

BY-LAWS (as revised)  
of the  
**Staten Island Golf Association**

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of this Association shall be the Staten Island Golf Association.

**ARTICLE II - PURPOSE**

**First:** To stimulate and promote interest in golf on Staten Island by bringing together a group of golfers and clubs desirous of forming a golfing organization.

**Second:** To promote and foster among the members a closer bond and fraternity for their joint and mutual benefit, and to promote and conserve the best interests and true spirit of the game of golf as embodied in its historical and honorable traditions.

**Third:** To encourage conformance to the USGA Rules of Golf by creating a representative authority.

**Fourth:** To insure and maintain a uniform system of handicapping as set forth in the USGA Handicap System and issue USGA Handicap Indexes to the members through the Metropolitan Golf Association.

**Fifth:** To provide an authoritative body to govern and conduct association competitions each calendar year.

**ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1.** Membership in the Association shall be available to all men's clubs regardless of race, color or creed. There shall be at least 10 members in a club to entitle a club to become part of the Association.

**Section 2.** Membership in the Association is non-transferable without the prior consent of the majority of the member clubs of the Association.

**Section 3.** All members in good standing of the five (5) full membership clubs of the Association are eligible to participate in all Association events regardless of handicap, subject to any limitation for a particular event (ie. minimum or maximum age). The five (5) full membership clubs consist of Esquire, LaTourette, Richmond County, Silver Lake Mens and South Shore.

**Section 4.** Membership confers no special privileges by the Association or its members in connection with any golf course.

**Section 5.** Each club's membership in the Association is on an annual basis commencing on April 1<sup>st</sup> and ending on March 31<sup>st</sup> of the ensuing year. Renewal is automatic for all clubs in good standing upon payment of Association dues by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Section 6.** The fiscal year of the Association shall run from April 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>. The treasurer of the Association shall submit an end of the year fiscal report to the Board of Directors on or before April 30<sup>th</sup> and thereafter with regular updates.

**Section 7.** Any club applying for new membership shall be proposed and seconded by two existing and active clubs in good standing. The Board of Directors of the Association shall act upon each proposal by vote and approval is based upon majority vote.

**Section 8.** In the event that a member club or any individual member of the Association commits an act which reflects discredit or disrepute upon the Association, golf related or not, or shall refuse or neglect to comply with the Rules of Golf, the rules, bylaws and regulations adopted by the Association or its duly appointed Board or elected officers, such club or member shall be subject to immediate suspension from all Association events (including qualifiers conducted by the Association) pending a meeting and a final determination of the Board within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the initial suspension. The suspended club/member shall be notified at least three (3) days in advance of the time and place of any such meeting and shall have the right to attend that meeting and be heard. A final determination to extend the suspension or revoke the membership of the club/member must be supported by a majority vote of the Board. A suspended club/member must apply for reinstatement, in writing, once the suspension has expired. Reinstatement shall be granted upon a majority vote of the Board, otherwise the application is deemed denied. Application for reinstatement after membership revocation must not be considered by the Association until five (5) years have elapsed since the revocation took effect.

**Section 9.** All membership fees and dues shall be established by the Board of Directors from time to time in such amounts as they deem to be adequate to operate and maintain the Association. Member clubs shall be liable for dues until their written withdrawal of its membership has been received and accepted. All monies collected shall be for the benefit of the membership of the Association.

## **ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 1.** The Board of Directors of the Association shall consist of one member in good standing from each full membership club in good standing, to wit: South Shore, LaTourette, Silver Lake, Richmond County and Esquire Club). The Board shall exercise all powers of management of the Association.

**Section 2.** The Board of Directors of the Association shall meet at such times and places as they deem appropriate.

**Section 3.** The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held on the 2nd Tuesday in November, unless otherwise agreed. The Board of Directors of the Association shall provide for the holding of such other meetings as the Board of Directors deems necessary or desirable to effectuate and promote the goals of the Association.

**Section 4.** A legal quorum at any meeting of the Board shall consist of four (4) of the five (5) full member clubs being present in person, by telephone or by electronic means if any such club, in the exercise of good faith and due diligence, is unable to have a club member physically present. Each full club in good standing shall be entitled to one (1) vote at any Board meeting. Each full member club shall be represented by up to three of its duly elected officers, in good standing, at all but disciplinary hearings which shall be attended by one voting member of each club and the duly elected officers of the Association. The Board shall have the right to invite non-elected club members in good standing to participate in non-disciplinary Board meetings.

**Section 5.** The Board of Directors of the Association shall have the power to repeal or amend any of these By-Laws provided that such action shall not be effective until approved by a majority vote of the Board of the Association at a meeting held in accordance with the provisions contained herein.

**Section 6.** All financial decisions of the Association will be made by the Officers of the Association. The Officers shall consult with the Board of Directors on any expenditure exceeding \$1500 other than tournament fees including, but not limited to, green fees and prizes.

## **ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

**Section 1.** Within ten (10) days after the annual meeting, the Board of Directors of the Association shall meet and elect the officers of the Association.

**Section 2.** The officers shall consist of president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, and their duties shall be such as their titles would indicate or such as may be assigned to them respectively from time to time by the Board of Directors.

**Section 3.** The Board of Directors shall authorize and define the powers and duties of all committees. Chairmen and members of all committees shall be appointed by the President, and the President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.

**Section 4.** The following committees shall be appointed each year, with such other committees as the President deems necessary or advisable on upon the approval of a majority vote of the Board of Directors. All committees shall be comprised of one (1) member in good standing of each full member club.

- A. **Tournament Committee** to arrange and schedule with the management of any golf course as necessary, and conduct all intra-club and inter-club competitions. All members of each member club are considered to have subjected themselves to the authority of the Tournament Committee whose decision on all matters shall be final. The committee reserves the right upon majority vote of those committee members present and at its sole discretion to disqualify or default any player at any stage of the championship for any reason the Committee deems necessary
- B. **Rules Committee** to establish and enforce the rules for any competition in compliance with the USGA rules and to make decisions when necessary during competition.
- C. **Nominating Committee** shall consist of the Board of Directors of the Association.
- D. **Disciplinary Committee** shall consist of one (1) member in good standing designated by each full member club. The Officers of the Association (unless the subject of an inquiry) may also attend all disciplinary committee meetings. The committee shall investigate and promptly notify the Board of the misconduct of any member.
- E. **Junior Golf Committee** to encourage, promote and schedule participation in Junior Golf events and educate junior golfer on the rules and etiquette of the game.

As adopted this 9th day of March, 2015

Esquire Club by Chris Panza  
LaTourette Club by John Pirrone  
Richmond County CC by John Gutzeit  
South Shore Mens Club by Chris Nalley  
Silver Lake Mens Club by Dan Pizzuto