

## Constitution & By-Laws of Durand Eastman Golf Club, Inc

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**Article I. Name**

The name of this organization shall be: "Durand Eastman Golf Club, Inc."

**Article II. Objective**

Durand Eastman Golf Club or the "Club" shall exist solely to enjoy and promote the game of golf, fostering both social enjoyment and competitive spirit associated with it.

**Article III. Membership**

Active membership in this club shall be open to:

- a. Any male who is too old to qualify for USGA junior golf.
- b. He shall apply for membership on or after the first day of January of each year. Each application must have the sponsorship of a current member. Those requesting membership in consecutive years will be given preferential consideration over the first-time applicants, providing they are sponsored by the same member in good standing and subject to Article IX, Section 9.04 (a) of the By-Laws. New members will be considered on a first come first served basis.
- c. The names of prospective new members shall be communicated to the general membership prior to their acceptance
- d. The membership of this Club shall be a flexible figure controlled and approved by the Board of Directors and in line with the facilities and conditions available at the golf course each season. New members will be accepted up to that figure until a cut-off date set by a vote of the Officers and Board of Directors.

**Commented [BW1]:** Added The names of prospective new members....Quorum of 52 – 4/10/2018

**Article IV. Officers and Board of Directors**

The Officers of this Club shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer.

Board of Directors shall consist of six members. (4) Four-year members, (2) One-year members. The immediate Past President may become a director for a period of one year immediately following his last term in office as President, increasing the number of Directors to seven (7) during that one-year period.

The terms of the new officers and board of directors will begin on the first day of the month following the elections.

a. The **President** shall:

- Conduct all meetings and call any special meetings he deems necessary and advisable.
- Appoint all committees necessary for the successful operation of the Club.
- Be responsible for the execution of the Constitution and By-Laws.
- Provide a deciding vote in the event of a tie

b. The **Vice President** shall:

- Assume the duties of the President in his absence.
- Serve on committees and provide for the general welfare of the Club.

c. The **Secretary** shall:

- Record and read minutes at all regular meetings.
- Keep the membership roll up to date
- All correspondence shall be handled using commonly accepted technological methods
- The Secretary shall receive a stipend each year for his incidental expenses.

d. The **Treasurer** shall:

- Keep records of all monies received and distributed by the Club.
- Pay all bills.
- Give a complete financial report of the Club's status at each meeting.
- Receive all monies for yearly dues, initiation fees and GHIN fees
- Submit an annual report of the Club's financial status by year end for approval by the Board of Directors.
- The Treasurer shall receive a stipend each year for his incidental expenses.

**Commented [BW2]:** Moved from secretary duties to treasurer duties. Quorum of 75 - 4/8/25

**e. The Board of Directors shall:**

- Guide and control the management of the Club, provide for the general welfare and uphold the Constitution and By-Laws of this organization.
- Appropriate, if necessary, any money needed for the Club's welfare, but not in excess of the money in the treasury at the time.
- Prepare the annual budget and review and approve the Treasurer's annual report
- Vote to fill any unexpired term of Officers and Board members that may become open during the regular season.
- Have the power to expel or discipline any member found guilty of actions detrimental to the welfare of the Club. However, prior to a vote on final action, the member will be given an opportunity to present their side of an issue. The member will be sent notice by registered mail at least 30 days prior to the disciplinary review. The Board of Directors can impose an immediate, temporary suspension of the member prior to a hearing.
- Have the power to replace an Officer or member of the Board of Directors for failure to perform his duties and failure to attend more than two consecutive meetings without cause.

**Article V. Meetings**

The club will convene general member meetings on the second Tuesday of the months of March, April, May and September. At the discretion of the board, general membership meetings may be held in the months of June through August when circumstances of the club dictate a membership meeting is needed.

**Commented [BW3]:** Changed from "Regular meetings of this Club shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month during March, April, May, June, July, August and September. March 11, 2014, Quorum of 62

**Article VI. Affiliations**

This Club shall be affiliated with the following organizations:

- The United States Golf Association
- The New York State Golf Association
- The Rochester District Golf Association

**Article VII. Amendments**

The Constitution may be amended by a three-quarter vote of the total number of members present at a regular meeting, provided that written notice of the proposed amendment has been given and read at the regular meeting preceding the meeting at which the amendment is to be voted upon. No vote of any amendment or business directly affecting the welfare of the Club should be taken until a quorum is present.

**Article VIII. Quorum**

Quorum shall consist of at least 20% of the total membership.

## **Article IX. Bylaws**

### **Section 9.01 Dues**

The dues of this Club shall be payable after January 1<sup>st</sup> and up to and including the night of the March meeting of each year. Any member failing to remit dues by the March meeting shall be deemed not in good standing with the Club, except in cases where the Board of Directors has determined that non-payment was the result of unavoidable circumstances. A member may be reinstated upon full payment of his dues together with a late fee up to a cut-off date. The late fee and the cut-off date will be set by a vote of the Officers and Board of Directors.

The dues of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Handicap Chairman, and Board of Directors shall be waived by the Club for services rendered, with the exception of the Handicap fees.

### **Section 9.02 Elections**

Elections of Officers and Board members as previously outline shall be held each fall in a timeframe established by the Officers and Board. Members wishing to run for office will be given an opportunity to address the membership prior to the election. Votes will be cast and tabulated in a manner consistent with current technology.

### **Section 9.03 Memberships**

#### **a. Sons**

Any member who has been a member in good standing for five (5) consecutive years may request preferential treatment of his son(s) application for membership any January following the year in which the son has become eligible for membership.

#### **b. Special memberships – Life, Honorary, Absentee Membership**

Life and honorary membership can be awarded to any member of the Club in recognition of his outstanding contribution and dedication to the welfare of this organization. This membership shall be proposed to the membership by the Board of Directors for a vote at a regular meeting based upon the following qualifications:

##### **Qualifications for Life Membership**

- i. Must be at least 50 years of age.
- ii. Must have been an Officer or Director.
- iii. Must have accumulated at least 60 points.
- iv. Points accumulated as follows:
  - a. 1 point for every year as a member
  - b. 2 points for every year serving on any committee
  - c. 3 points for every year on Board of Directors, or as Handicap/GHIN Chairman
  - d. 5 points for every year as an Officer
- v. He maintains all the rights and privileges of a regular member.
- vi. A Life Member has their membership and dues covered by the Club, with the exception of the handicap fee
- vii. A member reaching 60 points before age 50 will have ½ membership paid until reaching age 50, at which time the full membership will be paid with the exception of the handicap fee.

##### **Qualifications for Honorary Membership**

- i. Honorary memberships shall be recommended to the membership at the discretion of the Board.
- ii. Honorary members pay no membership or handicap dues and he has no voting rights. He may attend all social events.

- iii. Honorary and life memberships will not be counted against the quota for membership in any year.

#### Qualifications for Absentee Members

- i. Absentee membership shall be assigned on a yearly basis by the Board at its discretion.
- ii. Absentee members will pay a fee determined by the Board for the year which will include GHIN fee plus a nominal fee for administrative expenses.
- iii. Absentee members will be allowed to continue their membership in good standing, vote, attend social functions, and play in one club tournament per year. The tournament can NOT be the Club Championship.

**Commented [BW4]:** Added Absentee Member section 4/9/2013, quorum of 37

### **Section 9.04 Junior Memberships**

#### **a. Purpose of Junior Memberships:**

The purpose of the junior membership status is to encourage youth to learn and enjoy golf, to establish a handicap, to play fairly with good sportsmanship, and to allow for greater companionship with related older members, such as fathers, grandfathers, uncles, etc.

#### **b. Qualifications for Junior Members:**

Young men, who will meet the age requirements for Pee-Wee (9-11), Sub-Junior (12-14 yrs), or Junior (15-17 yrs) golf events during the calendar year, may join the Club as "junior members" during that year. A junior member, who turns 18 during the year, at his option, may become a "full member" with payment of the regular initiation fee. If he chooses not to join, his junior membership is terminated at the end of the year.

#### **c. Sponsorship:**

A "member" in good standing must sponsor him for membership initially.

#### **d. Fees:**

Dues will be a nominal fee, plus handicap fee. Fees over and above the handicap fees <sup>1</sup>will go towards the DEGC junior golf program(s).

#### **e. Rights:**

A "junior member" will have no voting rights and will not be allowed to attend Club meetings, unless approved by the Officers and Board of Directors. A junior member may play in all club tournaments

**Commented [BW5]:** Added 4/29/2009, quorum of 80

### **Section 9.05 Handicaps**

The Club shall use the services of the USGA at a fee to be established annually and payable by the membership.

### **Section 9.06 Issues not Specifically Covered**

Roberts Rules of Order will be followed when an issue arises which is not specifically covered by the Constitution or Bylaws.

### **Section 9.07 Dissolution of Assets**

If it is voted to dissolve the Club completely, then the assets of the Club will be divided equally among all current regular, life, and honorary members, except honorary members who have never been regular members. This excludes junior members, as well.

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**Section 9.08 General Member Information:**

- a. In addition to the Constitution and By-Laws, there are a number of other Club rules which apply to your membership. Be sure that you review those rules with a member of the Rules Committee to be certain that you have all information pertinent to the membership of this club, since each individual is responsible for meeting the obligations involved.
- b. Tentative tournament schedules can be found on the club website or the bulletin board
- c. Always consult the bulletin board regularly for additional events and information of the Club's activities.
- d. Patronize your local Pro.
- e. **General Rules for a "Good Member"**
  - i. Attends member meetings
  - ii. Pays his dues promptly.
  - iii. Participates in as many tournaments as he can
  - iv. Helps make the social functions of the Club a success by working and attending.
  - v. Conducts himself as a gentleman on the golf course, and anywhere else where the club's reputation is at stake.
  - vi. Posts all his scores to be sure that his handicap is accurate and up-to-date.