

ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be known as the "Sacramento Nisei Bowling Association" (SNBA).

ARTICLE II - OBJECT

The object of this organization is to foster the spirit of good fellowship in the best interest of the bowling game, exercise care and judgment to create harmony and unite all Nisei leagues of the area, and to be its spokesman as the need arises. It shall protect the rights and privileges of its member at all times.

ARTICLE III - ELIGIBILITY/MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Upon payment of an annual membership fee through a SNBA sanctioned Nisei league, the following shall be eligible (3/28/96):

- (a) A Nisei - who is herein defined as any person of Japanese ancestry or of Japanese Parent(s) or any non-Nisei who is married to a Nisei.
- (b) A Non-Nisei:
 - (1) who has kept continuous membership in the SNBA and who has bowled two-thirds (2/3) of a scheduled SNBA sanctioned League (3/28/96); or
 - (2) who is accepted by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors present as a replacement in the Nisei league. (10/3/74)
- (c) Any Nisei bowler that participates in a non-SNBA sanctioned Nisei League in Woodland, Yuba City, or Marysville. (3/28/96)

Section 2 Upon written request, Nisei leagues conforming to the rules of this organization shall be eligible for membership in the SNBA. SNBA sanction will be granted upon approval by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. League rules and regulations, when adopted by the respective member leagues of the SNBA, must be submitted to the SNBA President.

Section 2a All bowlers in an SNBA-sanctioned league shall be members of the Northern California Nisei Bowling Federation (NCNBF) as well as members of the SNBA. (8/23/00)

Section 3 (Deleted 7/12/01)

Section 4 Acceptance of a "Non-Nisei" into the association.

- (a) An application for acceptance of a new Non-Nisei bowler must first be approved by the respective Nisei league through which the application is submitted. This application must be presented to the association board of directors, at an association meeting, by an officer of that Nisei League.
- (b) Acceptance of a new Non-Nisei bowler into the association may only take place at an association meeting, and requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors **present** at that association meeting. There shall be no proxy or absentee votes.
- (c) If accepted, the new Non-Nisei bowler must participate in the league through which the application was submitted for **two consecutive years**. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in revocation of association membership. (11/17/94)

Section 5 Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Definition: "Unsportsmanlike conduct" includes (but is not limited to):

- Verbal abuse of any kind
- Excessive foul language
- Physical abuse of any kind

A report of bowler misconduct must be submitted by a league member to an officer of that league. If it is determined by the league that the bowler's conduct was inappropriate, the league shall take action deemed necessary and appropriate. A report including a description of the bowler's conduct and any action taken by the league shall be forwarded to the SNBA Secretary.

The board of directors of the SNBA shall review reports of bowler misconduct, and shall take action at the association level deemed necessary and appropriate. (1/11/96)

Section 6 Hardship Clause: A non-Nisei may appeal to the SNBA Board of Directors to retain membership eligibility prescribed by Article III, Section 1 due to illness, unanticipated change in work situation, involuntary transfer, or other reasons deemed proper by the SNBA. (10/17/96)

Section 7 Seven Year Clause: A non-Nisei member with seven or more consecutive years of two-thirds participation in any SNBA recognized Nisei League and an SNBA member for seven or more years will not be required to reestablish his or her eligibility in a recognized Nisei league. (10/17/96)

ARTICLE IV- ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1 The SNBA President shall appoint a Nomination Committee consisting of one (1) representative from each league. The representative shall be responsible for appointing an alternate of the same league for any committee meeting if he/she is unable to attend.

- (a) The Nomination Committee shall elect a chairman who shall conduct all committee meetings and act as Election Referee.
- (b) All nominations shall be submitted to the committee who shall be responsible for notifying all nominees and obtaining their consents before placing their names on the ballot.
- (c) The Nomination Committee shall prepare an alphabetical list of all nominees by offices and have it included in the SNBA Secretary's meeting notice.
- (d) The above listed procedures are to be completed by the Nomination Committee prior to the election meeting.
- (e) Nominations shall not be restricted to the recommended list.

Section 2 Election of officers of the SNBA shall take place prior to April 30. (8/21/03)

Section 3 Election of the Executive officers shall be conducted by secret ballots at a General Meeting called for the purpose of elections.

Section 4 The SNBA Secretary shall notify all league Secretaries at least two (2) weeks prior to a General Meeting for the election of officers, this notice to be accompanied by a list of nominees, if available.

Section 5 All Executive officers shall be elected by majority vote.

Section 6 There shall be NO PROXY vote.

Section 7 No person shall be eligible to hold more than one elective office.

ARTICLE V - EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1 The Executive Board of the SNBA shall consist of the following elected officers:

- President
- Men's Vice President
- Women's Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Section 2 The Executive Board shall be empowered to appoint committee chairman as deemed necessary who shall have no voting power.

Section 3 In case of an emergency, the Executive Board shall have the authority to make decisions that pertain to the well being of the SNBA.

Section 4 The immediate past President shall act as adviser to the Board. He/She shall have no voting power.

Section 5 The terms of office for SNBA Executive Board members to be two (2) years. The entire slate of officers shall be elected every two (2) years (odd-numbered years, beginning in 2001). This eliminates the election of Vice-Presidents in alternate years. (8/23/00)

Section 6 The Executive Board shall adopt and enforce rules and qualifications governing the activities of the SNBA.

Section 7 The duties of the Executive Board shall be as follows:

- (a) The President shall preside at all general meetings and shall execute all other duties pertaining to his/her office. He/She shall hold a Board of Directors meeting at least once in two (2) months. In the event there is business, which needs immediate attention, the President may call for a special Executive Board meeting. All meetings shall be called by the President when deemed necessary or upon request of any member of the Board of Directors.
- (b) The Men's Vice President shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the President, and must preside at the meetings in the absence of the President. The Men's Vice President shall be Chairman of the annual Nisei Bowling Association Tournament and appoint tournament committee as required.
- (c) The Women's Vice President shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the President, and must preside at the meetings in the absence of the President and the Men's Vice President. The Woman's Vice President shall be chairman of the women's portion of the annual Sacramento Nisei Bowling Association Tournament and appoint the tournament committee as required.
- (d) The Recording Secretary shall keep a neat and accurate record of all meetings and special events. Sufficient copies of the minutes shall be printed and distributed to all sanctioned league officers (President, Vice-President and Secretary) and members in attendance at the discretion of the Association Secretary. Accompanying the meeting minutes will be the next meeting notice and any proposed amendment(s) to the SNBA Constitution. These documents will be distributed at least two weeks preceding the meeting date. (5/29/97)
- (e) The Treasurer shall keep a neat and accurate account of all dues and finances, incoming and paid out. The Treasurer shall provide a financial statement annually to the members of the SNBA within thirty (30) days after

the end of the fiscal year. The SNBA fiscal year shall begin on August 1st and end on July 31st for each calendar year. All checks made payable by the SNBA shall bear the signatures of two of the four officers - The Treasurer, The President, or Vice-Presidents. (08/23/08)

- Section 8 The Executive Board may approve any expenditure up to \$100.00 without calling a general meeting. (1/31/85)
- Section 9 The Executive Board shall be responsible for an annual audit of all SNBA accounts. The treasurer will be expected to maintain all financial records for five (5) years. All documents over five (5) years may be destroyed with the exception of the annual audit reports. (1/31/94)

ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Section 1 The Board of Directors shall consist of the Presidents, Vice-Presidents and Secretaries of each member league and the Executive Board of the SNBA.
- Section 2 The Board of Directors of the SNBA shall be empowered to conduct the business of the Sacramento Nisei Bowling Association.
- Section 3 In case of a vacancy in any office of the Executive Board, the Board of Directors shall have the power to fill such vacancy, unless otherwise provided for in this Constitution.

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS

- Section 1 The Articles of this Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at a general meeting of the SNBA.
- Section 2 To introduce an amendment to this Constitution, the proposed amendment must be submitted in writing to the SNBA Secretary at least 3 weeks prior to a scheduled general meeting. The SNBA Secretary shall send a copy of the proposed amendment (s) to each sanctioned league officer (President, Vice-President, and Secretary) at least two (2) weeks preceding the general meeting. (5/29/97)
- Section 3 Amendments must be dated when made part of this Constitution. (Amended 1994)

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - MEETINGS

- Section 1 A General Meeting will be called at least once a year for the purpose of election and for decisions on matters of interest to the membership at large. Each member is entitled to one (1) vote at the SNBA General Meeting.
- Section 2 All Executive Board or Board of Directors Meeting shall be called by the President of the SNBA or upon request of any other member of the Board of Director or Executive Board.
- (a) Each member of the Board of Directors shall have one (1) vote.
- (b) Appointed committee chairman shall have no vote at Executive Board or Board of Directors meetings which they may be asked to attend.
- Section 3 There shall be NO PROXY voting at any of the above-mentioned meetings.
- Section 4 All committee meetings shall be held when deemed necessary by the respective chairman and the minutes of such meetings shall be kept and recorded with the SNBA Secretary.

ARTICLE II - QUORUM

- Section 1 After due notification and publication of an Executive Board or Board of Directors meeting, the voting members present shall constitute a quorum.
- Section 2 All Sacramento Nisei Bowling Association members present will constitute a quorum for all general meetings.

ARTICLE III - COMMITTEES

- Section 1 The Public Relations Officers shall release all SNBA news to the general public with approval of the SNBA President and/or the approval of the Special Events Chairman.
- Section 2 The Special Events Chairman shall be responsible within the limits set by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE IV - DUES

All members shall pay an annual membership fee of \$2.00 beginning September 1, 1997. (5/27/97)

ARTICLE V - EXPENDITURES

- Section 1 In the event of a death of a SNBA member, or death of a member of the immediate family of a SNBA member, the SNBA shall send an offering of \$10.00 in condolence to the family of the deceased. "Immediate family" includes a spouse, child or parent. Any exceptions must be approved by the Executive Board. (8/19/96)
- Note: (Deleted 10/26/06)
- Section 2 The SNBA Secretary's fee shall be \$0.60 per member per year. (8/21/03)
- Section 3 The Treasurer shall be compensated \$175.00 annually. (4/24/97)
- Section 4 The Federation Representatives shall be compensated (\$0.20 a mile for one car) for attending Federation Meetings. (12/10/85)

- Section 5 Pay for advertisement for JANBA Booklet (Full Page). (10/26/06)
- Section 6 Purchase tickets for SNBA Officers for SBA Banquet. (6/20/80)
- Section 7 Any JANBA Tournament expenses incurred by the JANBA Directors shall be reimbursed not to exceed \$50.00. (4/28/83)

ARTICLE VI- SPECIAL EVENTS

- Section 1 An annual benefit raffle shall be held in conjunction with the Sacramento Nisei Bowling Association Invitational Tournament. The Men's Vice President shall be responsible for appointing a committee to carry out duties associated with the benefit raffle (5/29/97).
- (a) All SNBA members shall be requested to sell a minimum number of tickets to defray the cost of the benefit raffle prizes, expenses, and tournament trophies (5/29/97).
 - (b) All proceeds from the benefit raffle (above and beyond the expenditures noted in section (a) above) shall be forwarded to the SNBA General Fund. These proceeds shall be applied toward expenditures detailed in Article V ("Expenditures"), Article VI ("Special Events"), Article VII ("Special Awards"), Article VIII ("Scholarship"), and toward additional expenditures approved by the Executive Board, and/or by the general membership (when required) (5/29/97).
- Section 2 An Awards Dinner shall be held annually. (5/6/04)
- (a) The specific date shall be determined by the Executive Board and the appointed chairman. This event shall be primarily to honor the sponsors of the teams of the SNBA Leagues and to give recognition to league champions and winner of other league or association awards.
 - (b) The names of the elected officers shall be announced during this event. Officers of the SNBA shall be installed at the Dinner and shall assume their duties immediately thereafter. (5/6/04)
 - (c) Local champions of the JANBA Tournament shall be guests of the Sacramento Nisei Bowling Association at this Dinner. (5/6/04)
 - (d) Incoming and outgoing elected officers of the SNBA and honored guests shall be guest of the SNBA at the annual Dinner. (5/6/04)

ARTICLE VII - SPECIAL AWARDS

- Section 1 Awards shall be presented by the SNBA for high rolled under the following provisions (5/29/97):
- (a) A prize of \$100.00 shall be given to any male SNBA member bowling a 300 game sanctioned by the USBC. This award is limited to one lifetime award.
 - (b) A prize for \$100.00 shall be given to any female SNBA member bowling a 279 game or better sanctioned by USBC. This award is limited to one lifetime award.
 - (c) A prize of \$100.00 shall be given to any senior (sixty-five or older) SNBA member bowling a game 100 pins over his/her most current book average sanctioned by the USBC. This award is limited to one lifetime award.
 - (d) A prize of \$100.00 shall be given to any senior (sixty-five or older) SNBA member bowling a game 75 pins over his/her most current book average sanctioned by the USBC when the current book average is 140 pins or less. This award is limited to one lifetime award. (8/21/03)

- (e) The award winner must be a member of the SNBA at the time the high game is bowled.
 - (f) The qualifying high game must have been bowled in a SNBA sanctioned league, an NCNBF-recognized tournament. (5/6/04)
 - (g) Only one prize shall be awarded per game.
- Section 2 Awards of \$25.00 cash shall be presented by the SNBA for the highest game rolled by a man, highest game rolled by a woman, highest game rolled by a senior (sixty-five or older) man, and highest game rolled by a senior woman (sixty-five or older) under the following provisions (8/21/03):
- (a) The award winners must be members of the Sacramento Nisei Bowling Association at the time the high game is bowled.
 - (b) The high game must have been bowled during a sanctioned SNBA league schedule. (5/1/88)
 - (c) Only one \$25 prize shall be awarded per person per year. (8/21/03)
- Section 3 Awards shall be presented by the SNBA for a high three (3) game series rolled under the following provisions (5/29/97):
- (a) A prize of \$100.00 shall be given to any male SNBA member bowling an 800 or higher series sanctioned by the USBC. This award is limited to one lifetime award.
 - (b) A prize of \$100.00 shall be given to any female SNBA member bowling a 750 or higher series sanctioned by the USBC. This award is limited to one lifetime award.
 - (c) A prize of \$100.00 shall be given to any senior (sixty-five or older) SNBA member bowling a series 150 pins or more over his/her 3 game total series based on his/her most current book average sanctioned by the USBC. This award is limited to one lifetime award.
 - (d) A prize of \$100.00 shall be given to any senior (sixty-five or older) SNBA member bowling 125 pins or more over his/her 3 game total series based on his/her most current book average sanctioned by the USBC. The bowler's current book average must be 140 pins or less. This award is limited to one lifetime award. (8/21/03)
 - (e) The award winner must be a member of the SNBA at the time the high series is bowled.
 - (f) The qualifying high series must have been bowled in a SNBA sanctioned league, an NCNBF-recognized tournament. (5/6/04)
 - (g) Only one prize shall be awarded per series.
- Section 4 A perpetual record of all USBC "honor" scores bowled by SNBA members shall be kept by the recording secretary and printed in the program of the Annual Awards Banquet. Qualifying "honor" scores must meet the following provisions (5/29/97):
- (a) Qualifying honor game scores shall be as follows:
 - (1) 300 game for men
 - (2) 279 game or better for women
 - (3) 100 pins over average or better for seniors (65 or older)
 - (4) 75 pins over average or better for seniors (65 or older) with an average of 140 or less
 - (b) Qualifying honor series scores shall be as follows:
 - (1) 800 or higher series for men
 - (2) 750 or higher series for women

- (3) 150 pins over series average or higher series for seniors (65 or older)
- (4) 125 pins over series average or higher series for seniors (65 or older) with an average of 140 or less.
- (c) The bowler must be a member of the SNBA at the time the high game or series is bowled.

Section 5 Qualifying scores with accompanying verification must be submitted through a SNBA sanctioned league secretary or the SNBA recording secretary by April 30th. Qualifying scores shall be verified by the executive board prior to inclusion into SNBA records. Reporting a qualifying score shall be the RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BOWLER. (5/29/97)

Section 6 Prizes will be awarded at the next Annual Awards Banquet following the game or series bowled. Recognition or Prizes for honor scores reported after April 30th will be awarded at the following year's Annual Awards Banquet. (5/29/97)

ARTICLE VIII - SCHOLARSHIP

A scholarship of \$1,000.00 shall be awarded in the name of the SNBA to a Nisei student selected by the Scholarship Committee of the Sacramento JACL. (8/23/00)

ARTICLE IX - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the SNBA in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the By-Laws and special rules of order the SNBA may adopt.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

By-Laws may be adopted, amended or suspended by a majority vote at any GENERAL meeting of the SNBA. (4/28/83)