#### **Middle Tennessee Disc Golf Association**

# **By-Laws**

#### ARTICLE 1 NAME AND DEFINITION

Section 1. The name of this organization is Middle Tennessee Disc Golf Association, and its abbreviated title is MTDGA.

Section 2. MTDGA is a not-for-profit organization and is open to all persons regardless of race, creed, gender or nationality.

# ARTICLE 2 PURPOSES

- Section 1. To promote the sport of disc golf.
- Section 2. To host and manage disc golf tournaments.
- Section 3. To cooperate with other organizations for the good of disc golf.
- Section 4. To communicate to participants of the sport in our area about events and news related to our organization.

## ARTICLE 3 MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. Membership is based on dues, and the Executive Board shall determine the amount and schedule of these dues.
- Section 2. Active members are those whom have paid their dues in full for the current session. Active members are able to vote in council elections.
- Section 3. Non-active members are those whom have not paid their dues in full for the current session. Non-active members do not have voting

rights in council elections. Non-active members can participate in club-sponsored activities.

#### ARTICLE 4 EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Section 1. The MTDGA Executive Board shall consist of five members: president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary and director of promotions. The Executive Board, referred to hereinafter as "the board," shall be the governing body of the MTDGA in which the government and management of the association is vested.
- Section 2. A quorum of the board consists of a majority of its members. All decisions of the Board must receive a majority vote of its members.
- Section 3. In the event of a deadlock vote, the president from the previous term shall be called upon to cast his/her vote to break the tie.
- Section 4. Terms of office shall be two (2) years from the general election. The president and treasurer shall be elected in odd years and vice president, director of promotions, and secretary elected in even years. In the event a member cannot fulfill his/her term, a special election will be held to fill the vacated seat (see Article 7, Section 7).

#### ARTICLE 5 DUTIES OF BOARD MEMBERS

- Section 1. Duties of the president shall include the calling of and presiding over meetings. The president is responsible for administering the affairs of the MTDGA according to the by-laws. The president will attend meetings and be the liaison for the parks departments. The president is responsible for maintaining positive relationships with Club sponsors, local players, and other disc golf organizations, including but not limited to cities officials, park employees, and other clubs.
- Section 2. The vice-president shall oversee nominating, accepting members of, and serving on special committees. The vice-president shall serve as president in the event the president is not able to serve. The vice-president is responsible for overseeing course maintenance and organizing

of work parties. The vice- president is responsible for maintaining positive relationships with Club sponsors, local players, and other disc golf organizations, including but not limited to cities officials, park employees, and other clubs.

- Section 3. The treasurer shall accept all responsibility of administering the financial affairs of the organization. The treasure shall open and maintain the MTDGA bank account along with the president as cosigner, and/or other current board member if the president declined as cosigner. The treasure will maintain MTDGA information with the IRS. The treasurer has discretion of purchases under \$500.00, but must receive a majority of the Board's approval for purchases over \$500.00.
- Section 4. The secretary shall be responsible for record keeping and maintaining communication for MTDGA through social media and the club website. The secretary shall serve as webmaster for updating, renewing, and maintaining the club website www.MTDGA.org and pointing domain www.MTDGA.com. The secretary shall be responsible for the creation of event fliers, events records "Scores", and event promotion through web, social media, and/or local course bulletin boards.
- Section 5. The director of promotions shall be responsible for club public relations, fundraising, events management and promotions. The director of promotions shall work closely with the club secretary on fliers, social media, and other media.
- Section 6. It is the responsibility of each member of the board to become a PDGA certified tournament official within 90 days of election. The member shall incur the cost of the test. Members of the board shall serve as course officials at tournaments when available.
- Section 7: Members of the executive board must serve exclusively on the MTDGA board. Nominees may not serve as an officer on another clubs board or executive committee. In the event a nominee holds additional positions with other organizations, he/she must resign prior to taking office with the MTDGA.

#### ARTICLE 6 COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENTS

- Section 1. The board has the authority to create and abolish committees as needed. The board shall specify the duties of these committees.
- Section 2. The members of these committees shall be selected by the board and shall serve at their discretion.
- Section 3. The board has authority to appoint non-board member positions through majority vote of the board to assist in running of events and overseeing special projects.

#### ARTICLE 7 ELECTION PROCEDURE

- Section 1. Elections shall be held for the president and treasurer in odd years and vice president, director of promotions, and secretary in even years. Nominations shall take place in November and Elections shall take place in the month of December. Newly elected officials shall take office January 1<sup>st</sup> and the term of office shall be two years between January 1<sup>st</sup> in the first year and February 1<sup>st</sup> at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year. The outgoing members and incoming members shall work together to insure a smooth transition to maintain the integrity of MTDGA.
- Section 2. No member of the board can serve in more than one elected MTDGA position. Board members can serve on as many special committees as they see fit.
- Section 3. Any active MTDGA member can make nominations for any elected position. The nominee can accept or decline the nomination.
- Section 4. Elections shall be by closed vote and/or online voting, and official ballots shall only be issued to active MTDGA members.
- Section 5. Ballots shall be issued and tallied on election day.
- Section 6. Nominee must receive the majority of the votes to win the elected position.
- Section 7. A special election shall be held in the event a position is vacated or a board member cannot fulfill his/her term. This election shall be held within one month after the board member tenders his/her resignation.

Active members shall be notified within an appropriate amount of time of the vacated position and the special election.

## ARTICLE 8 FINANCIAL

- Section 1. The Fiscal year for MTDGA begins February 1<sup>st</sup> and ends January 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year.
- Section 2. The MTDGA shall neither make a loan to any member of the board or any member of the club, nor lend its credit to any member of the club.
- Section 3. In the event that the MTDGA should be dissolved for any reason, all assets remaining after payment of all just debts and claims shall be turned over to the Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Department.
- Section 4. Dissolution of MTDGA requires approval by 75% of its active members. A dissolution plan shall be made available at least 30 days prior to the membership vote for its approval

#### ARTICLE 9 PROCEDURES FOR ADMENDING THE BY-LAWS

Section 1: A proposed amendment to these Bylaws must be submitted in writing to the President for inclusion on the agenda for the next Board Meeting. After approval by majority vote by the Board of Directors, the proposed changes will be presented to the general membership for approval. An affirmative vote by a 2/3 majority of the general membership, at a duly organized membership meeting, is required to amend these Bylaws.