

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

# CONSTITUTION

### Article I - **Name**

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

### Article II - **Objective**

The club shall be for the sole purpose of enjoying and promoting the game of golf, and for the social and competitive pleasure that goes 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 III, Section I 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 read at a meeting of the general membership
- 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.

### Article IV – **Officers**

The Officers of this Club shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Board of Directors consisting of six members. The immediate Past President will automatically become a Director for a period of one year, the 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 will begin on the first day of the month following the elections.

#### Section I - **The President** shall:

- 1) Conduct all meetings and call any special meetings he deems necessary and advisable.
- 2) Appoint all committees necessary for the successful operation of the Club.
- 3) Be responsible for the execution of the Constitution and By-Laws.

#### Section II - **The Vice-President** shall:

- 1) assume the duties of the President in his absence.
- 2) Serve on committees and provide for the general welfare of the Club.

#### Section III - **The Secretary** shall:

- 1) Record and read minutes at all regular meetings.
- 2) Keep the membership roll
- 3) Handle all correspondence.
- 4) Receive all monies for dues, also initiation fees, and turn same over to the Treasurer, receiving receipt for that amount.
- 5) The Secretary shall receive a fee each year for his incidental expenses.

Section IV - **The Treasurer** shall:

- a. Keep records of all monies received and distributed by the Club.
- b. Pay all bills.
- c. Give a complete financial report of the Club's status at each meeting.
- d. The Treasurer shall receive a fee each year for his incidental expenses.
- e. Submit an annual report of the Club's financial status by year end for approval by the Board of Directors.

Section V - **The Board of Directors** shall:

- a. Consist of four members of the Club who are elected for four year terms, one term of office expiring each year, and two members elected each year for one year terms.
- b. Guide and control the management of the Club, Provide for the general welfare and uphold the Constitution and By-Laws of this organization.
- c. 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 an annual budget. and review and approve the Treasurer's annual report.
- d. Vote to fill any unexpired term of Officers and Board members that may become open during the regular season.
- e. 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.

Article V - **Meetings**

***the Board recommends changing the above sentence to:***

**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.**

[Changed from: The regular meetings of this Club shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month during March, April, May, June, July, August, and September.]

Article VI - **Affiliations**

This Club shall be affiliated with the following organizations:

- i. The United States Golf Association
- ii. The New York State Golf Association
- iii. 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

## **By-Laws**

Article I

Section I - **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 who shall not have paid his dues by the night of the March meeting shall no longer be considered a member in good standing in the Club, unless non-payment was due to unavoidable circumstances approved by the Board of Directors. 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.

## Section II - **Duties**

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.

## Article II - **Elections**

That our annual election of Officers be held in the Fall of each year. That the President appoint a committee of three members plus the club Secretary for the purpose of contacting and placing in nomination on a ballot to be mailed to all members, the names of suitable candidates for the offices to be contested. The three members shall not be current Board members or candidates for the board. The ballots shall be sealed and returned to the Secretary and opened and counted one week prior to the year end Banquet by the same election committee and the results made known the night of our Awards Banquet at the end of the season. Ballots postmarked after this date will not be allowed.

## Article III - **Memberships**

### Section I - **Sons**

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

### Section II – **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:
  1. 1 point for every year as a member
  2. 2 points for every year serving on any committee
  3. 3 points for every year on Board of Directors, or as Handicap/GHIN Chairman
  4. 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 his membership and dues paid for by the Club with the exception of an optional 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 Members**

- a. Honorary memberships shall be recommended to the membership at the discretion of the Board.
- b. Honorary members pay no membership or handicap dues and he has no voting rights. He may attend all social events.
- c. Honorary and life memberships will not be counted against the quota for membership in any year.

#### Qualifications for **Absentee Members**

- a. Absentee membership shall be assigned on a yearly basis by the Board at its discretion.
- b. 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.
- c. 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.

### Section III - Failure to Perform Duties

The **Board** shall have the absolute power to replace any 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.

### Section IV - Junior memberships

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.

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.

Sponsorship: A “member” in good standing must sponsor him for membership initially.

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

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.](#)

### Article IV - Handicaps

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

### Article V – 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.

### Article IV – 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.

### A good member:

- a. Attends all meetings
- b. Pays his dues promptly.
- c. Participates in as many tournaments as he can
- d. Helps make the social functions of the Club a success by working and attending.
- e. Conducts himself as a gentleman on the golf course, and anywhere else where the club’s reputation is at stake.
- f. Posts all his scores to be sure that his handicap is accurate and up-to-date.

### General Information For Members

1. 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.
2. Tentative tournament schedules are printed on the reverse side of your membership card for the coming year.
3. Always consult the bulletin board regularly for additional events and information of the Club’s activities.

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