

**ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION & BYLAWS  
OF THE  
Golf Coaches Association of Wisconsin**  
(Revised June, 2014)

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME**

The name of this organization shall be Golf Coaches Association of Wisconsin. This Association is a voluntary organization not organized for profit. It is designated as an unincorporated nonprofit association created under the laws of the State of Wisconsin.

**ARTICLE II**

**Mission Statement**

Originally established in 1986 under the name of the Wisconsin High School Golf Coaches Association but reorganized in 2011 under the name of the Golf Coaches Association of Wisconsin (GCAW) is the professional organization of golf coaches. The GCAW's mission is to support its member coaches by creating educational opportunities, providing resources, and promoting its members with the purpose of enhancing their overall performance as coaches, mentors, and teachers. The GCAW also recognizes the excellence and achievements of its members and their student-athletes in academic, athletic and civic endeavors.

**ARTICLE III**

**OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of this association shall be:

- A. To assist coaches and student athletes with the promotion of golf at the Junior/Middle and High School level.
- B. To cooperate in every way possible with the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) in the promotion of a broad and wholesome athletic program.
- C. To assist in promoting pure, wholesome, amateur interscholastic athletics as an integral and necessary part of the educational experience provided in the schools in Wisconsin.
- D. To promote harmonious relationships in respective schools concerning the administration of athletics.
- E. To help maintain the highest standards in interscholastic golf and in the golf coaching profession and to work together for the improvement of conditions in Wisconsin High School Golf.

- F. To secure a better understanding of the problems of high school coaching and to place at the disposal of coaches sources of information.
- G. To promote good fellowship and social contacts among coaches.
- H. To bring to the members, the latest methods and techniques of teaching golf.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

- A. There shall be three classes of membership in this Association.
  - 1. Active Voting Membership: Only coaches of Junior/Middle and Senior High Schools who are actively engaged in, or directly associated with teaching golf in schools are members in good standing of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA).
  - 2. Associate Membership: Open to any individuals who are actively engaged or have been actively engaged in golf which is to include but not limited to college coaches, golf professionals, state golf associations, etc.
  - 3. Honorary Membership:
    - a. All nominations for honorary membership must be submitted in writing to a district representative, who will, in turn, submit it to the President of the Association.
    - b. The Board of Directors shall approve or disapprove each nomination. A three-fourths majority vote of the Board of Directors shall approve or disapprove each nomination; three-fourths majority vote of the Board of Directors is necessary for approval. The following guides may be used in awarding honorary memberships:
      - 1. Past Presidents of the Association.
      - 2. Any persons who have aggressively supported golf over a period of years.
      - 3. Coaches who have retired and who have performed some meritorious service for the association or for the game of golf.
- B. Membership shall extend from August 1 to July 31 of the following year. The membership fee must be paid by May 15. A coach may join after May 15 only if they pay the membership fee for the present year and the following year.

- C. The Association will not discriminate any membership on the basis of race, color, sex, age, religious affiliation, handicap, national origin, or other personal factor.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **DUES**

The annual membership fee for active members shall be established by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **CANCELLATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

- A. Membership in the association shall be suspended at the end of each fiscal year. Suspension shall be lifted with the payment of annual dues.
- B. Any membership may be suspended by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.
- C. Any member whose membership has been cancelled by a vote of the Board of Directors may appeal directly to the Association for reinstatement at a regular meeting. The action of the majority of members present shall be final.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **OFFICERS**

- A. A President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-president and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-president shall be elected biannually by the members of the Board of Directors. The officers shall have a two year term.
- B. The committee chairs will be selected by the president and approved by the Board of Directors. See Job Description for duties of all committee chairs.
- C. The term length of the committee chair is not defined. It will be based on mutual agreement of the board and the committee chair.
- D. Compensation—All officers and committee members are voluntary positions and will not receive any type of annual compensation.

## ARTICLE VIII

### DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- A. The President shall serve a two year term. During that time the president will be responsible for scheduling executive board meetings, creating the agenda for meetings, conducting board meetings, oversee all sub-committees, represent the GCAW at the WIAA Rules Advisory Meeting, oversee special events, represent the GCAW as need arises, and oversee the nomination and election of the executive board.
- B. The First Vice-president shall serve a two year term and will then become President for an additional two years. During the term of First Vice-President, he/she will be responsible for taking and dissemination of minutes for all board meetings. He/she will also conduct all duties of the president if for some reason the president unable to perform those duties.
- C. The Second Vice-President shall serve a two year term and then will become First Vice-President for two years.
- D. The Past President shall serve a two year term as an advisor to the executive board.
- E. The officers shall be responsible for assigning committee chairpersons from the balance of the executive board. The Committee Chair positions are:
  - a. All-State Boys – Playing
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  - c. Academic All-State
  - d. Treasurer
  - e. Membership
  - f. Awards
  - g. Summer Clinic
  - h. Spring Clinic
  - i. Coach Approach
  - j. Web Site
  - k. Hall-of-Fame / Special Awards
  - l. Coaches Hospitality Tent
  - m. Team Rankings
  - n. Communication Facilitator
  - o. PGA Representative
  - p. College Representative
  - q. College Showcase
  - r. Scholarship

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **FINANCIAL OBJECTIVE**

- A. The fiscal year for the GCAW shall be August 1 through July 31 of each year.
- B. The treasurer will present a projected annual budget at each Fall Board Meeting.
- C. A financial report shall be presented to the board at each board meeting.
- D. The financial goal of all GCAW events (clinics, tournaments, etc.) is to have equal amounts of revenue and expenditures.
- E. Financial matters that cannot be discussed by the full board will be made by agreement between the treasurer and the president. If they cannot agree, the vice-president will break the tie. In the event that the treasurer is also the president, the vice-president and the treasurer will need to be in agreement. The 2<sup>nd</sup> vice-president would break a tie.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **MANAGEMENT-BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- A. The complete control and management of the affairs, funds, and property of the Association shall be vested in a Board of Directors consisting of representatives from the following:
  - a. Each of the WIAA's 7 Districts will have representation by at least one coach. Attempts will be made to have 2 from each District.
  - b. All three WIAA Divisions (I, II, III) must have representation.
  - c. Attempt to have at least 25% representation of girls head coaches.
  - d. Attempt to have at least 1 PGA representative.
  - e. Attempt to have a college coach from a Wisconsin college/university.
  - f. The board will have approximately 20 members.
- B. Nominations for new board members can be made by any board member. The president will make the formal invitation to the nominee once a majority vote of the board approves the nomination.
- C. Initial appointments of Board of Directors members shall be for a two year period. Once the initial period has been satisfied, the board member will continue as long as they are a contributing member.
- D. The Board of Directors shall meet at least three times annually.
- E. The Board of Directors shall meet by a call of the President or by a call of the majority of the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **COMMITTEES**

The President shall have the power to appoint any necessary committee work as the need occurs.

See GCAW Job Description List for specific duties for each committee.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

- A. Nominations of Officers are made by members of the Board of Directors.
- B. The President shall oversee the election process of the individual officers within the Board of Directors.
- C. The candidate for each office who receives the highest number of votes for any office shall be declared elected.
- D. Upon an officer's leaving coaching or moving from his or her district, the President may select a replacement to fill the vacant term.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

### **MEETINGS**

- A. The regular meeting of the Association shall be held at the Annual Summer Coaches' Clinic.
- B. A quorum shall consist of the active members present; due notice having been given of the meeting.

## **ARTICLE XIV**

### **AMENDMENTS**

Any proposed amendment, together with the opinion of the Board of Directors, shall be read at a regular meeting of the Association. A two-thirds majority of the members present shall be necessary for the adoption of the said amendment.

**ARTICLE XV**  
**RESOLUTIONS**

Resolutions shall be adopted by a majority vote of actual members present at a regular meeting of the Association.

**ARTICLE XVI**  
**DISSOLUTION**

In the event of the dissolution of the Association, its property, funds, and other assets shall be transferred to whatever organization or organizations operated exclusively for charitable, educational, and/or scientific purposes as the Association may determine, provided such organization or organizations qualify as tax-exempt under the Internal Revenue Code of the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed these Articles of Association on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2014.

President \_\_\_\_\_

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Secretary-Treasurer)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have amended the Articles of Association on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2014.

President \_\_\_\_\_

Attest:

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(Treasurer)