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Murray Recreation Association, Murray, KY

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# ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Murray Recreation Association, Inc., by which it shall contract and be contracted with, and do all things permitted by its chapter incorporation.

# ARTICLE II – OFFICE

## Section 1

The Principal office of the corporation shall be located in Calloway County, Kentucky.

## Section 2

The corporation may also have offices at such other places as the board of Directors may from time to time determine, or the affairs of the corporation may require. In the event we do not have officers in place, the board of directors is authorized to conduct all activities necessary to manage the club.

# ARTICLE III – OAKS MEMBERSHIP PLANS

## Section 1 ‐ Membership Plans

**NOTE: All Memberships Plans are 1-year contracts. All dues are expected to be paid in full even if the member cancels the membership in the middle of the year. Exceptions will be made for medical reasons or other reasons approved by the board.**

The corporation is made up of the following eleven (11) types of memberships:

* + A. Adult Family Membership Plan: An Adult Family shall be one with which the

member’s spouse and all unmarried members of his/her immediate family under age of 23 years and living in the same household or those dependents that are physically and/or mentally unable to live by themselves shall have all the privileges of the membership.

* + B. Young Adult Family Membership Plan: A Youth Family shall be one identical to the adult family membership with the exception that each shall be between 18\* and 39 years of age.
	+ C. Senior Single Membership Plan: A Senior is an individual that is 62 years of age or older If married, the spouse of the member will not have any privileges of the club.
	+ D. Adult Single Membership Plan: An Adult Single shall consist of a membership for a single person age 36 or older.
	+ E. Young Adult Single Membership Plan: A Youth Single shall be one identical to the adult single between the age of 18 and 39.
	+ F. Social Family Membership Plan: A Social Family shall be one that is entitled to all privileges of the club except for golf and voting rights. Social members are only permitted to participate in invitation golf tournaments. The member’s spouse and all unmarried members of his/her immediate family under age of 23 years and living in the same household or those dependents that are physically and/or mentally unable to live by themselves shall also be restricted to these same privileges. Social memberships do not participate in assessments. Minimum age is 18\*. Social membership payments are to be paid in full without payment option.
	+ G. Social Single Membership Plan: A Social Single membership shall be one that is entitled to all privileges of the club except for golf and voting rights in which he/she holds a membership as an individual and does not have a family entitled to the privileges of that membership. Social memberships do not participate in assessments. Minimum age shall be 18 years of age. Social membership payments are to be paid in full without payment option.
	+ H. Clubhouse Membership Plan: A Clubhouse membership shall be one that is entitled to participate in activities at the clubhouse. (ex: Card playing.) Member has the right to drive cart around course but is not allowed to play golf or go to pool activities. This is a single membership. Minimum age shall be 18 years of age. Clubhouse memberships do not participate in assessments. No voting rights. Clubhouse membership payment must be paid in full at time of application.
	+ I. Associate Membership Plan: An Associate membership shall be one that is entitled to a limit of 6 pool passes, 4 golf passes and 1 clubhouse rental at member rate. Member does not have voting privileges.
	+ J. MSU Student Family Plan: An MSU Student Family membership shall be any age family that has a “Full” time student as one of the primary members. A Student Family plan shall be one that is entitled to all privileges of the club with the exception of golf and voting rights. Social members are permitted to participate in invitation only golf tournaments. The member’s spouse and all unmarried members of his/her immediate family under age of 23 years and living in the same household or those dependents that are physically and/or mentally unable to live by themselves shall also be restricted to these same privileges. Social memberships do not participate in assessments. Minimum age is 18\*. Social membership payments are to be paid in full without an installment option.
	+ K. MSU Student Single Plan: MSU Student Single membership shall be a “Full” time student. A Student Single shall be one that is entitled to all privileges of the club except for golf and voting rights. Social members are permitted to participate in invitation only golf tournaments. Social memberships do not participate in assessments. Minimum age is 18. Social membership payments are to be paid in full without an installment payment option.

\*Only one spouse is required to be age 18 to meet minimum age requirement.

* + All annual plans except Social (pool) and Clubhouse Memberships may be prorated with BOD approval.
	+ Membership fee amounts are set at each Annual General Membership Meeting and are subject to change.
	+ Assessment fees, when applicable, will be accessed to each golf membership on an equal dollar amount.

## Section 2 –Definitions

**Marital Status ‐** It is up to the Member to notify the club in writing of a change in marital status. Dues will be pro‐rated from the date of the change in marital status in the following way: Single to Family – Dues will be increased and pro‐rated to the appropriate Family rate Family to Single – Dues will be decreased and pro‐rated to the appropriate Single rate.

**Assessments –** The Club shall have the power to charge assessments upon recommendation of the Board. All golf memberships (including all pro‐rated golf memberships) must contribute to any assessments that are voted in by the general membership. Any social membership that converts to a golf membership shall participate in any assessment being administered at that time.

**Delinquent –** A delinquent membership is one that all club privileges have been temporarily or permanently removed. See Article III, Section 6.

**Good Standing ‐** A member that has no financial debt to Oaks including but not limited to dues, assessments, cart fees, pro shop merchandise or food. All debts shall be paid in full before the annual meeting in November. Failure to be in good standing by the annual November meeting will make the membership delinquent and the member will not have any privileges of the club (including voting rights) until good standing status is re‐established.

## Section 3 – Membership Voting

* + Each membership (in good standing and excluding Social) shall be entitled to one vote under the following guidelines:
	+ A membership entitled to vote may cast their vote either in person or by absentee ballot on all issues requiring General Membership voting with the exception of By Law changes which will require “in Person” voting.
	+ Absentee ballots may be requested from the secretary upon receipt of membership meeting announcement. Signed and returned absentee ballots will be kept sealed (by the secretary) until the night of the meeting. Absentee ballots must be filled out and returned by the member. Email is permissible; however, only one absentee ballot per email address will be acceptable. In the case of illness or emergency circumstances, the secretary is to be notified and other arrangements made. Phone in votes are not acceptable. If the election of any position ends in a tie, the winner will be selected by a re‐vote of the membership that is present.

## Section 4 – Applying, Accepting, and Revoking Memberships

The procedure for applying, accepting, and revoking memberships in this organization shall be as follows:

* + Applications for membership shall be made on a form established for that purpose and shall be accompanied by the required dues and initiation fees. When the form has been endorsed by five members of the organization (who are in good standing), the application will then be posted on a bulletin board on the club premises. The application will be voted on to obtain board approval at the subsequent board of

directors monthly meeting.

* + Any member in good standing objecting to the new applicant will make their objections known to a board member or the Chairman of the membership committee prior to the board meeting at which the applicant will be considered for membership and voted on. Two‐thirds approval of the Board of Directors is required for acceptance of any application for membership.
	+ The Membership Chairman shall notify the applicant of the acceptance to membership and shall issue the necessary credentials covering the membership.
	+ Membership in this organization shall terminate by a two‐thirds vote of the Board of

Directors for the following reasons: Conduct unbecoming to a member of a family type organization; violation of established club rules; failure to pay dues in accordance with Article III, Section 2, and Section 6. The Board of Directors shall investigate all terminations or suspension recommendations. Termination or suspension of membership privileges may be used as a disciplinary measure by two‐ thirds vote of the Board of Directors. Upon receipt of any complaint regarding any member, the Membership Chairman will immediately notify the offending member of the complaint as made and of the place, time, and date of the meeting of the Board of Directors at which the complaint will be acted upon. Such offending member shall be given an opportunity to attend such meeting of the Board and to present such facts as he or she may desire to explain or deny the complaint as made. Failure of a member to attend the meeting to provide defense will place the board in a position to make decisions based on the original statement presented to the board.

## Section 5 – Dues

All membership dues are to be established at the Annual General Membership meeting by a 2/3 majority vote of the members present at the meeting upon motion presented by the Treasurer. If a 2/3 majority cannot be reached, the Board of Directors shall establish the membership dues schedule during the following regular scheduled Board of Directors meeting. Payment options for dues and fees are established by the Board of Directors. Membership fee amounts are set at each Annual Board Meeting and are subject to change upon vote. Assessment fees, when applicable, will be accessed to each golf membership on an equal dollar amount.

**Oaks Membership Plans** (effective January 2023)

All annual plans except Social (pool) Memberships may be prorated.

**Golf & Pool Memberships** (total club privileges)

Family Membership (age 36 and up)…..……..$1,500

Youth Family (35 and under)……………..………….$800

Adult Single (age 36 to 61)………….………..……$1,000

Senior Single (62 and up) no active spouse…$1,100

Youth Single (35 and under)………………………….$550

Associate Membership………………………………….$300 [limited to 6 pool passes, 4 golf passes, 1 clubhouse rental]

**Social Memberships** (pool/clubhouse only)

Family Social………………………………………….………$450

Single Social………………………………………….……….$350

MSU Student Family………………………………………$200

MSU Student Single………………………..……………..$100

**Annual Cart Shed Rental Fee**……….………………………..$150

Additional electrical appliance (refrigerator, etc.)…...$35 extra

**Unlimited Range Ball Package**…...$100 Single, $150 Family

## Section 6 – Delinquent Memberships

A membership becomes delinquent when dues have not been paid by the last day of the month they are due. The Treasurer shall notify the Membership Chair once any dues or initiation fees are 10 days past due. The Membership Chair shall notify the member that the payment is late and notify the member that they are approaching Delinquent status and that a penalty will be assessed at the end of the month as follows until balance is paid in full:

Adult and Youth Family $25.00 per month Single, Youth Single and Senior 62 $15.00 per month All other Plans $10.00 per month

## Oaks Country Club makes every effort to bill all the members in a timely matter. However, if a member does not receive a bill, this does not relieve the member from paying a late fee. It is the member’s responsibility to pay all bills on time.

**Section 7 – Membership Status Types**

* + Active Membership: A current dues paying member in good standing.
	+ Inactive Membership: A membership that does not use club facilities because of temporary residence outside Calloway County or extended illness. This status may be requested for a maximum of two years. All requests must be presented to the BOD which reserves the right to review each case and determine appropriate actions or approval. Inactive memberships have the option to pay twenty‐five (25%) of current annual dues which will allow family members to continue with full membership privileges. The only exclusion would be a member who is returning from active military service and who left the club in good standing can reinstate his/her membership within six (6) months of discharge.
	+ Suspended Membership: A membership which is denied use of all club facilities but continues to pay dues until such time as the suspension is lifted or other action taken. A member may be suspended in accordance with Article III, Section 4‐d. A second suspension during any two-year period will result in the member being automatically expelled.
	+ Expelled Membership: A membership that has been revoked by the Board of

Directors in accordance with Article III, Section 4‐d. Such expelled membership shall be transferred with the approval of the Board of Directors and subject to the conditions stipulated in Article III, Section 4‐a.

* + Divorced Family Memberships: If both parties wish to retain their membership 90 days from divorce, there shall be no initiation fee. If there are children involved, the custodial parent pays family membership dues, the other single dues. If no children, both pay single dues.

## Section 8 – Selling Charter Memberships

A stock holding charter member, requesting that their membership be sold, shall be reimbursed their full $300.00.

## Section 9 – Maximum Number of Memberships

The Board of Directors shall establish and regulate the maximum number of memberships in the Club; however, the general membership by 2/3 majority can overrule the board on the number of memberships at a regular or special meeting**.**

## Section 10 – Children Seeking Family Memberships

If an individual has been using the facilities of the club by virtue of a family membership and, such an individual’s married status changes so that they desire a family membership, they shall be given first consideration when a membership becomes available and shall be accepted subject to the provisions of Article III, Section 4‐a.

## Section 11 – Return of Charter Members

Charter members who have left the club and want to return must surrender their charter certificate when they apply for membership and pay no initiation fee but pay dues. If they leave again they must pay all dues to return. For divorced couples who were charter members, one can return and give up charter certificate and pay no initiation fee. The other must apply for membership and pay all fees.

## Section 12 – Pro Shop Credit

Pro shop credit is not allowed. However, prepaid pro shop accounts will be accepted.

# ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

## Section 1 – Board of Directors Term Limits

The active management of the affairs of this organization shall be vested in a Board of Directors which shall be up to nine. Directors shall be elected by the general membership for a three-year term. Succeeding Directors to replace those whose terms expire shall be elected for terms of three years in succeeding annual meetings. The Board of Directors shall strive to maintain (3) one-year, (3) two-year, and (3) three-year positions. Only one family member shall serve as an officer or board member at a time. Family members may serve on committees.

Vacancies on the Board Membership caused by death, resignation or otherwise, shall be filled by the BOD for the duration of the unexpired term of the Board Member involved by a simple majority vote of the Directors. Nominations will be determined and voted upon by the Board of Directors at the next meeting. Directors shall not be elected for more than two successive terms; however, directors shall be allowed to remain in their positions in excess of the three year term in the event there are no candidates for the position. Partial terms do not apply toward the three-year term.

## Section 2 – Officer Elections

At the annual meeting of the organization the following officers shall be elected by the membership: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Vacancies of an Officer position caused by death, resignation or otherwise, shall be filled by the BOD for the duration of the unexpired term of the Officer involved by a simple majority vote of the Directors. Nominations will be determined and voted upon by the Board of Directors at the next meeting.

## Section 3 – Nominating Committee Election

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of any annual meeting at which Directors are to be elected, to appoint a Nominating Committee; which committee shall have the duty to select and present to the annual meeting of the membership nominees to fill vacancies in the Board of Directors, and nominees for President, Vice‐President, Secretary and Treasurer. Anyone running for an officer position or board of director’s position shall not be the chair or a member of the Nominating Committee. The name of any member in good standing may be nominated by the committee, except that no person may be nominated who has not agreed to serve. Nominations for membership on the Board of Directors may also be made from the floor, provided the person nominated is present and agrees to the nomination. This also applies to the election of officers of this organization. The election of the Board of Directors and officers shall be held by written and email ballot.

**Section 4 - Social Members Serving on Board of Directors**

Social members are not eligible to serve as an officer; however, a maximum of one social member may serve on the board of directors with full voting rights. The intent of this position is to foster better representation of social members, especially in regard to pool facility operations and policies.

# ARTICLE V – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

## Section 1 ‐ President

The President shall be the principal executive officer of the organization. The President shall preside at all meetings of the membership and of the Board of Directors, sign the records thereof, and together with the secretary, shall sign all certificates of memberships, contracts, leases, notes and other legal instruments or papers executed by this organization, and perform generally all the duties performed by presidents of like organizations. The President shall, with the approval of the Board of Directors, appoint the chairman of all committees; and shall be a member ex‐officio of all committees except the nominating committee. The President can vote during Board Meetings in the event of a tie.

## Section 2 – Vice President

The Vice‐President shall perform all the duties of the President in case of the absence or disability of the latter. In the event both the President and Vice‐President are absent or unable to perform their duties, the membership of the Board of Directors may appoint a president pro‐ tempore. The Vice President can vote during Board Meetings.

## Section 3 ‐ Secretary

The Secretary shall keep minutes of all the proceedings of the membership and Directors’ meetings and make a proper record of the same which shall be attended by the secretary. The Secretary shall keep such records as may be required of the Secretary by the Board of Directors, and shall issue and attest all Certificates of Membership, contracts, leases, notes and other legal instruments or papers executed by this organization, and generally perform such duties as may be required of the Secretary by the membership or the Board of Directors. Email is an acceptable means of communications to the membership.

Communications will be posted on the club’s bulletin board for those without email accessibility. The Secretary can vote during Board Meetings.

## Section 4 ‐ Treasurer

The Treasurer shall receive and have in charge all money of the organization. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the keeping of an accurate record of receipts and expenditures and shall permit funds to be paid out only as authorized by the Board of Directors. Only the Treasurer or assistants, approved by the Board of Directors, may sign checks. The Treasurer shall be responsible to see that a statement of accounts is presented at each meeting of the directors and of the membership, and a full financial report at the annual meeting of the membership. The Treasurer shall lead the annual budget development process. Treasurer can vote during Board Meetings.

## Section 5 – Club Activities/Rules Enforcement

The Officers and Directors of the organization shall be responsible for conducting the club activities and business and shall see that all rules and regulations necessary thereof are established and enforced.

## Section 6 – Legal Documents

The President and Secretary shall be the proper persons to sign and issue all Certificates of Membership, contracts, leases, notes and all other instruments or papers executed by this organization and upon which the organization is to be bound.

## Section 7 ‐ Officers/Directors Transaction Limits

The Officers and Directors shall not obligate this organization for any expenditure of more than twenty‐thousand ($20,000.00) in any one transaction; however, a golf course equipment purchase, or lease can be made up to fifty‐ thousand ($50,000). A majority approval of the general membership is required for purchases above these limits. Any project and/or equipment that are projected to cost more than 0.5% of the total budget shall have a minimum of 3 estimates from 3 different vendors or contractors before granting said project and /or equipment. Any purchase by club for $100.00 or more will require a signature from board member whose committee the purchase falls under. Except for annual membership dues, the Board of Directors shall be responsible for the approval or disapproval of all other fees charged by the club and payment of expenses incurred by operations.

## Section 8 – Selling Oaks Country Club

Should this organization sell or lease land to another organization, the sale or lease and price shall be agreed upon by 2/3 majority of the membership voting either in person or by proxy.

## Section 9 – Assessment Voting

It is the duty of the Board of Directors to ensure that any assessments that are voted on and passed by 2/3 majority of the general membership voting either in person or by proxy shall be applied toward the assessment and no other expenditures. Records shall be kept indicating the entire assessment was utilized for said purpose.

# ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

## Section 1 – Annual General Membership Meeting

The annual general membership meeting of this organization shall be held in each calendar year during the month of November at a date to be established by the Board of Directors; the membership is to be notified in writing or email at least fourteen (14) days prior thereto of the time and place of such meeting. Annual reports shall be received, and Directors and Officers elected at the annual meeting.

## Section 2 – Special Meetings

Special meetings of the membership of this organization shall be called and set by the Board of Directors with at least seven (7) days’ notice to the membership. The Board of Directors shall call a membership meeting for a limited agenda when so requested by a petition signed by fifty members in good standing.

## Section 3 – Quorum Rule for Annual Membership and Board Meetings

Those members present in person or by absentee ballot shall constitute a quorum for the annual general membership meeting or special meetings. Officers shall be included in Board of Directors meeting and allowed to vote in the same manner as Directors. The President shall vote only when a tie breaker vote is required. A simple majority of Directors and Officers shall constitute a quorum. Motions properly made and seconded shall pass or fail by a simple majority vote.

## Section 4 – Officers/Directors Absent for Three Successive Meetings

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held each month on a fixed schedule as established by them. Special meetings of the Directors shall be held as called by the President. Failure of any Officer or Director to be present and attend three successive meetings shall be good cause to declare a vacancy in the office held by such Officer or Director; which such vacancy shall be filled by vote of the active Directors by the process stated in Article IV, Section 1.

# ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES

All committee chairs will serve as a communication liaison from their respective committees to the Board of Directors.

## Section 1 – Membership Committee

The Chair of the Membership Committee shall be a member of the Board of Directors and/or officer as designated by the President with the approval by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

Additionally, the Membership Chairman is to be on the Finance Committee. A membership committee shall be appointed annually, by the Membership Chair, and shall consist of not less than five or more than seven members. The Membership Chair is responsible for the development, and coordination of new membership activities for the club. The primary focus of the Membership Chair should be to maintain an optimal membership level that will meet the existing financial budget. Other responsibilities include, but not limited to, are as follows:

A. The Membership Committee shall be responsible for maintaining the membership application form that will provide all the information necessary for new members. They will likewise be responsible for carrying out the provisions of Article III, Section 4, and all other regulations relating to applications for membership; investigation of all complaints and/or recommendations against prospective members and making a report to the Board of Directors without undue delay.

B. Membership report to the Board of Directors: Prior to the monthly board meetings the Chairman should gather all new applications for the respected month from the Pro Shop Director. From the newly submitted applications a report is tabulated that illustrates up to date membership status (Please see Attachment #MC‐1) and a list of the respected new members including their email addresses (Please see attachment #MC‐2). Copies of these reports are submitted to each board member. A vote is then obtained for approval of each member. Each new member then is personally called by the Membership Chair and welcomed to the club. Helpful topics of discussions are as follows:

 --Club Benefits

--Being available to answer new members’ questions

--Obtaining permission to provide email communications regarding club activities and

 board minute reports

C. Membership Advertising: The Membership Chair and Public Relations Chair shall work together to develop an advertising program specific to new membership needs. This program should be presented to the Board of Director’s for approval or adjustments during the January or February board meeting and recommended advertising dates are March and/or April of each respected year.

D. Membership Tracking Adjustments:

1. Golf Members: The deadline date of the first payment is not due until January 31. For that reason, the Membership Chair will not have an accurate golf membership number until after such date.
2. Social Members: Traditionally, social members do not make payments until the swimming season. Therefore, social memberships should not be tabulated until applications for new members or payments of past members are obtained.
3. Conclusion: Due to items 1 and 2, the membership strength should be evaluated on a month of the year versus the same month of a different year. The goal of the Membership Committee is that this “adjusted” membership number be at least what the Finance Committee projected (back in September of the prior year) for its budget for that respected year.

E. Membership Report: The Chairperson will present a report to the General Membership concerning the past years membership activity. Additionally, present any opportunities and threats for the upcoming year, and invite any input of ideas or questions from the floor.

## Section 2 – Rules and By‐Laws Committee

The Chair of the Rules and By‐Laws Committee shall be a member of the Board of Directors and/or officer as designated by the President with the approval by a two‐thirds vote of the Board of Directors. A Rules and By‐Laws committee shall be appointed annually, by the Rules and By‐Laws Chair, and may consist of not more than seven members. The Rules and By‐ Laws Chair is responsible for the maintenance and development of the Rules and By‐Laws for the club. The primary focus of the Rules and By‐Laws Chair should be to maintain the document containing the Rules and By‐Laws of the club and make any edits necessary tokeep the document as accurate and up to date as possible. Other responsibilities include, but not limited to, are as follows:

* 1. The Rules and By‐Laws Committee shall be responsible for maintaining all rules and by‐laws for the club. They will likewise be responsible for reviewing any changes or recommendations from the Board or general membership for any revisions that may be necessary.
	2. Rules and By‐Laws report to the Board of Directors: Prior to the monthly board meetings the Chairman should gather all new additions or deletions of any rules or by‐laws and present them to the board. With board approval, the new rules shall be added or deleted promptly from the document and re‐issued as a new revision level. Any By‐Law revision must be voted on and passed by a 2/3 majority of the general membership as stated in Article VIII of the By‐Laws before the document can be revised and re‐issued.
	3. Rules and By‐Laws Report: The Chair shall submit its recommendations for rules to the Board of Directors. A two thirds vote of the Board of Directors shall be required for the adoption of rules recommended by the Rules and By‐Laws Committee. Copies of the club rules will be posted on club premises and provided for the membership. Any member may suggest changes or additions to the club rules.
	4. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for establishing and enforcing rules and regulations.

## Section 3 – Pool Committee

The Chair of the Pool Committee shall be a member of the Board of Directors and/or officer as designated by the President with the approval by a two‐thirds vote of the Board of Directors. A Pool committee shall be appointed annually, by the Pool Chair, and shall consist of not less than five or more than seven members. The Pool Chair is responsible for the life guards, maintenance and coordination of all pool activities for the club. The primary focus of the Pool Chair should be to maintain the pool and life guards to a level that will meet the existing financial budget. Other responsibilities include, but not limited to, are as follows:

1. The Pool Committee shall be responsible for interviewing and hiring a head lifeguard with approval from the board. Head lifeguard qualifications shall include but not be limited to the following:
	1. Certification from the State of Kentucky
	2. Maintaining pool including proper chemical application
	3. CPR trained
	4. Minimum of three years lifeguard experience
	5. Minimum age of 19
2. The Pool Committee shall establish and present the job description to the Head lifeguard immediately after hiring. The Head lifeguard duties shall include but not be limited to the following:
	1. Attend the first board meeting after being hired and all board meetings during the pool season
	2. Develop list of life guards to be interviewed and discuss with the board
	3. Present quotes for all chemicals and other items to be purchased
	4. Present status of pool equipment and any recommendations for repair and or replacement
	5. Develop procedure for the sign‐in sheet of all members and guests
	6. Develop procedure for collecting money and turning it into the Pro Shop
3. Pool report to the Board of Directors: Prior to the monthly board meetings the Chair should meet with the Head Lifeguard and discuss any complaints, suggestions, or any other information they would like to present to the board for discussion.
4. Pool Report to the General Membership: The Chairperson will present a report to the General Membership concerning the past years membership activity. Additionally, present any opportunities and threats for the upcoming year, and invite any input of ideas or questions from the floor.
5. Pool committee shall also be responsible for the development of Pool Rules for consideration by the Board of Directors for approval and publication.

## Section 4 – House and Grounds Committee

The Chair of the House and Grounds Committee shall be a member of the Board of Directors and/or officer as designated by the President with the approval by a two‐thirds vote of the Board of Directors. A House and Grounds committee shall be appointed annually, by the House and Grounds Chair, and shall consist of not less than five or more than seven members. The House and Grounds Chair are responsible for the development, and coordination of new projects and or improvements for the club. The primary focus of the House and Grounds Chair should be to ensure that existing buildings are maintained and that new projects are done in a timely and financially feasible manner. Other responsibilities include, but not limited to, are as follows:

1. House and Grounds Committee shall be responsible for Pro Shop operations and rules governing the use of the Pro Shop, bathrooms, rental room and publishing requirements for guest utilization in concert the Chairperson and President, Board of Directors.

## Section 5 – Public Relations Committee

The Chair of the Public Relations Committee shall be a member of the Board of Directors and/or officer as designated by the President with the approval by a two‐thirds vote of the Board of Directors. A Public Relations Committee shall be appointed annually, by the Public Relations Chair, and shall consist of not less than five or more than seven members. The Public Relations Chair is responsible for the development and coordination of all publicized events both external and internal to the club. The primary focus of the Public Relations Chair should be to insure all events are well organized and co‐ordinate all advertising of the events. Other responsibilities include, but not limited to, are as follows:

1. Work with Secretary to design and distribute the annual book
2. Work with Vice President on improving the Oaks website
3. Post, update, and maintain all bulletin boards on the grounds
4. Work with membership committee in implementing new ideas
5. Public Relations report to the General Membership: The Chair will present a report to the General Membership concerning all events, suggest improvements that could be made in the upcoming year, and entertain any new ideas from the floor.

## Section 6 – Finance Committee

## The name of the committee shall be the Finance Committee and be chaired by the Treasurer as selected by the General Membership of the Board of Directors. The Finance Committee is made up of a minimum of 3 but maximum of 5 selected by the Chairperson. The Finance Committee will meet four (4) times annually or at the call of the Chair of Finance Committee. The purpose of the Finance Committee is to assist the Chair (Treasurer) with financial oversight, analysis and guidance to ensure the financial stability and management of Oaks Country Club. Scope of responsibilities of the Finance Committee include but are not limited to:

## Review of the organization’s financial statements, budgets and policies regularly;

## Assist in the development of the organization’s financial budget and financial strategic planning;

## Assist in providing regular reports to the Board of Directors and make any recommended financial actions;

## Assist the Treasurer with securing annual membership dues or golf shed payments;

## Assist the Treasurer with ensuring accounts payable are on time as required;

## Shall be responsible for the management of contracts and lease agreements approved by the Board of Directors;

## Assist with the development of a capital budget with other Committee Chairpersons.

## Section 7 – Greens Committee

The Chair of the Greens Committee shall be a member of the Board of Directors and/or an officer designated by the President with the approval of two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. The purpose of the Greens Committee is to assist the Course Superintendent with setting priorities for the annual and future golf course maintenance operations and projects. The Greens Committee is made up of 3-5 volunteers selected by the Chairperson that have the best interests of the playing conditions of the golf course in mind. The Committee will meet at least four (4) times annually or on an ad hoc basis when called by the Chairperson. Key responsibilities of the Greens Committee are outlined, but not limited, to the actions below:

1. Establish and publish an annual maintenance calendar with the Course Superintendent to include closure of course to accomplish maintenance priorities;
2. De-conflict maintenance work schedule with Chair, Tournament Committee and scheduled events;
3. Work with Course Superintendent to set/adjust work priorities and focus needed on course equipment and conditions based upon environmental conditions, greens status, fairways, rough, tee boxes or other intrinsic or extrinsic factors that might impact play and establish maintenance accountability for work efforts;
4. Listen to the concerns of golfers that have suggestions for the course;
5. Determine/recommend maintenance support and staff for golf course operations;
6. Recommend required maintenance capital purchases for Board of Directors;
7. Help coordinate volunteer work efforts in accordance with course needs and annual requirements (i.e. seasonal covering/uncovering greens as necessary).

## Section 8 – Tournament Committee

The Chair of the Tournament Committee shall be a member of the Board of Directors and/or officer as designated by the President with the approval by a two‐thirds vote of the Board of Directors. A Tournament Committee shall be appointed annually, by the Tournament Committee Chair, and may consist of not more than seven members. The primary focus of the Tournament Committee Chair should be to insure all events are well organized and co‐ ordinated other clubs in the area. Other responsibilities include, but not limited to, are as follows:

1. Establish golf tournament schedule
2. Provide tournament schedule to Paducah newspaper for annual publication by the middle of March.
3. Prepare and distribute tournament flyers
4. Collect tournament entry fees
5. Determine food/ prizes for the tournament
6. Run the tournament
7. Provide a financial statement to the Treasurer for the tournament to include a breakdown of money received and expenses.

# ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended at a meeting of the membership of this organization by two‐ thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present, provided, however, that notice of the proposed amendment and the place, date, and time of the meeting must be given to the membership by mail or email at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of such meeting. All amendments must be included in the minutes and in addition, the bylaws must be promptly updated by the Secretary.

# ARTICLE IX – RULES OF ORDER

The rules contained in Robert’s Rules of Order (Revised) shall govern in all cases where they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws.

# ARTICLE X – RULES

# Rules for golf course, pool and general facilities are to be drafted by the appropriate committee and submitted to the board of directors for approval and publication.

# IMPORTANT FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

Because of a ruling by the IRS regarding the records that must be kept by the club, every member playing golf MUST register at the pro‐shop each day they play. Members using the swimming pool MUST register with the pro shop or lifeguard.

Anyone in charge of any club activity will be responsible for keeping an accurate record of the receipts and disbursements connected with the event and reporting to the club treasurer for inclusion in the annual tax return. This includes, but is not limited to, golf tournaments, twilight golf, ladies golf, men’s stag night, ladies’ night, ladies’ bridge, and couples’ bridge.

Any fees for guest of club facilities must be recorded who paid the fee (paid by guest or paid by member). No green fee will be charged to Active members of the Armed Forces, Quad‐ State Turf Grass Association, golf professionals, or Superintendents.

Upon proper introduction to the Pro Shop Manager, prospective members who are unfamiliar with the golf course, may pay applicable fees and play three times. This provision is not intended to be used to circumvent club rules concerning non‐member play.

Authorized non‐members may use their own golf carts but will be charged a $20.00 (plus tax) per day trail fee (Oaks Invitational Tournaments excluded) which may be collected and retained by the Pro‐ Shop Manager. Both electric and gas carts are allowed.

There is a Swap Day between Murray Country Club and Oaks Country Club on the first and third Monday of each month. Play at these times will be without payment of green fees but will be charged a cart fee unless walking. **NOTE: At the request of Murray Country Club in 2022, this arrangement is no longer in effect until further notice.**

The policy regarding public tournaments is as follows:

1. For all outside tournaments, the groups making the request will pay a use fee to the club.
2. Tournaments will not be held on weekends or holidays.
3. The course will not be closed to other club members not participating in the tournaments. This will be accomplished by having all groups start on #1 tee instead of shotgun starts. Other members may then tee off ahead of or behind the tournament groups on #1 or go to #10 until the first tournament group finishes the front nine.
4. The tournaments must not conflict or interfere with other related club activities including major social events, cookouts, etc. In addition, all scheduling need of the Oaks Country Club will have priority.

**OUT OF COUNTY GUEST PRIVILEGES**

Residents from outside Calloway County may pay appropriate fees and use Oaks club facilities, except such persons MUST be accompanied by and playing in the group WITH an Oaks member on weekends and holidays.

For purposes of determining “Residence Status” for the privilege of using Oaks facilities as an “Out of County Resident,” Murray State students are considered residents of Murray and Calloway County, regardless of official “Home Address”, and are, therefore, not eligible for such privilege.

APPENDIX: History of Revisions to Bylaws

Murray Recreation Association: Established 1961

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| **Rev** | **Date** | **Description** | **Prepared by** | **Checked by** | **Approved by** |
| -- | Nov.-1989 | Original By-Laws Approved | Sina Richardson | The Board | Gen. Membership |
| 0 | 11/18/2010 | Revised Original By-Laws | By-Laws Committee | The Board | Gen. Membership |
| 1 | 02/08/2011 | Min. Age of Social Single, Social Family, Youth Single, and Youth Family changed from 21 to 18. | By-Laws Committee | The Board | Gen. Membership |
| 2 | 11/17/2011 | Article III, Sect. 1, 6, 12/Article V, Sect. 7/Article VII, Sect. 13/Article X, Sect 1, Rule 24, Sect. 2, Rule 9 and 15, Sect. 3,Rule 15 and 21. | By-Laws Committee | The Board | Gen. Membership |
| 3 | 11/15/12 | Article III, Sect. 6-Late Fees/Article IV, Sect. 3-If running for Board or Officer position, you can’t be on committee. Article V, Sect. 4-Treasurer must be onFinancial/Budget Committee. | By-Laws Committee | The Board | Gen. Membership |
| 4 | 11/21/13 | Article III, Sect. 2, Assessmentsdefinition/Article III, Sect. 7, Inactive Memberships | By-Laws Committee | The Board | Gen. Membership |
| 5 | 02/13/2017 | Article III, Sect. 1: percentages removed from all membership types.Article III, Sect 12: removal of pro shop credit, must be pre-paid accountsArticle IV, Sect. 1: One family member at a time may serve as officer or board member.Article V, Sect. 7: any purchase by club over $100 has to have signature from board member whose committee the purchase falls under.Article X: Removal of term “trail fee” pertaining to members. | By-Laws Committee (Mike Garland, Chairman) | The Board | Gen. Membership |
| 6 | Nov 2017 |  Revised By-LawsAdded Clubhouse Membership TypeChange Youth to Young Adult Allow VP, Secretary and Treasurer to vote at all Board Meetings President to vote in event of tie.Change number of board members to “Number available up to 9” | By-Laws Committee (Mike Garland, Chairman) | The Board | Gen. Membership |
| 7 | 02/19/2019 | Revised BylawsArticle III - Membership PlansAdded types of plans (Clubhouse, Associate, MSU Student); Deleted “Marriage Definition” and “Initiation Fees”Article V, Sect. 4: Treasurer can vote;Sect. 7: “board responsible for approving all other fees”Article VI, Sect. 3: added officers allowed to vote as part of boardArticle VII, Sect. 2: Add “Rules & Bylaws Committee shall be responsible for management of contracts”;Sect. 3: Add “Pool committee shall be responsible for development of pool rules”;Sect. 4: Add “House & Grounds Committee shall be responsible for development of course rules”;Article X – DELETED RULES for course, pool, facilities; numerous other changes | Bylaws Committee, (Jerry Veach, Chairman) | Board of Directors | Gen. Membership,Special called meeting |
| 8 | 11/19/2019 | Revised BylawsArticle II, Sect. 2 – Office: added “board is authorized to conduct all activities in the event of no officers in place.”Article IV, Sect. 1 – Officers & Elections: added “board terms of more than 3 years if there are no candidates.”Amended to “shall strive to maintain” 3 one-year, 3 two-year and 3 three-year positions. | Bylaws Committee, (Jerry Veach, Chairman) | Board of Directors | Gen. Membership |
| 910 | 11/14/202211/23/2024 | Revised BylawsArticle IV: Section 3:REMOVE “excluding social members” from candidate qualifications ADD a “Section 4” to allow one social member to serve on the board of directors with full voting rights.Article III-Memberships, Section 5: Youth Family rate increases to $800Youth Single rate increases to $550Annual Cart Shed Rent increases to $150Revised BylawsRules and By-Laws CommitteeSection 2Remove Paragraph (e) and include in Section 6, paragraph (f) under new Finance Committee.Section 4 House and Grounds CommitteeRemove House and Grounds Committee shall also be responsible for the development of Golf Course Rules and Guest usage to be considered by the Board of Directors for Approval.Replaced with “House and Grounds Committee shall be responsible for Pro Shop operations and rules governing the use of the Pro Shop, bathrooms, rental room, and publishing requirements for guest utilization in concert with the Chairperson and President, Board of DirectorsAdd: Section 6 Finance CommitteeThe name of the committee shall be the Finance Committee and be chaired by the Treasurer as selected by the General Membership of the Board of Directors. The Finance Committee is made up of a minimum of 3 but maximum of 5 selected by the Chairperson. The Finance Committee will meet four (4) times annually or at the call of the Chair of Finance Committee. The purpose of the Finance Committee is to assist the Chair (Treasurer) with financial oversight, analysis and guidance to ensure the financial stability and management of Oaks Country Club. Scope of responsibilities of the Finance Committee include but are not limited to:Review of the organization’s financial statements, budgets and policies regularly;Assist in the development of the organization’s financial budget and financial strategic planning; Assist in providing regular reports to the Board of Directors and make any recommended financial actions;Assist the Treasurer with securing annual membership dues or golf shed payments;Assist the Treasurer with ensuring accounts payable are on time as required;Shall be responsible for the management of contracts and lease agreements approved by the Board of Directors;Assist with the development of a capital budget with other Committee Chairpersons.Delete Section 7 Pro Shop Committee (no content)Replace Section 7 Greens CommitteeThe Chair of the Greens Committee shall be a member of the Board of Directors and/or an officer designated by the President with the approval of two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. The purpose of the Greens Committee is to assist the Course Superintendent with setting priorities for the annual and future golf course maintenance operations and projects. The Greens Committee is made up of 3-5 volunteers selected by the Chairperson that have the best interests of the playing conditions of the golf course in mind. The Committee will meet at least four (4) times annually or on an ad hoc basis when called by the Chairperson. Key responsibilities of the Greens Committee are outlined, but not limited, to the actions below:1. Establish and publish an annual maintenance calendar with the Course Superintendent to include closure of course to accomplish maintenance priorities;
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 | Board (no standing bylaws committee) | Board of Directors | Gen. Membership |