# **ESGA - Statutes**

## Article 1

#### NAME AND HEAD OFFICE

The name is the European Senior Golf Association, hereafter referred to as ESGA. It is a non-profit association. The registered Head Office is located at the Golf Club Grand Ducal, Luxemburg-Senningerberg. It may be transferred to any other place in Europe by decision of the Board. The language in force is English.

## Article 2

#### **OBJECT**

The objective of the ESGA is to promote and facilitate golf and friendly relations between its members. For this purpose it will organize championships and tournaments and support multinational competitions of it's members.

## Article 3

#### MEMBERS

1. Members of the ESGA are limited to National European Associations of Amateur Senior Golfers and possibly, after special agreement of the Board and General Assembly, Associations covering the same territory as a Golf Federation, member of the European Golf Association (EGA); Members must be acknowledged by

- their National Golf Federation as an association representing senior golf in their country.
- 2. The Board shall examine applications for membership addressed to the General Secretary and shall submit them to the General Assembly for decision.
- 3. The resignation of a member must be addressed to the President by registered letter.
- 4. Members of the ESGA shall pay an annual contribution, the amount of which shall be fixed by the Board and approved by the General Assembly.
- 5. The members of the ESGA take the engagement of receiving and participating in ESGA competitions.

#### RULES

- 1. ESGA organizes Seniors Championship & Cup for senior amateur golfers of age 55 and above, Super Seniors Team Championship & Cup for the age 65 and above, and Masters Team Trophy for the age of 75 and above.
- In ESGA competitions the Rules of R&A apply as well as the WHS

## Article 5

#### STRUCTURE

The Association is constituted by:

- The General Assembly
- The Board

# Article 6

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- 1. The General Assembly shall meet once a year, when convened by the Board.
- 2. The notice of the meeting and the agenda shall be sent out at least 30 days before the date of the meeting by letter or by email.
- 3. Each member of the ESGA is entitled to one vote. Each member of the ESGA nominates its representative.
- 4. The General Assembly:
  - 1. Elects the members of the Board,
  - 2. Decides on applications for membership,
  - 3. Approves the accounts presented by the Board
  - 4. Decides on any exclusion of members,
  - 5. Determines the general policy of the ESGA
  - 6. Decides on modifications of the rules governing ESGA competitions
  - 7. Decides on the future events proposed by the Board
- 5. Decisions shall be taken by simple majority of members present without a quorum being required. Each member has a delegate at the General Assembly, voting by proxy is not permitted.
- 6. To speed up amendments to the competition rules, when necessary, voting by email will be in force. Decisions will be taken by a simple majority of the voting members.

#### BOARD

- The Board consists of minimum five members elected for three years. The nomination of Board members shall observe an appropriate geographical presentation of the European regions.
- 2. Members are presented by their association and elected in a person capacity by secret ballot and by a majority present at the General Assembly. Voting by

- proxy is not permitted. Candidates must submit their candidacy with the General Secretary before the end of the year preceding the General Assembly.
- 3. At the end of their term, members are eligible for reelection until they reach the age of 80. However, a maximum of 3 mandates will be allowed. Exceptions for special functions may be considered.
- 4. In case of death or resignation of one of its members, the Board can co-opt a new member for the remaining period of the mandate becoming vacant. The nomination must be approved at the next General Assembly.
- 5. The Board shall appoint its President, Vice-President, Treasurer and General Secretary. The Board members shall exercise their functions on a voluntary basis.
  - 1. The Board shall convene the General Assembly.
  - 2. The Board shall be responsible for the management of the ESGA and may delegate to its members any power and task it deems appropriate.
  - 3. The President has all powers to represent and commit the ESGA in relation to third parties.
  - 4. The Board shall adopt its rules of procedures.
  - 5. The Board shall meet when convened by its President.
  - 6. If necessary, Board decisions shall be taken by a majority of the members present. The President's vote shall count double.
  - 7. The Board will propose to the GA the destination of the next ESGA events.

#### COMPETITION RULES

Competition Rules shall be drawn up by the Board and proposed to the General Assembly. Such rules shall govern the ESGA Seniors Team Championship & Cup, the ESGA Super Seniors Team Championship & Cup, the ESGA Master Trophy or any other competition to come.

## Article 9

#### FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

The ESGA finances are made up of the annual contributions of all members and potential returns on financial investments. This contribution is fixed every year by the Board and proposed for agreement to the General Assembly. The Treasurer shall present an annual report and the budget for the following financial year to the General Assembly for approval. The financial year is the calendar year.

## Article 10

#### AMENDMENTS OF THE STATUTES

The statutes may be amended by the General Assembly. Amendments must be entered on the agenda of the General Assembly, which shall decide by a three-quarter majority of the members present.

#### DISSOLUTION

The dissolution of the ESGA may be decided by the General Assembly with at least three-quarters of the votes present. Any assets remaining after liquidation shall be assigned to sports purposes.

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