

# GOLF CLUB CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS



## Article I - Preamble

1. It is believed there is a need for a Men's Club Division at the Yakima Elks Golf and Country Club. (also referred to B.P.O.E. #318.) The Yakima Elks Men's Club agrees to provide this service. The Yakima Elks Men's Club will be governed by the Board's Officers with guidance from the Yakima Elks Lodge, Golf Superintendent and Head Golf Professional. All activities shall be in the best interest of the Yakima Elks Golf and Country Club (B.P.O.E. #318), WSGA, and the Game of Golf.

## Article II - Name, Legal Entity

1. The Name of the Club shall be known as the "Yakima Elks Men's Club", Hereafter referred to and known as "Elks 318"
2. The "Elks 318" is a Not For Profit part of the Yakima Elks Lodge and B.P.O.E #318 and operated within its Rules and Regulations.

## Article III- Purpose

FIRST: To Stimulate interest in golf at the B.P.O.E. # 318 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. (Handled by, with our thanks, the Head Pro)

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

**SIXTH:** To help provide social and competitive golf for amateur male golfers interested in participating.

**\*** (In the above statement of purpose, there is nothing either stated or implied that seeks to challenge or erode the authority and responsibility of the Board of Trustees of the B.P.O.E. #318)

#### Article IV - Membership

1. Membership is available to any amateur male golfer, age 21 or older, in good standing as a Yakima Elk Lodge #318 Member.
2. Membership shall have no Minimum nor a Maximum number of members. Any members purchasing a Yearly golf membership are automatically a member in good standing and entitled to participate in Men's Club Events. Non yearly golfers just need to sign up for "Elks 318" Men's Club when renewing B.P.O.E. #318 dues.
3. Membership in "Elks 318" are issued to individuals, are non-transferable and expire at the end of each calender Yr. (Dec 31)
4. Membership shall be granted after an application to the LODGE has been approved by the LODGE board.
5. Memberships confers no special privileges in connection with the golf course.
6. Memberships confers no voice in the operation of the course, clubhouse nor any other facility on the course. (Concerns can be addressed with Board Officers)
7. Members of the "Elks 318" shall not commit any acts which the Board or golf course management deems unacceptable of club membership. If a member refuses or neglects to comply with the rules and regulations adopted by the duly appointed officers or course management, the member shall be subject to disciplinary action not limited to: suspension and/or expulsion.

8. All "Elks 318" membership dues are established by The Yakima Elks Lodge. All monies collected by the "Elks 318" shall accrue to the benefit of its Membership.
9. All policies, procedures, membership dues, and tournament fees shall be established by the Yakima Elks Lodge in conjunction with the Pro Shop. All monies collected on behalf of the "Elks 318" shall accrue to the benefit of its Membership.
10. The Annual Meeting of the "Elks 318" Golf Club will take place every year on the *Second Wednesday of Dec, or nearest date*. The "Elks 318" Board shall provide for the holding of such other meetings as may be necessary or desirable and they shall call any special meetings upon written petition signed by no less than 10 of the membership.

#### Article V - "Elks 318" Board Officers / Committees

1. The Board Officers shall have a President, the Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer, plus a vote for the Immediate Past-President. (4 voting members)
2. One board member may NOT hold more than one position on Board (exception of Secretary/Treasurer which is one position)
3. Board Members are Volunteers and Serve in One (1) year terms.
4. It is the intention of the membership that the officers shall serve for one year in each position and move up each year. The order of ascension shall be from Secretary/Treasurer, to Vice President, to President, to Immediate Past President. Therefore, only one (1) new officer shall be elected each year; the Secretary/Treasurer, and one (1) Retirement; Immediate Past President.
5. To be nominated to any position the Nominee must be in good standing with the "Elks 318" and the B.P.O.E. #318.
6. In case of a vacancy for any reason occurring in any office, the Board will appoint a member to serve until the yearly term expires.
7. Other Positions and committees may be created or eliminated at the discretion of the Board. Committees may include, but not limited to:
  - a. Tournament Committee
  - b. Membership Committee
  - c. Handicap Committee
  - d. Greens Committee
  - e. Lodge Liaison
  - f. Pro Shop Liaison(examples)
8. The Head Professional of the Yakima Elks Golf and CC shall be an advisor to the Board.
9. Any Member in good standing at the Yakima Elks Lodge and with the "Elks 318" may run and be elected to the Board.

10. Should an "Elks 318" member wish to have a Board Member removed, the member shall notify the Board with a petition signed by no less than 15 other members. The Board will call a general membership meeting no less than 30 days later. The Member who called for the vote and the Board Member in question shall have the opportunity to speak to the general membership. A vote of at least 2/3 of the members who attend the meeting is required to have a Board Member dismissed. (Note\* The Board may remove a member with a majority vote of the Board and 50% of the votes at a meeting)

11. Board Meetings and General Membership meetings shall be Scheduled as necessary. There shall be at least One (1) meeting of the Board of the "Elks 318" annually. (*approx. Second Wednesday of Dec.*)

12. Board Meetings and General Membership meetings held by Board shall have a Quorum with a minimum of 7 members. (Two (2) of which must be Board Members)

13. Intention of the Membership that the President will call other meetings when items of sufficient importance require action by the membership. It is further assumed that these meetings be held approximately every 60 days (*Bi-Monthly*) with a Quorum at each meeting.

14. All business meetings shall be conducted according to *abbreviated Roberts Rules of Order*.

#### Article VI - Election of Incoming Board Officer (Secretary/Treasurer)

1. At the Annual Meeting in December, the Standing "Elks 318" Board shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of 2-4 members in good standing.

2. The Nominating Committee shall submit to the Board and shall post upon the Bulletin board and/or Trumpet, a list of nominees to fill the vacancy for the upcoming year. This list to be voted on at the *First Spring Meeting of the New Year*.

3. Voting shall take place at the *First Spring Meeting of the New Year*. (Said meeting to be scheduled at the end of the year Annual Meeting in December.)

4. Nominations may take place from the floor at the *First Spring Meeting of the Year*.

5. Voting shall be by written ballot and those names receiving the greatest number of votes cast shall be declared to be elected. Board will appoint 2-3 individuals not currently members of the board to supervise and count votes at end of election. Any Re-Counts will take place immediately with permission of Board.

6. If Prior to March 1st, any current officer who notifies the nomination committee that he does not wish to assume the next higher office, the Nominating committee will meet with the Elks 318 Board and present a slate of candidates at the next available meeting.

## Article VII - Financials

1. A bank account will be kept in the name of the Yakima Elks Mens Club.
2. Banking and financial records will be kept by the Treasurer so that all members of the Board and membership may have them made available for review.
3. Any uses in amounts of **\$500** or more of "Elks 318" monies must have a **General Membership** meeting to discuss topic and use, and vote to pass with a majority vote.
4. Treasurer will give a recap of finances at every general meeting, and give a full accounting with the President every year at the **Annual Meeting**.

## Article VIII - Amendments to By-Laws

1. The Board of the "Elks 318" 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 the "Elks 318" at a meeting held in accordance with the provisions contained herein.