

# **The Legation Boules Club**

**Effective 12/27/2021**

## **Article I. Name**

The name of the organization shall be The Legation Boules Club, a not for profit organization.

## **Article II. Purpose**

The purpose of the club is to provide a forum for the practice, playing and promotion of the game of petanque to its membership and the general public.

## **Article III. Objectives**

The objectives of The Legation Boules Club are to represent and advance the sport of petanque through recreational play, tournaments, public demonstrations and instruction, provision of information about the game of petanque to the general public through the media, public presentations and demonstrations.

## **Article IV. Membership**

### **1. Eligibility**

Membership in The Legation Boules Club shall be open to any person without regard to race, creed, color, nationality, gender, religion or physical handicap, upon application and payment of established annual dues.

### **2. Dues**

Annual membership dues will be determined by the Executive Committee and shall be payable during January of each calendar year.

### **3. Active Membership**

Active members are individuals who are in good standing and current with annual dues.

### **4. Honorary Membership**

Honorary membership may be awarded to individuals who have performed services or actions that have tended to further the purpose of the club. Selection of an individual for honorary membership shall be by majority vote of the Executive Committee. Honorary members

shall adhere to the bylaws of the club. Honorary members shall not pay membership dues or vote.

#### **Article V. Meetings**

Meetings of the general membership shall be held once a year in November. The meeting shall include the election of officers. All general membership meetings shall be announced to the membership at least two weeks in advance and shall include a meeting agenda. Additional meetings may be called at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

#### **Article VI. Voting**

1. Election of officers shall be conducted at the November meeting. Election of President and Treasurer will be held in even calendar years. Election of Vice President, Information Officer and Secretary will be held in odd Calendar years. Officers will assume duties on the first day of January of the following year.
2. A Nominating Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee, will be appointed two months prior to the November meeting from the active membership.
3. Active Members in good standing are entitled to vote. Member eligibility to vote will be verified by the club Treasurer.
4. Members may vote electronically or in person at the general meeting for officer candidates. Voting by proxy is not allowed. Votes received electronically after the date of the election will not be counted.
5. The privilege of introducing motions shall be limited to active members in attendance at the meeting
6. An affirmative vote of more than fifty percent of members present and in good standing at regular or special called meetings shall be binding on the club. Members must be present to vote for non-electoral motions.

## **Article VII. Officers**

1. The officers of The Legation Boules Club shall be elected from the active membership and shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Information Officer, Treasurer, and Tournament Coordinator. These elected officers shall comprise the Executive Committee.
2. Officers will serve terms of two years. There is a consecutive two-term limit for election to each position except the Information Officer. Due to the unique abilities required for the Information Officer it is an appointed position with no term set limits.
3. Each officer, except the Tournament Coordinator, shall have one vote on any matter brought before the Executive Committee. The Tournament Coordinator is a non-voting member of the Executive Committee.
4. A quorum of the Executive Committee must be present to conduct club business. A quorum shall be a majority of the Executive Committee.
5. Duties of Officers
  - a. The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and of the Executive Committee. The President shall be an ex-facto member of all standing and special committees.
  - b. The Vice President shall fulfill the duties of the President in his or her absence and shall serve as the Parliamentarian of the club.
  - c. The Secretary shall keep accurate written records of all business of the club, including regularly scheduled and special called meetings, and all Executive Committee meetings. The Secretary shall be responsible for all written or electronic communication both within and outside the club including notice of all meetings or events to club members. Minutes of all meetings shall be provided electronically to the membership.
  - d. The Information Officer shall be responsible for conducting membership initiatives, and serve as facilitator for issues pertaining to membership and board matters. The Information Officer shall also maintain the LBC website and club calendar, incorporating all known events of local and regional interest.
  - e. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection and disbursement of club monies, shall keep an accurate record of all

receipts, receivables and expenditures.. The Treasurer shall maintain a roster of all club members and their dues status. The Treasurer shall submit a financial report to the Secretary for inclusion in all meeting minutes provided to the membership.

f. The Tournament Coordinator is an appointed and non-voting position on the Executive Committee. The Tournament Coordinator is in charge of all LBC tournaments.

#### 6. Removal From Office

a. An officer may be removed from office for cause at any meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present providing that any pending action has been posted as an agenda item at least two weeks prior to said meeting.

#### 7. Replacement of Officers

When necessary, vacated positions may be filled by temporary appointment by the President for the unexpired portion of a term after consultation with the Executive Committee.

### **Article VIII. Committees**

The Executive Committee may appoint a club member to chair a special committee to address specific tasks of the club. The Chair of a special committee will, if needed, select additional club members to assist in the completion of the assigned task with advice and consent of the Executive Committee. The special committee will be dissolved upon completion of the assigned task. The Chair of a special committee does not have a vote in the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall transact all business necessary to further the purposes and objectives of the club in the interval between regular membership meetings. A majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for conducting club business. Minutes of all meetings shall be available to the membership.

### **Article IX. Code of Behavior**

1. Members of The Legation Boules Club are subject to a Code of Behavior as it applies to the conduct of members/players/guests on the field of play and to all rules of conduct established by The Legation Boules Club. All members and guests are required to exhibit good sportsmanship toward their teammates, their opponents, game organizers, officials and spectators.

2. Violations of the Code of Behavior:

- a. Foul or abusive language and/or action directed toward another player, umpire, club officer, guest or spectator.
- b. Ridiculing the play of another person or acting in a way that demeans another player or disrupts the game or tournament.
- c. Smoking by members or guests while attending any club activity on the grounds of the French Legation.
- d. Any illegal behavior on or off the playing field, including, but not limited to, public intoxication and/or illegal drug use.
- e. Disobeying any rule of conduct established by the club.

3. Members violating the Code of Behavior are subject to a warning, a written reprimand, probation of club membership, suspension of club membership or expulsion from the club. The Executive Committee will determine the level of sanction.

**Article X. Amendment of Bylaws**

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of the active members present provided that the proposed amendment(s) have been submitted in writing to the membership at least two weeks prior to the vote.

**Article XI. Dissolution**

Upon the dissolution of The Legation Boules Club, no member shall have any right nor shall receive any assets of the Club. The assets of the Club are permanently dedicated to a tax-exempt purpose. In the event of dissolution The Club assets, after payment of debts, will be distributed to an organization which itself is tax-exempt under the provisions of Section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code. The selection of a tax-exempt organization to receive assets shall be determined by the Executive Committee.