

XII. DFWWGC Constitution & Bylaws

CONSTITUTION of the D. FAIRCHILD WHEELER GOLF CLUB BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

POWER CLAUSE

The membership of the D. FAIRCHILD WHEELER GOLF CLUB shall be possessed of all the governing powers of this association when convened in any regular or special meeting at which a quorum is present. During the periods between meetings of the general membership, the Officers and Directors, when convened in any meeting of such group at which a quorum is present, shall be vested with power to conduct the affairs of the CLUB and to adopt, order, or take such action as any emergency shall render either necessary or desirable.

ARTICLE I - NAME

Mrs. Antoinette Wheeler and her son, D. Fairchild Wheeler, who was president of the Bridgeport Land & Title Company, donated the Fairchild Memorial Park to the City of Bridgeport in 1925. The City of Bridgeport built the present D. Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course through the W.P.A. in 1940.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

1. The purpose of the CLUB shall be:
To promote the spirit of a friendly and closer relationship and understanding among golfers, to provide recreational and social activities for the members, and to acquaint all members in the rules of the game and courtesy on the course.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

1. All women golfers are eligible for membership.
2. New and renewing applicants must fill out an, "Application for Membership".
3. It is the policy and commitment of D. Fairchild Wheeler Women's Golf Association(club) that it does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, age, religion, creed, disability, veteran's status, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression regarding club membership, activities and operations.
5. The Board of Directors reserves the right to accept or decline any renewal applications for membership by a majority vote subject to the constitution and by-laws.

ARTICLE IV-MEETINGS

1. Prior to the start of the season the annual meeting will be held with the general membership. The balance of the meetings shall be held at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Meetings normally will be held at the Clubhouse or use video platforms if unable to meet in person.
2. An annual meeting will be held to review old business, vote on the Executive Officers and directors, review the budget and financial statements, and to discuss any new business.

3. The annual meeting shall be held for the purpose of voting in the new officers and installing the new board.

4. At least two Board of Directors meetings shall be held during the year. The first, an organizational meeting, to be held prior to the first annual meeting of the year; others to be called by the President when necessary. For any vote, 2/3 of the board as a quorum is required.

5. Any recommendations, suggestions, questions, complaints from a member need to be first given to the President in writing. The President will then bring the issue to the Board for further discussion.

ARTICLE V - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The Officers shall consist of:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

2. The Board of Directors shall be composed of the four elected officers listed above in item 1, the Tournament Chairman, the immediate Past President (**ex-officio**), and one elected member from the general membership for a total of seven Directors. Should **the ex-officio** not be available to serve, a second member would be elected from the general membership. All Board of Director terms are for **two years**.

3. Officers shall be elected for a term of **two years**, and may be re-elected for subsequent term(s).

4. Appointed Directors shall be appointed for a term of **two years** and may be **re-appointed for subsequent term(s)**.

5. Should an officer or director resign their position during the year, they shall forfeit their position on the Board as Director and another Club member shall be **appointed by the president** to take their place for the remaining term.

ARTICLE VI - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

1. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of candidates, one or more for each office; plus the members to serve as Directors and shall present this slate at the annual meeting at the close of the season.
2. Additional nominations from the floor, for either Officers or Board members, may be made at this meeting.
3. Elections shall take place by ballot, if necessary, at this meeting.
4. The Nominating Committee shall consist of 3 members: the *ex-Officio*, an elected Board member, and a member of the general membership. Should the *ex-Officio*

not be available, the board may appoint an additional board member to serve on the committee.

ARTICLE VII-DUES

1. Dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors based on the Budget prepared by the **treasurer and approved by the Board of Directors.**
2. Members must pay their dues by the specified deadline or be subject to a late fee.
3. New members are not subject to a late fee.
4. All members must pay their dues in order to participate in weekly or major tournaments.
5. Once the season has commenced, no refunds of the membership fee will be issued.

ARTICLE VIII - TERMINATION

1. The D. FAIRCHILD WHEELER GOLF CLUB shall continue in operation unless terminated by the written vote of two-thirds of the entire **general** membership
2. In the event of dissolution or termination of this organization, any assets of the organization shall be donated and transferred to any reputable, charitable, or benevolent, nonprofit organization as the Board of Directors shall specify, to be used by such. No fund or asset of this organization shall, in any event, incur to private benefit or gain of any member of this organization.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

1. The quorum for amending the constitution shall be thirty per cent of the **general** membership members.
2. This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of a quorum as defined.

1. The Constitution was amended as accepted by the majority of the CLUB members on August 29, 1956.
2. The Constitution was amended as accepted by the majority of the CLUB members on February 25, 1958.
3. The Constitution was amended as accepted by the majority of the CLUB members on October 27, 1959.
4. The Constitution was amended as accepted by the majority of the CLUB members on January 19, 1965.
5. The Constitution was amended as accepted by the majority of the CLUB members on October 29, 1970.
6. The Constitution was amended as accepted by the majority of the CLUB members on May, 1987.*

7. The Constitution was amended as accepted by the majority of the CLUB members on November 16, 1990.
8. The Constitution was amended as accepted by the majority of the CLUB members in May, 1995.

**D. FAIRCHILD WHEELER GOLF CLUB
BY-LAWS
ARTICLE I - STATEMENT OF INCLUSION**

Members are expected to uphold conduct standards of respect, courtesy, and promote a civil and positive social environment that is supportive, friendly and free from offensive behavior. The (club) does not tolerate harassment, intimidation or bullying actions such as abusive, foul or threatening language or behavior towards any members or golf/club personnel.

Any member who believes that she or another member of the (club) has been discriminated against, intimidated or bullied is strongly encouraged to report this concern promptly to any member of the board. All reports will be treated seriously and if substantiated by a vote of the Board of Directors, prompt action will be taken, up to and including termination from the club.

ARTICLE II - DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT

1. Shall preside at all meetings and shall be the ex-officio member of all committees.
2. Shall conduct the meetings according to the accepted rules of parliamentary procedure.
3. It shall be the duty to see that the CLUB is functioning properly according to the Constitution and By-Laws.
4. Shall appoint all standing and special committee chairmen
5. Shall approve all bills in excess of \$50.00 prior to payment and verify the bank balance of the CLUB monthly.
6. Shall appoint the following:
 - a. Handicap Chairman
 - b. Ringers Chairman
 - c. Tournament Chairman
 - d. Other committee chairwomen deemed necessary
7. Shall be the officer in charge of the Rules Committee, as defined below, and shall call meetings of the Committee when necessary.

VICE PRESIDENT

1. Shall perform the duties in the absence of the President
2. In the event the PRESIDENT vacates the office, they shall become the ACTING President for the remainder of the term.
3. Shall be responsible for obtaining the report of any absent officer for presentation at the meeting.
4. Shall schedule general meetings.

TREASURER

1. Shall have custody of and be responsible for all funds of the CLUB
2. Shall report proceeds and expenses of the CLUB and shall report proceeds and expenses of the CLUB and handle the cash and checks utilizing a checking account to conduct the CLUB's business.
3. Shall keep proper books of accounts which shall be available annually for the inspection by the Officers and Directors.
4. Before each annual meeting, they shall prepare a detailed report, in writing, of the financial affairs of the CLUB for the preceding year.
5. Shall prepare a roster of all paid members and submit it to the Board of Directors
6. Shall prepare a Budget prior to the start of each season and submit it to the Executive Officers for approval. Once the Executive Officers approve, it shall be voted on by the general membership. Should circumstances dictate a revision of the budget, it may be revised by a vote of the board of directors.

SECRETARY

1. Shall record the minutes of the meetings and read them at the next meeting; also, record and may read the minutes of all special meetings of the Officers and Board of Directors.
2. Shall give a copy of the last minutes to the President in order to proceed with any old business. They shall also record the TREASURER'S report of the balance in the treasury in the minutes. .
3. Shall disseminate a copy of the annual meeting minutes to the general membership as soon as practical.
4. Shall maintain an up-to-date mailing list of members, conduct the correspondence of the CLUB, and keep records of such correspondence

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS shall be defined under Item 3, Article V.
2. They shall decide the CLUB'S policies and methods of conducting business.
3. They shall be available at any time to give advice if called upon by any CLUB member.
4. They shall have the power to elect a member to fill any vacancies occurring on the BOARD OF DIRECTORS during the year.
5. *They shall have the power to review and take corrective actions regarding a member's conduct which, in the opinion of the Board, is deemed to be in violation of the by-laws, other rules, or negatively impacts the club or its members.*

Once an allegation of such conduct is reported, the Board shall serve notice of a hearing (date, place and time) to the party or parties and request attendance at said hearing. After such hearing, or should the party or parties fail to appear, the Board may proceed to take action. One of the following actions shall be taken as decided by a 2/3 vote of the entire Board: 1. Exoneration, 2. Reprimand, 3. Suspension for a defined term, beginning on specified dates. Notice of decision shall be given orally and in writing.

RULES COMMITTEE

1. The Board of Directors shall fulfill the function of the Rules Committee
2. The Officer in charge of this COMMITTEE shall be the President
3. The RULES COMMITTEE shall promote the knowledge of and strict adherence to the Rules of Golf as interpreted by the United States Golf Association.
4. The COMMITTEE shall determine any local rules established by the CLUB be available for the advice on the USGA Rules of Golf.
5. The COMMITTEE will settle any disputes that arise during matches and tournaments.