



USDGA Bylaws

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Article 1: Name and Status

- The name of this organization is the **United States Deaf Golf Association (USDGA)**.
 - USDGA is a nonprofit under Maryland law and 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code.
 - USDGA is affiliated with the USA Deaf Sports Federation (USADSF) and follows its by-laws and standards.
 - USDGA is affiliated with the World Deaf Golf Federation (WDGF) and follow its by-laws and standards.
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Article 2: Mission

USDGA's mission is to foster a community of Deaf and Hard of Hearing golfers by:

- Organizing top notch national golf tournaments.
 - Providing youth and educational programs.
 - Supporting local community outreach efforts.
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Article 3: Membership

- Open to any Deaf or Hard of Hearing golfer who supports USDGA's mission.
 - Members must pay dues set by the Board.
 - Members in good standing can vote, serve on committees, and run for the Board.
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Article 4: Board of Directors

- The Board has 9 members, elected during the U.S. Deaf Golf Championships.





- Board terms of office are four (4) years, staggered (4 or 5 elected every cycle).
- Elections are by secret ballot.

Officers:

Chosen by the Board:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Treasurer
4. Secretary

Board Duties:

- Manage USDGA operations and finances.
- Approve events and partnerships.
- Ensure legal and mission compliance.

Article 5: Officer Roles

- **President:** Leads the Board, chairs meetings, breaks tie votes, oversees daily operations.
- **Vice President:** Assists and fills in for the President.
- **Treasurer:** Manages finances, reports to Board, files tax forms.
- **Secretary:** Sends meeting notices, keeps minutes, manages official communication.

Article 6: Meetings

- The Board meets at least once a year. Extra meetings can be called by the President or by at least three or more (3+) Board members.





Article 7: Committees

- **Standing Committees:**
 1. **Awards Committee** – Handles recognition and international qualification recommendations.
 2. **Tournament Committee** – Plans national events.
 3. **Hall of Fame Committee** – Manages Hall of Fame nominations and selections.
 - **Ad Hoc Committees** can be created by the Board when needed.
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Article 8: Quorum

- A quorum requirement for Board meetings is met by a simple majority ($1/2 + 1$) of the Board, including at least one officer.
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Article 9: Vacancies

- If the President leaves, the Board elects a replacement.
 - For other officers or Board vacancies, the Board appoints replacements to finish their terms of office.
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Article 10: Finances

- USDGA funds are held in insured U.S. bank accounts.
 - Two designated officer signatures are required for any withdrawal.
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Article 11: Dissolution

If USDGA dissolves as approved by the USDGA members based on the recommendation of the Board, remaining assets and funds go to a nonprofit with a similar mission, or to a government/public entity, in line with 501(c)(3) rules of the IRS Code.





Article 12: Non-Discrimination

USDGA does not discriminate based on age, race, gender, religion, disability, or any protected status. All decisions are based on skill, character, and performance.

Article 13: Procedures

All meetings follow Robert's Rules of Order unless the bylaws say otherwise.

Article 14: Amendment(s)

A USDGA Member or a Board member may submit a proposed amendment to the USDGA By-Laws to the Board for its review and recommendation to the USDGA membership for its consideration and action. By a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of approval by the USDGA members, the proposed amendment takes effect after the conclusion of the membership meeting.