

# **FARRELL ROAD ENGINEERING GOLF ASSOCIATION (FREGA) BYLAWS**

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## **I. MEMBERSHIP**

This organization shall be known as the Farrell Road Engineering Golf Association or FREGA. Membership of FREGA is open with preference to employees or retirees of General Electric Company, Martin Marietta, or Lockheed Martin.

Priority for membership shall be: (1) current league members in good standing, (2) former league members who were active league members at least one season in the preceding three seasons of play, and (3) new applicants. Priority shall be given to Lockheed Martin employees for (2) and (3). A waiting list shall be established at the conclusion of league play for the following year. This list shall be the responsibility of the incoming president. New members shall be accepted from this list in order of application date.

A league member will be in good standing providing a league entry form and fee is received by the designated date at the beginning of the golf season. In the event not enough forms have been received to fill the team roster, the waiting list is then used to add members. In the case where the waiting list has been exhausted of names, the officers shall notify all members of the league so that the solicitation of new members begins A.S.A.P.

### **Roster Participation**

- I. Season Start - Between the completion of the season and prior to inviting participation in the league for the next year, the officers of the league shall review the attendance of each player from the previous year. Any player missing more than 25% of league play will be reviewed. Based on the known reasons for the absences, the player may not be invited to participate in the league the next year. This will be decided by a majority vote of the league officers.
- II. During the season –Player attendance shall be reviewed by the officers. Any player missing a significant amount of league play for which they were eligible, will be reviewed. Based on the known reasons for the absences, the player may be requested to leave the league active roster for the current half or remainder of the season. This will be decided by a majority vote of the league officers.

## **II. LEAGUE OFFICIALS**

An annual meeting shall be held at the time of the End-Of-Season Tournament. A Board of Directors shall be elected from the members in good standing by majority vote of such members. The Board of Directors shall consist of the following officials:

President, Vice-President / Tournament Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Rules Chairman, Prize and Special Event Chairman, and Whiffs and Chips Chairman.

If for any reason, a board member cannot fulfill his term, the board shall appoint a member of the league to fill out the remainder of the term.

The Board of Directors shall have the power to establish fees and schedules and perform duties specifically listed in these Bylaws.

## **III LEAGUE COMPETITION**

The FREGA seasons play will consist of two types of competition.

Conceding putts, Gimmes, are not allowed in either type of competition.

- (1) Team Play - Team competition will be conducted for the entire scheduled season.
  - (A) Matches - Matches between individuals on opposing teams will be arranged in order of handicaps and published in a weekly flyer. In event of an unequal number of players assigned on opposing teams, the odd player will be the one with the highest handicap and will score by

the forfeit rule. Opponents shall attempt to play in the same foursome. Scoring rules for teams of an unequal number of assigned players will be decided by the FREGA Directors.

(B) Points - Winners of team play will be based on a point system. The number of points won by Individuals will be determined as follows:

- 2 points for each hole won with handicap
- 1 point for each hole tied with handicap
- 4 points for low net (2 each for tied low net score)

Low net is computed by gross score less handicap. A total of 22 points are won between each pair of players.

Players are responsible for computing their own points and entering them on their scorecard. The number of points won by a team will be determined by computing the score of four players (including forfeits) who have scored the most points, and summing the points together for total team score.

(C) Season Team Award Tie Breakers – In the case of a tie between two teams at the end of the season the following will decide the winning (higher placed) team.

1. Head to head scores of the teams versus each other (highest point total wins).
2. If still tied after 1. above, then the team's scores versus the highest ranked team not part of the tie shall be used (highest point total wins).
3. If still tied after 2. above, then the teams scores versus the next highest ranked team not part of the tie shall be used (highest point total wins).
4. This process shall be continued until a winner is established or the teams are all utilized and there is still a tie. If there is still a tie, then a coin flip by the league president shall establish the winning (higher placed) team.

(2) Flight Play - For the second half of the season individual competition (medal play) will be conducted in conjunction with team play. Flights will be established based on average gross scores over the first half of the season.

#### **IV HANDICAPS**

**(1) Handicap Computation** – Weekly handicaps will be based on a set of six adjusted gross scores.

Handicaps used on the first league night of play will be the final handicap of the previous season for members participating last year. Each week that week's handicap will be calculated based on 90% of the difference between their adjusted gross score and par. Each week the high and low scores of the last six matches played will be deleted and the handicap computed on the difference of the average of adjusted gross scores of remaining four matches and par. Handicap will be computed as 90% of the difference between the adjusted gross score and par. Members of last year will use last year's matches to establish their set of six scores. For returning members, all effort will be made to use the old handicap but if the handicap is many years old and it might not be representative of the current golfer's ability the member will be treated as a new member

**(2) New members**--For the first 3 weeks they participate, their handicap will be calculated each week and will be solely based on that night's score. After 3 weeks of completed play, the average of their first 3 weeks gross score will be used as the 3 oldest scores along with their actual scores for the first three weeks to complete the set of six scores used to compute their 6-week established handicap (using the average scores as the oldest data). After this, the weekly handicaps will be computed as it is for the rest of league members cited above (i.e.. as a new score is added the oldest of the six previous values will be replaced by the new score).

(3) Adjusted Gross Score - Adjusted Gross Scores is determined by eliminating excess strokes over triple bogey on each hole. The triple bogey applies to all nine holes. The nearest whole number is the handicap, e.g., 13.4 is a handicap of 13, and 13.5 is a handicap of 14.

## **V. POSTING OF SCORES**

Scores and points will be posted in the clubhouse on the normal date of play. Individuals are urged to have their play posted upon completion of their round.

## **VI. RAINOUTS**

In the event of inclement weather the decision of whether to play or not to play will be made at the golf course by the Board of Directors.

The only exception will be if the golf course has been declared unplayable by the golf course management. In this event, each Team Captain will be notified by the Board of Directors of the cancellation at their place of business. It will be the Team Captain's responsibility to, in turn, notify each of his players.

In the event of a partial rainout (part of the league play is completed but part of the league is unable to complete play due to inclement weather by the course or the Board of Directors), no scores will be counted and the course will be compensated per our league contract.

## **VII. ADVANCE ROUNDS OF GOLF**

- (1) An advance round may be played with permission of the league President, Vice President or Secretary to only count toward Flight play before the last night of the season.
- (2) Regular season league play must begin no earlier than 3pm on the scheduled league afternoon. Any league play prior to this starting time will not count as regular league play.

## **VIII. FORFEITS (See XIV. FINANCIAL)**

A forfeit may be called by a player if his opponent is not on the tee when the last group is ready to tee off.

If a player should forfeit a match, his opponent must complete 9 holes and turn in a score card marked "forfeit". This score will be counted in figuring his handicap and will count for weekly low net prize.

A player scheduled to compete against an opponent who forfeits shall receive 4 points for low net. Hole play points shall be scored against the opposing team's player in the next higher handicap position of the opposing team's roster. If the player receiving the forfeit is the highest handicap golfer then the hole play points shall be scored against the opposing team's player in the next lower handicap position of the opposing team's roster. Hole points shall be scored in accordance with Section III. (1) (B).

The forfeiting player's team can receive up to, but no more than, a maximum of 9 points from the possible 18 match points which were not won by the player receiving the forfeit. If this score is one of the forfeiting team's four highest scores, it will be added to the forfeiting team's total score.

## **IX. FLIGHT PLAY RULES**

The second half of league play will include medal play. The winner of each flight will be the player with the least number of net strokes for all utilized rounds of play.

Utilized rounds of play are one less than the number of rounds utilized for league play during the flight play period (second half of the season).

Each player must complete all holes of the utilized rounds in order to be eligible for flight prizes.

The following additional rules apply to flight play:

- (1) A minimum of 4 rounds of flight play must be played on scheduled league playing dates. Makeup rounds of golf may be used for the remaining rounds.
- (2) Makeup rounds (rounds played after the league scheduled playing date) can be played any time during the second half of the season.
- (3) All makeup rounds must be completed and score cards turned into the league secretary within two days after completion of scheduled league match play.

(4) The following requirements must be met for makeup rounds of flight play:

- A maximum of 18 holes may be played on any given day, and they must be 18 different holes.
- Makeup rounds may be played on scheduled league dates provided the round can be played on the side (front or back) not being played on the scheduled league date.
- The league secretary should be notified in advance of the intent to play non-scheduled makeup round of golf.
- Play must be with a league member.
- Enter on the score card:
  - Date of play
  - Date originally scheduled
  - Signature of player and witness
  - Gross score

## **X. SEASON AWARDS**

- Season Awards will consist of the following:
  - Awards for each member of the First Place Team
  - Appropriate prizes to each member of the Second Place Team
  - Low Average Net \* (Award)
  - Individual High Points Won \* (one/team)
  - Most Improved \* (Award)
- (Must not miss more than 3 scheduled matches - largest decrease in average comparing final average to final average from last year. For new members, the average after the first four (4) matches. Average based on actual gross scores.)
- An award to each of the Flight Winners
  - Appropriate prizes to each Flight Runner-up
- \* Must not miss more than 3 scheduled matches

## **XI. TOURNAMENTS**

A Mid-Season and End-of-Season tournament will be scheduled.

- The Mid-Season tournament will be after the first half of play. The type of tournament, awards (etc.) will be determined by the Tournament Chairman and approved by the Board of Directors.
- The End-of-Season tournament will be played following the regular season. The date and place will be determined by the Tournament Chairman and approved by the Board of Directors.
- Prizes will be determined by the League Prize Chairman.

## **XII. WEEKLY AWARDS**

- Prior to Flight Play the following weekly prizes will be awarded. Determination of the winners will be in the order listed.
1. Team Most Points - Each playing member of the team winning the most points for the week – In the event of a tie, duplicate prizes will be awarded. Winning team members are eligible for special event prizes, but neither low net nor individual points. Team members who forfeit are not eligible for team prizes.
  2. Individual Low Net - The golfer with the lowest net for the week - In the event of a tie, duplicate prizes will be awarded. Low net winner is eligible for special prizes, but not most individual points.
  3. Individual Most Points - The individual golfer winning the most points for the week - In the event of a tie, duplicate prizes will be awarded. Most points winner is also eligible for special event prizes.

- During Flight Play a prize will be awarded to the golfer with the low net score in each flight. (In case of ties, duplicate prizes will be awarded.)
- Prizes will also be given for weekly Special Events.
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### **XIII. LEAGUE RULES**

U.S.G.A. Rules shall, on the most part, govern league play.

The rules chairman will be given a U.S.G.A. Rule book.

For the benefit of all, Attachment A lists the rules especially tailored for FREGA.

The Rules Chairman shall be responsible for all rules questions. If he or one of his teammates is involved in the rules question, and the opposing player does not accept the ruling of the Rules Chairman, a committee shall make the final ruling. The committee shall be composed of a member of each team selected by the Rules Chairman prior to the start of each season and shall exclude the teams involved in the debate.

### **XIV. LEAGUE FINANCIAL**

Each league member shall pay the following fees to the league treasurer:

1. An annual league membership fee of \$40 to pay for the purchase of prizes, trophies, and to pay all or part of the cost of the end of season banquet. This fee shall be paid in full prior to the first week of scheduled league play, and is non refundable.
2. A golf course fee that equals the sum of the greens fee for the 18 weeks of scheduled play.  
The golf course fee may be paid in two equal installments unless other arrangements are made.  
Installment #1: Paid prior to the first week of league play and is non refundable.  
Installment #2: Paid prior to the ninth week of league play and is non refundable.
3. Failure to comply with 1 & 2 above may result in forfeiture of active league membership along with any money contributed to that point. At the discretion of the Board of Directors a replacement player from the list of prospective new members will be solicited. The new member shall be responsible for fees from that time forward just like all other members.
4. The league treasurer shall make available at the EOS tournament a financial report  
Summarizing all current year credits and debits from the league funds.

### **XV. CHANGES TO BY-LAWS**

Changes to the By-Laws and Rules Of Play may be made by the Board of Directors with at least 75% approval of the Board of Directors.

Changes to the By-Laws and Rules Of Play may also be proposed by any member of the league. Proposed changes shall be submitted to the President with signatures of five assenting members. The President shall submit all proposed changes to the Board of Directors within one week of the proposal. Again approval of at least 75% of the Board of Directors shall be required for acceptance of the proposed change. Dates for implementation of accepted changes shall be included in each proposal.

### **XVI. TEAM MAKEUP**

Before the new season starts, the league secretary shall make a list of members from the previous year. This list shall be arranged from low to high average gross score (to as many decimal points as necessary). New members will be added with the best estimate of what they will average. Team makeup will then be established by numbering the players (from low gross upward) from 1 to N (where N is the number of teams in the league), then from N to 1, repeating the sequence until the list is fully numbered. The like numbered players shall make up a team. After the preliminary teams are formed, modifications

may be required to balance the anticipated forfeits based on “nights not playing” from the signup sheet and past history. The completed teams are then to be approved by the President and posted on the website.