

**Sutton Golf Club
By-Laws**

Article I - NAME

The name of this golf club shall be Sutton Golf Club.

Article II - PURPOSE

FIRST: To stimulate interest in golf by bringing together a group of golfers desirous of forming a golfing organization.

SECOND: To promote and foster among the members a closer bond and fraternity for their joint and mutual benefit, and to promote and conserve the best interests and true spirit of the game of golf as embodied in its ancient and honorable traditions.

THIRD: To encourage conformance to the USGA Rules of Golf by creating a representative authority.

FOURTH: To maintain a uniform system of handicapping as set forth in the USGA Handicap System and issue USGA Handicap Indexes to the members.

FIFTH: To provide an authoritative body to govern and conduct club competitions.

Article III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership shall be available to all (men/women) 18 years of age or older. There shall be a least 10 members with a maximum membership of (300).

Section 2. Memberships in the club are individual and non-transferable which is associated with the Sutton Golf Club.

Section 3. Only golfers with a reasonable and regular opportunity to play golf with fellow members and who can personally return scores for posting may be members and receive USGA Handicap Indexes from the club.

Section 4. Membership confers no voice in the operation of any golf courses, clubhouses nor any facilities of the courses.

Section 5. Membership confers no special privileges in connection with any golf course.

Section 6. Memberships in the club are for a calendar year only, with all memberships expiring on (December 31st).

Section 7. The fiscal year for the club will be (January 1st through December 31st).

Section 8. Each candidate for membership shall be proposed and seconded by two active members in good standing. The Executive Committee shall act upon each proposal by vote and two negative votes shall disqualify any candidate.

Section 9. The Executive Committee may confer honorary memberships upon those whom they feel have contributed to the advancement of golf. The unanimous affirmative vote of the Executive Committee shall be required to approve such action.

Section 10. In the event that any member of the club shall commit any act which reflects discredit or disrepute thereon or shall refuse or neglect to comply with the rules and regulations adopted by the Executive Committee or the duly appointed officers, such member shall be subject to suspension or expulsion after (ten days) written notice and the right to be

heard, by a vote of two-thirds of the Executive Committee at any regular meeting or special meeting called for such purpose.

Section 11. The annual meeting of the Sutton Golf Club shall be held on a date selected by the Executive Committee and announced to the club membership at least two weeks in advance. The Executive Committee shall provide for the holding of such other meetings as may be deemed necessary or desirable and they shall call special meetings upon written petition signed by not less than (ten percent of the membership).

Section 12. A legal quorum at any meeting shall be (twenty) members present in person or by proxy. Each active member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote.

Section 13. All membership fees and dues shall be established by the Executive Committee from time to time in such amounts as they deem to be adequate to operate and maintain the club. Members shall be liable for dues until their written resignation has been received and accepted. All monies collected shall accrue to the benefit of the membership.

Section 14. Each active member must post at least five gross scores in order to establish a handicap index. The handicap index is revised monthly, and each time a revision date passes, the club will issue the player a Handicap Index per month. A suggested five scores per month minimum is recommended to reflect an accurate ongoing handicap.

Section 15. Each member will maintain pace of play and must wear appropriate golf attire.

Section 16. Members are expected to arrive to sanctioned or sponsored events at a reasonable time to allow for registration and check in to ensure that the event runs smoothly.

Section 17. Members are to keep the Sutton Golf Club Secretary updated on contact information if the information changes during the year of membership.

Article IV - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of at least five members in good standing of the Sutton Golf Club and they shall exercise all powers of management of the club not specifically excepted by these By-Laws.

Section 2. At least five weeks prior to the Annual Meeting, the Executive Committee shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of five members of the organization. At least four weeks prior to the Annual Meeting, this committee shall submit to the Executive Committee and shall post upon the club bulletin board web site? A list of nominees to fill any vacancies for the term of office beginning on the day of the meeting. Names of other members in good standing may be nominated by petition signed by a least (ten) members and submitted to the Executive Committee at least two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. At least one week prior to the Annual Meeting, a list of all candidates nominated shall be mailed and or e-mailed to each member at their last known address and a copy of such list shall be posted on the club bulletin board web site.

Section 3. Voting shall be written ballot and those names receiving the greatest number of votes cast shall be declared to be elected. The Executive Committee shall appoint a panel of three judges who are not members of the Executive Committee or candidates for election to supervise the election.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall meet at such times and places as they may select and a majority of the Committee shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

Section 5. In the case of any vacancy through resignation, disqualification or other cause, the remaining committee members, even though less than a quorum, may elect a successor by majority vote to hold office for the unexpired term of the committee member whose place shall be vacant, and until the election of his successor.

Article V - OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Section 1. Within (ten days) after the annual meeting and election, the Executive Committee shall meet and elect the officers.

Section 2. The officers shall consist of president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, and their duties shall be such as their titles would indicate or such as may be assigned to them respectively from time to time.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall authorize and define the powers and duties of all committees. Chairpersons and members of all committees shall be appointed by the president, and the president shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.

Section 4. The following committees shall be appointed each year, with such other committees, as the president may deem necessary or advisable:

- Event Committee to arrange and schedule with the management of any golf course as necessary, and conduct all intra-club and inter-club competitions.
- Handicap Committee composed primarily of members with the responsibility to establish a fair and proper system of handicaps in accordance with procedures set forth in the USGA Handicap System Manual.
- Membership Committee to investigate and act upon all applications for membership and to recommend appropriate action to the Executive Committee.
- Marketing Committee to encourage and arrange social entertainment features and events for special occasions.

Article VI - AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall have the power to repeal or amend any of these By-Laws provided that such action shall not be effective until approved by a majority vote of the members of Sutton Golf Club at a meeting held in accordance with the provisions contained herein.

Rev	Description	Date Approved
a	Original issue	7/31/06
b	Changed fiscal year Section 7 from Nov-Oct to Jan-Dec	11/15/08

I have read and agree to abide by the By-Laws of Sutton Golf Club

Print Name: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____