

TEXAS STATE SHUFFLEBOARD ASSOCIATION

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SECTION I

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name

This Association shall be known as the Texas State Shuffleboard Association, herein after referred to as the TSSA.

ARTICLE II

Official Location

The official location of the TSSA shall be the place of residence of its current President in the State of Texas.

ARTICLE III

Objectives

The objectives of the TSSA shall be to promote interest and play in the game of shuffleboard. To encourage and assist in the formation and organization of new clubs throughout the State. To arrange for, direct or Sanction Certain Tournaments as TSSA tournaments.

ARTICLE IV

Policy

The Policy of the TSSA shall be non-political, non-sectarian and non-profit making.

ARTICLE V

Affiliation

Any organized Shuffleboard Club, within the State of Texas, having duly elected officers and controlling the operation, or having the use of at least (1) one regulation court shall be eligible for affiliation in the TSSA, provided that its application is approved by the TSSA's Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI

Official Personnel

The Official Personnel of the TSSA shall consist of a President, (4) four Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer and the President(s) of any recognized shuffleboard association operating under the auspices of the TSSA.

ARTICLE VII
Board of Directors

- a. The elective Officers of the TSSA as named in ARTICLE VI shall comprise the membership of the Board of Directors.
- b. Each member of the Board of Directors, including the President, shall have equal voting power. No member by reason of holding office in the TSSA, or in an affiliated club shall be privileged to cast more than a single vote. Vote by a written authorized proxy vote may be accepted.

ARTICLE VIII
Official and Fiscal Year

The Official and Fiscal Year of the TSSA shall begin the day following the Annual Meeting and the election of Officers.

ARTICLE IX
Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the TSSA shall be held on a date between November 1 and November 30 of each year, and shall be set by the State President naming a date, time and place. Said meeting shall be held on the same date as the November meeting of the Rio Grande Valley Shuffleboard Association and shall immediately precede the Rio Grande Valley Shuffleboard Association meeting. The Secretary is to notify each official member of the TSSA by mail at least (10) ten days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE X
Special Meetings

A special meeting of the Board of Directors may be called at any time by the President or by written request of a qualified voting majority thereof.

ARTICLE XI
Quorums

A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a legal quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE XII
Tenure of Board of Directors

The tenure of all elected officials shall be year by year. The nominating and electing procedure to be as provided for in Article IV of the By-Laws.

ARTICLE XIII
Amendments

The Constitution and/or By-Laws of the TSSA may be altered or rescinded by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at the annual meeting or at a called special meeting.

ARTICLE XIV
Districts

The Board of Directors shall apportion the State into such districts as will best suit the geographic areas and promote the play of Shuffleboard.

SECTION II

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I
Order of Business

- a. Reading of the Minutes
- b. Communications
- c. Treasurers Report
- d. Reports from Affiliated Clubs
- e. Reports from Delegates to the National
- f. Reports from Standing and Special Committees
- g. Unfinished Business
- h. New Business
- i. Report of the Nominating Committee and election of Officers
- j. Adjournment

ARTICLE II
Application for Affiliation

A club or organization as defined in Article V of the Constitution should address its application to the TSSA through the Club President or Chairman.

ARTICLE III
Annual Dues

There shall be no annual dues required for any affiliated Club. It shall be required however, that each member of an affiliated Club must have a lifetime membership card in the TSSA in order to play in any regularly scheduled tournament approved by the TSSA or sanctioned as a TSSA Championship Tournament. The cost for the lifetime membership card will be \$1.00. If a person applies for membership and is from another State/Country, and has attained the status of Pro, or any other title that equals our Expert Classification will be granted membership. However they will be classified as an Expert.

ARTICLE IV
Election of Officers

a. Nominating Committee

The TSSA Board of Directors shall hold a meeting immediately preceding and on the same date of the Rio Grande Valley Shuffleboard Association Spring Meeting. At the Meeting a Nominating Committee shall be appointed, consisting of (3) three people. Said Nominating Committee shall be instructed to nominate (2) two candidates for each Elective Position, excepting that, if in the opinion of the Nominating Committee, the best interests of the TSSA could be served by retaining the services of any Incumbent Officer, they need not name another nominee for that position. The Chairman of the Annual Meeting be required however, to call for nominees from the Floor for each Elective Office. Said Nominating Committee shall present their slate of Nominees at the Annual Meeting.

b. Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting time and place shall be as directed in Article IX of the Constitution.

c. Election Procedure

1. The Nominating Committee shall present the names of their nominees.
2. The President shall call for nominations from the floor.
3. If more than one nomination is made for a position, voting shall be by written Ballot with each official of the TSSA having a single vote as described in Article VII of the Constitution. Each affiliated Club Chairman or representative shall have a single vote.
4. The President shall appoint (3) three tellers to distribute the ballots, collect the ballots after voting is finished, tally the ballots and announce the name of the elected Official.

d. Each Elected Official shall hold office until his successor assumes the position in Accordance with the Official Year as set forth in Article VIII of the Constitution.

ARTICLE V
Vacancies

If for any reason, an elective office becomes vacant, such vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors excepting that the 1st Vice President shall automatically fill the vacancy in the office of President.

ARTICLE VI
Duties of Officers

- a. The President shall perform all duties deemed to be required of such office, or as may Specifically be ordered by the Board of Directors.
- b. The President shall preside over all meetings of the TSSA and shall appoint any

Special or Standing Committees and become an ex-officio member of each Committee so appointed.

- c. The President shall appoint a Historian.
- d. The 1st Vice President shall assume and perform all the duties of the President during his absence or incapacitation.
- e. The Secretary shall record the minutes of all regular and special meetings, attend to Correspondence and Notices of meetings and be in charge of the TSSA files, plus such other duties as directed by the Board of Directors.
- f. The Treasurer shall be the sole custodian of all funds and legal papers. The Treasurer shall draw checks for payment of Obligations as approved by the President and/or the Board of Directors. No Disbursement is authorized, under the intent of this paragraph to an official of the Association or for an individual bill in excess of \$150.00 without the specific Authorization of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall decide if and when the Treasurer shall be Bonded and effectuate such bond.
- g. The Historian will keep a record of all points earned by Amateur and Expert members of the TSSA. The Historian will update and publish the points earned by each member no less than annually in the Permanent Register. The Permanent Register will be the official document for the Historical Records of the TSSA. The Historian will prepare a backup copy of the annual Permanent Register and give it to the TSSA President or appointed Board Member. The Historian must work closely with the TSSA Secretary, who maintains the Official TSSA Membership Records.

ARTICLE VII

Representation to the National Association

The TSSA shall be represented on the Board of Directors of the National Shuffleboard Association according to their regulations. The Board of Directors of the Texas State Shuffleboard Association shall appoint such representative.

Selection of the Men and Ladies players to represent the TSSA on the USA Nationals Team will be selected from the past seasons TSSA points earned as recorded in the Permanent Register. The USA player with the most points (Men and Ladies) showing a desire to represent Texas shall be selected. These two names will be sent to the President of the NSA to represent Texas on the USA Team.

If however, two or more players desire to represent Texas, then a Three Game Playoff will be held under the supervision of a member of the Board of Directors appointed by the President.

ARTICLE VIII

Hall of Fame

The Purpose of the TSSA Hall of Fame is to Honor those who have demonstrated outstanding performance over a period of time in the area of Shuffleboard support as a Player, Officer, Tournament Director or otherwise have distinguished themselves by outstanding contribution to the Texas State Shuffleboard Association.

Membership in the Texas State Shuffleboard Association Hall of Fame is intended to be selective. To be considered, a candidate must have achieved results as a player, or administrator, or a supporter and must have conveyed good sportsmanship. A minimum of (7) seven years as an Expert player in the TSSA must have been achieved. Only points earned in a TSSA Sanctioned Tournament may be used for lifetime points.

1. In addition a nominee must have earned a minimum of 300 TSSA lifetime points (not required for an administrator or supporter.)

Or

2. Won 1st Place in a TSSA Sanctioned Tournament in the Expert Division.

Or

3. Won a TSSA Hosted State Championship Tournament.

Or

4. Won a Nationals Tournament hosted by the TSSA.

Or

5. Been a Tournament Director for (7) seven years.

Or

6. Been an Officer of the TSSA for (3) three years.

Any of the above criteria may be waived by a unanimous vote of the Hall of Fame Committee.

The President of the TSSA shall be entitled to automatic induction into the Hall of Fame upon the completion of their tenure.

An individual may be a Hall of Fame Inductee in any/all of the following Categories: Player (PL), President (PR), Administrator (AD) or a Supporter (SP) of Shuffleboard as a whole.

The Hall of Fame Committee shall maintain a Written Record of all persons inducted into the TSSA Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame Committee will send their final list of nominees to the President for approval by the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE IX Top Ten Shuffleboard Club

At the end of each season the President shall select 4 to 10 players from the Top Ten Tournament Players list to become Members of the "Top Ten Shuffleboard Club" in the Amateur, Expert and Over 75 Divisions. Selection will be made for both Men and Women. There shall be no numerical rating made. Just the Honor of the award as a member of the "Top Ten Shuffleboard Club". Members may receive this award one time only.

Membership is for a lifetime. The award shall be made at the Annual Awards Program.

ARTICLE X
Annual Awards Program

An Annual Awards Program will be held at the end of the current season or at the earliest date possible of the next season. The Annual Awards Program Committee will determine the time and place.

Awards from the current / past season will be presented and will include but not be limited to:

Hall of Fame Induction

Top Ten Shuffleboard Club Member Award

Announce the Amateurs entering into the Expert Division

Other awards as deemed appropriate.