

**CONSTITUTION AND BY- LAWS
OF THE
TIMBERLIN SENIOR MEN’S GOLF ASSOCIATION
Timberlin Golf Course
Berlin, Connecticut**

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this association shall be “The Timberlin Senior Men’s Golf Association”.

ARTICLE II- PURPOSE

The purpose of this association shall be:

- 1. To unite senior golfers of the Town of Berlin in fellowship and recreation.**
- 2. To actively participate in the game of golf and develop amongst its members the spirit of the game.**
- 3. To schedule periodic tournaments to develop the spirit of competition among its members.**

ARTICLE III – MEMBERS

- 1. This Association, through its Membership Committee, shall accept dated applications for membership from any Berlin senior who has reached age 60 and is retired.**
- 2. Applicants will be chronologically offered membership as vacancies allow to maintain the total membership roster.**
- 3. All changes in membership category must be requested through the Membership Committee.**
- 4. When a status revision is requested or reviewed by this committee, an inactive member may be reinstated or removed from the roles.**
- 5. Membership is divided into two categories:**
 - a) ACTIVE – Dues-paying members in good standing.**
 - b) HONORARY - Members who have been active can apply for Honorary Membership. No dues will be charged but they may attend the Annual Banquet and/or the Picnic ONLY by paying the assessed charge for each meal.**

- 6. We will accept 25 out of town senior members who will be sponsored by a member in good standing. They will have the same privileges as regular members. If the membership roles reach 130 members we will deal with it then through a membership vote.**

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following officers of the Timberlin Senior Men’s Golf Association shall constitute the Board of Directors: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Chairpersons of the following committees: Association Play, Golf Handicap, Tournament, Membership and the immediate Past-President. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

ARTICLE V – AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Constitution can be made at a regular or special meeting as advertised for that specific purpose. Said advertisement shall be posted at the Senior Center and Timberlin Golf Course a minimum of two weeks prior to the call of the proposed meeting. Passage of Amendments requires a favorable two- thirds vote of the members present and voting.

END. (Updated as of September 27, 2021)

BY-LAWS

The Constitution and the following By-Laws shall comprise the document which will govern the activities of the Timberlin Senior Men's Golf Association.

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Membership in the Timberlin Senior Men's Golf Association will be limited to one hundred twenty (130) active dues-paying members.

Section 2: All new members shall pay a ten (10) dollar initiation fee in addition to the established dues assessed by the Association. Failure to pay dues by May 1st will result in suspension of the membership privileges until said dues are paid. In addition, a reinstatement fee of \$10.00 will be added to the dues number.

Section 3: Any member in good standing who moves out of Berlin can continue his membership by continuing payment of dues with no interruption of payment.

Section 4: All new members of this Association will earn a Golf Handicap by playing 5 nine hole rounds at Timberlin, as evidenced by submitting 5 Golf Score Cards, executed, signed, dated and attested. Golf scores are to be deposited in the box provided for that purpose near the Senior Golf Association bulletin board in the room adjacent to the Timberlin Golf Course Pro Shop.

ARTICLE II – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1: The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three (3) members at least two months before the Annual Meeting. Said Committee shall present a slate of proposed officers at the Annual Meeting. A majority of those present and voting will elect officers including those nominated from the floor.

Section 2: The three member nominating committee will select one amongst themselves to act as chairperson

Section 3: Officers and appointed Committee members will take office the Monday following the Banquet and remain in office for a two year period with new elections taking place at the appropriate Annual Meeting before the Banquet. Vacancies arising will be filled by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE III – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1: The President shall appoint all committees. He may also preside over all meetings of the Association and the Executive Committee, as well as being ex-officio member of all other committees. He will create a budget to be adopted at the first business meeting of the new year.

Section 2: The Vice President shall assist the President and assume all the duties of that office in the absence of the President.

Section 3: The Secretary shall keep records of all Association and Executive Committee meetings. He will also maintain a roster of the total membership in conjunction with the Membership Committee and correspond with those who are cited for drifting from Association Rules and, hopefully, restore harmony amongst members. He will also handle publicity for the Association.

Section 4: The Treasurer shall be the custodial of all Association funds. He will pay all bills accompanied by signed vouchers and will oversee Tournament Receipts and Expenditures. The Treasurer will notify members of delinquent dues or fees and will notify the Executive Committee of his actions. He shall also assist the President in the preparation of the budget.

Section 5: The Membership Committee shall be comprised of two (2) active members, one of whom shall be the chairperson and the Association Secretary. Membership applications will be screened by this Committee to ensure compatibility with the existing membership rules. The Committee will keep a record of all membership categories.

Section 6: The Tournament Committee shall be comprised of two or more active members, one of whom shall be the chairperson. This Committee will develop and conduct interesting tournaments scheduled

throughout the golfing season. The Committee will set fees and award prizes for each tournament and record same with the Treasurer.

Section 7: Starters shall have responsibility and authority to facilitate assignments and have full authority, including cancellation due to inclement weather. (Starter rules and guidelines are posted on the Senior Golf Association Bulletin Board).

Section 8: The membership Golf Handicap Committee shall be comprised of three (3) members, one of whom shall be chairperson. This Committee shall be responsible for the collection of all golf score cards, tabulating scores and issuing handicaps based on those scores. Handicaps will be adjusted and posted on the Pro Shop's Senior Golf bulletin board monthly. The chairperson of this Committee will track membership attendance at all Association play dates. Those members who participate in less than 50% of the scheduled Association play dates for the golf season will be reported to the Membership Committee for further action.

ARTICLE IV – DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

The dues assessment will be fixed annually by the majority vote of the general membership at a regular meeting of the Association and will be due and payable prior to the start of the golf season. (The season shall run from May 1st to Oct 1st.) The actual start date will be announced at the Annual Meeting and publicized in the usual locations. Dues are necessary to cover costs of the Picnic, Breakfast, Association play awards plus the Banquet at the close of the season, as well as covering all costs of continuing the Association, as approved by the Association membership.

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

The Association will hold periodic meetings during the golf year, with at least one pre-season and one Annual Meeting.

The Executive Committee will meet as requested by the President. All meetings will be announced and publicized in the usual locations.

ARTICLE VI – TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

The following acts will be grounds for termination of membership:

- 1) Failure to pay annual dues, as prescribed, on time.**
- 2) Conduct not in conformance with the aims of the Association and/or unacceptable behavior.**
- 3) Less than 50% participation in scheduled Association play.**

In each of the above, the Membership Committee will fully investigate the facts and present their recommendation and findings at a special meeting of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII – EXPENSES

Authorized budgeted expenditures incurred by officers or committees will be paid from funds of the treasury.

ARTICLE VIII – RULES

Throughout all proceedings of the Timberlin Senior Men's Golf Association Roberts Rules of Order shall prevail. A quorum of 50% of all committee members shall be required for decisions.

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