

South Florida Section PGA Constitution

ARTICLE I: NAME

This organization shall be called "The South Florida Section, PGA of America, (Inc.)"

ARTICLE II: GOVERNING LAW

The Section shall operate pursuant to the Charter issued by the Executive Committee of the Professional Golfers' Association of America (hereinafter referred to as the Association) and in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association as supplemented by this Sectional Constitution and By-Laws. However, the provisions of this Sectional Constitution and By-Laws shall not be inconsistent with or at variance with the Constitution of the Association nor with any of its rules, regulations, or policies and in the event any provision herein is in such conflict, the National policy takes precedence.

ARTICLE III: BOUNDARIES

The territory of the South Florida Section shall include the counties of Dade, Broward, Monroe, Glades, Charlotte, Lee, Hendry, Collier, Palm Beach, Highlands, St. Lucie, Martin, Indian River, and Okeechobee. There will be four chapters:

Southeast: Palm Beach, Highlands, St. Lucie, Martin, Indian River, and Okeechobee Counties

Southwest: Glades, Charlotte, Lee, Hendry, and Collier Counties

Southern: Dade, Broward, and Monroe Counties

Islands: Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands

ARTICLE IV: OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Section shall be to elevate the standards of the Professional Golfers' vocation; to promote interest in the game of golf, to protect the mutual interest of its members; to hold meetings and tournaments for the benefit of its members; to assist deserving unemployed members to obtain a position; to institute a benevolent fund for the relief of deserving members; and to effect any other objective which may be determined from time-to-time by the Section or The Association. The Scope of this Constitution is intended to encompass, but not exceed, that area of jurisdiction granted the Section by its parent body, the Professional Golfers' Association of America. Its articles will in no way conflict with those of the National Body, except as other Sectional provisions of this Constitution provide, and any situation not covered by this Constitution and By-Laws, will be governed by the National Constitution and By-Laws. It is understood that any and all relevant Articles and Sections of the National Constitution and By-Laws shall be de Facto parts of this document, shall supercede and give clarity to its Articles and Sections. Any additions or amendments to the National Constitution will automatically effect a corresponding change in this Constitution. Any other change in this Constitution must be submitted to the membership by the Section Executive Board, and approved by a two-thirds majority of that membership. (See also Article XV - Amendments)

ARTICLE V: CORPORATE FISCAL YEAR

This fiscal year of the Section shall begin on January 1st and end on December 31st.

ARTICLE VI: DUES

The Annual dues of the Section shall become due and payable in accordance with and on the dates specified by the National Body. Penalties for non-payment of dues will similarly be those specified by the National Body.

The dues structure for the South Florida Section shall be as follows:

Class A-8's	\$263
Class A-3's	\$100
Life Member/Inactive	\$114
Life Member/Active	\$263
Apprentice	\$263
Dual Members	\$351
Inactive	\$100
All Other Classes	\$351

Any change in the annual dues of the Section shall be presented in the form of an amendment to the Constitution and be presented for a vote by the general membership in attendance at the Annual Meeting. (Spring or Fall) Exception by majority vote, the Executive Board may increase dues in any given year for inflationary purposes. Any such increase by the Board shall not exceed 3.5% of current dues structure in any single year. A member, upon paying his annual dues to the Section, is considered thereby to have submitted themselves to the rules governing the said Association and the Section, and on these conditions is entitled to enjoy the privileges of membership as defined herein.

ARTICLE VII: MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to any member in good standing with the Association who resides or is employed in the South Florida Section. Membership requirements shall be those established by the National Body. Section "Apprentice" status may be granted to those persons who have been accepted as National Apprentice registrants, and are presently employed under Sectional and National guidelines. Membership rights in the Section will be those granted the various membership classifications by the National Constitution. Tournament playing privileges are established by the South Florida Section Executive Board. Recertification: After November 14, 1973, all Class "A" members (except those who meet the definition of Tournament Player) must be recertified in accordance with such procedures and ramifications adopted by the National Body. It is the duty of each individual member and apprentice of the Section to advise the Section office of his current mailing address and telephone number.

ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS

There shall be a minimum of one annual meeting of the membership, a Spring and/or Fall meeting, the dates to be set by the Executive Board and notice of said meetings shall be given, in writing, to the membership at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Board or by a petition signed by fifty-one (51) percent of the membership.

Written notice shall be mailed not more than thirty (30) days and not less than fifteen (15) days prior to date of special meeting. A quorum for the conduct of business at an Annual or Special meeting of the Section shall consist of seventy-five (75) voting members. Meetings

shall be conducted in accordance with the most recent edition of Roberts Rules of Order. There shall be no proxy voting at any meeting of the membership. All business shall be determined by a majority vote, except that Amendments to the Constitution shall be determined by two-thirds (2/3) vote, of the voting members present.

All members shall have the right to speak on all matters. For the purpose of determining voting right of members, only those current members who are members of the Section on the day of the vote shall be counted as official votes. Class F and Inactive members, including Life Members, have no voting privileges.

ARTICLE IX: EXECUTIVE BOARD

President

Vice President

Secretary

Honorary President

Chapter President or Elected Representative (4)

At Large Directors (3)

District 13 Director (If member of the South Florida Section)

All members of the Executive Board shall have the right to vote. The President, Vice President, and Secretary shall be elected for one term of two years and may not be re-elected to that office for a second consecutive term.

The Honorary President will be the immediate Past President who shall become Honorary President automatically and may not serve in this office for more than one (1) 2-year term.

1. In the event of the absence or temporary disability of the President, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President. If the President resigns, dies, or becomes totally incapacitated, he/she shall be succeeded by the Vice President.
2. In the event of the absence or temporary disability of the Vice President, the Secretary shall perform the duties of the Vice President. If the Vice President resigns, dies, or becomes totally incapacitated, he/she shall be succeeded by the Secretary, who shall become Vice President/Secretary for the remainder of the term in office.
3. In the event of the absence or temporary disability of the Secretary, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the Secretary. If the Secretary resigns, dies, or becomes totally incapacitated, there shall be a replacement election at the next scheduled Section full membership meeting.

Chapter Presidents or elected representatives shall automatically serve on the Executive Board during their term in office. Any Section member currently serving in the capacity of a National Director shall automatically serve on the Section Executive Board. Each mainland chapter will elect one at large director that is currently not serving as a chapter officer. At large directors may not serve consecutive terms. Terms will be for three years and a rotation will be set so that one at large director is elected annually. Two of the at large positions will have an initial term of less than three years. In these cases only that member may serve one additional three year term.

The Executive Board shall be responsible for the management of the Section, and between Annual Meetings, shall have full authority in all matters, including the power to interpret the Constitution and By-Laws and to give direction in cases not provided for therein. In matters involving emergencies for the good of the Section, as determined in the discretion of the Executive Board, the Executive Board shall have complete and final authority over the Section's Tournament Program and all phases of its operation including the complete authority to disregard, alter, or amend any provision of the existing Section's regulatory document entitled "Tournament Regulations." All orders or regulations made by the Executive Board shall be binding, unless set aside by majority vote at an Annual Meeting.

The Executive Board may select an Executive Director who shall be the Chief Executive Officer and Administrator of the Section. The Executive Board has the express authority to

employ persons in addition to the Executive Director, for the purposes of rendering services it may deem necessary or desirable. Such employees shall be advised of their duties by the Executive Director, and will be responsible to the Executive Director.

The Executive Board shall have the right to review upon appeal any action by an Officer or Committee of the Section, and to prescribe regulations governing such appeal. All complaints and disputes between the members of the Section shall be decided by the Executive Board. The Executive Board, by majority vote, may adopt or amend the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, and Corporate Charters for the government of the Section when such action is not a variance with the Constitution. At all the meetings of the Executive Board, fifty percent attendance of Board members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE X: DUTIES OF OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

See section in the Operations Manual for Job Description of all Section Officers.

ARTICLE XI: COMMITTEES

Within thirty (30) days after the Meeting of Elections, the President shall appoint a Chairperson for all committees deemed necessary, all of which will serve two-year terms. All Chairpersons shall report to the Executive Board as from time-to-time may be necessary.

The Chairperson of each Committee shall, prior to each Annual Meeting, submit to the President the written report of the activities of their committee during the preceding period. The Chairperson shall further present their report to the membership at the Annual Meeting. All Committee Chairpersons shall be recognized members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XII: ELECTION OF A NATIONAL DIRECTOR

From time-to-time the Section shall select a National Director. The Secretary shall be notified of any nominations for this position or of anyone desiring to seek the position of National Director. The Secretary will make this information available as soon as possible to the membership. The candidate shall then have the opportunity to conduct a campaign if so desired to the Executive Board.

The Election of National Director from the Section will be the responsibility of the Executive Board. The winner will be the nominee receiving a simple majority of the total voting members. The National Director shall be invited to attend meetings and be a regular voting member of the Section Executive Board.

ARTICLE XIII: CHAPTERS

The Section Executive Board may exercise the power to create Chapters within the Section, as authorized by, and in the manner described by the National Constitution. A Chapter shall have only that jurisdiction and power outlined in the National Constitution, and granted by the parent Section. Its jurisdiction shall extend only to discussion and action concerning local problems and programs.

The inclusive meaning of the phrase "local problems and programs" will be determined by the Section Executive Board when necessary. A Chapter may hold tournaments for the benefit of its members. Chapters may conduct elections for the purpose of electing officers and other administrative positions for the purpose of conducting the affairs of the Chapter. Each Chapter may elect a Director who will serve as a member of the Section Executive Board; and/or a Chapter President, who will direct the program of the Chapter, and appoint the Junior Golf Chairperson and others as needed; a Vice President and a Secretary shall also be elected.

The Southern and Southwest Chapters shall elect officers on the odd years and the Southeast and Island Chapters shall elect officers on the even years. Each Chapter shall hold an Annual Meeting and Election of Officers at least ten (10) days prior to the South Florida Section Annual Meeting. Said Annual Chapter Meeting shall draw up changes, motions, and all other business that is to be presented to the Section Annual Meeting. The Chapter Vice President shall submit a typewritten report on the activities of the Chapter to the Section office ten (10) days prior to the Section Annual Meeting. In the event of resignation of any Chapter Officer, at the next meeting or at a Special Meeting, the Chapter members shall elect a replacement.

All voting members must be notified by mail of this meeting and twenty (20) voting members must be present. Each chapter shall manage its own affairs, direct its own tournament schedule, hold a Chapter Championship, plan and carry out special events, and manage its own financial affairs and fee schedule. A copy of the minutes of all Chapter meetings shall be given to the Section Secretary within thirty (30) days after each meeting, and these minutes are to be read at the next Section Executive Committee meeting for approval. A Chapter shall maintain complete accounting records, which shall be available for inspection and audit by the Section.

A Chapter shall submit its activities calendar to the Section and shall not have conflicting dates with Section activities. All activities of the Chapters are ultimately supervised by the Section with final approval and authority controlled by the Section Executive Board.

ARTICLE XIV: DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL MEETING

The President and Vice-President shall serve as the primary delegates to the national meeting, with both having voting rights. The Secretary and Honorary President shall serve as alternate delegates for the President or the Vice-President if required. Additional members selected by the Executive Board may serve as alternate delegates to the national meeting. Any other member of the Section may attend the national meeting as an observer at their own expense. These individuals shall be observers during the formal session and shall have no voting rights.

ARTICLE XV: AMENDMENTS

Resolutions to alter, amend, or repeal this Constitution or add By-Laws must be presented in writing to the Secretary of the Section thirty (30) days prior to an Annual Meeting. The Secretary shall submit to the membership resolutions to amend the Section PGA Constitution and By-Laws no later than 10 days prior to an Annual Meeting. A two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote by the membership attending the Annual Meeting is required for passage of a proposed amendment. All amendments to the Constitution or revisions in the By-Laws shall become effective when adopted or at the time specified in the Amendment Resolution.

ARTICLE XVI: AWARDS

The awards that recognize outstanding performance and superior achievements by members of the South Florida Section PGA include:

PGA Golf Professional of the Year: Awarded for overall performance as a golf professional, leadership, service, and promotion of the game of golf. This award is the highest honor paid to a PGA Professional.

Teacher of the Year: Outstanding service as a golf instructor.

The Horton Smith Trophy: Continuing contributions to developing and improving educational opportunities for the PGA golf professional.

Bill Strausbaugh Award: Distinguished in the field of club relations, causing significant improvements in employment conditions in the Section.

Junior Golf Leader: Recognizes professional who is a leader in junior golf.

Merchandisers of the Year: (Three Categories - Resort, Public, and Private) Professionals who have demonstrated superior skills as merchandisers in the promotion of golf.

President's Plaque Award: This award is designed to recognize individual PGA member professionals for their extraordinary and exemplary contributions and achievements in the area of Player Development. This award considers the Professional's growth of the game leadership commitment at the Section and National levels, plus the impact made at his/her own facility

Assistant of the Year: Overall performance as an apprentice, willingness and ability to accept responsibility, and promotion of the PGA of America through word and deed.

South Florida Section PGA By-Laws

ARTICLE I: ANNUAL MEETING

The following shall be the standard order of business to be observed at the Annual Meeting of the Section Membership which may be amended:

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Reading of the minutes from the previous Annual Meeting**
- 3. Review of the minutes of Executive Committee Meetings since the last Annual Meeting**
- 4. Report of the Committees**
- 5. Report of the Secretary**
- 6. Report of the Vice President**
- 7. Report of the President**
- 8. Report of the Chapter Directors**
- 9. Report of the District Vice President**
- 10. Report of the Executive Director**
- 11. Consideration of Old Business**
- 12. Announcement of Election Results (odd years)**
- 13. Consideration of New Business**
- 14. Adjournment**

The following oath shall be administered to all elected Officers:

"I _____, a member of the Executive Board South Florida Section of the Professional Golfers' Association of America, do hereby affirm that I will at all times adhere to and uphold the Section's Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, and that I will otherwise conduct my activities in a manner that will be in keeping with my position as an Officer of the Section and will reflect credit upon the Association and its members."

ARTICLE II: ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The President, with the advice and consent of the members of the Executive Board, may appoint an Advisory Committee. It shall be the function of the Advisory Committee to advise the Officers and the Executive Committee with respect to matters of Section business and to make recommendations for the betterment of the Section. The Advisory Board Member's term is two (2) years. The amount of time that any one member can sit on the Board is a maximum of ten (10) years. The President shall review the performance and attendance records of each Advisory Board member to assist in determining whether to invite members to continue their appointment of each new term.