

LOW COUNTRY GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION  
BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

NAME-PURPOSE

SECTION I The name of this association shall be The Low Country Golf Course Superintendents Association

SECTION II The purpose of this association shall be as follows:

- A. To promote the sciences of turf grass and golf course management with a professional and business-like approach.
- B. To cooperate and communicate with other associations and organizations whose interests and ideas compliment those of this Association.
- C. To promote justice, benevolence, and education to and for its members.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I Membership classifications shall be as follows:

Regular Members. To qualify as a regular member, the applicant may be required to submit proof of active involvement or contribution in the field of turf grass operations, management, business, education, research or development. Regular Members shall have all the privileges of the Association.

Life Members. Any Regular Member of the Association may submit to The Board of Directors, in writing, the name of any current Regular Member in good standing of the Association, who has made significant contributions to the golf industry, for consideration of Life Membership in the Association. Life Members shall have all the privileges of the Association except that they will be excused from payment of all dues and assessments levied by the Association.

Members shall adhere to the stated code of ethics as put forth by the Carolinas Golf Course Superintendents Association.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION I There shall be elected by a majority vote of regular members present at each annual meeting of the Association the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers shall hold office for a period of one year. No person shall be elected to any office unless he is a Regular Member in good standing of this Association. The President and Vice President shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in their

respective offices. The Secretary and Treasurer may continue in office until such time as other persons are elected into those offices, as long as they are re-elected by the voting membership. The Immediate Past President shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors until another president is retired.

SECTION II There shall likewise be constituted a Board of Directors, composed of the following: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President, and four (4) Directors, including a vendor representative. Directors shall be elected to a two year term, but they may be re-elected for additional terms by the membership. Directors will be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Association by a majority vote of Regular members present, and they must be a member in good standing of the Association.

SECTION III Vacancies occurring in any office or directorship shall be filled only by voting members of the Association, and appointed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Appointments made under this section shall be only for the duration of the unexpired term of the office vacated.

SECTION IV The duties and powers of the Board of Directors shall be as follows:

- A. The Board of Directors shall have general charge of management of the affairs and business of the Association.
- B. The Board of Directors shall serve as a Nominating Committee and present a list of nominees at each annual meeting for the elected office under consideration.
- C. The responsibility of these offices include but are not limited to:

#### 1. PRESIDENT

- a. Shall in any period when the Board is not in session have general charge and supervision of the affairs and property of the Association.
- b. Shall preside over all meetings of the Association when present.
- c. Shall provide updates as needed to the membership via newsletters.
- d. Shall be the Association's liaison to allied Associations.

#### 2. VICE PRESIDENT

- a. Shall perform duties of president in the absence or inability of the president to act.
- b. Shall appoint and supervise committees to oversee all educational and social activities of the Association.

#### 3. SECRETARY

- a. Shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of all meetings.
- b. Shall see that proper notice is given of all meetings.
- c. Shall answer all correspondence on behalf of the Association.
- d. Shall be responsible for updating and maintaining an Association Directory (including website).

#### 4. TREASURER

- a. Shall receive all monies.
- b. Shall keep an accurate account of all monies so received, giving and taking sufficient receipts and vouchers.
- c. Shall pay all bills of the Association and be accountable for all monies spent.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### COMMITTEES

SECTION I The President of the Association may annually appoint committees. These committees must be comprised of Regular Members in good standing of the Association, and may be responsible for venues, golf, education, or any other task deemed required by the President.

#### ARTICLE V

##### MEETINGS

SECTION I The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held at a time and place agreed upon by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors must notify voting members no less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the meeting.

SECTION II Regular meetings of the Association shall be held at the discrimination of the Board of Directors. Meetings may or may not include education, golf, or both.

SECTION III Unless otherwise noted, there shall be a registration fee for all regular scheduled meetings of the Association. The amount to be determined by the Board of Directors prior to each meeting.

#### ARTICLE VI

##### DUES - NON-PAYMENT OF DUES

SECTION I Annual dues shall be a sum fixed at any Annual Meeting of the Association as approved by a majority vote of all regular members present. Such dues shall be payable annually. The Association shall operate on a January 1st through December 31st fiscal year.

SECTION II Annual dues shall be paid at or before the first Regular Meeting of the Association of each calendar year.

SECTION III When necessary for the continued solvency of the Association, in the opinion of a majority of voting members present at any regularly scheduled meeting of the Association, there may be levied an assessment in addition to regular dues, to be paid by all members except Life Members. However, such an assessment shall not be levied more than once in any fiscal year, and shall not exceed the annual dues fixed for that year.

SECTION IV All Members whose dues remain in arrears following the second Regular Meeting of the calendar year or assessment remains in arrears for 30 days following the date of notification shall be dropped from the membership roll without further notification.

SECTION V When agreed by the Board of Directors, it may, from time to time, excuse a Regular Member from payment of annual dues or assessments for hardship reasons, which may include, but not limited to unemployment, family or health tragedy, natural disasters, or other circumstances beyond his control.

## ARTICLE VII

### AMENDMENTS

SECTION I These By-Laws may be amended at any Annual Meeting, provided that each proposed amendment is submitted in writing to the Board of Directors and approved by a two-thirds majority of Regular Members at the Annual Meeting of the Association.

## ARTICLE VIII

### DISSOLUTION

SECTION I In the event of the dissolution of this Association, after all liabilities and responsibilities have been met, its assets shall be distributed in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code concerning its exempt status or in accordance with State law, as determined by the Board of Directors.