

# CONSTITUTION OF THE SAN JOSE NISEI BOWLING ASSOCIATION

## ARTICLE I - NAME

- Section 1: This organization shall be known as the San Jose Nisei Bowling Association, hereinafter referred to as "Association".

## ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVE

- Section 1: The purpose of this Association is to promote interest in the game of bowling.
- Section 2: The Association shall arrange appropriate bowling leagues for its members in accordance with the Constitutions and Bylaws of the United States Bowling Congress (USBC).
- Section 3: The Association shall enforce the rules & regulations of the USBC.
- Section 4: This Association shall foster and encourage fellowship and sportsmanship in all its activities.

## ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1: Membership in this Association is open to those of Japanese ancestry bowling in Association sanctioned leagues and to those who qualify as a member of an Association sanctioned league. The following specifications are for existing and new leagues with Non-Nisei bowlers requesting admission to the Association.
- a. The term Nisei as applied herein shall include all persons of Japanese ancestry.
  - b. New leagues must be at least 51% Nisei members and be comprised of at least 24 members  
  
Existing association leagues must be comprised of at least 51% Nisei bowlers at the beginning of the winter league season. Substitutes may not be counted as a part of the total number of Nisei bowlers.
  - c. If the previous recognized league is in compliance with Article III, Sec. 1b at the beginning of the winter season, but during the season they fall out of compliance it will still be recognized by the Association for that season.  
  
If the previous recognized league is not in compliance with Article III, Sec. 1b at the beginning of the winter season it will not be recognized by the Association. The league bowlers from the previous year will be given the opportunity to join the Association by paying the current membership fee. This will entitle the bowler to the same benefits as a regular member.
- Section 2: A bowler not of Japanese ancestry but whose spouse is of Japanese ancestry will be considered Japanese.
- Section 3: Any member may be expelled from the Association for any wanton violation of the Constitution and/or Bylaws of USBC and/or Association. Appeals of such expulsion will be heard by the Board of Directors within ten days from date of expulsion or at a date agreeable to both parties.
- Section 4: Dues for regular members shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) for a twelve month period beginning of each Winter League.
- Section 5: Honorary members may be nominated by the general membership and elected by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Honorary members may participate in Association meetings but will not have the power to make motions or vote and will not pay dues.

#### ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

- Section 1: Officers of the Association shall consist of a President, Men's Vice President, Women's Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. These positions shall make up the Executive Cabinet.
- a. In the event of a vacancy of an officer of the Association, the membership will have the power to appoint a replacement.
  - b. Each officer shall be compensated at one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per term.
- Section 2: Election of Officers shall be by secret ballot. Terms of President, Men's Vice President, and Women's Vice President are to be two years each and no more than two consecutive terms (4 years) in the same office.
- Section 3: Duties of the President shall be to call and preside at all Association meetings, appoint committee chairman, sign or counter-sign checks drawn on Association accounts, and host the annual Association Awards Banquet.
- Section 4: Duties of the Men's Vice-President shall be to be Co-Chairperson with the Women's Vice-President of all social activities and tournaments and to perform the duties of the President in his absence.
- Section 5: Duties of the Women's Vice-President shall be to be Co-Chairperson with the Men's Vice-President of all social activities and tournaments and to perform the duties of the President and Men's Vice-President in their absences.
- Section 6: Duties of the Secretary shall be to record the minutes of all Association meetings, conduct all correspondence, and notify Board members and general membership of meetings.
- Section 7: Duties of the Treasurer shall be to keep true and accurate records of all receipts in the Association accounts in a reputable bank of the treasurer's choice. The treasurer will sign jointly with another authorized signer (President or a Vice-President) for all withdrawals from the association accounts, which must have two authorized signatures. A financial statement will be made at the end of each year. The treasurer shall make itemized financial reports which will include all funds going in and out to this account.
- Section 8: Nomination of officers for the following year shall be made by the Board of Directors and the elections held prior to the month of May. Nominees shall be notified of their nominations by the Board.
- Section 9: Installation of officers shall be held jointly with the Annual Awards Banquet to be held in the month of May or June.
- Section 10: A statistician shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and shall be compensated at one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per term. Duties shall be to maintain record entering averages and Blue Book Averages for all members of the Association. The statistician is a part of the Board of Directors but not the Executive Cabinet.

## ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

- Section 1: The President shall call a General Meeting whenever he/she deems necessary.
- Section 2: The President shall call a meeting of the Board of Directors for special discussion and to transact business of the Association. The President shall notify League Delegates of the agenda for the Board meeting.
- Section 3: All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rule of Order.
- Section 4: Association members may attend all meetings of the association but shall not have the power to make motions or vote at the Board of Directors meeting.
- Section 5: Transition meeting between the old and new cabinet shall be held after the installation of the new cabinet.

## ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Section 1: Each league shall appoint two delegates per twenty-four (24) bowlers and one additional delegate for every twelve (12) bowlers thereafter, to serve on the Board of directors for a one year term which is from September to June.
- Section 2: one-third of the delegates of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for any transaction of the Association (except as noted under Article V, Section 3).
- Section 3: Any league delegate who cannot attend a meeting shall appoint an alternate in his/her place, with notice of such appointment given to the President prior to the meeting.
- Section 4: The Board of Directors shall appoint two delegates to the Advisory Board for Bowling of JANBA. The JANBA cabinet shall determine the length of the term for the delegates.
- Section 5: All past presidents shall constitute an Advisory Board. If deemed necessary, the President can seek advice from the Advisory Board.

## ARTICLE VII - TOURNAMENTS

- Section 1: The annual Fuzzy Shimada Memorial Tournament shall be held in the month of October under the direction of the Men's and Women's Vice Presidents. The tournament shall be morally sanctioned by the USBC. The tournament chairpersons will be responsible for selecting the dates of the tournament and submitting forms for tournament sanction.
- Section 2: Tournament rules shall be in accordance with USBC rules.
- Section 3: Association representatives to the JANBA tournaments shall be selected in a fair and equitable manner.

## ARTICLE VII - ASSOCIATION LEAGUES

- Section 1: All secretaries of existing leagues shall have the responsibility of organizing their respective leagues for the next season.
- Section 2: If the Board of Directors recognizes a need for a new league, it will be organized by a committee Chairperson appointed to by the Board.
- Section 3: All leagues sanctioned by this Association shall conduct their activities in accordance with the Constitution and/or of this Association, USBC.
- Section 4: Each league will appoint delegates to the Board of Directors according to Article VI, Section 1.

## ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

- Section 1: Proposed amendments to the Constitution must be considered by the respective leagues, in writing, and the league's decision be brought back by the leagues representatives to the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE X - SPECIAL FUNDS

- Section 1: This "High Game, High Series" Fund shall not exceed six hundred dollars (\$600.00) and the payoff shall be a maximum of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per bowler per year. Bowlers may only qualify once. If more than eight (8) bowlers qualify, the six hundred dollars (\$600.00) shall be divided up equally. To qualify for the award, any male member must bowl a 300 game or 800 series or higher and any female member must bowl a 275 game or higher or 775 series or higher in an Association sanctioned winter league and must bowl a minimum of 21 games in that league. In the event that the Association Treasury does not have sufficient funds to pay out that season, all qualifiers shall be paid whenever funds become available. **This "High Game, High Series" Fund is a discretionary award, contingent on the financial health of the Association and may be subject to annual review and/or amendment by the Association Board of Directors.**
- Section 2: A portion deemed allowable by the Board of Directors of the net proceeds for the fund raising project shall be used to send Association representatives to the JANBA tournaments and to give a reasonable allowance to the Association's delegates to the JANBA Advisory Board.

## ARTICLE XII - WORKING FUNDS

- Section 1: All officers and delegates of the Association shall be reimbursed for money spent for Association expenses as decided by the Board of directors.

## ARTICLE XIII - JUNIOR LEAGUE

- Section 1: The San Jose Nisei Juniors shall be governed by the Constitution of the San Jose Nisei Bowling Association.

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