



Bylaws

Shepherd Golf is a ministry of Shepherd Sports at Shepherd of the Hills Church in association with the SCGA

Shepherd Sports | Shepherd of the Hills Church | 19700 Rinaldi Street | Porter Ranch, CA 91326



Shepherd Golf - Bylaws

Article I – Name

The name of this organization is Shepherd Golf. Shepherd Golf runs under the umbrella of Shepherd Sports at Shepherd of the Hills Church. Shepherd Golf is a SCGA member club without walls.

Article II – Purposes

Section 1: To honor & follow the Shepherd Sports purpose statement.

"The purpose of the Sports Ministry at Shepherd of the Hills is to provide opportunities to reach those who do not know Christ, through the common bond of sports. Our goal is to offer avenues for you to participate in sports while building friendships and connecting with the church. Your involvement will give you a non-threatening atmosphere to invite friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family members while seizing chances to share the love of God."

Section 2: To always maintain integrity, sportsmanship, discipline and honor both on and off the course. This includes no alcohol at any event.

Section 3: To create an environment and club where people can enjoy fellowship, friendship and the opportunities to meet new people through the game of golf.

Section 4: To create opportunities for Shepherd Golf members to bring friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to Shepherd Golf events.

Section 5: To have in place a convenient and authoritative body to govern club events and tournaments throughout the year.

Section 6: To maintain a fair and uniform system of handicapping as set forth by Shepherd Golf and the Southern California Golf Association.

Article III – Membership

Section 1: *Members*

All members are subject to the Board President (Sports Pastor). Any person is eligible for a Shepherd Golf membership. All applicants must meet the membership requirements and follow its criteria in applying for membership. All dues must be paid on time in order to maintain an active membership status.

Section 2: *Membership*

A membership is granted to any individual who fulfills all applicant requirements and maintains the by-laws set forth by Shepherd Golf.

- a. Membership is available for anyone 16 years of age or older.
 - 1) Anyone under the age of 18 needs a waiver release from their parents.
- b. Memberships are good for up to one calendar year, with all memberships expiring on December 31 of the current membership year.
- c. The Board of Directors may confer honorary memberships upon those whom they feel have contributed or advanced the progress of Shepherd Golf and Shepherd Sports.
- d. Once a candidate receives membership, he/she is considered a member as long as that member's dues are paid each year. If a member's dues lapse, he/she is no longer considered an active member.

Section 3: *Procedure for Obtaining Membership*

- a. Each prospective member who applies will be held on probation until all requirements are fulfilled and applicant is given membership from the board.
- b. To apply for membership an applicant must:
 - 1) Fill out a SCGA New Membership Application.
 - 2) Sign a Shepherd Golf Application Page and Waiver.
 - 3) Pay his/her dues in a timely manner. Membership dues are non-refundable.
- c. Once a prospective member applies for membership, they will receive his/her SCGA handicap card and probationary membership status with Shepherd Golf.
- d. Each Candidate for membership must participate in two Shepherd Golf events before qualifying for full membership from the board. These two events are required in order to be eligible for the club championship and Shepherd Cup.

- e. After an applicant participates in two Shepherd Golf events his/her full membership vote will be put to the board. Two negative votes from the board shall disqualify the candidate from membership.

Section 4: *Obligation and Discipline of Members*

The acceptance of membership into Shepherd Golf shall bind each member to uphold the provisions of the articles and by-laws, to abide by all the conditions, rules and regulations of Shepherd Golf and to accept and enforce all rules and decisions of the board and any of its committees acting within its jurisdiction.

Section 5: *Termination of Membership*

In the event any member of this organization shall commit any act which reflects discredit or disrepute thereon or shall refuse or neglect to comply with the rules and regulations set forth by Shepherd Golf, such member shall be subject to suspension or expulsion after review of the board. All members have the right to be heard. The Board President (Sports Pastor) has final say in all membership issues.

Article IV – Board of Directors

Section 1: The Board of Directors shall consist of five total members including the Board President. All members of the board are selected by the Board President.

1. Board President
2. Vice President
3. Handicap Chair
4. Tournament Director
5. Secretary

Section 2: All issues and actions within Shepherd Golf including membership will go to the board for a vote. A 75% vote is needed to pass.

Section 3: The Board President (Sports Pastor) has the right to rule over any matter relating to Shepherd Golf.

Article V – Dues

Dues are required for each new year which runs from January 1 to December 31. A previous or new applicant may apply to join Shepherd Golf at any time by paying his/her dues and following the membership procedure requirements above. On August 1 of every year dues are reduced by 30% of the original amount owed for that current year. Membership dues include money owed to the Southern California Golf Association for membership and handicapping. If a new member already holds a SCGA membership and handicapping card, then his/her dues will be 20% less for that current year.

All membership fees and dues shall be established by the board of directors, and from time to time, such amounts may be changed as they deem to be adequate, to operate and maintain the club. Members shall be liable for dues until their written resignation has been received and accepted.

Dues for the following year for current members are due by November 1. If dues have not been received by December 1 of the prior year of membership in question that member must re-apply as a new member candidate. Previous members can be fully re-instated at any time if the board finds them in good standings.

Article VI – Tournaments

Throughout the year Shepherd Golf will run several different style tournaments. This does not include friendly member only rounds played throughout the year. For Tournament style play, please note that members will not always get to play with other requested members. Partnering will depend on style of tournament and a draw format. Members will always be paired with his/her guest(s) within a quest style tournament. Any tie situation during a Shepherd Golf tournament will be decided by a card off (excluding the club championship).

Our club championship tournament will take place over two rounds. Any tie during our club championship will be decided by a one-hole playoff until we have our winner. The "A" flight winner will have the opportunity to represent Shepherd Golf in the SCGA tournament of champions.

The Handicap Chair and the Board have the right to research a member's handicap index and change any member's handicap index where warranted. Guests or members that do not hold a handicap index will be at the discretion of the Handicap Chair and the Board.

