



# Dutcher Creek Men's Club Bylaws (Rev 1- 2/7/2012)

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## **Article I – NAME**

This organization shall be known as the “Dutcher Creek Men’s Club” hereinafter known as D.C.M.C.

## **Article II – PURPOSE**

The D.C.M.C. shall promote fellowship and interest in the game of golf and the means for the men to have friendly and fun competitions. The Bylaws are intended to provide a consistent set of guidelines for ongoing operation of the golf club.

## **Article III – MEMBERSHIP**

Member status shall be available on an annual basis to those paying the dues of the D.C.M.C. and who conducts themselves within the rules of golf as set down by the U.S.G.A.

## **Article IV – MANAGEMENT**

The D.C.M.C. Management shall be performed by A Golf Committee consisting of a President, Secretary, Treasurer, Handicap Chairman, and Tournament Chairman. Up to two positions may be held simultaneously by one individual. A new committee shall be elected by a majority of the attending membership in a December meeting of each calendar year. Attending members may nominate from the floor or by prior written request.

### **Section 4.1 OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES**

**PRESIDENT:** Assures proper operation of the D.C.M.C. within the guidelines of these bylaws. Schedules and chairs committee and general meetings.

**TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN:** Plans, organizes, and runs tournaments.

**HANDICAP CHAIRMAN:** Ensures accurate handicaps are kept and posts tournament scores.

**SECRETARY:** Keeps meeting minutes, prepares meeting reports, keeps membership rosters, updates annual fee schedule (APPENDIX A), and keeps membership informed of tournaments and tournament results. Responsible for archiving past events and results for a period of two years.

**TREASURER:** Disperses and accounts for D.C.M.C. funds and presents fiscal reports at all meetings. Provides financial status to the D.C.M.C. President on request.

### **Section 4.2 COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **AMMENDING THE BYLAWS**

These Bylaws may be amended or repealed, or new bylaws adopted by a majority vote of the Golf Committee at any general or special meeting, provided that written notice of proposed amendments or change has been provided to each voting member at least two weeks before said meeting. Amendments shall become effective on the date determined by the committee.



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### **DETERMINATION OF ANNUAL FEES**

Annual fees are determined for the following year in the December general meeting and updated by the secretary in **APPENDIX A**.

### **FILLING COMMITTEE MEMBER VACANCIES**

A vacancy occurring in any of the offices of the D.C.M.C. shall be filled at the next meeting after the vacancy has occurred by a majority vote of the members present.

### **AUDITS**

All funds, papers and supplies shall be turned over to succeeding officers within one month of election of such officers. If deemed necessary, an audit shall be conducted by a committee of three or more members appointed by the President of the D.C.M.C.

### **EXPULSION**

By unanimous vote of the officers, any member may be expelled from the club for indebtedness, violation of rules, handicap infractions, or conduct that results in adverse reflection on the club. In the event a member is expelled, that member shall be suspended from the activities of the Club for a period of time designated by the committee.

## **Article V – OPERATING POLICY**

1. The management of the Dutcher Creek Golf Course shall have final resolution authority in Men's Club activities as they relate to operation on the property of the Dutcher Creek Golf Course. This includes (but is not limited to) activities and rules of play that may adversely effect personnel safety, golf course property or environment, or interference with other golf course scheduled play.
2. All rules and regulations governing organization and operation of Golf Clubs associated with the Oregon Golf Association (OGA) shall be in effect.
3. The rules of golf as established by the United States Golf Association (USGA) shall be adhered to at all times unless local rules are in effect for some situations.
4. The Golf Committee must consist of Dutcher Creek Men's Club members.
5. There shall be a minimum of two general meetings each calendar year to allow member input on policy, procedure, tournament results, etc. Other meetings will be scheduled on an as needed basis. Any member may provide written input to the Golf Committee on any topic relating to Golf Club operation and this input shall be addressed at the next general meeting without reference to the member's identity.

## **Article VI – TOURNAMENTS**

1. **Frequency of play:** Tournaments shall be held at least twice monthly (weather permitting), with the format to be specified at the discretion of the Tournament Chairman. The Tournament Chairman shall interface with the Golf Committee and the golf course management to schedule these tournaments and shall determine the format, pairings, handicaps, entry fees, prizes, and tournament winners.
2. **Sign Up:** Advance notice of tournaments shall be given by posting a sign-up sheet for the tournament on the bulletin board at the golf course. In addition, the Secretary shall notify current golf club members by E-mail.



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3. **Guests:** Guests can be accommodated if the tournament format allows. The guest must have an established handicap or can play to be eligible for gross score only. Advanced approval of the Tournament Chairman is required for guests unless the tournament format specifically encourages guests.
4. **Away play:** Past history and/or member suggestions for away courses and formats will help the Tournament Chairman select an away course and format. "Home & Home" type tournaments with other golf courses are a popular venue, while simply playing at other courses is an option. The Tournament Chairman will coordinate with the other course to set up the tournament.
5. **Payout Determination:** The Tournament Chairman will determine entry fees and payouts. Normally best gross and net scores will be considered, but for tournaments where there are few players only net scores will be used. Ties will be broken by comparing scorecards according to USGA recommendation or by averaging the payouts; with the method determined by the Tournament Chairman.
6. **Club Championship:** A Club Championship shall be held each year in late summer or early fall. Only D.C.M.C. members may participate in the Club Championship, and then only if said member has participated in three, sanctioned D.C.M.C. tournaments during the current calendar year. The Championship flight shall have a "Gross" score winner to be designated as the Club Champion. Only the Championship Flight participants can compete for the title of Club Champion. The handicap break point for participation in the Championship Flight will be pre-determined by the Tournament Chairman. In the event of a tie for Club Champion, a sudden-death playoff will be held. All other ties will be handled in accordance with item 5 above. Equitable prizes will be awarded in all flights and no individual shall receive more than one prize.



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**The D.C.M.C Committee and Dutcher Creek management approves these bylaws and/or amendments.**

**President** **Date**

**Secretary** **Date**

**Treasurer** **Date**

**Tournament  
Chairman** **Date**

**Handicap  
Chairman** **Date**

**Golf Course General Manager** **Date**



## APPENDIX A

### ANNUAL FEE STRUCTURE (2011)

1. An annual membership fee of \$50 is charged to each member. \$15 of this money is for the Golf Club and \$35 is for registration in the OGA for handicap purposes. If a member elects to submit his OGA fee at another golf course, the membership fee for the Golf Club is \$15, and the member is required to submit his GHIN to the Handicap Chairman.
2. Each player is assessed a specified entry fee for each tournament as determined by the Tournament Chairman. Most of the entry fee is to be awarded as prizes to the participants in the form of pro shop credit. A portion of the entry fee is held back from each tournament for operating expenses, trophies, and group functions such as an occasional barbeque. Other prizes, competitions, or drawing awards can be added if funding is available. For example: The Tournament Chairman may want to occasionally have long drive, closest to the line, KP's, or second shot KP awards.
3. Side bets are neither condoned nor discouraged by these bylaws. For example; a voluntary \$5 donation for "hole-in-one" insurance is a popular venue. In the event of a hole-in-one during a scheduled tournament, the member would receive (in cash) the total of the donations to date. After a hole-in-one payout, a new hole-in-one" insurance pot can be started. Participants getting a hole-in-one who have not donated to the insurance WOULD NOT receive the benefit. (The intended purpose of this insurance would be to offset the traditional cost of providing a celebratory beverage).