



**THE NATIONAL PAN AMERICAN GOLF ASSOCIATION
NATIONAL CONSTITUTION**

ARTICLE. I.

NAME

SECTION. 1. The name of this Organization shall be the National Pan American Golf Associations, Inc., hereafter referred to as the Organization.

ARTICLE. II.

PURPOSE

SECTION.1. To provide a Governing Body which consists of National Officers for the coordination, regulation and enforcement of all National rules and regulations pertaining to activities of all member chapters.

SECTION. 2. To instill fair play, the desire to spend time enjoyably, and to encourage and promote amateur golf among the member chapters of the Organization, and to promote Jr. Golf. (Amended September 1, 1990)

SECTION. 3. To cooperate with and solicit good friendly relations with civic and athletic Organizations, and to particularly cooperate with member chapters.

SECTION. 4. To provide assistance and scholarships to students in need of advanced education, commensurable with objectives as outlined by this Organization.

SECTION. 5. To support and assist any charitable purpose and to appropriate funds for such purposes.

ARTICLE. III

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION . 1. Any golf association may solicit membership to this National Organization at the National Tournament and Convention.

SECTION. 2. A majority of the Organization delegates present shall be required to approve or reject the application of any new chapter.

SECTION. 3. All local chapters duly admitted are subject to the rules and regulations of the National Organization.

SECTION. 4. Total membership of each chapter must be a minimum of at least twenty (20) members at all times.
A member in bad standing with one chapter may not be admitted as a member in any other chapter.

SECTION. 5. Yearly dues assessed by the National Organization will be based on the first Minimax calculation of the year. Dues must be accompanied by a roster of the members included in the dues. Minimax Computing Corporation shall be the official handicap agency of this organization.

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**ARTICLE. III.
MEMBERSHIP
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- SECTION. 6.** A chapter delinquent in dues or other indebtedness from the previous calendar year shall not be eligible to participate in National Meeting and/or National Tournament. Said delinquent chapter may be seated at the National Meetings and allowed to participate in the National Tournament upon receipt of delinquent dues prior to January 15.
- SECTION. 7.** Each chapter shall submit to the National Secretary a roster of their officers and their addresses and telephone numbers soon after their local elections.
- SECTION. 8.** All chapters shall hold their elections of officers at their discretion and they shall take office in accordance with their local Constitution and By-Laws. (Amended September 1, 1990)

**ARTICLE. IV.
OFFICERS**

- SECTION. 1.** Officers of the National Organization shall be an President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and National Tournament Director. The term of the officers named herein shall be for two (2) years. Newly-elected National Officers shall take office immediately following the National Convention.
- SECTION. 2.** No National Officer shall be eligible to more than two (2) consecutive full terms in the same office. Vacancies completed by National Officers will not be considered a full term in that office. Should there be any vacancies created by the death, sickness, resignation, or removal of the incumbent, the National Board shall elect a successor by majority vote no later than thirty (30) days from the date that the office is vacated. The individual must be qualified and come from within the Organization.
- SECTION. 3.** Outgoing National Officers shall furnish newly-elected national Officers with all records pertaining and belonging to the Organization within Sixty (60) days of the expiration of their term.
- SECTION. 4.** All National Officers are entrusted with the privileges and responsibilities generally associated with their respective office.
- SECTION 5.** No Officer of the National Organization may hold any elective or appointive office in their local chapter.
- SECTION. 6.** National Officers shall not be delegates or alternates to the National delegate meetings.
- SECTION. 7.** Treasurer's books are to be audited once a year by Audit Committee.

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ARTICLE. V.

MEETING PROCEDURES

- SECTION. 1.** The annual Convention Delegate Meeting shall be held prior to the National Tournament, but on the same week. In addition, there shall be a Winter Meeting. Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern all meetings; on items not covered by Constitution or By-Laws. (Amended Aug 4, 1992)
- SECTION. 1. A.** As of May 1995 the National PAGA Warm-Up Tournament will be eliminated (Amended August 4, 1992)
- SECTION. 2.** A minimum of three (3) National Business Meetings must be held each year. No chapter shall host an invitational or special tournament during the National Tournament and Convention. Exceptions must be cleared by the National Board.
- SECTION.3.** The National President may call a special meeting by notifying the National Delegates by first-class mail at least thirty (30) days prior to conducting said meeting. Delegates shall respond within fifteen (15) days of the posting of said mail by the President. If the majority of said delegates favor a meeting, the President shall, upon receiving said information, name a time and place of said meeting. If the delegates fail to respond, their failure to respond shall be taken as affirmative votes and the meeting shall take place.
- SECITON. 4.** There shall be permitted one delegate and one alternate from each duly admitted chapter of the Organization. The vote shall be cast by the delegate representing said chapter. After an item has been voted down by the National assembly twice, it cannot be brought up again for three (3) meetings.
- SECTION. 5.** Items submitted for the agenda must bear the signatures of at least two (2) officers of the local chapter.
- SECTION. 6.** A quorum must be present at any national delegate meeting in order to transact business. A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of fifty percent plus one (50% + 1) chapters of the governing body. (Amended May 23, 1998)
- SECTION. 7.** Only delegates elected or appointed by their local chapters will be recognized at the Organization meetings unless floor is relinquished by the delegate to the alternate.
- SECTION. 8.** All tangible or intangible property shall remain vested in the National Organization so long as there are active chapters acting in its behalf.
- SECTION. 9.** If the National Organization shall cease functioning, then it is the duty of the National Officers to dispose of all properties, both tangible and intangible, by donating them to a charitable Organization. The proof of said donation shall take place within ninety (90) days of this Organization's disbandment, by publishing said action in the local newspaper.
- SECTION. 10.** The National Organization through its delegates is the only body empowered to approve or amend the Constitution and its By-Laws.

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SECTION. 11. This Constitution and By-Laws made under its provisions, may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at a National Meeting, provided that each chapter in good standing is notified in writing of the proposed amendment at least sixty (60) days in advance of the meeting in which the vote will be taken. (Amended July 28, 1998)

ARTICLE. VI.

RESTRICTIONS

SECTION. 1. It is absolutely prohibited to discuss at any of the meetings subjects pertaining to religion, politics, or unionism.

SECTION. 2. It is absolutely prohibited for any individual Organization or chapter to use the name of this Organization, either individually, or jointly, in matters that may affect said Organization, or in matters which do not concern the Pan American Golf Association, without the written consent of the Organization.

SECTION. 3. It is absolutely prohibited for chapters to sanction organized wagering that involves national team competition or low medalist players.