

# Washington State Women's Public Links Association

## CONSTITUTION (Revised March 16, 2020)

### **ARTICLE I: NAME**

The name of this Association shall be the Washington State Women's Public Links Association. The Association will be operated as a non-profit organization.

### **ARTICLE II: PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Association shall be to promote the interest of golf among women, to hold tournaments for annual championship and to conduct social activities for the mutual pleasure and recreation of its membership.

### **ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in this Association shall be open to public/military women's clubs which are properly organized with a governing body in place and maintain an active USGA (GHIN) club number. Applicants for membership in this Association must be approved by the Executive Board.

### **ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP OBLIGATIONS**

Each member shall abide by the Constitution and rules of the Association. Neglect or refusal, on the part of any member club to comply with the Constitution and Rules of this Association shall render such club liable to suspension upon two-thirds vote of the Governing Board. However, no member club shall be suspended, disqualified or deprived of any privileges without due notice and formal charges and an opportunity for said club to be heard in its defense.

Participants in the Washington State Women's Public Links events must be members in good standing of the member club from which they enter. Participants in this Association shall be defined as the individual members of WSWPLA Member Clubs who participate in our tournaments and/or annual championship. Competing members in Washington State Private Golf Course Women's Clubs shall not be allowed to participate in WSWPLA events. Any participant holding dual/multiple memberships in WSWPLA member clubs must designate her home club at the start of the playing season and shall not thereafter during the year enter any WSWPLA event from any other club. Each member club shall be willing to host a tournament if/when called upon by the tournament committee.

### **ARTICLE V: OFFICERS**

The officers of this Association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Tournament Director. The duties of the officers will be identified and maintained in the Standing Rules.

#### **ARTICLE VI: GOVERNMENT**

The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tournament Director and all appointed Committee Chairs and the Advisor. The Governing Board shall consist of the Trustees and the Executive Board.

#### **ARTICLE VII: DUES**

Annual dues of member clubs shall be as stated in the Standing Rules and be payable on or before the Spring Trustee meeting. New clubs joining the Association shall pay dues as stated in the Constitution and Standing rules within thirty (30) days after receiving notice of acceptance to the Association.

#### **ARTICLE VIII: TRUSTEES**

A Trustee shall be elected by each member club. Their names and addresses shall be sent to the Treasurer prior to the Annual Luncheon meeting at which time the new Trustee shall assume office. Each member club shall be represented at any meeting of the Governing Board by its elected Trustee or by a proxy appointed by the Trustee. Trustees are responsible to attend Spring and Fall Trustee meetings.

#### **ARTICLE IX: MEETINGS**

The Association shall host a meeting of the Governing Board in the Spring meeting at a time and place designed by the President. The Association shall also host a meeting of the Governing Board that will be immediately followed by the Annual Luncheon, reports shall be made, annual awards shall be presented, an invitation by the State Championship hosting club will be given and the introduction of newly elected officers will be made. Special meetings consisting of the Governing Board may be called by the President or one-third (1/3) of the Governing Board.

#### **ARTICLE X: MANAGEMENT AND VOTING**

The President shall appoint a Nominating Chairperson. The Nomination Committee shall consist of three people: one Executive Board member and two members in good standing. A list of the Nomination Committee shall be made available to all member clubs so that they may send names of potential nominees to the committee for its consideration at least thirty (30) days prior to the election. The Nominating Committee will submit its recommended slate of officers to each club two (2) weeks before the Fall Meeting. Additional nominations for each office may be made from the floor at the Fall Meeting. Incoming Officers will be approved by a majority of Trustees at a Fall Trustee Meeting or by written mail or email ballot, if a Fall Trustee Meeting is not held.

#### **ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION**

The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Governing Board present at a meeting or responding by written ballot provided that a copy of the constitution and the proposed amendment have been filed with the Association Secretary. Notice of any proposed

amendment shall be sent to all member Club Trustees for them to post not less than thirty (30) days prior to a scheduled meeting.

**ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS TO STANDING RULES**

The Standing Rules of this Association may be adopted, amended or rescinded at any scheduled meeting of the Executive Board. "They are subject to the will of the majority at any meeting."  
(From 'New Robert's Rules of Order) Newly amended rules will become effective immediately.

**ARTICLE XIII: PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE**

'New Robert's Rules of Order' shall be the Parliamentary authority and shall govern the Association on all matters.

**ARTICLE XIV: DISSOLUTION**

In the event of the dissolution of the Association, any net assets of the Association will be donated to a charitable organization as voted upon by the Executive Board.