society and shall have the following restrictions and qualifications:
- (i) They shall not have any voting rights.
  - (ii) They shall not be eligible to hold any office.
  - (iii) They shall not be eligible to participate in activities of the Society, that stipulate a minimum age of 55 years.
  - (iv) They shall have attained the age of 50, but not more than 55 years of age. Subject to the Rules herein, Associate Members may apply to the General Committee for conversion to Ordinary membership on attainment of 55 years of age with payment of half the entrance fee for an Ordinary Member prevailing at the time of approval by the General Committee. Rule 14 shall not apply upon approval by the General Committee for the said conversion.

### **TERM MEMBERS**

- 8** Term Members shall have been elected to membership of the Society in accordance with the rules of the Society and shall have the following restrictions:-
- (i) They shall not have any voting rights.
  - (ii) They shall not be eligible to hold any office.
  - (iii) Term membership may be renewed yearly by payment of the prescribed fees under Rule 20.

### **QUALIFICATION**

- 9** The qualifications for membership of the Society are:-
- (i) The attainment of 55 years of age for Founding Members and Ordinary Members.
  - (ii) The attainment of 50 years of age for Associate Members.
  - (iii) The attainment of 65 years of age for Term Members.
  - (iv) Residence in Singapore.
  - (v) The possession of a golf handicap, which can be verified by a handicap certificate, recognised by the Society.

### **GENERAL COMMITTEE**

- 10** (i) The Society shall be managed by a General Committee comprising a President, a Senior Vice-President, three Vice-Presidents, a Captain, two Vice-Captains, an Honorary Secretary, an Assistant Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer and not more than six other Committee Members.

All Members of the General Committee shall be Singapore Citizens.

- (ii) The General Committee shall have the power to co-opt any member to fill any vacancy in the General Committee.
- (iii) The General Committee shall have the power to confer the title of Patron on any member who, in their opinion, has rendered invaluable service to the Society. All patrons must be Singapore Citizens.

### **ELECTION OF GENERAL COMMITTEE**

- 11** (i) Each candidate for election to the General Committee shall submit his nomination duly proposed and seconded by Founding or Ordinary members at least seven days before each Annual General Meeting.
- (ii) All candidates shall be elected by a majority of the voting members present at the Annual General Meeting. They shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting when they shall retire, but shall be eligible for re-election except the Hon. Treasurer who shall not be re-elected to the same post for a third consecutive term.

### **POWERS OF GENERAL COMMITTEE**

- 12** (i) The General Committee, in addition to the powers hereinafter specifically conferred upon them, shall have the power to engage, control and dismiss the Society employees, and all such administrative powers as may be necessary for properly carrying out the objects of the Society in accordance with these Rules.
- (ii) The General Committee shall have the power to make, alter, add to or repeal Bye-Laws regulating the affairs of the Society on any matters not provided for in these Rules. Such Bye-Laws so made, added to, altered or repealed shall come into operation at such time as is fixed by the General Committee. The General Committee shall have the power to decide on all questions not covered by any Rule or Bye-Law. The decision of the General Committee on such question shall be final unless reversed at a General Meeting of members.

### **MEETINGS OF GENERAL COMMITTEE**

- 13** (i) At all General Committee Meetings, the President of the Society shall take the chair, or in his absence, the Senior Vice-President or in his absence one of the three Vice-Presidents. Should the President, the Senior Vice-President, and the three Vice-Presidents be absent, the General Committee shall elect a chairman. All issues arising at any meeting of the General Committee shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present. Voting and a determination or decision by such majority as regards any matter shall for all purposes be deemed to be the determination or decision of the General Committee as regards that matter. In the case of equity of votes the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.
- (ii) At least one half of the members of the General Committee shall form a quorum.
- (iii) Any member of the General Committee absenting himself from three consecutive meetings without explanation satisfactory to the General Committee shall cease to be a member thereof but leave of absence for a period not exceeding three months may be granted on application.

### **ELECTION OF MEMBERS**

- 14** Members shall be elected at the sole discretion of the General Committee. A candidate for election shall be duly proposed and seconded by two Founding or Ordinary Members of the Society who are personally known to him. Such proposal shall be sent to the Hon. Secretary.

### **GENERAL MEETING**

- 15** (i) An Annual General Meeting shall be held in May at such time and place, as the General Committee shall determine. An Extra-Ordinary General Meeting shall be called by the General Committee on the request in writing of 30 or more members. An Extra-Ordinary General Meeting may be called at any time by order of the General Committee.

- (ii) At least three weeks' notice shall be given of any General Meeting and particulars of its agenda shall be sent to the members one week in advance of the meeting. At all Annual General Meetings the agenda must include the following:-
  - (a) The General Committee's report on the previous year's activities.
  - (b) Audited Accounts of the previous year.
  - (c) The election of office bearers and other members of the General Committee for the ensuing year.
  - (d) The election of a firm of Auditors for the new year.

Any member who wishes to place an item on the agenda of an Annual General Meeting may do so provided he gives notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary one week before the meeting is to be held.

- (iii) The President shall be the Chairman of any General Meeting. In the absence of the President, the Senior Vice-President and in his absence one of the Vice-Presidents shall act as Chairman. Should, however, the President, the Senior Vice-President and the Vice-Presidents be absent, the Meeting shall elect a chairman. The Chairman of the Meeting shall have a casting vote.
- (iv) In any General Meeting, 50 voting members shall form a quorum. If within half an-hour from time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, the members present shall be considered a quorum, but they shall have no power to alter, amend or make addition to any existing rules.

#### **ACCOUNTS**

- 16** The Honorary Treasurer shall cause the accounts of the Society to be kept and shall present to members at the Annual General Meeting every year a duly audited statement of receipts and expenditure and balance sheet of the previous year.

#### **MEMBERS ACCOUNT**

- 17** (i) Every Member shall keep his account in credit.
- (ii) Members shall settle his bills within 30 days of presentation of statement.
- (iii) A member who does not settle his dues within 30 days shall be notified by the Hon. Secretary to place his account in credit within a period specified by the Hon. Secretary. If he fails to do so he shall be deemed to be a defaulter.
- (iv) No defaulter may enter or take part in any competition organised by the Society or vote at any meeting of the Society.
- (v) If a defaulter fails, within the period specified by the Hon. Secretary to place his account in credit, the Committee may delete his name from the Register of Members and he shall be thereupon cease to be a member.
- (vi) Notwithstanding the above, the Committee shall have the discretion to reinstate a defaulting member, if it deems fit.

## **AUDIT**

- 18** A firm of Public Accountants shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting. It shall be required to audit each year's account and present a report to the Annual General Meeting. It may be required by the President to audit the Society's account for any period within his tenure of office at any date and make a report to the General Committee.

## **TRUSTEES**

- 19** (i) If the Society at any time acquire any immovable property, such property shall be vested in the Trustees to be appointed at a General Meeting subject to a Trust Deed to be executed. Trustees may be appointed only from Founding Members or Ordinary Members. The number of Trustees shall not be more than four or less than two. Rules 24 and 25 shall apply to Trustees.
- (ii) If a Trustee dies or becomes incapacitated by reason of unsound mind or has moved permanently or absent from the Republic of Singapore for a period of more than one year, he shall deemed to have resigned his trusteeship.
- (iii) Notice to fill a vacancy or remove a Trusteeship must be given by affixing in the premises of the Society a document containing such proposal at least two weeks before the meeting at which the proposal is to be deliberated. The result of such meeting and appointment or removal shall be notified to the Registrar of Societies.

## **ENTRANCE FEE AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION**

- 20** (i) The entrance fee and annual subscription payable for each class of membership shall be determined by the General Committee from time to time. The General Committee shall have the power to vary the entrance fee and annual subscription.
- (ii) The annual subscription shall be payable by every member by 1st January of each year and not later than 30 days after the presentation of statement.
- (iii) A member on attaining 80 years of age, provided he has been a member for 10 years, need not pay annual subscription.

## **FUNDS**

- 21** (i) The Funds of the Society shall be deposited in such bank or banks as may from time to time be decided upon by the General Committee. Cheques and other documents for withdrawals from the bank shall be signed by the Hon. Treasurer and another office bearer who shall be the President, or the Senior Vice-President or one of the Vice-Presidents or the Hon. Secretary.
- (ii) The Hon. Treasurer shall keep all funds and collect and disburse all monies on behalf of the Society and shall keep account of all monetary transactions and shall be responsible for their correctness. The power to authorise the expenditure from the Society's funds for the Society's purposes is vested with the General Committee.

## **MEMBERS RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 22 (i) Members shall be bound by and submit to the rules, regulations and bye-laws of the Society.
- (ii) Members participating in a golf game or competition at a golf club shall abide by the club's rules, regulations and bye-laws. Members shall observe the club's golf etiquette including but not limited to the type of attire and equipment prescribed by such club for the use of its golf courses, practice tees, clubhouse and its other facilities.
- (iii) Members shall observe all golf rules which shall include rules currently adopted by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews (R & A), the United States Golf Association (USGA), and the Singapore Golf Association (SGA) and the local rules adopted by the golf club where the golf game or competition is held.
- (iv) Members participating in any activity organised by the Society or its agents shall be bound by and submit to the rules and instructions prescribed for such activity.
- (v) Members are responsible to maintain valid insurance to cover all eventualities while participating in a golf game or competition or other activities organised by the Society or its agents. The Society shall not be liable for death, injuries, damages, losses, expenses, accidents, delays, inconveniences or irregularities arising out of or relating to participation in any golf game or competition or other activities organised by the Society or its agents.
- (vi) Members participating in any activity organised by the Society or its agents are responsible for the payment of such fees and charges levied by the Society or its agents. In the event of cancellation by the members such fees and charges may be refunded at the discretion of the General Committee or its authorised representatives.
- (vii) Members participating in any golf activity organised by the Society shall inform the Society their lowest current official handicap issued by a recognised golf club.
- (viii) Members shall communicate in writing to the Hon. Secretary any change in address or addresses and other details as listed in the application form to the Society

## **CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

- 23 (i) Any member:-
- (a) who has resigned or died; or
  - (b) who has been expelled; or
  - (d) who has been or is at any time either before or after becoming a member of the Society convicted of any offence which, in the opinion of the General Committee is a serious criminal offence, shall cease to be a member.
- (ii) Any member who ceases to be a member pursuant to any of these Rules shall forfeit all rights to the Society, its property and its funds.
- (iii) Any member may give in writing to the Hon. Secretary, resign his membership of the Society, but shall continue to be liable for any subscription or other debt unpaid at the date of his resignation.

## **EXPULSION & SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP**

24 If any member should have in the opinion of the General Committee committed a serious criminal offence or left the country to escape criminal proceedings, or acted in any way prejudicial to the interests of the Society or its members or should break any Rule of the Society, the Committee shall consider the conduct of such member at a meeting of the Committee. If at such meeting it is considered that there is sufficient evidence to justify calling on the member to answer any charge made against him, a notice in writing shall be given to such member calling him to attend the meeting for the purpose of answering such charges. Such notice shall not be less than seven days. At such meeting, the member concerned shall be informed of the charge against him and he shall have the right to be heard in his own defence. If, after, hearing such member, three-fifths of the members present at the meeting shall vote for the expulsion of the said member; he shall thereupon cease to be a member of the Society. The Committee may, at the conclusion of the hearing, suspend the member or impose any other lesser penalty. Notice thereof shall thereafter be sent to such member. If such member refuses to attend the meeting in answer to the notice calling upon him to do so, the Committee may nevertheless proceed in his absence. There shall be no appeal on the decision of the Committee to any other meeting or to any Court of Law.

## **PROHIBITIONS**

- 25 (i) The promotion or conduct of a private lottery in the Society's premises is not allowed unless it has been permitted under the Private Lotteries Act Cap 250. The introduction of materials for drug taking and persons of bad characters into the premises is prohibited.
- (ii) The funds of the Society shall not be used to pay the fines of members who have been convicted in court of law.
- (iii) The Society shall not engage in any trade union activity as defined in any written law relating to trade unions for the time being in force in Singapore.
- (iv) The Society shall not attempt to restrict or interfere with trade or make directly or indirectly any recommendation to, any arrangement with its members which has the purpose or is likely to have the effect fixing or controlling the price or any discount, allowance or rebate relating to any goods or service which adversely affect consumer interest.
- (v) The Society shall not indulge in any political activity or allow its funds and/or premises to be used for political purposes.
- (vi) The Society shall not hold any lottery, whether confined to its members or not, in the name of the Society or its office-bearers, Committee or members unless with the prior approval of the relevant authorities.
- (vii) The Society shall not raise funds from the public for whatever purposes without the prior approval in writing of the Head, Licensing Division, Singapore Police Force and other relevant authorities.

## **AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND RULE**

26 No alteration or addition/deletion to this Constitution shall be made except at a General Meeting and with the consent of two-thirds of the voting members present at the General Meeting, and they shall not come into force without the prior sanction of the Registrar of Societies.

**PLACE OF BUSINESS**

27 Its place of business shall be 151 Chin Swee Road, #02-24 Manhattan House, Singapore 169876.

**DISSOLUTION**

- 28 (i) The Society may be dissolved only by a resolution of a General Meeting of the Society convened in accordance with the provisions of these Rules.
- (ii) Provided always that notwithstanding anything in these Rules contained:-
- (a) The quorum of such meeting shall be not less than 60% of the members of the Society entitled to vote; and
  - (b) The resolution proposing such resolution is supported by not less than 85% of those present at the meeting.
- (iii) In the event of the Society being dissolved as provided above, all debts and liabilities legally incurred on behalf of the Society shall be fully discharged. All remaining assets shall be distributed among charitable organisations in Singapore.
- (iv) Notice of dissolution shall be given within 7 days of the dissolution to the Registrar of Societies.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:-

DATO' LOH AH JOO  
PRESIDENT

PANG BOON HEE  
HON. SECRETARY

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