

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**  
**INTER-CLUB CAROLINAS**  
AMENDED 2003, REVISED 2016

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME:** The name of this organization shall be Inter-Club Carolinas

**ARTICLE II**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this organization shall be to promote friendship through golf competitions at each member's course and further good sportsmanship

**ARTICLE III**

**MEMBERS:** All women golfers who are regular members of participating individual clubs, pay dues to their respective Ladies Golf Association and abide by the rules, are eligible to participate.

**ARTICLE IV**

**MEETINGS:**

**Section 1.** A tournament of this organization shall be once a month on the fourth Tuesday for eight (8) or nine (9) months. The Host Club for the Championship Tournament shall be exempt from hosting an ICC tournament the following year.

**Section 2.** The annual business meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held in non-playing January, at which time the Board will plan the Calendar of Events for the coming year.

A. Voting privileges – there shall be one vote per Board Member present.

B. Voting shall be by ballot or vocal. A majority of those voting will pass the motion. In case of a tie, the President shall cast the deciding vote.

**Section 3.** A special meeting can be called at any time by the President.

**ARTICLE V**

**OFFICERS:**

**Section 1.** The officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer. The President and Secretary-Treasurer should be from the same club, if possible.

**Section 2.** Nominations and Elections

A. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President in September of each year.

B. The nominees shall be voted on by the Board of Directors in October to take office in October at the final meeting. The Vice President shall automatically succeed the President.

C. All member clubs shall appoint a representative to take office in October.

**Section 3.** Powers and Duties

- A. The Board of Directors shall consist of three (3) elected officers and a representative from each member club and the retiring President.
- B. The President shall preside at all meetings. She shall be an ex-officio member of any committee which she considers necessary to appoint. She shall call a meeting of the organization when she deems necessary. She shall appoint officers to fill any vacancies occurring during the year. She shall be an ex-officio member of the Board the subsequent year.
- C. The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President when the President is absent or unable to preside. The Vice President is responsible for coordinating with the Web Master to include tournament results and photos on the Friendship Golf website.
- D. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the minutes of all meetings. She shall send copies of the minutes and a Calendar of Events to each participating club. She shall keep the bank account in the name of the Inter-Club Carolinas and her name, and report the balance at each meeting, disbursing funds as the Board sees fit.
- E. Each participating club shall appoint or elect a representative to the Board of Directors, in addition to the elected officers, to serve for one (1) year. Each member shall have the power to speak for and vote for her individual club. If she is unable to attend a meeting, she is to send a substitute.

**ARTICLE VI**

**DUES AND FISCAL YEAR**

**Section 1.** Current dues shall be fifteen (\$15.00) dollars per club, payable in January. Clubs shall be ineligible to participate in events until the dues are paid.

**Section 2.** The Fiscal Year shall run from October to October.

**ARTICLE VII**

**PRIZES AND RULES**

**Section 1.** The prizes shall consist of gift certificates from the Pro Shop or the Host Club, or a gift certificate from the place of their choice, or cash. In case of ties, they shall be decided by using the USGA suggested method.

**Section 2.** The Rules-Tournament Committee shall consist of three (3) members, one appointed by the President, one to be the local Rules Chairman, and the local Pro. These members shall:

- A. Interpret the USGA Rules
- B. Know the local rules of the Host Club
- C. Arbitrate disputed points.

**Section 3.** All clubs shall abide by Winter Rules.

## ARTICLE VIII

**Section 1.** Amendments may be passed by vote of a majority of the Board members present.

**Section 2.** The Inter-Club Carolinas shall operate by the Standing Rules.

**INTER-CLUB CAROLINAS STANDING RULES**  
**Revised 2007, 2008, 2011, 2012, 2016**

**TOURNAMENT WEBSITE:**

The designated webmaster, under the direction of the Vice President, will post tournament information and scores to the [friendshipgolf.com](http://friendshipgolf.com) website.

**DATE OF TOURNAMENTS:**

Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Tuesday of the month

**TIME:**

There will be a shotgun start at 9:30am. Exceptions are the first and last tournaments of the year. Approximately 10 minutes are allowed at the turn.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Maximum handicap index of 40.0; maximum handicap of 40.0 to be used, even if the slope of the host course raises the player's handicap over 40. Higher handicap indexes are not eligible to play.
2. Player must be a member or an affiliate of the ladies organization of the club from which she is entering.
3. If a player is a member or affiliate of more than one club, she must play from that same club for the entire season.
4. All players must ride in all tournaments.

**FEES:**

1. Current yearly dues are fifteen dollars (\$15.00 for each club, due in January).
2. Five dollars (\$5.00) Entry Fee (non-refundable if player cancels) for each golfer for each tournament. If tournament is cancelled, entry fee is returned.
3. A cart fee will be listed on the schedule for each tournament, payable in the Pro Shop the day of the tournament.

**RESERVATIONS:**

The host club representative will receive the entry form and tournament fee (one check), no later than the Tuesday preceding the tournament. The local representative is responsible for making reservations at the host club. Players from each club may be limited to ten (10) if the field is full. Late entries may or may not be accepted at the discretion of the representative from the host club. All representatives are required to have email. Any changes to scheduled tournament information will be emailed to the representatives.

**TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION:**

If the monthly or championship tournament needs to be cancelled, due to the weather, the hosting representative will make the decision with the President.

The host representative will email or text every representative, informing them of the cancellation.

Each representative will be responsible for informing her club participants of the cancellation. See "Rain Date" for more information.

**PLAYER CANCELLATIONS:**

The local representative must notify the representative from the host club of any player's cancellation, no later than noon (12pm) on the Friday preceding the tournament. Only the club representative is to contact the host representative. No individual player is to contact the host representative, and under no circumstances should a player send another player to a tournament to substitute for her.

**MONTHLY AND CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

**RULES:**

1. No cell phones will be turned on while golfers are on the course, with the exception of the use of a GPS app. Violation of this rule will result in a two-stroke penalty the first time it rings, and disqualification the second time it rings.
2. Scorecards MUST be turned in BEFORE players go to the parking lot to put away their clubs.
3. Players may move their ball one club-length in their own fairway, no closer to the hole (mark, lift, clean and place).

**PAIRINGS:**

The field will be divided into four (4) groups: A, B, C, and D. Each three or foursome will consist of A and B players, or C and D players. As much as possible, the host representative should try to put golfers from different clubs in each group of players.

**FLIGHTS:**

Players are to be divided into flights, according to their handicap INDEX. If at all possible, no flight shall exceed sixteen (16) golfers.

**PACE OF PLAY:**

If a group is behind the allotted time of 15 minutes per hole, and at least one hole behind, the ranger or tournament committee will warn them. (The group in front of them must clear the par 4 or par 5 green when they reach the teeing area to be judged a hole behind).

**THE GROUP SHALL HAVE TWO (2) HOLES TO CATCH UP WITH THE GROUP IN FRONT OF THEM, OR BE PLAYING WITHIN THEIR ALLOTTED TIME, OR A ONE-STROKE PENALTY MAY BE ASSESSED EACH PLAYER IN THE GROUP.**

**RANGERS:**

The host club shall provide at least one ranger to warn players of slow play. The Ranger must determine the actual starting time and allow each group 15 minutes to play each hole.

**SCORES:**

The host club shall post 18-hole gross and net scores for each golfer. The host representative shall send these to the Vice President. The Vice President will provide tournament results to the webmaster, to be posted on friendshipgolf.com

**PRIZES:**

1. All prizes will be gift certificates or cash prizes. No player shall receive more than one field and/or flight prize.
2. Field prizes (Low Gross, Low Net, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net will be one dollar (\$1) more than prizes for flights.
3. Prizes for each flight are Low Gross, Low Net, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net. Low Gross and Low Net of each flight will receive the same amount of money; 2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net will be \$1 less. Amount of prizes will be determined by the amount of money paid in Entry Fees, giving prizes proportionately.
4. All ties for prizes will be broken by the USGA Rules, excluding the Championship Tournament, Championship Flight only, which shall be played off on the course. (USGA Rules-App. 1., Rule 33-6c: match cards to determine the winner on the basis of the best score for the last nine holes. If still tied, then the last six holes, then the last three holes, and finally the 18<sup>th</sup> hole.)
5. If a player has a Hole-in-One during ICC play, the host Club Pro, at his or her discretion, will award the player a prize of her choice, not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25).
6. The host Club Pro, at his or her discretion, can award an incentive prize. Any prize donated by the host club or any other individual or group, may be awarded in addition to the prizes listed above. There is no limit on the number of discretionary prizes that any player may receive, unless stipulated by the person donating the prize.

**CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT**

An annual Championship Tournament shall be conducted as per schedule, adhering to all tournament rules, with the following exceptions:

**ELIGIBILITY:**

To play in the Championship Tournament, a member must play in at least one (1) monthly tournament. For Championship purposes, should a player sign up and the monthly tournament is cancelled, it will count as "played". Also, should a player sign up to play at an ICC Tournament at her local club, and she does not get to play because of a full field, this will also count as "played".

**RAIN DATE:**

At the discretion of the host club, the rain date should be set and be included in the invitation sent to the representatives. If it becomes necessary to use the rain date and a player is unable to attend, the money will not be refunded.

**PRIZES:**

1. In addition to cash prizes, engraved awards may be given to winners, at the discretion of the host club.
2. Prizes will be awarded to First and Second Gross, and First and Second Net in each flight.
3. Low Gross for the Field will be declared Champion, with ties being played off on the course.
4. Low Net of the Field, with ties to be determined by USGA scorecard playoff.

**PAIRINGS:**

Players will play with like-handicap index players.