

SOUTH PARK GOLF CLUB

BY-LAWS AND RULES

MEMBERSHIP

Unlimited membership to men aged 18 years or older. Regular membership is for Members ages 18 - 59 ("Regular Member"). Senior membership is for anybody 60 years of age or older ("Senior Member"). Regular Member and Senior Member are together hereinafter referred to as "Member."

DUES

Regular Member Dues shall be \$100.00 annually. Senior Member Dues shall be \$75.00. Regardless of membership classification, all dues must be paid by the latter of May 20th or the May Club meeting in order to participate in weekly and monthly tournaments and any club sponsored skins games during the year. Dues shall be \$50.00 for the remainder of the calendar year for any old or new member joining after the latter of August 1st or the Club Championship.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS AND RULES

Members of the Club's Board of Directors and Officers have the sole power to amend and adopt any changes to the By-Laws and Rules of the Club.

The general membership can, at any time, overrule the Officers' decisions as related to the changes in the By-Laws and Rules with a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the members in attendance at any general monthly meeting as long as more than one-half (1/2) of the members in good standing are in attendance at the meeting.

MEETINGS

General monthly meetings shall be held on the third (3rd) Tuesday of each month during the golfing season (May-October). The annual meeting shall be held during the annual awards banquet. The meetings shall be held in the clubhouse unless otherwise posted by the Officers. All Members are encouraged to attend the meetings. However, any Member who is acting inappropriately at a meeting (screaming, swearing or intoxication) shall be asked to leave by the Board of Directors.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The Board of Directors shall consist of six (6) members in good standing elected by the general membership to specified offices. Dues for the Club Officers shall be paid for by the Club. The Club Officers' responsibilities shall be as follows:

PRESIDENT: Responsible for overseeing the operation of the Club. Presides at all general monthly and Officer's meetings. The President will be responsible for settling any Club related disputes.

VICE PRESIDENT: Responsible for the July monthly Lottery sales, split club sales at all Club functions and assumes role of President in his absence at all Club meetings and functions.

SECRETARY/TREASURER: Responsible for Club assets and debts, assists the President in collecting and depositing annual dues of Members and insures timely payout of all fees and disbursements to appropriate parties. Prepares monthly minutes of meetings and Treasurer's Report for all meetings.

HANDICAP CHAIRMAN: Responsible for establishing and maintaining the handicaps for all Club members on a bi-weekly basis.

GOLF CHAIRMAN: Responsible for all weekly tournaments and the distribution of prizes for same.

TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN: Responsible for running all Club sponsored tournaments, including Club Championship and Match-Play events. Represents the Club at any Buffalo District Golf Association or W.N.Y. Public Links Golf Association functions.

The Officers may establish committees relating to various Club functions (i.e. golf committee, handicap committee, club championship committee) and may appoint various Members to fill such committee.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominations for Officers shall be taken at the September and October monthly general meetings. Elections will be held at the annual Club Awards banquet in November.

HANDICAPS

All Members of the Club will receive an official United States Golf Association and Buffalo District Golf Association handicap. A Member must have 90 holes of golf recorded in the handicap score report to receive a handicap. Members wishing to use one's handicap in a non-club function event should contact the Handicap Chairman who will provide the Member with an officially attested handicap card.

CLASSES

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP, MONTHLY TOURNAMENTS and INDIVIDUAL MATCH PLAY TOURNAMENTS:

"A" CLASS: Members having assigned handicaps from 0-10.

"B" CLASS: Members having assigned handicaps from 11-18.

"C" CLASS: Members having assigned handicaps from 19 and above.

Members may move up a class for any of the monthly tournaments or the Club Championship (i.e. B to A, or C to B), but they must play at the highest designated handicap for that class (i.e. a member of the C Class may play in B Class, but must play as an 18 handicap, etc...). During any monthly tournament, the

Tournament Chairman may change the handicap for "A" class to 0-12 in order to even out the field between the "A" and "B" classes.

WEEKLY TOURNAMENTS:

"A" CLASS: Members having assigned handicaps from 0-12.

"B" CLASS: Members having assigned handicaps from 13-19.

"C" CLASS: Members having assigned handicaps from 20 and above.

SCORE CARDS

Official score cards shall be used for all tournament play.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

To qualify to play in the Club Championship members must be in good standing, have sold at least ten (10) tickets for the July lottery drawing and have recorded at least five (5) rounds of golf for the calendar year in the handicap book. Special exemptions may be given for any reason by the officers to a Member in good standing. The Championship shall be held over 36 holes.

Members are required to sign an entrance sheet, stating their intention to play, starting three (3) weeks prior to the championship date. Tee times will be posted seven (7) days prior to the first round of play. All members meeting the above noted qualifications are eligible to enter the first round of 18 holes. The second round shall be played the following day with the top eight (8) and ties, or anyone within eight (8) strokes of the first round leader, qualifying from each class. The Member with the best overall gross score in the "A" Class over 36 holes is the Club Champion.

In case of a tie in any Class, the winner shall be determined by a sudden death playoff starting on the 1st hole.

Refreshments will be served between nines on both days of the Tournament play. All Members are invited to attend a dinner at the conclusion of play on the second day.

MATCH PLAY TOURNAMENTS

There shall be two (2) Match Play Tournaments: The Scratch Match Play Championship per class and the George Lesso Memorial.

The George Lesso Memorial is an individual competition played with a member's handicap being taken into consideration for the purpose of "giving" strokes. The Match Play Championship is an individual competition per Class played at scratch.

For the Scratch Match Play Championship, Members shall sign a sheet stating their intention to participate prior to their qualifying round. Members will have two (2) weeks to play a qualifying round, which may be played over two (2) nine (9) hole rounds, but must be played during the same week. Qualifying rounds will determine the seeding per

class by gross scores, not net scores. Low sixteen (16) from each class will qualify for all individual Match Play Tournaments.

A Class "B" or "C" member will be allowed to move up in class if they so choose. If a member so chooses, he shall forfeit the qualifier in his rightful class. Handicaps change throughout the matches in accordance with the present handicap of the member.

When matches begin, two (2) weeks will be allowed for the play of each match. Matches consist of eighteen (18) holes, played at one time or two (2) nine (9) hole rounds on separate days. The final Championship Matches shall consist of eighteen (18) holes on the last weekend on play for each tournament at a time designated by the Tournament Director.

If a player is unable to contact his opponent, he must contact the Tournament Chairman for a ruling prior to the expiration of the two (2) week period. Failure to contact the Tournament Chairman may result in your disqualification. The Tournament Chairman's decision is final. A one-half (1/2) hour grace period will be allowed before a forfeit is declared.

On the last weekend of the Match Play Championship, the final participants will receive refreshments between nines. The Club will provide refreshments for all Members to enjoy after the playing of the matches.

MONTHLY TOURNAMENTS

Monthly tournaments shall be designated by the Tournament Chairman. The Tournament Chairman designates the type of tournament, and if necessary, provides rules for the tournament next to the sign up sheets. In the case of a tie for First (1st) Place in any Tournament, ties shall be decided by a sudden-death playoff. All other ties shall be decided by a match of cards based upon the hardest to easiest handicap holes as designated by the Club.

If a Member signs up for a monthly tournament and fails to show up for his tee time without notifying the Tournament Chairman of his absence at least 1/2 hour before the tournament commences, the Member will be responsible for paying the tournament's entrance fee (i.e. if the tournament costs \$10.00, the Member must pay \$10.00 to the Club for an unexcused absence regardless of whether the Member attended the Tournament or after-Tournament dinner).

If a Member signs up for any two (2) monthly tournaments during a calendar year and fails to show up for his tee times without notifying the Tournament Chairman of his absence at least 1/2 hour before the tournaments commence, the Member will be responsible for paying the tournaments' entrance fees and will be suspended from the all Club functions until all tournament fees have been paid (if the 2 tournaments costs \$20.00 combined, the Member must pay \$20.00 to the Club for the unexcused absences regardless of whether the Member attended the Tournaments or after-Tournament dinners, and the Member is barred from participating in any Club function, i.e. skins games, weekly tournaments, until the fees have been paid).

WEEKLY TOURNAMENTS

Weekly tournaments start on Sunday morning and run through 6:00 pm Saturday. The Golf Chairman designates the type of tournament, and if necessary, provides rules for the tournament next to the score posting sheets.

The first tournament will be a “Kickers” week for all who play on a day posted by the Golf Chairman. Kickers week score will not count towards a member’s handicap.

All weekly tournaments must be played at the South Park Golf Course with a fellow Member. All Members must sign and date the posting sheet prior to commencing your round for score.

A minimum of six (6) Members must participate in a class for prizes to be awarded to that class (Exception in the event of low participation – the Golf Chairman, in order to promote tournament play, has the authority to combine classes in order to meet the prize minimum).

All weekly tournaments are eighteen (18) holes and may be played on two (2) separate days of the same week. All scores must be posted on the sheet in the clubhouse on the same day as played or the Member will be disqualified. If your front nine is played one day, you may not play South Park again until you complete your weekly tournament (i.e. if you play your front nine on Tuesday, you must play your back nine the next time you play South Park. You may not play nine holes on Wednesday and then finish your weekly score on Thursday). All scorecards must be signed and placed in the corresponding box per class.

Six (6) golf balls per class will be awarded as prizes each week as follows:

1 st Place:	3 balls
2 nd Place:	2 balls
3 rd Place:	1 ball

Low handicap breaks all ties!!

SKINS GAMES

The Club shall run two (2) Skins Games on Tuesday and Thursday of each week. Only members in good standing may participate in a Club sponsored Skins Game. No member may tee off before 2:30 pm to play in the skins game and all members participating must have signed the appropriate sheet by 5:30 and tee off by 6:00 pm to play. There shall be an “A” and “B” Class Skins Game and there shall be a corresponding sign-up sheet for each Class. The Classes are as follows:

“A” Class:	0-12 handicap,
“B” Class:	13 and above

The entrance fee per class shall be \$5.00 and payable after your play. If you should sign up and play one hole, you are still obligated to pay \$5.00 per class even if you do not complete your round.

The Club Officers shall have the option of expanding Skins Games at all Monthly Tournaments and the Club Championship.

Any other skins games are non-club functions, and the Club will not be responsible for monitoring the game or handling money associated with the game.

LOTTERY

The Lottery will be conducted in July. All Members are required to sell ten (10) tickets for the July Fundraising Lottery. Failure to sell ten (10) tickets will disqualify the member from playing in the Club Championship, absent a special exemption from the Officers. The Member selling the most tickets for the Lottery shall receive his membership dues back in the form of a check from the Club, or free dues for the next year, whichever the member should choose.

SPLIT CLUB

All split Club tickets will be sold by a member of the Board of Directors at all meetings of the Club under the direction of the Vice President. One-half (1/2) shall go to the winner and the other half to the club.

OUTSIDE TOURNAMENTS

All members are encouraged to participate in outside tournaments (BDGA, WNYPLGA). REMEMBER, if you play in these tournaments you are representing the Club. Any report that a Member was acting inappropriately (swearing, breaking clubs, intoxication) at such a tournament will be dealt with strenuously by the Board of Directors and the offending Member may be disciplined, including, but not limited to, suspension or dismissal from the Club.

Green Fees for the outside tournament will be reimbursed to any Member competing in an individual class tournament who places in the top five (5) for the tournament.

No green fees will be reimbursed for team tournaments unless the team representing the Club finishes in First Place.

DRESS CODE POLICY

The South Park Golf Club Dress Code & Conduct Policy applies to both the course and the Clubhouse and to all members and guests.

All Members and Guests:

- Shirts must be worn at all times. Anybody not in compliance with this rule will be disqualified from an event and suspended from the Club.
- During tournaments all shirts must have collars and sleeves (turtleneck and mock turtleneck are considered to be collars), or be appropriate for wearing on a golf course (i.e. mock short sleeve shirts, women may wear sleeveless shirts if a guest at a tournament). T-Shirts shall NOT be considered appropriate for tournament play. Anybody arriving for a tournament not in compliance with this rule will be asked to comply or leave.
- T-shirts are allowed for normal weekly and skins play, but must not be of a crude or defamatory nature.

- Shorts must be golf appropriate.
- Appropriate blue jeans are allowed during regular weekly and skins play, but are highly discouraged for tournament play.
- Golf shoes with soft spikes are mandatory per City of Buffalo requirement.
- Jogging, exercise or warm-up style attire, swimwear, tanks, message shirts, see-through shirts or cut-off shorts are not allowed at any time.

It is the club member's responsibility to follow the Dress Code. Officers and other club members will be responsible for member and guest compliance with the Dress Code Policy. Members and guests will be asked to comply or leave.

CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

A member shall act appropriately on the course and in the Clubhouse. Any report that a Member is acting inappropriately (breaking clubs, intoxication, swearing in or near the Clubhouse) will be dealt with strenuously and the offending member may be disciplined, including, but not limited to, suspension or dismissal from the Club.

DEATH BENEFITS

Current Member, or Member's spouse, receive death benefits upon the death of the Member or the Member's spouse.

RULES OF PLAY

See attached rules of play per hole.

- When winter rules are in effect, you may pick, clean and place your ball, no closer to the hole, within six (6) inches of where it originally lay in your own fairway.
- Winter rules do not at any time give you the right to improve your line of sight to the green.
- Ball lying other than in your own fairway: no relief is granted, play it as it lies (this includes treed areas around the course).
- Ball may not be moved from any sand or raised bunker, play it as it lies (See corresponding rules per hole as attached).

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