

**GOLF BUSINESS NETWORK
RULES And BY-LAWS
January 1, 2016**

PURPOSE OF THE CLUB

The purpose of the club is to promote business among the members. Golf is just a means to facilitate relationships among the members.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The club shall be governed by a Board of Directors. There shall be 6 permanent board members, and 1 additional board member elected per chapter, by the membership of each respective chapter, on an annual basis. The board shall then select the following officers: a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

The duty of the President shall be to preside at the meetings and, in general, guide the affairs of the club.

The Vice President shall act in the President's absence.

The Treasurer shall collect all dues, keep them properly accounted for, pay all bills, and shall make regular reports. The Treasurer shall retain monthly bank statements and keep receipts to verify all club expenditures. The Treasurer shall also make the books available for viewing by any board member and keep a roll of active members. All expenditures over \$50 require Board approval.

The Secretary shall keep minutes of each meeting and record attendance.

The floating board members shall be elected by a majority of the membership that casts a vote. A quorum must be present and a majority of those present will be sufficient for election. All officers shall serve for a term of one (1) year except when an office is vacated. In such cases, the term of the newly elected officer shall be for the remainder of that calendar year. Elections can also be held by electronic means with membership casting their votes by email.

Officers and Board of Directors shall have the authority to make necessary decisions for the benefit of the club. Decisions shall be presented to the General Membership at the next regular meeting and can be reversed by a majority vote. The President may call a Board of Directors meeting as necessary.

MEETING PLACE AND TIME

A meeting place and time will be determined by the Board of Directors by a majority vote. Meetings for each respective chapter shall be once each month.

MEMBERSHIP

Golf Business Network is an “open” group in that membership is not restricted by business classification.

DUES

Each new member will pay annual dues of (one-half the annual amount if member joins after July 1). Each attendee is responsible for paying the applicable monthly fees for each meeting attended. Everyone attending a monthly meeting must pay \$10 to attend.

IN GENERAL

The By-Laws may be amended by a majority of the total membership. Rules are established by the Board.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Rules and regulations governing the play of golf shall be established by the Board of Directors and published on the club’s website with a copy thereof kept by the Board.

ETHICS

The By-laws will provide for the inclusion of a Code of Ethics of conduct pertaining to business and personal dealing relating to the club.

The Board of Directors shall impartially review reported violations of the Code of Ethics. Should it become apparent that in the review of the reported breach of Code of Ethics that one or more of the Board of Directors could not render a fair and impartial judgment because of close business and/or personal relationships with the party/parties involved, that board member or members will excuse him/herself or themselves and the remaining board members shall temporarily appoint in their position, another member (or members) who could be impartial in their judgment.

The Board of Directors shall have the power of "censure" or "dismissal" from membership, depending on their judgment of the seriousness of the Breach of Ethics. This decision shall be binding on the member/members without review or vote by the total membership.

Alleged Code of Ethics violations should be reported confidentially to any member of the Board of Directors.

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Code of Ethics

IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF EVERY MEMBER:

1. To pledge him/herself to always conduct his/her business and personal affairs in such a manner that will uphold and elevate the prestige of the club.
2. To treat as confidential his/her knowledge of the business affairs of fellow members or fellow member's clients or employers when their interests require secrecy..
3. To treat with special attention, any tips/referrals from another member involving prized or valued customers of that member so as to avoid altering relations between the two parties.
4. To refrain from passing tips heard at a regular meeting or social or through club association to anyone in competition with a club member.
5. To advertise and represent his/her goods and/or services in such a manner that customers or clients will not be deceived as to quality, value and cost of the goods and/or services offered and additionally, to live up to all agreements and representations pertaining thereto.