



Father and Three Sons Golf Classic Constitution

WHEREAS a golf tournament has been held in the Province of Ontario (and on occasion in the Province of Quebec) since 1935, which has been known as the “Father and Three Sons Golf Tournament”, and more recently the “Father and Three Sons Golf Classic”;

AND WHEREAS the Participating Families and Organizing Families are constantly changing;

AND WHEREAS to give some guidance to the future Organizing Families, it was deemed expedient by the Families participating in the 1982 tournament to adopt a constitution;

AND WHEREAS the Families participating in the 2015 tournament deem it expedient to amend the constitution;

THEREFORE, the Constitution of the Father and Three Sons Golf Tournament” is amended to read as follows:

1. A golf tournament known as “The Father and Three Sons Golf Classic” shall be held each year on the second last or last Friday of August or on some other more convenient day as determined by the Organizing Families;
2. The Organizing Families shall make the following decisions **and shall be guided by tradition:**
 - a) the cost of the event;
 - b) the date, format and timing of events; including organizing the Thursday Scramble
 - c) the draw and pairings;
 - d) the prizes;
 - e) in consultation with the host club professional, the type of handicapping system (such as Calloway) to be used to determine net scores.
 - f) As voted and passed in the 2004 Fathers Meeting; in consultation with the host club professional discuss local rules of the golf course. All water hazards, out of bounds and lost balls are to be treated as a lateral hazard. If desired front tees for seniors 65 and over or juniors 12 and under. Maximum is double par per hole and there are NO mulligans.



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3. All competing families are eligible for all prizes and all are subject to the same local rules.
 4. The following trophies will be presented annually:
 - a) The **Low Gross Trophy** to the Competing Family with the lowest total gross score.
 - b) The **Low Net Trophy** to the Competing Family with the lowest net score (unless the same family has won the Low Gross Trophy, in which case, the Low Net Trophy will be awarded to the family with the second low net score.)
 - c) The “**Closest to the Lauers**” Trophy to the Competing Family with the highest total gross score.
 - d) The **Trophy to the Organizing Families’** and
 - e) Such other trophies as are donated from time to time.
 5. An invitation shall be sent out to the following families no later than March 31st in the year of the tournament:
 - a) all families who competed the previous year;
 - b) all families who competed at any time during the previous five years who have contacted the Organizing Families requesting an invitation;
 - c) any eligible New Families whose names have been submitted to the Host Family by any person.



6. Eligible Families shall consist of Eligible New Families and Eligible Old Families:

- a) An Eligible New Family shall consist of a father and his three sons. Sons may include the father's adopted sons or stepsons, but shall not include his sons-in-law, grandsons, nephews, father, brothers, brothers-in-law or grandsons-in-law.

The only substitution allowed to a New Family shall be a fourth eligible son for a registered son who is unable to attend.

- b) An Old Family shall be a family which has participated at any time during the previous 5 years inclusive or a family which participates as an Eligible New Family in the current year or thereafter. An Eligible Old Family shall consist of a father and three of his sons, including adopted sons, sons-in-law, stepsons, or grandsons, but not his nephews, father, brothers, brothers-in-law or grandsons-in-law.
- c) An Eligible Family shall be entitled to enter more than four eligible players but must designate prior to the beginning of play which four players (which must include the father) shall post their scores for the purpose of prizes and trophies.

7. Entries shall be accepted in the following order:

- a) Eligible Old Families who competed the previous year, in order of entries received;
- b) If there is space available, Eligible Old Families who competed at any time during the previous five years in order of entries received;
- c) If there is space available after June 30, eligible New Families, in order of entries received, giving priority to New Families who applied in previous years when space was not available.



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8. A Fathers' Meeting shall be held in conjunction with each tournament and shall be chaired by an Organizing Father. At such meeting, the following shall be decided by a majority vote of the fathers in attendance:
 - a) the location of the next year's tournament, and the location of subsequent years' tournaments, if the necessary arrangements have been made; and
 - b) one or more families will be designated the Organizing Family (Families).
 9. Each new father shall be given a written, up-to-date copy of the constitution at the Fathers' Meeting that year.
 10. The Organizing Families shall be responsible for preparing a financial summary of the event and adding it to the permanent records, which shall be delivered to the next Organizing Family by September 30.
 11. In order to best ensure that a future Host family can focus on putting on a great event in order to attract more families to join in on the fun each year, the current year Host family is responsible for making sure that the following information is **electronically maintained and passed on** to the next year's Host family:
 - a) Email addresses for all participants (children excepted)
 - b) Phone numbers for Fathers only (or "main" family contact)
 - c) FATS logos, etc. to be used for gifts/prizes
 - d) Any other spreadsheets or templates deemed helpful (i.e. Budget spreadsheet, Tournament Information Sheets, Registration Info., etc.)
 12. As voted and passed at the fathers meeting on August 26th 2011 in Barrie, ON at Tangle Creek Golf Club, there is to be a Fathers Advisory Committee consisting of three members which are Bruce Waite, Gino Luciani and Michael Boyer. The members of this committee will serve a 3 year term, with one member being replaced each year. The organizing family or families ("Host") is to consult this committee if necessary. Keeping tradition, the constitution and recommended rules in mind this committee will advise as to questions prior to, during and after the tournament. The committee decision is final.



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13. An Eligible Family that no longer qualifies due to the father or son being deceased or incapacitated, the remaining members may attend and/or participate the following year only.
 14. This constitution may be amended by:
 - a) the unanimous vote of all fathers in attendance at the Fathers' Meeting without prior notice of the amendment;
 - b) a two-thirds vote of all fathers in attendance at the Fathers' Meeting with proper prior notice of the amendment. Any amendment to be so passed shall be submitted in writing to the Organizing Family prior to June 30 and the Organizing Family shall send copies of all such proposed amendments to those teams scheduled to compete in that year's tournament prior to the tournament date.

Adopted by the fathers in attendance at the Fathers Meeting of the Father and Three Sons Golf Classic held at Deer Creek Golf and Banquet, Ajax, Ontario on Friday August 28th 2015.