

Gold Country Disc Golf Association Club

Club Charter

Article I Name of Organization

The club will be known as Gold Country Disc Golf Association Club.

Article II Statements of Purpose

To help promote all versions of disc sports by

- Introducing new members and the community to disc golf, while modeling and educating about responsible and respectful sportsmanlike play
- Organizing, promoting and operating nationally and locally sanctioned disc golf tournaments
- Continually improving and expanding Nevada County disc golf courses, as well as working for the creation of new courses
- Encouraging local vendors to carry full lines of disc golf equipment
- Cooperating with any and all local civic and service organizations and local government agencies in the interests of the above
- Working with national disc sports sanctioning bodies in the interests of the above
- Providing a forum for players in which they may effectively influence the development of the sport locally
- To recognize exceptional players for their skills or their contributions to the sport
- To have a good time, whatever the cost.

Membership in the Gold Country DGA benefits each member by providing a forum in which to effectively pursue their goals for disc golf, be they social, professional, or personal. Each member is given the opportunity to take part in club events, to influence the operation of tourneys, and to be recognized for the skills or for their contributions to the sport.

Article III Requirements for membership and means of selecting members

The club is open to members of any age, race, religious persuasion, political affiliation or sexual orientation, male, female, or otherwise. Members pay dues yearly, and sign a membership agreement stating they will uphold the general principles and goals of the club outlined in this charter. In addition, each club member *is encouraged to attend club meetings throughout the year.*

Article IV Officers

Section 1 Elections

All club officers are elected annually in the spring. Candidates for office should announce their candidacy at least a month in advance. Write-in and email votes are acceptable. Officers are elected by simple majority vote of

club members in good standing, voting to be coordinated and tallied by the Course Marshals.

Section 2 **President**

The club president is responsible for

- Maintaining a regular club meeting schedule
- Preparing the agenda for each meeting
- Leading the execution of major projects such as regular membership drives, tournaments and course maintenance by defining and delegating responsibilities, and acting as a model of dedication to the event
- Organizing and executing monthly tournament events and putting qualifiers
- Proposing major projects to be undertaken subject to approval by vote of club members

Section 3 **Vice-president**

The vice-president embodies the functions of second-in-charge in the absence of the president, as well as secretary and treasurer by:

- Communicating with Course Marshals, maintaining an accounting of club funds, collecting money from weekly and major tournament events, paying out any winnings, and providing the club membership with a report at each meeting of the previous period's account activity (beginning and ending balances, payments and receipts)
- Acting as official spokesperson for the club; as press contact, writing and distributing press releases and information in advance of and following major events

Section 4 **Course Marshals**

Two positions are elected. Each is responsible for either Grass Valley's Condon Park Squirrel Creek disc golf course or Penn Valley's Western Gateway Park Hanging Oak disc golf course.

To promote the activities of the club by:

- The regular and rational re-arrangement of the courses' pin placements
- Ensuring that weekly random draw doubles tournaments are held at both Squirrel Creek and Hanging Oak, maintaining a record of players, cash received and cash paid, and reporting these transactions to the vice-president.
- Acting as de-facto course pro by leading or providing for occasional disc golf clinics and group lessons, and promoting responsible use of the course by new and advanced players.
- Providing reports at each club meeting on course conditions and maintenance issues
- Coordinating all club cabinet voting activities.

Section 5 **Treasurer**

Oversee and manage Gold Country DGA club funds by:

- Maintaining an archive of bank statements
- Balancing checking account
- Announcing account totals a monthly meetings
- Provide advice regarding funds
- Issue payments when due.

Section 6 **Secretary**

To record the evolution of Gold Country DGA by:

- Recording and distributing the minutes of each club meeting within three days of the meeting
- Maintaining a roster of current and active club members, to include record of name, age, telephone number, email address, PDGA ranking, occupation, and willingness and availability to assist in club events and projects
- Maintaining an archive of club records including meeting agendas and minutes, bank statements, press releases, photography, promotional materials, and news articles
- Collecting and presenting relevant data and statistics about club demographics, and course usage

Article V **Dues and fees**

Membership for one year in the Gold Country DGA can be gained either by payment of \$30 cash or completion of 5 hours course maintenance work as approved in advance by the club *Course Marshals*. Such work may include, but is not limited to general course cleanup (trash pickup, cigarette butt pickup, etc), fabricating and installing a bench or other course amenity, sweep tees and greens, or light landscaping work.

Article VI **Meetings**

Regular club meetings will take place monthly, generally on the evening of the last Thursday of each month.

Article VII **Committees**

Standing Committees

Membership in several standing committees is voluntary.

Section 1 **The Publicity Committee**

The Publicity Committee is responsible for all public relations needs of the club by promoting tournaments, designing and distributing course maps and signs, creating promotional materials for new members, ensuing news coverage of major events, and the updating and expansion of the club's internet

presence as a means of furthering the chartered goals of the club. Chaired by the club vice president.

Section 2 **The Course Committee**

The Course Committee is responsible for the coordination of course maintenance activities. Major changes to the course (new pin positions, sign installation, etc.) are recommended by the Course Committee subject to approval by vote of the full club membership. Co-chaired by the club *Course Marshals*.

Section 3 **The Tournament Committee**

The Tournament Committee is responsible for coordination of several tournament events each year, such as Spring Fling doubles, World's Biggest, Ice Bowl, etc. Tournament Directors are chosen by majority vote of the tournament committee members. The committee should also contribute club resources to assisting the operation of major, independently run tournaments. Chaired by the club President

Article VIII **Rules for Amending the Constitution**

This constitution can be amended, parts stricken or inserted, by majority vote of all active members. Proposed amendments must be introduced first to the cabinet, then held to a simple majority balloting of all active club members. Balloting should be held only after a minimum two week's period has elapsed.

Article IX **Calendar of Events**

Section 1

Each January and July the newly elected club president will submit a calendar of events to the club cabinet for their approval. The calendar may be modified by majority vote of the cabinet. This calendar should include all events the club will participate in during that president's term which require long-term planning and preparation, and should thus set the goals for the club. The calendar should also include a schedule of cabinet meetings at intervals set forth in Article VI of this *charter*. The events outlined in the calendar are primarily intended for club members only, and are thus a major benefit of club membership. Occasionally membership drives or other events may be scheduled for participation by prospective members and the general public.

Section 2

Briefly, these events should include, but not be limited to:

- *Occasional alternate format tournaments (safari, skins, Wolf, etc.), putting contests, quarterly barbecues, club challenges against other local clubs*
- Player of the Year awards should be presented at the January meeting each year. Such awards as are deemed fitting by the previous term's

cabinet, and awarded to those players as agreed upon by that cabinet, are to be presented by the newly elected club president. These awards may be plaques, embroidered club logo golf shirts, or any other recognition as appropriate, and are given in recognition for outstanding service to the club and its goals.

Article X **Discipline**

Actions by members contrary to the stated purposes of the organization should be open to disciplinary action by the body.

Section 1 **Grounds for discipline**

- Unsportsmanlike conduct should not be tolerated, either on the course, or in any official capacity, in which any club member acts as a de facto representative of the sport and the club.
- Mismanagement of club duties by any cabinet member should not be tolerated. Any cabinet member uncertain of their capacity to fairly manage the responsibilities placed on them by election should seek the assistance of other club members, cabinet members, or others, or request an honorable discharge from their duties. Failure to do so, with failure to carry out their assigned duties, can result in dishonorable discharge and removal from office.

None of this should be construed as limiting the free expression of contrary opinions. Any action taken in the best interests of the club, and within the restrictions of the institution outlined here is acceptable. Interpretation of what constitutes grounds for discipline is largely determined by consideration and vote of the members.

Section 2 **Means of discipline**

Depending on the severity of the offense a member may be disciplined by any of several means, largely determined by vote of club members in public meeting, any suspicion of action considered grounds for discipline by any member may be brought before the Cabinet. Accusations of this sort may be made anonymously, and that anonymity guaranteed by the cabinet throughout any subsequent disciplinary actions. Once heard, the cabinet must decide whether the accusation is severe enough and within the guidelines set above. If so decided, a disciplinary hearing will be held at the next possible general meeting. The accused must be notified of the details of the accusation no less than five days in advance of any disciplinary hearing.

Disciplinary hearings should follow this format:

- a public reading of the accusation
- a fair time for debate to determine the body's feeling if the offense be worthy disciplinary action, or has been proven adequately. It is expected during this time the accused offer some defense of their actions, and respond to the questions of the members and cabinet.

- A vote to decide whether further action should be taken. If the vote fails to pass by a majority of members present, no action is taken and no prejudice is held against the accused. Club funds buy beer for the exonerated for the remainder of the meeting.
- If the vote passes, another period of debate to determine appropriate consequences. Actions may include, but are not limited to: permanent expulsion from the club, suspension from active membership for any period, exclusion from a specified event, or a fine of beer or course labor in any reasonable amount.
- A vote to decide the appropriate course of action. A simple majority of present members suffices by any means the president sees appropriate (voice vote, hidden ballot, show of hands, etc.).
- An answer from the disciplined member. A member may simply accept the action, or give any answer they choose. They may at that time decide to resign their membership.

A disciplined member, upon favorable completion of their sentence as determined by a majority of the cabinet, is immediately returned to membership in good standing. Return to good standing should be announced at the next general meeting, and beer for that member is on the club.