



BYLAWS
OF THE
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA
TURFGRASS ASSOCIATION

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**Bylaws of the
Western North Carolina Turfgrass Association**

**ARTICLE I
NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the WNC Turfgrass Association.

**ARTICLE II
OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of this Association shall be:

- Section 1: Promoting and establishing the most efficient methods of maintaining better turfgrass on golf courses, parks, cemeteries, athletic fields, and other such places where superior turf is desired.
- Section 2: The stimulation and support of educational efforts on turfgrass management and other allied fields pertaining to the development and maintenance of turf.
- Section 3: To further the knowledge of its members in all phases of turfgrass maintenance.

**ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in this Association shall be of the following three classes:

- Class A: Regular
- Class B: Commercial Member
- Class C: Honorary

- Section 1: Regular members shall consist of all persons actively interested in the objectives of the Association. Regular members shall have all the privileges of the Association.
- Section 2: Commercial members shall consist of such firms or organizations that are interested in, and contribute financially to, the purpose of the Association. Commercial members shall have all the privileges of the Association, including that of voting and holding office.
- Section 3: Honorary members shall be individuals whom the Executive Committee feels have made notable and valuable contributions to the betterment of turf. These members shall have all the privileges of the Association except that of voting and holding office. The status of all Honorary members shall be reviewed annually by the Executive Committee.
- Section 4: Any person who desires to become a member of the Association shall file an application in writing with the Secretary on an application form, which will be furnished by the Secretary upon request. The application must be signed by the applicant. Each applicant must have the endorsement of at least two (2) Regular members in good standing upon his application. The completed application must be accompanied by remittance of one year's dues.
- Section 5: Application for membership shall be approved or rejected by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

**ARTICLE IV
DUES AND SUSPENSION FOR NONPAYMENT**

- Section 1: The annual dues shall be the sum fixed at any annual meeting of the Association as approved by a majority of the Regular members present at such meeting. Dues shall be payable in advance. The membership shall be January 1 through December 31.
- Section 2: All members whose dues shall remain in arrears more than sixty (60) days following the annual meeting shall be suspended from this Association without the necessity for further notice being given for such suspension.
- Section 3: The Executive Committee may, at its discretion for good cause shown, temporarily excuse or extend time of payments of annual dues or assessments for any member who from ill health, advanced age, or any other good cause shall be unable to make payments within the fixed time.

**ARTICLE V
REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP**

Any former member suspended for nonpayment of dues, desiring to be reinstated to membership will apply for reinstatement in the same manner as provided for an application for membership. Application for reinstatement must be accompanied by remittance of such dues as are payable at the time of such application.

**ARTICLE VI
OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AND BOARD MEMBERS**

Section 1: 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/Treasurer, who shall hold office for a period of one (2) year until their successors are elected and who shall perform the duties hereinafter prescribed for each of such offices. No person shall be elected unless he is a member in good standing in the Association. No person shall hold more than one (2) office. The President and the Vice-President may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in office but may be re-elected after a full term of office has expire. The Secretary and Treasurer may continue in office until such time as other persons are elected to those offices. The Immediate Past President of the Association shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors until another President is retired.

There shall be constituted a Board of Directors composed of five (5) persons. Two (2) Directors shall be elected for a two-year term by a majority of the Regular members present during each annual meeting. The officers of this Association, as hereinabove provided for, together with the Board of Directors as above constituted, shall constitute the Executive Committee of this Association. Each member of the Executive Committee shall be entitled to vote at the meetings thereof, and a quorum necessary for the transaction of business shall be not less than a majority of the Executive Committee.

Section 2: Vacancies occurring in any office of the Association shall be filled by appointment by the President and approved by the Board of Directors. Appointments made under the provisions of this Section shall be for the unexpired term of office vacated.

- Section 3: The Executive Committee shall have general charge and management of the affairs of the Association. Each member of the Executive Committee is charged with representing the Association in and near his place of residence, to work diligently to interest qualified persons in applying for admission to the Association, and to publicize the purposes of this Association.
- Section 4: The President, shall, during any period when the Executive Committee is not in sessions, have general charge and supervision of the affairs and property of the Association, subject, however, to such rules and regulations as may from time to time be made by the Executive committee. He shall preside at all meeting of the Association and Executive Committee and shall be ex officio member of all committees. He shall appoint all committees, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, except that where action is required of such committee or committees prior to any such meeting of the Executive Committee, such approval of appointment shall not be required.
- Section 5: In case of the absence or inability of the president to act, the Vice-President shall, during the period of such absences or disability, perform the duties hereinbefore required of the President. In the event the office of President shall become vacant because of his death, resignation, or removal, the Vice-President shall perform all duties of the President for the remainder of that year and serve out his two year term as President. In addition, the Vice-President shall be in charge of programs.
- Section 6: The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Association and the Board of Directors, keeping a correct record of the proceedings of such meetings, which are to be read at the next succeeding meeting. He shall see that due and proper notice is given of all meetings of the Association to the members. It shall be his duty to answer all correspondence. He shall be custodian of the records and shall perform all other duties usually performed by the Secretary of a like organization.
- Section 7: The Treasurer shall receive all monies turned over to him by the Secretary or received from any other source and shall keep an accurate account of all monies so received, giving and taking sufficient receipts and vouchers. He shall render an account thereof at each business meeting of the Association and to the Board of Directors whenever so requested. He shall pay all bills of the Association and be accountable for all monies spent.

Section 8: The Books of the Secretary and Treasurer shall, at all times, be open to inspection by the members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII MEETINGS

Section 1: The regular meeting of this Association shall be March, April, May, June, August, September, and October. An annual meeting shall be January or February, to be decided upon by the Executive Committee. All dates are subject to change by the Executive Committee based on availability.

Section 2: At all meetings of the Association, each member shall be entitled to vote on any and all motions that may be presented. Twenty percent (20%) of the members present and voting shall constitute a quorum necessary for the transaction of business. Any motion may be passed by a simple majority vote.

Section 3: There shall be a registration fee for each meeting of the Association, the amount to be set by the Executive Committee, and said amount to be used to help defray the expense of the meeting.

Section 4: The Board of Directors shall attend all meetings of the Association unless unforeseen circumstances occur. The meeting fee for all current executive committee board members will be complimentary. Golf is not included.

Section 5: The order of business at all meetings of the Executive Committee and the Association shall be as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Presentation of Guest Speaker (if applicable)
3. Minutes of Previous Meetings
4. Communication
5. Reports of Officers
6. Reports of Committees
7. Unfinished Business
8. New Business
9. Election of Officers
10. Announcements
11. Adjournment

ARTICLE VIII DISSOLUTION

If for any reason the Western North Carolina Turfgrass Association is dissolved, all funds remaining after paying outstanding obligations of the Association will be donated to a Turf Educational Project to be decided by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be altered, amended, or suspended by a two-thirds vote of the Regular members present and voting, provided the amendment has been submitted in writing to the Secretary, approved by the Executive Committee, and submitted thirty (30) days in advance to the general membership.

ARTICLE X CODE OF ETHICS

As a member of the Western North Carolina Turfgrass Association, I accept and fully agree to abide by this code and pledge myself to:

1. Recognize and discharge all my responsibility and duties in such a fashion as to be a credit to this Association;
2. Practice and insist upon sound business and turf management principles in exercising the responsibilities of my position;
3. Utilize every practicable opportunity to expand my professional knowledge, thereby improving myself and my profession;
4. Maintain the highest standards of personal conduct to reflect credit and add to the stature of my profession;
5. Base endorsements, either written or verbal, by means of any medium, strictly upon satisfactory personal experiences with the item identified;
6. Refrain from encouraging or accepting consideration of any value without the express understanding of all parties that said consideration is available to all in similar circumstances and that no actions shall be forthcoming as a result of acceptance;
7. Recognize and observe the highest standards of integrity in my relationships with fellow members and others associated with this profession and industry;

8. Assist my fellow associates in all ways consistent with my abilities only when called upon to do so and with the incumbent associate's knowledge, participation, and acceptance;
9. Abstain from the debasement of, or encroachment upon, the professional reputation, practice, or employment of another associate;
10. Lend my support to, and actively participate in, the efforts of the Western North Carolina Turfgrass Association
11. Abstain from any exploitation of my Association, industry, or profession;
12. Present information and participate, as a witness in all proceedings to which there exists evidence of a violation of this Code of Ethics.