

# CONSTITUTION OF THE GAMBIA GOLF ASSOCIATION

## Rules of the Gambia Golf Association.

1. The name of the Association is **GAMBIA GOLF ASSOCIATION or GGA** and shall be referred to hereafter as “GGA” and have its H.Q. at “Drameh Kunda, Opposite Bakau Health Centre, Fajara, KMC, The Gambia”.

2. The objectives of the GGA are:

- a) To promote golf throughout The Gambia by striving to increase its popularity, raising general standards and twinning with other sports associations.
- b) To ensure strict adherence to the rules of golf as established by The R&A, without prejudice to local rules as they may apply from club to club.
- c) To protect the interest of golf and increase public awareness of the requirements for its development in The Gambia.
- d) To work closely with the appropriate Gambia Government bodies on matters relating to the development of golf within and outside The Gambia.
- e) To promote and/or sponsor within the limits of its means and capacity, the training of young Gambians through golf clinics.
- f) To increase the participation of Gambians in International Golf Competitions, including Pro-Ams and PGA tournaments.
- g) In the name of the Gambia to assume membership of regional and international golf bodies and to comply with their constitutions and regulations.
- h) To acquire, lease or otherwise any land, premises or property anywhere in The Gambia for use as driving ranges or golf courses.
- i) To accept subscriptions, donations and bequests for all or any of the aforesaid purposes.
- j) To hire and employ persons considered necessary for the purposes of the GGA.
- k) To borrow or raise money by whatsoever means and to give security for such money upon all or any part of the property of the GGA.

- l) To protect the interest of professional golfers in The Gambia, ensuring they receive fair treatment at golf courses in The Gambia with respect to playing without paying green fees and being allowed to participate in golf tournaments.
- m) GGA will administer the Rules of Amateur Status in Gambian Golf Clubs as established by The R&A.
- n) To adopt and implement the World Anti-Doping Code, thereby ensuring that the Gambia Golf Association's anti-doping policies and rules, membership and-or funding requirements and results management procedures conform with the World Anti-Doping Code and respect all the roles and responsibilities for Sports Bodies that are listed within the World Anti-Doping Code.

3. Membership of the GGA shall be limited to:

- a) In order to register for the GGA Professional Member Category each applicant must satisfy the following requirement within the two years prior to application date:

Pass the 36-hole Player's Ability Test (PAT). In order to pass the 36-hole PAT, applicant must achieve a 36-hole score within 15 shots of the course rating. For example, if the course rating is 69, the target score for the 36-holes would be 153 ( $69 \times 2 = 138 + 15 = 153$ ). This test should be conducted in one day.

The applicant should be able to carry out the following:

- i) Give lessons

- ii) Repair and fit clubs

- b) Any golfer who does not fall under Rule 3 (a).

- c) Any sporting, leisure or hospitality institution subject to approval by the Committee.

4. A person who wishes to become a member shall fill a membership form and upon settlement of their subscription for the current year be issued a membership card.

5. Without prejudice to the above membership categories, the GGA may on the recommendation of the committee grant the title of Chief Patron and Honorary Patron to such persons as it deems fit in recognition of their support to golf and the GGA.

6. A member shall cease to be a member if:-

(a) having paid his subscription for the current year he notifies the Secretary General of his desire to resign.

(b) if he fails to pay any subscription within one calendar month after the due date of payment.

(c) if the member having committed some act or being guilty of behaviour inconsistent with membership of the GGA the Committee so resolves by a majority of two-thirds of its members.

7. The first officers of the GGA are as follows:-

The President of the GGA is Ebrima Jawara; the Secretary General is George Senghore and the Treasurer is Anthony Tabbal.

The above officers shall hold office until retirement or removal by a resolution of an annual general meeting of the GGA. Any vacancy in such offices shall be filled by resolution of an annual general meeting save that in the case of a casual vacancy the Committee shall have power to fill the same but any such appointment shall be only for the period ending with the next annual general meeting. Nothing herein shall prevent any person so appointed from being eligible for re-election.

8. The first Committee of the Association consists of the four following ordinary members: Tejan Kuyateh, Alhagie Drammeh, Par Famara J J Jatta and Jamil Tabbal. In addition, the President, the Secretary General and the Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of the Committee. A new Committee shall be elected at each annual general meeting of the GGA but retiring members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election.

9. The annual general meeting of the GGA shall be held in the month of May in each year and every member shall receive not less than 30 days' notice of such meeting. Special meetings may be convened by the Secretary General upon a request by the Committee or members upon a similar notice. Notices of all meetings of the GGA shall state the time and place of the meeting and the business to be transacted; shall be in writing and shall be sent by e-mail or hand delivered to each member at his last known address.

10. At the annual general meeting every member including the President shall have one vote and in the case of an equality of votes the President shall have a second or casting vote.

11. The Committee shall meet once in each month. Each member including the President shall have one vote and in the case of an equality of votes the President shall have a second or casting vote.

12. The President of the GGA shall be the chairman of meetings of the Committee or of the GGA, but if he is not present at the time for which the meeting is convened, the members present shall appoint one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.

13. The Secretary General shall:

a) Receive all correspondence for the Committee.

b) Cause to be kept a Minute Book in which the minutes of each meeting of the Committee shall be recorded.

d) Send minutes of an AGM to each member as soon as practicable but not later than 30 days after the said AGM.

c) In the absence of the Secretary General, the Committee shall appoint one of its members to act as Secretary General.

14. The quorum at a meeting of the GGA shall be 12 members and at a meeting of the Committee shall be 4 members. If a quorum is not present half an hour after the time for which the meeting is convened the meeting shall be adjourned for one calendar month. 7 days' notice shall be given of such adjourned meeting and the members present at such adjourned meeting shall constitute a quorum.

15. The annual subscription to the GGA is:

- (a) GMD1,000 for professional members
- (b) GMD1,000 for amateur members
- (c) GMD500 for students
- (d) GMD500 for caddies
- (e) Membership subscriptions for all other categories will be decided by the Committee on a case-by-case basis.

The Committee shall have power to amend the subscriptions by ordinary resolution.

16. a) All subscriptions and sums of money collected shall be handed to the Treasurer who shall pay the same into a bank account in the name of the Gambia Golf Association at the Kairaba Avenue branch of the Guaranty Trust Bank Gambia Ltd.

b) GGA cheque and savings books shall be under the custody of the Treasurer.

c) The account signatories shall be the Treasurer, the Vice President and one executive member, with two signatures (one of which must be the Treasurer's) required for any transaction.

17. The Treasurer shall invest any moneys not required for the immediate purposes of the GGA in a fixed deposit or savings account.

18. At the end of each calendar month, the Treasurer will provide the Committee with a breakdown of income and expenses.

19. There shall be an internal audit of the GGA's finances every six months (July and January) conducted by the President and Secretary General and an external audit at the end of the year carried out by a certified chartered accountant (January) appointed by the Committee.

20. Any property purchased by the GGA shall be vested in the first officers of the GGA.

21. The first officers may deal with the property so vested in them by way of sale, mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise howsoever as directed by the GGA. Such direction shall be given by a resolution of the members of the GGA passed by a majority of the members present at a duly convened meeting of the GGA and when so passed shall in favour of a purchaser mortgagee chargee lessee or grantee be binding upon all members of the GGA. A certificate purporting to be signed by the Secretary General and one other committee member for the time being of the GGA shall in favour of the said persons be conclusive evidence that a direction complying in all respects with the above provisions of this rule was duly given to the first officers.

22. These rules may be altered or added to by a resolution of an extraordinary meeting or annual general meeting of the GGA carried by a majority of at least two-thirds of the members present at such meeting notice of which contained particulars of the proposed alteration or addition.

23. The GGA may be dissolved by a resolution of two-thirds of the members of the GGA carried at a special meeting, the notice of which contained a copy of the proposed resolution. The dissolution shall take effect on the day when the resolution is passed, and the Committee shall be responsible for the winding up of the GGA. In particular the Committee shall realise the assets of the GGA, discharge its debts and other obligations and distribute the surplus (if any) equally amongst the members of the GGA at the date of dissolution. Notwithstanding the dissolution of the GGA, the members shall, until the winding up is completed, remain responsible for the debts and other obligations of the GGA, and shall contribute equally to any deficit, if the debts and other obligations of the GGA exceed its assets.