

# **OVCC BYLAWS**

## ***OGEECHEE VALLEY COUNTRY, CLUB***

### **ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE**

The club is a legal entity registered September 29, 1970, with the Georgia Secretary of State as Ogeechee Valley Country Club, Inc.

The purpose of this club is to develop and maintain family recreational facilities and programs.

### **ARTICLE II: OFFICE**

The principal office and place of business of said corporation shall be in Jefferson County, Georgia.

### **ARTICLE III: GOVERNING BODY**

The governing body of the Ogeechee Valley Country Club, Inc. shall be the Board of Directors, numbering 5 to 10, who shall be nominated and elected by the majority of the membership present at the annual meeting with one (1) vote per membership.

The Board of Directors shall have the general control over all the affairs of the club and shall have full power and authority. Specifically, the club shall be managed and operated by rules and regulations duly adopted by this Board. The Board of Directors shall furthermore be empowered to accept contributions, borrow money, acquire property and pledge assets as collateral.

In the event of a vacancy on the Board from any cause, the remaining Board members shall appoint a member of the club to fill said vacancy for the unexpired term.

The Board of Directors shall elect from its membership the following officers, who shall have the traditional duties and authority usually held by such officers; a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and Treasurer, which may be combined or separated in the discretion of the Board, a Greenskeeper and a Tournament Chairman.

The charter members of the Board of Directors shall be:

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| W.F. Easterlin, Jr. | - President           |
| T.V. Henson         | - Vice-President      |
| Wilma Allen         | - Secretary/Treasurer |
| A.S. Morris         | - Greenskeeper        |
| James E. Horton     | - Tournament Chairman |

**ARTICLE IV:**

**MEMBERSHIP**

Any person applying for membership in the club must be recommended and sponsored by a member in good standing and must be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Use of club facilities is restricted to members and their out-of-county guests.

Membership shall consist of resident, student, and such other classes as the Board of Directors may authorize.

Resident members and student members shall pay an initiation fee of \$100.00 and annual dues as currently approved by the Board of Directors.

Student members are defined as those students under 25 years of age who are regularly enrolled fulltime in a school or college. Dues for student membership are ½ of the amount of the current full membership dues.

When a child of a member in good standing reaches 19 years and is not in school and does not live in the member's household, he or she is considered to be self-supporting and in order to continue to use the club must apply for membership (within a reasonable time) in their own name and pay the regular initiation fee and dues in effect. Such person, if eligible for membership, will be given priority status and the membership cut off will not apply.

Students, who live in their parent's household, may use their parents' membership until they reach 25 years, at which time they must apply for membership at the initiation fee and dues and if otherwise eligible, will be given priority status and the membership cut off will not apply.

In the event a member drops his or her membership, he or she must wait a period of 2 years before rejoining the club, unless the membership is dropped because the member moves out of Jefferson County. The member may rejoin before the two years waiting period has elapsed by paying all back dues owed.

An annual meeting of the membership of the club shall be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of October of each year. Special meetings of the membership may be called by the Board of Directors. In each case, at least one week's notice of all such meetings shall be given to all members stating the time, place and purpose of the proposed meeting.

**ARTICLE VI:**

At all meetings of the Association, the order of business shall be:

1. Call to Order.
2. Reading of minutes of last meeting.
3. Treasurer's report.
4. Reports of Committees.
5. Unfinished business.
6. New business.
7. Nominations and elections.
8. Adjournment.

**ARTICLE V:**

These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the membership present at a regular or special meeting or by a majority vote of all members of the Board of Directors.

**AMENDMENTS:**

August 1, 1972 Amendment to ByLaws: Servicemen on leave, whose parents are members may play golf free on their parents' membership, up to age 25.

March 17, 1981 Amendment to ByLaws: Out of state members shall pay an initiation fee of \$100.00 plus monthly dues of \$10.00 when in the Louisville area and utilizing the facilities.

March 5, 1985 Amendment to ByLaws: Dues for a full golfing membership are \$360.00 per year effective with anniversary dates beginning March 1, 1985. Student membership are \$180.00.

March 7, 1988 Amendment to ByLaws: Dues for a full golfing membership are \$480.00 per year effective with anniversary dates beginning April 1, 1988. Student and non-resident (out-of-county) golf memberships are \$240.00 per year.

April 5, 2005 Amendment to ByLaws [Membership]: Members that are past due more than 90 days for club dues and/or cart house dues, be prevented from utilizing any of the club's facilities until payment was brought up to date.

May 2, 2006 Amendment to ByLaws: Club house would be available for rent to members only and the rental fee would be \$750, plus a \$250 security deposit.

December 5, 2006 Amendment to ByLaws [Dues]: As of March 1, 2007 the new annual dues will increase to:

- Full/Golf Membership = \$840/yr.
- Social Membership = \$420/yr.
- Student Membership = One half of the above full/golf membership account

December 5, 2006 Amendment to ByLaws [Dues]: Social Membership (swimming pool) is defined as the paying member and his/her immediate family. Social members may bring out-of-county guests but, will be required to sign in and pay the swimming pool fee of \$2/person.

March 6, 2007 Amendment to ByLaws [Membership]: Any member wishing to return to membership prior to the completion of one year of non-membership would be required to pay the entire first year's membership dues at the time of application for membership.

June 3, 2007 Amendment to ByLaws: If cart house rent is not paid within 30 days of due date (June 1<sup>st</sup> of each year), a notice will be sent to the renter stating that the cart house will be double-locked and if payment is not received by a certain date from the notice date, the cart will be removed without any liability to Ogeechee Valley Country Club.

March 4, 2008 Amendment to ByLaws [Membership]: Grandchildren, 10 & under, of members are considered immediate family and can utilize the club's facilities with the accompaniment of their member grandparent. Any grandchild, 11 & over, of members can utilize the club's facilities by paying the green fees for golf (\$3) and the swimming fee for the pool (\$2).

March 4, 2008 Amendment to ByLaws [Dues]: The Board of Directors approved for the new green fee dues to aid in the purchase of new & needed equipment to maintain the golf course:

- Green Pass Dues = \$225/yr. (*This is for unlimited golf*)
- \$3.00 Green Fee (*This is per day of use of the golf course or driving range*)
- \$1.00 Green Fee (*This is for student members per day of use of the golf course or driving range*)

June 24, 2008 Amendment to ByLaws: Club house and golf course rental will be \$1,000 and require a \$500 deposit to lock in the rental date and the other \$500 to be paid 10 days prior to rental date.

June 24, 2008 Amendment to ByLaws: Swimming pool rental will be \$50 and requires the member to sign the agreement prior to pool rental. The member who rents the swimming pool will adhere to the swimming pool agreement.

October 6, 2008 Amendment to ByLaws: If a member is more than 90 days past due on their membership dues, that member must remain a non-member for the remainder of the year and if that member wants to renew before their one year of non-membership has expired that member must pay the back dues and a full year's membership dues up front.

April 7, 2009 Amendment to ByLaws: Monthly Board meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of every month beginning at 7:00 p.m. throughout the entire year.

December 5, 2011 Amendment to ByLaws [Dues]: As of January 1, 2012, the membership dues changed to the following amounts and will become effective on each member's anniversary date:

- Full/Golf Membership = \$1,080/yr.
- Non-Resident (Out-of-County) Full/Golf Membership = \$720/yr.
- Social Membership = \$300/yr.
- Student Membership = \$480/yr.

November 6, 2018 Amendment to ByLaws [Governing Body]: The Board of Directors approved to change the governing body to the following:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Clubhouse/Pool Committee Chairman
- Greens/Equipment Chairman
- Social Committee Chairman
- Tournament Chairman
- MGA Board Member
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November 6, 2018 Amendment to ByLaws: Addition of ARTICLE VI

January 1, 2019 Amendment to ByLaws [Dues]: As of January 1, 2019, the membership dues changed to the following amounts and become effective on each member's anniversary date:

- Full/Golf Membership = \$1,200/yr.
- Non-Resident (Out-of-County) Full/Golf Membership = \$840/yr.
- Social Membership = \$360/yr.
- Student Membership = \$500/yr.

June 4, 2019 Amendment to ByLaws [Membership]: Immediate family is defined as the member's spouse & children who live in the same household. Grandchildren, 10 & under, are considered immediate family and can use the club's facilities with the accompaniment of their member grandparent.