

Charter of Stumptown Disc Golf

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Mission Statement

The purpose of Stumptown Disc Golf is to promote the growth and development of disc golf in local communities.

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ARTICLE I OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSE

A. GENERAL

The Stumptown Disc Golf, herein and elsewhere to be referred to as the "SDG" and the "Club", sets forth in this charter, the structure of the Club and the rules to be adhered to by its members and officers. For communication purposes, the club premises and business address will be determined by the Board of Directors and made available to Club members and the general public.

B. FUNCTIONS

The SDG has six major functions:

1. To support and promote the growth of disc golf through the installation of new courses and continued improvements at existing courses.

2. To develop disc golf activities for our membership which will be competitive, fair, and fun; including providing education and training clinics when requested.
3. To make the local communities and all associated governments aware of the benefits of disc golf as an outdoor activity and sport and that the Club supports the disc golf community.
4. To assist in the promotion and running of Oregon and Pacific Northwest Disc Golf events.
5. To conduct fundraising for the purpose of assisting in course installation and improvement by holding events and other fundraising activities.
6. To ensure the property and income of the Club shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the stated objectives or purposes of the Club and no part of that property or income may be paid or otherwise distributed, directly or indirectly, to members of the Club, except in good faith in the promotion of the objectives stated herein.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

A. GENERAL

1. Membership in the Club has certain rights, responsibilities, and entitlements. Active membership is attained and maintained by paying annual dues. Membership dues are to be established by the Club through the *referendum process*. The Director of Memberships will, on behalf of the Club, keep and maintain the register of members and that register shall be kept and maintained at the Committee member's place of residence. The Committee member shall delete the name of any person who ceases to be a member of the Club from the register of active members.
2. Any person who is interested in Disc Golf shall be eligible for membership.
3. There are three categories of membership: Individual, Family and Sponsor.
 - \$10.00 per calendar year for Individual Memberships.
 - \$25.00 per calendar year for Family Memberships (includes dependents and/or children under 18).

B. RIGHTS

Membership and all rights of participation in the SDG, including all tournaments and other events conducted or sanctioned by the Club, shall be open to everyone without regard to race, age, creed, sexual orientation, color, national origin or gender. Nonetheless, participation in divisions of tournaments or other events may be restricted on the basis of gender, age or ability.

1. Each active member 16 years of age or older has the right to hold office in the Club. All members will be entitled to vote on any motion and each member will be entitled to one vote, given in person.
 2. Members enrolled via a family membership will be limited to a maximum of three (3) votes on any one binding or non-binding motion, regardless of total family members.
 3. Any member may at a reasonable time inspect, without charge, the books, documents, records and securities of the Club.
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4. As to the Club's finances;
 - a. The funds of the Club, together with its income and any property, will be under the management control of the Board.
 - b. The Board will cause proper books of accounts to be maintained, recording a true account of the financial transactions of the Club and of all the receipts and expenditures and the assets and liabilities of the Club.
 - c. Accounts for payment will be authorized by the BoD.

d. The accounts of the Club will be audited annually. The Board will appoint the honorary Auditor's Committee.

d. The bank account may be operated on by any two Board members, one being the Treasurer, or any one Board member and one other person as agreed by the Board.

C. RESPONSIBILITIES

Members assist the Club by:

1. Supporting the Club and its members.
2. Participating in a competitive, fair, fun, and responsible manner at any event.
3. Attending Club meetings and events.
4. Supporting and promoting the sport of disc golf.
5. Giving assistance to new or potential players.
6. Providing assistance on Club projects.
7. Serving as a resource for course maintenance when needed.
8. Maintaining active membership status.

D. ENTITLEMENTS

Active Club Members are entitled to receive:

1. A one calendar year membership in the Club.
2. A personalized membership card with permanent member number.
3. Periodic SDG communications to membership.
4. Discount prices for selected club merchandise and member benefits to be determined.
5. Discount entry fees for official Club organized events that are solely of the Club origin.

E. SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP

A member may be suspended by the Board, with a 60% or greater vote for suspension, for any of the following willful violations:

1. Threatening or abusive language or actions towards another person during Club sponsored activities or towards any other golfer on a disc golf course.
2. Willful destruction or abuse of plant or animal life, course hardware, or any other property considered part of the disc golf course or the park.
3. Cheating - a willful attempt to circumvent the rules of play.

Any member suspended by the BoD will receive written notice of the suspension. The suspension continues until the next regularly scheduled Club business meeting. At that time, the suspension may be rescinded or upheld by a 2-to-1 quorum vote. The suspended member has the right to address the Club prior to the vote.

ARTICLE III ADMINISTRATION

A. ELECTED OFFICERS

1. General

The offices described in this part constitute the primary duties of the Club. It is the duty of each elected officer to do their best to serve the Club and fulfill their responsibilities. Officers are required to attend Club meetings. Only active members may run for, be elected to, and hold office.

2. Officers

President

The President is to preside over Club meetings and direct the overall activity of Club functions. The President shall accept applications for and appoint volunteer positions to perform Club duties as needed. The President will also serve as Chairman of Communications Committee. The Chairman is responsible for overseeing all aspects of administration, promotions and media coverage for Club events and activities.

Vice President

The Vice-President will assist the President in presiding over Club Meetings and in the overall activity of club functions. This officer shall also serve on one or more committees; in general perform all duties incident to the office of Vice-President and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the President or by the Board of Directors.

Treasurer

The Treasurer will hold Club funds, disperse Club funds as needed, and publicly confirm the financial responsibility of the Club. This Officer shall provide financial activity reports of Club funds on a monthly and annual basis; in general perform all duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the President or by the Board of Directors.

Secretary

The Secretary will record all business of the club at meetings and assist in all non-financial recordkeeping for the club. This officer shall provide activity reports of Club actions and events on a monthly and annual basis; in general perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the President or by the Board of Directors.

Director of Membership

The Director of Membership is responsible for overseeing all aspects of membership including but not limited to the Club database, correspondence with new or renewing members, and for providing an active membership list on a monthly basis to the officers. Provisions are to be made for a Club email, phone and address book for the general membership and for supporting the other officers as needed regarding the Club database.

Removal from Office

Any officer may, at any time during the term of office, be removed from office for cause by 75% quorum vote. A special election may be held to fill the office. If a Board member wishes to/must retire, then he/she must inform the other BoD members by letter of resignation and that casual vacancy will be filled by the BoD for the duration of the term.

B. ELECTIONS

1. Annual

Club elections will be held each January or February and will be conducted by popular vote through anonymous ballot. Ballots shall be counted at the regular January or February Club Meeting. Only active members are eligible to vote in Club elections. The elections are to be used for electing Club officers, voting on referendums, and taking polls of the membership.

The President Elect and other newly elected officers will accept office at the annual Club Meeting in February.

2. Special

Special elections may be called for by a 2 to 1 quorum vote during a regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the President or any Director. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Board of Directors may fix any place as the place for holding any special meeting of the Board of Directors called by them. Notice of any special meeting shall be given at least ten (10) days prior by written notice delivered personally, or mailed to each Director at his/her address, or by facsimile or electronic transmission. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail in a sealed envelope, so addressed, with postage thereon prepaid. If notice be given by facsimile or electronic transmission, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when confirmation of the transmission is received by the sender. Any Director may waive notice of any meeting. The attendance of a Director at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a Director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors need be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting.

Any members of the Board of Directors or any committee designated by such Board may participate in a meeting of the Board of Directors or committee by means of telephone or email conference or similar communications. Such participation shall constitute presence in person at the meeting. Members may register their votes, or submit a proxy, for agenda and referendum items that are published prior to club meetings by submitting their votes electronically to the club secretary two days prior to published meeting time.

C. APPOINTED POSITIONS

Powers of the Board of Directors (BoD):

The control of the Club will be in the hands of the BoD who will:

- a) Consider, and where necessary, authorize expenditure of any payment of accounts; such expenditures to be confirmed or amended at the subsequent Monthly General Meeting.
- b) Fill a vacancy on the BoD by appointment until the next Annual General Meeting.
- c) From time to time, institute any regulations or rules considered necessary for the day to day operations of the Club; such regulations to be confirmed or amended at the subsequent Monthly General Meeting.
- d) Determine categories of membership, and appropriate scale of membership fees, to be confirmed or amended at the subsequent Annual General Meeting.
- e) Invest the funds of the Club from time to time as it sees fit, so long as that such expenditure promotes the growth of disc golf; such investments to be confirmed or amended at the subsequent Monthly General Meeting.

The president shall accept applications from and choose volunteers for positions required by continuous Club functions. These appointments are to be confirmed by the members in attendance at the next regularly scheduled Club business meeting.

By accepting these appointments, the Volunteer Staff agree to do their best to serve the Club. The Volunteer Staff are required to attend the scheduled Club meetings. Any capable active member can be appointed these duties.

The President can make temporary appointments of volunteers for specific duties as needed. If the duties are determined to be required on a permanent basis, the appointment shall be approved by a majority of the present active members at the next regular Club meeting.

D. VOTING, REFERENDUMS AND POLLS

Some items of Club business may be considered too important to decide by vote in the regular monthly meeting and be put to vote to the entire membership through the Annual or a special election. These items are to be known as "Referendum Items" and shall be considered binding. Referendum Items require a 66% majority vote unless otherwise specified elsewhere in this charter.

Other items may be put to the membership either during the annual, by special election, or by informal polling to gauge support for or against ideas and shall be referred to as "Non-Binding Referendum Items." All votes, motions or actions of the Club will be considered to be accepted by the general membership of the Club with a majority of 60% of the present quorum, unless expressly stated otherwise in these by-laws.

Alterations or amendments to the Charter will be determined by vote at the Annual General Meeting. Proposed alterations or amendments can be presented at the Annual General Meeting or at a meeting called for that express purpose. A 66% majority vote of all votes received is required to amend the Charter

E. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Monthly Business Meetings

There is to be a gathering of the Club membership at least once a month to discuss and conduct the Club business. A minimum number of active members (a quorum) must be present to conduct certain Club business as defined elsewhere in this Charter. A quorum is defined to be an assembly of at least five active members, with a minimum of three members of the BoD included in that figure.. The meetings are to be held with regard to the spirit of a semi-formal Robert's Rules of Order.

2. Club Communications

The BoD is to provide ample communications to the membership regarding Club activities on a schedule to be decided during the regularly scheduled Club meetings via email, blogs, mailings or other means.

3. Irregular Meetings

The Club may at times be called to assemble for special reasons such as to confer on Club issues or to provide support and/or assistance for Club events.

ARTICLE IV RESTRICTIONS

This Charter may be amended only with a 2 to 1 referendum vote during the annual or a special election with the entire active membership eligible to vote. An announcement of the referendum must be made to the membership no less than two times prior to the vote on the amendment.

DISSOLUTION:

The Club may be dissolved or wound-up by a resolution of any ordinary or general meeting called for such purpose. If upon the dissolution or winding-up of the Club there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed amongst the members of the Club, but shall be given or transferred to some other Club or institution having objects similar, wholly or in part to the objects of this Club. Should no Club be found with similar objectives, the proceeds amounted from property owned, shall be given to a recognized charity.

Appendix A

Glossary of Terms

Referendum

These are binding changes to the Club's charter. In the case of this club, 66% of the voting quorum must agree in order the proposed referendum.

Non-Referendum

These are non-binding motions and votes used to gauge support for or against a particular action. In the case of this club, non-referendum items are passed with 60% of a quorum voting for the motion.

Quorum

The number of members present at a BoD meeting needed to conduct club business. In the case of this club, this number is five; with a minimum of three BoD members present.