

MOUNTAINS CHAPTER of the CAROLINAS SECTION  
of the PROFESSIONAL GOLFERS' ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Names, Boundaries, Purpose

SECTION I.

This organization shall be named "The Mountains Chapter of the Carolinas Section of the Professional Golfers' Association of America" and shall be referred to as the "Chapter". Its geographical boundaries shall be recorded but not limited to the same boundaries as Area I but shall not exceed the boundaries of the Carolinas Section PGA. The Carolinas Section PGA shall be referred to as the "Section". It may be necessary to create a boundary for the Chapter due to the changing boundaries of the Section Areas.

SECTION II.

Objectives:

- I. To better promote golf within the Chapter boundaries through but not limited to tournaments, meetings, education seminars, promoting member activity, junior golf, amateur golf, golf manufacturing company relations and the overall interest of the game of golf within the Chapter.
- II. The Chapter shall follow strictly the guidelines set forth by the Section and the Professional Golfers' Association of America (hence referred to as the "Association").
- III. The Chapter shall make every effort to communicate to the general membership of the Chapter.

SECTION III.

The scope of this Constitution is intended to encompass but is not limited to the boundaries of the Chapter and shall not conflict in any way with the Section or the Association Constitution, Bylaws or Regulations.

ARTICLE II.

Membership

SECTION I.

Members of the Chapter must be members or apprentices of the Section and conform to all membership guidelines set forth by the Section.

ARTICLE III.  
Organization

SECTION I.

a) The Chapter shall exercise the right to establish boundaries for the sole purpose of communication to its members via mail, e-mail, web site and telephone. The Chapter shall conduct business in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws and Regulations of the Section. The Chapter under the Association guidelines must permit membership to any member of the Section.

b). The Chapter shall be the Mountains Chapter of the Carolinas Section PGA. The members of the Chapter must be Section members or apprentices.

c) The Section shall manage and report monthly the financial affairs and obligations of the Chapter and shall be responsible for the fiscal obligations of the Chapter. The Chapter shall be responsible for presenting a business plan to the Section and operating a budget of its monies.

SECTION II.

a) The Officers of the Chapter shall be Class A members and are the: President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer and the Tournament Director.

b) The Officers shall meet in preparation for the Chapter business and are authorized to act in accordance to the Chapter Constitution and Bylaws.

SECTION III.

Any disputes or issues regarding the interpretation of this Constitution shall be interpreted and resolved by the Officers whose decision shall be final.

SECTION IV.

The Chapter shall use its funds only to accomplish the objectives and purpose specified in this Constitution, and no part of said funds shall inure or be distributed to the members of the Chapter. Upon dissolution of the Chapter, any funds remaining in the Chapter account shall go into the general operation fund of the Section.

## MEETINGS

### SECTION I.

There shall be a minimum of four meetings held annually including the Annual Meeting. The general membership of the Chapter will meet approximately every two months beginning in the spring in conjunction with the Match Play Qualifying Tournament and ending in the fall at the Annual Meeting in conjunction with the Pro-Pro Championship. The President and the Officers shall select all meeting sites and shall be in accordance with the Roberts Rules of Order.

## BYLAWS

### ARTICLE I

#### Definitions

### SECTION I.

The definitions of PGA Recognized facilities, Employment Definitions and other definitions shall be consistent with the Association Bylaws, Article I, Sections 1-3.

### ARTICLE II

#### Code of Ethics

### SECTION I.

Shall be in accordance with the Association Bylaws Article II, Section 3.

### ARTICLE III

#### Disciplinary Action

### SECTION I.

Shall be in accordance with the Association Bylaws Article II, Section 4.

### ARTICLE IV

#### Dues

### SECTION I.

The Chapter dues structures are to be established by the membership at the Annual Meeting. This amount is subject to the Section's approval.

### SECTION II.

The Chapter dues as established will be payable on or before April 15, of each year. Failure of payment by this date will result in forfeiture of playing and voting privileges in the Chapter unless the Executive Committee rules otherwise.

### SECTION III.

Current dues as established at the annual meeting of the year are as follows: On or before April 15, \$100; from April 16<sup>th</sup> until July 1st, \$125; after July 1, \$150.00.

### SECTION IV.

The Officers have the authority to wave late penalties to those professionals who have moved to the area after April 15.

## ARTICLE V Officers

### SECTION I.

The Officers of the Chapter shall be Class A members comprised of the President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer and the Tournament Director. They shall be responsible to the membership and the Executive Committee for the performance of their respective duties. Any revision of policy, and all contractual authority which is neither routine nor specifically granted, shall be executed by the membership, through the Officers or the Executive Committee.

### SECTION II.

The Officers shall be elected to a term of one year at the annual meeting by a majority vote of those voting members present. Once an officer has served four consecutive terms, that officer must sit off the board for a minimum of one year before being re-elected. There shall be no limitations set on the number of four-year terms served by any officer.

### SECTION III.

The Nominating Committee shall present to the Secretary Treasurer a slate of nominees no less than sixty days prior to the Annual Meeting and no less than fifteen days to the general membership.

PRESIDENT  
First Chair

SECTION I.

a) The President shall be the chief operating officer of the Chapter and shall chair the Executive Committee. The President is subject to the control of the Executive Committee. The President shall perform all duties customary to the position and in control of all affairs of the Chapter. The President may appoint committee(s) and designate Chairman thereof.

b) The President shall instruct the Chairman of the Committee(s) as to their respective responsibilities and authority.

c) The President shall write a business plan for the Chapter and present it to the Officers and forward it to the Section.

d) The President shall write a bi-monthly Chapter newsletter for the Section.

e) The President shall be responsible for the update of the Chapter web site.

f) In the event any officer cannot fulfill his term, the President has the authority by appointment to select a Class A member to complete that term. The President may appoint an already existing Officer to fulfill any vacant position of the Officers at his discretion.

g) In the event the President is absent or cannot fulfill his term, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President.

VICE-PRESIDENT  
Second Chair

SECTION I.

a) The Vice-President shall be responsible for all the parliamentary law of the Chapter meetings and gatherings.

b) The Vice-President shall assist the Tournament Director in acquiring sponsors for the Chapter major events.

c) The Vice-President shall secure all awards for the Golf Professional of the Year, the Player of the Year, Friend of the Chapter, and the President's Award through the Section to be presented at the final chapter meeting held during the Pro-Pro Championship.

d) In the event the Secretary/Treasurer is absent from a meeting or gathering of the Officers, Executive Committee or general membership, the Vice-President shall be responsible for the minutes of that meeting.

e) In the event the Vice-President cannot fulfill his term, the President may appoint a Class A member to fulfill the Vice-President's term.

SECRETARY/TREASURER  
Third Chair

SECTION I.

a) The Secretary/Treasurer shall handle all the financials of the Chapter and prepare reports to the Officers and general membership. The Secretary/Treasurer shall work closely with the Section in regards to the Chapter finances and shall receive a financial report once a month from the Section.

b) The Secretary/Treasurer shall record and report to the Officers and general membership the minutes of each meeting. This includes but is not limited to a gathering of the Officers, Executive Committee and general membership.

c) The Secretary/Treasurer shall receive from the Nominating committee no less than sixty days prior to the Annual Meeting a slate of nominees for Office. Upon receiving that slate of nominees, the Secretary/Treasurer will present that slate to the Officers either by mail or telephone.

d) In the event the Secretary/Treasurer cannot fulfill his term, the President may appoint a Class A member to fulfill the Secretary/Treasurer's term.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR  
Fourth Chair

SECTION I.

a) The Tournament Director shall schedule all tournaments within the Chapter and preside over those events.

b) The Tournament Director must receive the tournaments to be posted on a specified deadline at his discretion in order to complete the Section Tournament Calendar. Those events shall be posted on the Chapter web site in order to compete in the Player of the Year point's competition. It is the responsibility of the hosting professional to submit their events to the Tournament Director. The President shall be responsible for posting the events on the Chapter web site.

c) Tournaments shall be operated at a consistent level and follow the guidelines set forth by the Section Members Handbook. Any complaint or suggestion should be presented to the Tournament Director who will inform the Officers either by meeting, telephone or mail.

d) The Tournament Director shall prepare reports and comments to the Officers and the general membership. He shall prepare an up to date Player of the Year points tally and have it posted on the web site, at each meeting and participating event.

e) In the event the Tournament Director cannot fulfill his term, the President may appoint a Class A member to fulfill the Tournament Director's term.

ARTICLE VI  
Honorary President

SECTION I.

a) The Honorary President is the immediate past President of the Chapter and is not an Officer.

b) The Honorary President shall chair the Nominating Committee.

c) The Honorary President shall be a member of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII  
Executive Committee

SECTION I.

a) The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, Tournament Director, Area Director(s) of the Section or other Vice-President of the Section and the Honorary President. All Executive Committee members must be members of the Chapter.

SECTION II.

The Executive Committee shall have complete and final authority over the business of the Chapter.

SECTION III.

Four members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION IV.

A two-thirds vote of the attending members at the Annual Meeting shall be required to amend the Bylaws.

SECTION V.

Any member of the Executive Committee may resign with a thirty-day written notice or telephone call to the President. The President shall declare a vacancy and may fill the vacancy by appointment of any Class A member.



## ARTICLE VII Tournaments

### SECTION I.

The Officers of the Chapter shall oversee the tournament program of the Chapter.

### SECTION II.

a) All events in the Chapter shall follow the guidelines set forth by the Section in the Tournament Rules and Regulations, ARTICLE IX. It is recommended for all events to make available a pin sheet and a neat and presentable scoreboard.

b) The events posted on the web site will participate in the Player of the Year. \*(with the exception of the Pro-Pro and the Coca Cola Appreciation Pro-Am)

c) Entry forms shall be mailed to all Chapter members for the four major events.

d) Sanction Fees shall be paid to the Section in all events, scheduled or unscheduled with the exception being Pro-Junior events where no Sanction Fees are paid. A Sanction Fee is \$8.00 per player. For a Lady Pro-Am or Senior Pro-Am the sanction fee is \$3 per player. This fee includes the amateur field of the event as well. The Chapter shall follow all guidelines set forth by the Section in the Tournament Rules and Regulations, ARTICLE IV.

### SECTION III.

Rules of Conduct shall be in accordance with the Section Tournament Rules and Regulations, ARTICLE VI.

### SECTION IV.

Eligible professionals must be in good standing with the Section and the Chapter and follow the guidelines set forth by the Section Tournament Rules and Regulations, ARTICLE VII.

### SECTION V.

The Chapter has four Major events per year that are the Match Play Championship, the Western North Carolina Open, the Chapter Championship and the Pro-Pro Championship. The Chapter shall operate these events with the guidelines of the Section Tournament Rules and Regulations, ARTICLE VIII.

### SECTION VI.

The Section shall pay out all tournament winnings.

ARTICLE VIII  
Majors

MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

SECTION I.

The event shall be contested over two days.

SECTION II.

The field shall comprise of 16 players with the only exempt player being the defending Champion, The remaining positions will be filled from a qualifying event held in conjunction with the Chapter's first general membership meeting of the year in the spring. Any exempt player who withdraws from the event shall have their position filled from the qualifying event alternate list. The Tournament Director shall notify alternates as soon as possible.

SECTION III.

A trophy will be given out to the winner of this event secured by the Tournament Director.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA OPEN

SECTION I.

This is a two-day medal play open event to all amateurs and Chapter members.

SECTION II

A trophy will be given out to the winner of this event secured by the Tournament Director.

CHAPTER CHAMPIONSHIP

SECTION I.

The event is to be a two-day medal play, 36-hole event but due to inclement weather may be shortened to 18 holes.

SECTION II.

A trophy will be given out to the Champion secured by the Tournament Chairman.

## PRO-PRO CHAMPIONSHIP

### SECTION I.

The Pro-Pro Championship is a two-day event held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. A format of Captains Choice on day one, and Best Ball on day two will be used. Chapter members only may compete. In the event of inclement weather and only one day of the event can be played, the Best Ball format will be used.

### SECTION II.

A trophy shall be given out to the winners secured by the Tournament Director.

## ARTICLE IX

### Awards

#### GOLF PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

### SECTION I.

- a) The Selection Committee will consist of the current Board of Directors.
- b) The general membership will make nominations to the Selection Committee.
- c) The Selection Committee shall vote by ballot to select the Golf Professional of the Year.
- d) The Selection Committee shall preside over the election process.
- e) The award will be presented at the Annual Meeting

#### FRIEND OF THE CHAPTER

### SECTION I.

This award is given to any member or non-member who in the past has displayed a great degree of support for the Chapter and it's membership. This award is given at the Annual Meeting

#### PRESIDENT AWARD

### SECTION I.

Received by the exiting President for service and time given to the Chapter over his/her past term(s). This award is given at the Annual Meeting

ARTICLE X  
Player of the Year

SECTION I.

This is a sponsored program and points shall be given to the top ten finishers who are competing in a field with 10 or more Chapter members. In the event there are less than ten players, points will be given in respect to the size of the field. Example: If six Chapter members are playing, points will be given beginning at the fifth through tenth positions. Major Championships will give full value of points regardless of the size of field. The following points will be given out with ties representing the same amount of places, as there are players that are tied:

From first to tenth position:

ONE-DAY PRO AMS: 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

MULTI DAY EVENTS: 15, 12, 9, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

MAJOR EVENTS: 30, 24, 19, 16, 13, 11, 9, 7, 5, 3

SECTION II.

The winner shall be honored at the Annual Meeting.

SECTION III

The final points event of the year will be the last Pro-Am held before the Pro-Pro Championship.

ARTICLE XI  
Scholarships and Donations

SECTION I.

The Chapter is not permitted under tax guidelines of the Internal Revenue Service through the Section to create or give a Scholarship of any kind. The Section is a 501.c6, which is a professional association not for profit and does not have a 501.c3 status, which is a charitable foundation.

SECTION II.

The Chapter may not lend its name to be attached to any Scholarship. The Chapter may give a donation to an established Foundation but may not select the recipient.

SECTION.

The Chapter members may make a donation directly to a Scholarship foundation or participate in a charitable golf tournament attached to any foundation.

ARTICLE XII  
Annual Meeting

SECTION I.

Shall be held in conjunction with the Pro-Pro Championship, which is the last Major event of the year.

SECTION II.

The Chapter's year will be reviewed and all unfinished business for the year will be finished.

SECTION III.

All resolutions to the Bylaws will be voted on.

SECTION IV.

The nominees for offices may be elected by majority vote.

SECTION V.

The annual awards shall be presented. Those awards are Golf Professional of the Year, Player of the Year, Friend of the Chapter, and exiting President.

## SECTION VI.

A former President of the Chapter shall administer the following oath to the newly elected Officers:

“Do you as a member of the Mountains Chapter Carolinas Section of the Professional Golfers’ Association of America, hereby affirm that you shall at all times adhere to and uphold the Constitution and Bylaws of the Chapter and conduct your activities in a manner that shall be in keeping with your position as an Officer of the Chapter which shall reflect credit upon the Chapter and the Section? If so say I do”.

## ARTICLE XIII

### Amendments

#### SECTION I.

Resolution to alter, amend, repeal or add new Bylaws must be presented in writing to the Officers no less than thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting.

#### SECTION II.

A two-thirds affirmative vote by the membership attending the Annual Meeting is required to pass a proposed amendment.

#### SECTION III.

All amendments to the Bylaws shall become effective when adopted and shall be revised in the Chapter Constitution and Bylaws.