

# **Central Illinois Deaf Golf Association**

## **Constitution & By-laws**

### **Article I Name**

Central Illinois Deaf Golf Association (CIDGA) is the name of this organization started in 1999. The purpose of this organization is to promote and maintain the integrity of golf among Deaf and hard of hearing golfers.

### **Article II Objectives**

The objective of CIDGA is to maintain an annual two-day tournament in the Central Illinois region.

### **Article III Region**

The region under the jurisdiction of this association shall be composed of the 50 counties which are as follows:

Henderson, Warren, Knox, Stark, Peoria, Marshall, Woodford, Livingston, Iroquois, Hancock, McDonough, Fulton, Tazewell, McLean, Ford, Mason, Schuyler, Logan, DeWitt, Champaign, Vermilion, Adams, Brown, Cass, Menard, Piatt, Macon, Pike, Scott, Morgan, Sangamon, Christian, Moultrie, Douglas, Edgar, Coles, Calhoun, Greene, Macoupin, Shelby, Clark, Montgomery, Cumberland, Jersey, Fayette, Effingham, Jasper, Crawford, Madison and Bond.

## **Article IV Membership**

The CIDGA has open membership with fees to be determined by the CIDGA golfers.

## **Article V Officers**

Section 1:

- a) The officers of the association shall be president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and trustee.

Section 2:

- a) The elected officers of the CIDGA shall be elected by a majority vote at the meeting of the association's board of directors for a term of three (3) years during the CIDGA tournament. The term starts after the CIDGA tournament ends.

## **Article VI Duties & Powers of Officers**

Section 1: The president of this association shall:

- a) Preside at all meeting of this association's Board of Directors meetings.
- b) Conduct all business of this association's executive board.
- c) Perform other duties pertaining to the office of the president.

Section 2: The vice president of this association shall:

- a) Have the power to perform the duties of the president in the absence or inability of the latter to act.

Section 3: The secretary of this association shall:

- a) Maintain a record of the proceedings of all meetings of the membership and the Board of Directors.

Section 4: The treasurer of this association shall:

- a) Maintain a complete and accurate account of all funds received and disbursed.

Section 5: The trustee of this association shall:

- a) Work closely with the treasurer and verify all balances in the account.

## **Article VII Golf Rules**

Section 1:

- a) CIDGA shall follow the United States Golf Association (USGA) Rules of Golf
- b) Rules -not indicated in USGA Rules of Golf, the CIDGA may make a new or change rules and will announce such before the beginning of the tournament.
- c) New or changes to the rules in CIDGA must be approved by a 2/3 vote of the general membership prior to the CIDGA tournament

## **Article VIII Prize Allocation**

Section 1:

- a) The prize fees of the CIDGA shall be determined by the majority vote at the general membership meeting of the association OR the CIDGA has an open membership with prize fees to be decided by the CIDGA golfers.
- b) All golfers who participate in the tournament will get a prize.
- c) Special prizes (most eagles, birdies, pars, longest drive, closest to pin, lowest putts, etc.) will be awarded.

## **Article IX Tournament**

Section 1:

- a) The tournament date for the CIDGA tournament shall be held the first week end in June and in any one of the 50 counties in Central Illinois.
- b) The first day of the tournament will be individual play. The second day of the tournament will be two-person, preferred ball.

- c) The tournament shall have two flights. The board of directors shall determine who will be in Flight A and Flight B for individual and 2-person, preferred ball golfers.
- d) On the second day of the tournament (2-player, preferred ball) the board of directors shall make the decision on who the partners will be.
- e) Each golfer shall have a limit for the second day tournament, two-person, preferred ball.

## **Article X**

### **Host Chairperson**

Anyone who is interested in hosting the CIDGA tournament the next year or the next two or more years may make a bid. A description of the golf course, motels in the vicinity, and other related things shall be made to the general membership meeting. A majority vote shall determine the next hostship of the tournament.