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ARTICLE I — NAME, PURPOSE & AFFILIATIONS

1. Name. The name of this organization is “The Players Club Golf Group” (the “Club”).
2. Purpose. Promote a welcoming, fun, and competitive golf environment, with an emphasis on brisk pace of play and fellowship.
3. Affiliations & Tools. The Club utilizes:
 - USGA Handicap (GHIN) for handicapping.
 - EZGolf (or equivalent) for scheduling, registrations, and scoring.
 - A Club website for schedules, results, standings, and policies.

ARTICLE II — MEMBERSHIP

1. Eligibility. Membership is open to golfers who agree to these Bylaws and Club policies.
2. Dues. Annual dues are \$75 per member. Dues cover GHIN, EZGolf services, Club website and admin fees.
3. Term. The membership year aligns with the competitive season (April 1 – October 31) unless otherwise set by the Board.
4. Benefits. Members are eligible to compete in Club events (including 7 Monthly Majors), earn season points, and participate in side games.
5. Good Standing. Members must abide by the Rules of Golf, these Bylaws, and pay dues/fees when due.

ARTICLE III — GOVERNANCE

1. Board of Directors. The Club is governed by a three-person Board: President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer.
2. Duties.
 - President — Leads the Club, presides at meetings, appoints committees, and publishes Conditions of Competition.
 - Vice President — Supports the President; oversees events and pace of play initiatives.
 - Secretary/Treasurer — Keeps records, manages finances, collects dues/fees, and publishes standings.
3. Terms & Elections. Board terms are one (1) year. Elections are by simple majority of members present (or by electronic ballot) at the annual meeting.
4. Vacancies. The Board may appoint a member to fill a vacancy for the remainder of the term.
5. Committees. The Board may form committees (Rules, Competition, Handicap, Social) as needed.

ARTICLE IV — MEETINGS

1. Annual Meeting. Held before or during the season to review policies, elect officers, and adopt the schedule.
2. Special Meetings. May be called by the Board. Notices may be sent via email or posted on the Club website.

ARTICLE V — SEASON, EVENTS & SCHEDULE

1. Season. The competitive season runs April 1 through October 31 (“Season”). There are seven (7) Monthly Majors—one per month.
2. Events.
 - Monthly Major — Individual stroke play (or format as announced) awarding 2x points.
 - Monthly Two-Person Team Event — e.g., Best Ball, Scramble, or Alternate Shot (format announced monthly).

- Fellowship Rounds — Organized social golf without points; used to build community and keep play brisk.
3. Schedule Changes. The Board may adjust dates, formats, or venues due to weather, course availability, or other reasons; reasonable notice will be provided.

ARTICLE VI — SCORING, STANDINGS & POINTS

1. Points Eligibility. Only Members in good standing earn Season points.
2. Points Awards (Top 10). Standard event points are:
1st: 100, 2nd: 80, 3rd: 70, 4th: 60, 5th: 55, 6th: 50, 7th: 45, 8th: 40, 9th: 35, 10th: 30.
Majors are worth 2x these values. No participation points are awarded.
3. Teams. For two-person events, points are awarded per player based on team finish.
4. Ties. Unbroken ties share the average of the tied positions' points.
5. Season Champion. The member with the highest cumulative points at Season end is the Club Champion (and may receive a trophy/prize as determined by the Board).

ARTICLE VII — SIDE GAMES (OPTIONAL)

1. Skins. \$30 per player per event (gross or net as announced). Payout method and ties as announced by the Committee.
2. Greenies / Closest to the Pin. \$10 per player per event. Holes and payout as announced.
3. Separation from Points. Side games are independent of Season points and Club standings.
4. Payouts. Prefer non-cash awards (e.g., shop credit or gift cards) where required by course policy or law.

ARTICLE VIII — RULES OF PLAY & PACE

1. Rules. Unless the Committee states otherwise in the Conditions of Competition, USGA Rules of Golf apply.
2. Pace Policy — Fellowship Rounds. To keep play brisk, the Club adopts a pace of play local policy: treat any lost ball or ball in a penalty area as a 1-stroke drop at the nearest reasonable spot no closer to the hole (safe, agreed by group). This is intended for non-tournament fellowship play.
3. Competition Rounds. For Monthly Majors and official competitions, the Committee will publish any Local Rules. If a substitution is needed for lost ball relief, the Committee may adopt USGA Model Local Rule E-5 (two-stroke alternative) and will announce it in the event's notice.
4. Ready Golf. Players are encouraged to play "ready golf" safely, limit search time, and keep up with the group ahead.
5. Code of Conduct. Courtesy to fellow players, adherence to course policies, and care for the course are mandatory.

ARTICLE IX — HANDICAPS & POSTING

1. System. The Club uses the USGA World Handicap System (GHIN).
2. Posting. Members must post all eligible scores promptly per WHS rules. Failure to post may result in adjustment or disqualification.
3. Playing Handicap. The Committee will publish the handicap allowances for each format in advance.

ARTICLE X — FINANCES

1. Accounts. The Secretary/Treasurer maintains Club funds in a transparent manner and provides summaries on request.
2. Dues & Fees. Annual dues are \$75 and are non-refundable once the Season begins. Event/side game fees are due before play.
3. Prizes. Prize structures (including side games) are announced in the event notice. The Club may prefer non-cash awards.

ARTICLE XI — DISCIPLINE & DISPUTES

1. Conduct. The Board may warn, suspend, or expel a member for serious or repeated violations of these Bylaws, the Rules of Golf, or the Code of Conduct.
2. Appeals. A disciplined member may appeal in writing to the Board. The Board's decision is final for the Season.

3. Rules Decisions. On-course disputes should be resolved using USGA rules; if uncertain, play two balls under Rule 20.1c(3) and seek a ruling after the round.

ARTICLE XII — AMENDMENTS

1. Amendments. These Bylaws may be amended by majority vote of members present at a duly called meeting or by an electronic vote with at least seven (7) days' notice.

2. Effective Date. Amendments are effective upon publication on the Club website unless a later date is specified.

APPENDIX A — POINTS TABLE (TOP 10)

Standard Event: 1st 100 • 2nd 80 • 3rd 70 • 4th 60 • 5th 55 • 6th 50 • 7th 45 • 8th 40 • 9th 35 • 10th 30

Major Event (2x): 1st 200 • 2nd 160 • 3rd 140 • 4th 120 • 5th 110 • 6th 100 • 7th 90 • 8th 80 • 9th 70 • 10th 60