



PAINTED MOUNTAIN MEN'S GOLF CLUB CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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Article I - NAME

The name of this golf club shall be Painted Mountain Men's Golf Club, hereafter referred to as the "Club."

Article II – PURPOSE

- To stimulate interest in golf at the Painted Mountain Golf Resort by bringing together a group of golfers desirous of forming a golfing organization.
- To promote and foster among the members a closer bond and fraternity for their joint and mutual benefit, and to promote and conserve the Etiquette, Good Sportsmanship, and True Spirit of the game of golf as embodied in its ancient and honorable traditions.
- To encourage conformance to the USGA Rules of Golf by creating a representative authority.
- To maintain a uniform system of handicapping as set forth in the USGA Handicap System and issue USGA/AGA Handicap Indexes to the members.
- To provide an authoritative body to govern and conduct Club competitions.

These By-Laws are established in order to provide a structure to facilitate the effective and efficient operation of the Club, and to enable the Club to provide the best possible services to Club members.

Article III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership of the Club shall be available to men 18 years of age or older. The Arizona Golf Association (AGA) and United States Golf Association (USGA) both require at least ten members for a golf organization to meet the definition of a "CLUB" and to become members of those Associations. A maximum number may be set by the PMMGC Board.

All members of the PMMGC agree to and must, at all times, maintain a playing level required to keep a pace of play at a level with other Club Members as well as the pace of play required by the Painted Mountain Resort Golf Course.

Upon first offense, a member responsible for slow play will be given a written warning from the Club Secretary stating that continued slow play could result in suspension or expulsion from the Club.

A member who has been given an initial or previous warning and continues to be responsible for slow play will be subject to suspension or expulsion from the PMMGC. The Club Secretary will send a written notice to the responsible member allowing that member five days to respond in writing or in person to the Board. By a majority vote of the PMMGC Board, the member will be deactivated from the Club and ineligible for Club play. No refund of membership dues will occur.

Section 2. Memberships in the Club are 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/AGA Handicap Indexes from the Club.

Section 4. Membership confers no voice in the operation of any golf courses, clubhouses nor any facilities of the courses. Membership confers no special privileges in connection with any golf course, although the Painted Mountain Golf Resort may frequently provide special pricing and benefits to Club members.

Section 5. Memberships in the Club are for a calendar year only, with all memberships beginning on January 1st and expiring on December 31st.

Section 6. The fiscal year for the Club will be January 1st through December 31st.

Section 7. Each candidate for membership shall be proposed by written application. The PMMGC Board, as defined in Article IV, reserves the right to deny each proposal by vote; three negative votes shall disqualify any candidate.

Section 8. In the event that any member of the Club shall commit any act which reflects discredit or disrepute thereon or shall refuse or neglect to comply with the rules and regulations adopted by the PMMGC Board or the duly appointed officers, such member shall be subject to suspension or expulsion after five days written notice and the right to be heard, by a vote of four-sevenths of the PMMGC Board, at any regular meeting or special meeting called for such purpose.

Section 9. The annual meeting of the Painted Mountain Men's Golf Club shall be held on or close to the first Saturday in the month of April. The PMMGC Board shall provide for the holding of such other meetings as may be deemed necessary or desirable, and they shall call special meetings upon written petition signed by not less than twenty percent of the membership.

Section 10. All membership fees and dues shall be established by the PMMGC Board (see Article IV) from time to time in such amounts as they deem to be adequate to operate and maintain the Club. Once dues are collected, they are not refundable except by Board action. Members shall be liable for dues by December 15th prior to the membership year, or a date determined by the Treasurer. All monies collected shall accrue to the benefit of the membership, to be used for maintenance of USGA/AGA handicaps and all other Club purposes. There will be no participation in Club events unless dues are paid.

Article IV – THE PMMGC BOARD

Section 1. The affairs of the Club shall be managed by 6 voting Officers, herein referred to as the “PMMGC Board”. The 6 Officers are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 1 Tournament Chairmen, and Handicap Chairman.

Section 2: Elections

The Secretary will accept nominations for President and Vice President at any time prior to the Club's annual meeting. Nominees must be active members in the Club in good standing. Any nominee may accept or reject nomination.

The PMMGC Board shall appoint a team of three judges who are not members of the PMMGC Board or nominees to supervise the election. Each active member present at the annual meeting and having played in at least (8) regular Thursday or Saturday tournaments in the calendar year shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each office to be filled. Voting may be conducted *viva voce* (by voice) or by a raising of hands. If the results are indeterminate, voting may also be conducted by roll call or by written ballot as necessary. Those names receiving the greatest number of votes cast shall be elected. The President and Vice President will be determined by a majority vote of the membership present. In the event no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, a new vote shall be held between the two (2) candidates receiving the greater number of votes for said office.

Terms of office will begin immediately following the annual election meeting and extend 1 year, until the next annual election meeting.

The remaining members of the PMMGC Board will be appointed by the elected President and Vice President. The President and Vice President may appoint additional Club members to specific assignments to enhance the operations of the Club.

Section 3. The PMMGC Board shall meet at such times and places as they may select and a majority of the PMMGC Board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

Section 4. In the case of any vacancy through death, resignation, disqualification or other cause, the remaining PMMGC Board members, even though less than a quorum, may elect a successor by majority vote to hold office for the unexpired term of the PMMGC Board member whose place shall be vacant, and until the election of his successor.

ARTICLE V – DUTIES OF THE PMMGC BOARD

The President shall:

- Exercise general supervision over the business and affairs of the Club
- Preside at all meetings of the Club and PMMGC Board
- Call all meetings as required

- Report the business of the Club to the membership at regular scheduled meetings
- Establish and post a budget report for the year
- Assist the Tournament Chairmen in the planning and running of Club tournaments.

The Vice President shall:

- Perform the duties of the President in the event of the President's absence
- Chair committees as required for any social activities this Club may want to entertain
- Assist the Tournament Chairmen in the planning and running of Club tournaments.

The Treasurer shall:

- Receive and safely keep all monies of this Club and deposit same in the Painted Mountain Men's Golf Club checking account as the PMMGC Board may designate.
- Sign all checks to satisfy legitimate obligations of the Club
- Assure all expenditures are made by check only
- Keep a full and accurate account of the receipts and disbursements of this Club, and to render to the PMMGC Board upon demand, a statement of accounts of the financial condition of this Club.
- Maintain a voucher for all indebtedness which is paid or to be paid.

The Secretary shall:

- Record the minutes of meetings of the PMMGC Board
- Handle correspondence as deemed necessary by the PMMGC Board
- Prepare and mail such notices as required by these By-Laws and which the PMMGC Board deems necessary for the notification of members
- Maintain the official correspondence and documents of this Club
- Maintain an up-to-date Roster of all members, containing: Names, Member Local Number, AGA Number, Address, Phone Number and Date of Activation into the Club.
- Add/delete members to the Club's databases based on dues paid.
- Sign checks in the Treasurer's absence, to satisfy legitimate obligations of the Club
- Maintain a document aimed at orienting new members and describing club conventions as Painted Mountain Mens Golf Club General Information

The Tournament Chairman shall:

- Lead the Tournament Committee in all of its duties
- Arrange for all operations necessary to conduct golf tournaments, including the assignment of an event leader for each club event
- Settle disputes among the Tournament Committee

The Tournament Committee, including the Tournament Chairmen, shall:

- Design, schedule and manage all tournaments, to include all parameters of event play, e.g. format, side games, prize distribution, pairings, teams, tee assignments, handicap allowance, etc.
- Arrange for all materials and operations necessary to conduct golf tournaments.
- Settle tournament disputes.
- Distribute cash winnings.

- Provide the Golf Shop with tournament winner's names and scrip amounts.
- Work regularly with the Golf Shop to schedule upcoming tournaments in a timely manner, to include items such as expected field size, pin locations, course preparation
- Post the results of each tournament through the Club's website portal, or distribute them by email, or both.
- Determine eligibility for participation in Trophy Tournaments

The Handicap Chairman shall:

- Lead the Handicap Committee in all of its duties
- Settle disputes among the Handicap Committee

The Handicap Committee, including the Handicap Chairman, shall:

- Acquire an increased level of knowledge of how the USGA Handicap Guidelines are properly applied to PMMGC. All Handicap Committee members must complete the USGA Handicap Seminar and successfully pass the Quiz.
- Post all postable adjusted scores for handicap purposes through the Club's handicap database. This will occur in a timely manner, within 48 hours of completion of play whenever possible.
- Assure that members' handicap indexes are correct and updated every two weeks for use in Club play.
- The Handicap Committee is responsible for maintaining equity throughout the club, and for ensuring that Handicap Indexes are reflective of players' playing potential. In this capacity, the Handicap Committee has a large responsibility not only to the Club, but to the AGA and USGA community. Accordingly:
 - The Handicap Committee will monitor Club members' compliance to the USGA Handicap Manual
 - The Handicap Committee has the authority to question scores posted by members.
 - The Handicap Committee may utilize, at its discretion, tools such as local course handicaps, penalty scores, index adjustment, and/or index freezes, as deemed necessary.
 - Refusal to cooperate with the Handicap Committee is grounds for index withdrawal and/or Club suspension or expulsion, which shall be determined through the PMMGC Board.
- Assist the Tournament Committee in the handicapping of events.
- Take responsibility for marking the PMGR course (GUR, hazards, etc.), especially in preparation for each of the Club's Trophy Tournaments.

The Rules Chairman shall:

- Lead the Rules Committee in all of its duties
- Settle disputes among the Rules Committee

The Rules Committee, including the Rules Chairman, shall:

- Acquire an increased level of knowledge of the USGA Rules of Golf and their application to PMMGC.
- Define any local rules. Maintain a list of such rules as Painted Mountain Mens Golf Club Rules of Play

- Provide regular relevant advisories to the Membership regarding aspects of the USGA Rules of Golf or local rules, especially those related to rules issues as they occur during Club play.
- Investigate and arbitrate Rules-related issues that arise during Club play
- Suggest disciplinary actions to the Board as needed
- Define pace-of-play infractions and pace-of-play disciplinary actions
- Enforce pace-of-play disciplinary actions

Additional Miscellaneous Duties of the PMMGC Board:

- **Yearly Dues:** The PMMGC Board will determine the yearly dues for membership in the Club
- **Player Limits:** As required, the Committee will determine a limit in the number of players for any event. This limit is based upon the number of spots available on a weekly basis by the Golf Shop. If the entire allotment is filled, the PMMGC Board will establish a fair method to allow each member wanting to play a maximum opportunity to play, in consideration of all members. This situation occasionally arises during the "winter" months.
- **Attendance Limits:** As required, the PMMGC Board will determine eligibility requirements for attendance at non-golf events, such as the year-end Christmas/Awards Dinner. Attendance limits may also be set based on factors such as seating capacity.

ARTICLE VI – HOME

The Club's home golf course is located at Painted Mountain Golf Resort, 6210 East McKellips Road, Mesa, AZ 85215, Phone: 480-832-0156. The terms "Golf Shop" and "Greens Keeper" in this document refer to the staff at PMGR for home events.

ARTICLE VII – OTHER CLUB DOCUMENTS

Other important Club documents, e.g. General Information and Local Rules, are available to the Club membership through the Club's website. In the event of a discrepancy between these Bylaws and other documents, these Bylaws will have precedence.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS OF BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed or new Bylaws may be adopted by a majority vote of the PMMGC Board.