

## Article I - Name

The name of this golf club shall be **Oscar Brown Golf Club** *Article II - Purpose*

**First:** To stimulate interest in golf by bringing together a group of golfers desirous of forming a golfing organization.

**Second:** To promote and foster among the members a closer bond and fraternity for their joint and mutual benefit, and to promote and conserve the best interests and true spirit of the game of golf as embodied in its ancient and honorable traditions,

**Third:** To encourage conformance to the USGA Rules of Golf by creating a representative authority.

**Fourth:** To maintain: a uniform system of handicapping as set forth in the USGA handicap system and issue USGA handicap indexes to the members through association with the Northern California Golf Association.

**Fifth:** To provide an authoritative body to govern and conduct club competitions.

## Article III - Membership

Section 1: Membership shall be available to all men 18 years of age or older. There shall be at least 32 members with a maximum membership of 72 members.

Section 2: Membership in the club is individual and non-transferable.

Section 3: Only golfers with a reasonable and regular opportunity to play golf with fellow members and who can personally return scores for posting may be members and receive USGA handicap indexes from the club.

Section 4: Membership confers no voice in the operation of any golf courses, clubhouses or any facilities of any golf course.

Section 5: Membership confers no special privileges in connection with any golf course.

Section 6: Memberships in the club are for a calendar year only, with all memberships expiring on December 31.

Section 7: The Board of Directors may confer honorary memberships upon those whom they feel have contributed to the advancement of golf. The unanimous affirmative vote of the Board of Directors shall be required to approve such action.

Section 8: In the event that any member of the club shall commit any act which reflects discredit or disrepute thereupon or shall refuse or neglect to comply with the Constitution, By Laws, standing rules or conditions of competition as adopted, such member shall be subject to suspension or expulsion after (ten days) written notice and by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at any regular meeting or special meeting called for such purpose.

Section 9: The annual meeting of the Oscar Brown Golf Club shall be held at a time and place stipulated by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall provide for the holding of such other meeting as may be deemed necessary or desirable.

Section 10: All membership fees and dues shall be established by the Board of Directors from time to time in such amounts as they deem to be adequate to operate and maintain the club. Members shall be liable for dues until their written resignation has been received and accepted. All monies collected shall accrue to the benefit of the membership.

#### Article IV - Board of Directors

Section 1: The Board of Directors shall consist of seven (7) members in good standing of the Oscar Brown Golf Club and they shall exercise all powers of management of the club not specifically excepted by the by-laws. The Board of Directors shall constitute the ruling and governing power of the club for all purposes.

Section 2: The term of all directors will be for two (2) years. They shall be exempt from annual membership dues.

Section 3: The Board of Directors will establish, maintain, and enforce a standing list of rules and conditions of competition. This standing list of rules and conditions of competition will cover, but not be limited to, general operation of the club, meetings and social gatherings, one day tournaments, club championship and committees.

Section 4: The Board of Directors shall meet at such times and places as they may select and a majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

Section 5: In the case of any vacancy through death, resignation, disqualification or other cause, the remaining directors, even though less than a quorum, may elect a successor by majority vote to hold office for the remaining term of the director whose place shall be vacant, and until the election of his successor.

#### Article V- Committees

Section 1: The Board of Directors shall authorize and define the powers and duties of all committees and shall appoint all committee chairmen.

Section 2: Except as modified by the Board of Directors, and appointed committees shall function as recommended in the USGA Golf Committee Manual.

#### Article VI- Amendments to By-Laws

Section 1: The Board of Directors shall have the power to repeal or amend any of these by-laws provided that such action shall not be effective until approved by a plurality vote of the members of the Oscar Brown Golf Club at a meeting held in accordance with the provisions contained herein.

# Oscar Brown Golf Club Standing Rules

(As provided for in By-Laws, Article IV-Section 3)

## A - General

- 1.) Members must complete five (5) tournaments a year to maintain their membership. Failure to do so will result in the member:
  - a. Not being eligible to participate in the club championship.
  - b. Not being eligible for any of the club's annual awards (e.g., low net 1 round, etc.).
  - c. Not being eligible to hold an officer, director, or committee chairman position.
  - d. Renew his membership the following year at the new member rate.
  - e. Being considered on a space available basis when renewing his membership.
- 2.) Each member must complete one of the first four (4) tournaments of the year to maintain his good standing in the club. Failure to complete one of the first four (4) tournaments may result in the member forfeiting his membership.
- 3.) The Rules of Golf will be enforced at all times specifically modified by local rules or these standing rules. Refer to section B - Rules of Play for modifications.
- 4.) All renewing members must pay dues by the renewal date set by the Board of Directors. Failure to do so will result in the renewing member applying as a new member and paying the new member rate.
- 5.) The handicapping system of the club is that adopted by the USGA. It is the members responsibility to see that all scores are posted properly. Failure to post any score properly (see USGA insert attached) will result in the member being placed on probation for the remainder of the year.
- 6.) Members on probation will not be permitted to participate in any club activities (e.g., monthly tournaments, club championship, meetings, etc.). Members placed on probation during the year will be reviewed by the Board of Directors to determine whether the member will be eligible to renew his membership the following year.
- 7.) A Hole in One fund has been established. \$1.00 out of each tournament fee collected will be contributed to the fund. Disbursement from the fund is to be as follows:
  - a. At the end of the club year (November 30) the fund will be divided equally between each member getting a hole-in-one during one or more of the monthly one day tournaments or club championship.
  - b. If no member gets a hole-in-one during the year then 75% of the funds collected during the year will be used to defray the cost of the club championship.
  - c. No other disbursements will be made from this fund without the approval of the general membership. Approval will be a plurality vote (50% plus 1 vote) of all members in good standing.

## **B. - Rules of Play**

- 1.) The Rules of Golf as adopted by the USGA will be enforced at all times unless specifically modified by the local rules of the golf course in play or these standing rules of the Oscar Brown Golf Club.
- 2.) Rules enforcement. It is the responsibility of each player to enforce the rules of golf any disagreement over interpretation of the rules of golf will be decided by those Board of Director members present. The Board members' decision is final.
- 3.) The ball in play will always be played "down" (summer rules) unless specified otherwise by the local rules of the golf course in play or the tournament instructions of the Oscar Brown Starter.
- 4.) Putting. All putts must be putted out. No Gimmees! If a member fails to hole out at any hole and does not correct his mistake before he plays a stroke from the next teeing ground or, in the case of the last hole of the round, before he leaves the putting green, he shall be disqualified (Rule 3-2)
- 5.) Mulligans. There are no 'Mulligans' allowed during the tournament.
- 6.) Completed Tournament. Each player must complete the round to participate in the tournaments. Any player not completing the stipulated round of golf (18 holes) will be disqualified from the tournament. If the player completed 13 or more holes he will be credited as a tournament played for sections A- 1, A-2, A-7, D- 1.
- 7.) Speed of Play
  - a. *Ready golf:* Play when you're ready, keeping in mind the safety of other players.
  - b. *Putt out:* Do not mark each putt unless you have to (standing on another player's line, etc.)
  - c. *Out of Bounds:* After hitting 2 balls out of bounds, proceed to where the 2<sup>nd</sup> ball went out of bounds and hit your next shot.

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## **C - Monthly One Day Tournaments**

- 1.) Deadline Date. Registration forms must be received by OBGC by the deadline date or a late fee may be assessed. It doesn't matter when a member mails his registration form, the deciding factor is when it was received by OBGC.
- 2.) Priority. Registration forms will be accepted on a first to pay/first to play basis. Members have priority over guests if the registration form and check are received before the deadline date. Once the deadline date has passed, both members and guests are on a first to pay/first to play basis.
- 3.) Guests will play on a space available basis only and pay the full tournament fee. Guests Will only compete in the closest to the hole and long drive in the low handicap flight (President's Flight). The purpose of allowing guests to play is to give a prospective member a chance to participate in one of our tournaments before joining.
- 4.) Cancellation of Tournaments. Tournaments will be played unless the golf course cancels or suspends play. In the event a tournament is canceled the registration fee will be carried over to the next tournament. No refunds will be paid out.
- 5.) Ties will be decided by using the USGA recommended procedure of matching score cards as described in Appendix I of the Rules of Golf (revised 1997)
- 6.) Check-in should be done with the OBGC starter at least 30 minutes before the members assigned tee time.

## **D - Club Championship**

- 1.) Members must have participated in five (5) monthly one day tournaments during the year to be eligible to participate in the club championship.
- 2.) No guests will be allowed to participate in the club championship.
- 3.) Members must be in good standing at the club championship date. Good standing is not being on probation..
- 4.) Members must have a current NCGA handicap index.
- 5.) Guests/Family/etc. are encouraged to attend the club championship luncheon held on the 2nd day of the club championship. There will be a nominal charge for the guests' lunch meal.

## **E - Meetings and Social Events**

- 1.) All meetings will be held in a business like manner with an agenda available for all attendees.
- 2.) All general meetings will be scheduled by the Board of Directors. Committee meetings will be scheduled by the chairman of the committee.

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