

Hoobie Goobies of The Pines at Elizabeth City

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Article I – Organizational Name

The name of this organization shall be the **The Hoobie Goobies of The Pines at Elizabeth City (hereinafter called Hoobies)**.

Article II - Purpose

First. To promote and foster among its members Goodwill, Fellowship, Sportsmanship and a closer bond for their mutual benefit, and to promote and conserve the best interest and true spirit of the game of golf as embodied in its ancient and honorable traditions.

Second. To enforce uniformity in the rules of the game as adopted by the United States Golf Association and Local Rules of Play as adopted by members of this organization.

Third. To maintain a uniform system of handicapping.

Fourth. To afford a convenient and authoritative body to govern Rules of Play and Rules of Membership for the Hoobies organization.

Article III - Membership

Section 1. Membership shall be available to all Golfers who have a valid handicap (as defined by the Board of Directors), and agree to follow the rules, By-Laws and policies adopted by the Hoobie organization.

Section 2. Memberships are individual and non-transferable. Dues are to be paid in the amount and frequency agreed upon at a scheduled meeting of the Hoobie organization.

Section 3. The fiscal year for the Hoobies will be January 1 through December 31. The terms of Board of Directors and/or Officers will also span the same calendar year.

Section 4. In the event any member of this organization shall commit any act which reflects discredit or dispute thereon or shall refuse or neglect to comply with the rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Directors or the duly appointed officers, and duly announced and posted for all of the membership to see and understand, such member shall be subject to suspension or expulsion after ten (10) days written notice and the right to be heard, by a vote of two-third (2/3) of the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting called for such purpose. The President will take whatever action is approved by the Board, and will notify the member accordingly.

Section 5. The Annual Meeting of the Hoobies and Election of Officers (Board of Directors) shall be held on the first Wednesday in the month of January. In addition to the Annual Meeting, at least three (3) other regularly scheduled meetings of the General Membership will be held on the 3rd Wednesday in April, July and October of each year. The Board of Directors shall provide for the holding of additional meetings as may be deemed necessary or desirable, and shall call in a timely manner, not to exceed 30 days after receipt of a valid petition signed by no less than one third of the membership (33 1/3%).

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Section 6. To be deemed valid, a petition for a special or call meeting must be in writing, stating the reason for the meeting and be signed by no less than one third (33 1/3%) of the membership. Should such a valid petition be presented to the President, a special or call meeting shall be held within 30 days of receipt by the President to consider the issues stated in the petition. Failure of the President to hold such a meeting within the 30 day timeframe shall be considered, the submission of his resignation from the office of President. All issues shall be dealt with on a simple majority rule except for By-Law modifications and other items specifically stated herein.

Section 7. A legal quorum at any meeting of the membership shall be twenty-five (25) members present or 1/5th (20%) of the membership, whichever is smaller. Each active member (including Social Members) in good standing, shall be entitled to one vote, whether present or not at the meeting. Absentee Ballots, in writing and deemed valid, will be allowed at all meetings.

Section 9. The Board of Directors, from time to time, shall establish all membership fees and dues as they deem to be adequate to operate and maintain the Hoobies.

Article IV - Board of Directors

Section 1. Election of Officers & Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of the following four (4) duly elected Officers and the Immediate Past President:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Immediate Past President

All Members of the Board of Directors must be, and must continue through their term of office, to be members in good standing of The Pines of Elizabeth City **and** a member in good standing of the Hoobie Goobies of the Pines.

Section 1. A. Nominating Committee. On or before November 15th, The Board of Directors shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) members of the organization not serving on the Board of Directors/Officer.

Not later than December 10th, the Nominating Committee Chairman shall submit to the Board the list of nominees for Officers and Directors selected by the committee and the office for which they were nominated.

A complete list of all qualified nominees for Officers and Directors, showing the position/office for which they are running, will be posted at the Pines by the Nominating Committee no later than December 15th each year.

Nominations may be made from the floor on Election Day.

Section 1. B. Election Committee. The Board shall appoint a committee of three election officials, who are not members of the Board or candidates for election, to supervise the election and count the ballots. The Election Committee will supervise and organize all election of Officers and Directors. Their names shall be posted at the Pines no later than December 15th each year.

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Section 1. C. Voting Procedures for Board of Directors. Voting for Officers and Directors shall be by written ballot of the general membership at the Annual Meeting and those names receiving the greatest number of votes cast shall be declared to have been elected. Proxy ballots will not be accepted, however, a member may vote by Absentee Ballot. The Absentee Ballot, to be deemed valid, must be a written letter from a member in good standing, stating that members position or vote on an individual or issue, in a sealed envelope and signed by the that member. This sealed letter must be delivered to the election officials prior to the vote on any office or position. The letter will be opened in the presence of all election officials. No other form of Absentee Ballot will be accepted.

Section 2. Meetings of Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall meet at such times and places as they may select and four (4) Officers and Directors shall constitute a quorum at the meeting. The Board shall meet at least once in each quarter of the year. All Board of Director meeting times and places shall be announced to the general Club Membership, and shall be open to all members wishing to attend.

Section 3. Vacancy While in Office. In the case of any vacancy through death, resignation, disqualification or any other cause, the President shall appoint a successor to hold office for the full unexpired term of the Officer/Director whose place shall be vacant, and until the election of a successor at the next annual meeting. If the office vacated is that of the President, the remaining members of the Board of Directors shall elect one of themselves to complete the term of the President. Once elected to the office of President, the newly elected President may appoint someone not currently serving on the Board of Directors to complete his unexpired term in office. This would maintain the number of Board of Directors at five (5) until the next annual election.

Article V - Committees

Section 1. Within thirty (30) days after the Annual Meeting and election, the President and the newly constituted Board of Directors (Officers and Directors) shall meet to nominate and elect the Committee Chairmen for the Club for the ensuing year, These appointments shall be made by the President, and approved by majority vote of the Board of Directors (Officers and Directors), shall include, but not be limited to, the Chairman of the Rules Committee.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall authorize and define the powers and duties of all committees. Chairman and members of all committees shall be appointed by the President, with approval of the Board of Directors, and the President shall be ex-officio member of all committees **except the nominating committee**. In this capacity, the President shall not vote except to break a tie.

Section 2.A. The Rules Committee shall consist of three (3) members nominated by the Chairman of the Rules Committee. Rules Committee (also referred to as Policy Committee) is to oversee the Local Rules of Play and other items as directed by the Board of Directors. The Rules Committee shall, by majority vote of that committee, recommend changes to existing By-Laws, rules and or policies to the Board of Directors. *In the event of a proposed by-law change, see Article VI).*

Section 2.B. Non By-Law recommendations: The Board of Directors may adopt or reject these recommendations as submitted and may amend or modify the submitted rules or policies *without approval of the Rules Committee*. Adoption or Rejection must be within thirty days (30 days) of submission otherwise the proposed change or recommendation (Rule or Policy) is automatically adopted. The Rules Committee will be responsible to insure that all members comply and abide with the Rules, By-Laws and Policies adopted by the Board of Directors and/or the Membership. Any Rule or Policy adopted by the Board of Directors (directly or adopted by failure of Board of Directors to act within the 30 days) may be brought to a vote of the entire Membership by a valid petition. (See *Article III - Section 7 for definition of Valid Petition*)

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Section 3.C. General Rules and Policies to be managed, monitored and considered by the Rules Committee:

- **Guest Players (Non Hoobies who wish to play occasionally)**
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- **Rules of Play (as determined by course conditions, time of year & weather or other factors deemed by the committee to affect scoring)**
- **Method to determine which golfers play from which tees (age, physical condition, etc.)**
- **Daily Tournament Contributions & Prize Distribution**
- **Requirement for official Handicap System at the Pines**
- **Other Rules and Policies as directed by the Board of Directors**

Section 4. Nominating Committee. (See Article IV – Section 1. A.)

Section 5. Election Committee. (See Article IV – Section 1. B.)

Section 6 . Social Committee. To plan, organize, promote and direct “educational field trips”, annual parties/events and other functions as directed by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. All Committee Meetings shall be open to any member of the organization.

Article VI – Amendments to By-Laws

These By-Laws may be altered, amended or repealed or new By-Laws may be adopted at the Annual Meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present. Twenty-five (25) members or one fifth (20%) of the total number of members in good standing, whichever is less, shall constitute a legal quorum.

Article VII – Dissolution of the Organization. In the event that the Hoobies are disbanded, for any reason, any residual funds will be distributed to a Non-Profit organization selected by the most recent Board of Directors.

Article VIII – Roberts Rules of Order. Robert’s Rules of Order will govern all meetings of the general membership and committee meetings. The President may appoint a committee of one to act as Parliamentarian at all meetings held by this organization.