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BREVARD COUNTY HORSESHOE CLUB

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Brevard County Horseshoe Club Inc

By-Laws

ARTICLE I

Identity

The name of this organization shall be Brevard County Horseshoe Club, hereinafter known as BCHC. The BCHC is a sanctioned club organized under the Florida State Horseshoe Pitchers Association (FSHPA) and National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America (NHPA)

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purpose of the BCHC shall be to teach, foster, develop, and promote the sport of horseshoe pitching within Brevard County, Florida, also schedule all NHPA/FSHPA sanctioned tournaments in Brevard County, Florida, both as a recreational pastime and or competitive sport.

ARTICLE III

Membership

1. Any person may become a member upon payment of the annual dues as designated in these bylaws.
2. Annual dues for an adult BCHC membership is \$3.00 and shall maintain memberships in FSHPA and NHPA. Junior memberships are free.
3. A junior is a person, aged up to 18 years, who will not have his/her 18th birthday during the membership year.
4. A NHPA membership card shall be issued after payment of dues with members number and year of membership noted.
5. Dues are due and payable by December 31 of each year, or upon joining. Membership is from January 1 thru December 31 of each calendar year.
6. A member shall not be in good standing when annual dues are past due.
7. Any member can be suspended for up to 1 year for any of the following actions.
 - A) Willfully violating any official rule or bylaw of the FSHPA or NHPA.
 - B) Fixing games, Cheating, or being part of any other conduct unbecoming a member.
 - C) Placing a bet of monetary value on a contestant, or self, when participating in a sanctioned tournament.
 - D) Using unsanctioned horseshoes in a tournament.
 - E) Indulging in actions, words, or phrases that is disturbing to others.
 - F) Forfeiting a game in a tournament for an unapproved reason.

8. No member shall be suspended until given a fair hearing before the executive council, or a board appointed by the executive council.
9. Members who have been suspended may be reinstated after the designated time has elapsed by a minimum 3 positive votes from the executive committee.

ARTICLE IV

Executive Council

1. The Executive Council shall be made up of the following elected Officers
 - A) President
 - B) 1st Vice President
 - C) 2nd Vice President
 - D) 3rd Vice President
 - E) Secretary-Treasurer

2. Duties of the elected Officers
 - A) **The President shall;**
 1. Be the chief executive officer of the BCHC.
 - a. Preside over all meeting of the BCHC.
 - b. Assign specific duties to other officers.
 - c. Appoint any committee, standing or special, name the chair person, change the makeup of a committee, fill any vacancies, or discharge the committee as is necessary for the good of the organization.
 - B) **The 1st Vice President Shall;**
 1. Be the Web Master Officer.
 - a. Assume the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President.
 - b. Maintain the BCHC web site ensuring it is up to date with current information.
 - c. Fulfill any special duties as assigned by the President.
 - C) **The 2nd Vice President Shall;**
 1. Be the Maintenance Officer.
 - a. Assume the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President and 1st Vice President.
 - b. Ensure the pits are in playing condition and meets the NHPA specifications.

- c. Ensure the grounds are clean and organized.
- d. Ensure the supplies are on hand for pitching horseshoes, White paint, water for clay, shovels, and chairs.
- e. Fulfill any special duties as assigned by the President.

D) The 3rd Vice President Shall;

- 1. Be the Public Relations Officer.
 - a. Assume the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President, 1st and 2nd Vice President.
 - b. Submit Pertinent articles about BCHC members, tournaments, league, and other items of interest to the news media.
 - c. Fulfill any special duties as assigned by the President.

E) The Secretary-Treasurer Shall;

- 1. Be the Secretary and the Treasurer
 - a. Be the custodian of all funds, property, and records of the BCHC.
 - b. Keep records of all funds received and disbursed, provide a written quarterly report to the Executive Committee, and annually to the membership.
 - c. Maintain accounts in a federally insured bank for depositing funds received and dispersing funds for routine supplies and all other special purchases as approved by the Executive Committee and /or President, payable by check.
 - d. Keep accurate records of paid memberships and maintain a current list with their address, phone number, email address and NHPA membership card number.
 - e. Create and present the annual budget for approval at the annual business meeting.
- 2. Requirements for officers to be elected;
 - a. Shall be current members of BCHC, FSHPA and NHPA.
 - b. Shall be a legal resident of the state of Florida as determined by voter registration, Property tax and /or Florida driver's license.

- 4. Authority;**
 - a)** The Executive Council shall have full power to conduct the business of the BCHC between annual meetings provided such business is not contrary to the bylaws of the BCHC.
 - b)** When required, the Executive Council shall define and interpret these bylaws. Rulings shall be official, unless overturned by a simple majority vote of those in attendance.
- 5. Term of office**
 - a.** All officers shall serve a two (2) year term.
 - b.** The President and 2nd Vice President shall be elected in odd number years.
 - c.** The 1st, 3rd Vice presidents and Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected in even numbered years.
 - d.** The newly elected officers shall take office immediately after the election.
- 6. Removal from office**
 - a.** Any officer may be removed from office for failure to perform the duties of the office or for any reason that brings discredit to the BCHC.
 - b.** Removal from office shall be by majority vote of the members of the Executive Council after notifying the membership.
 - c.** Officers electing to run for another office must resign from their present position first.
- 7. Vacancies in office**
 - a.** Any vacancies in office (except the President) shall be filled within 30 days from notification by the President, with the approval of the Executive Council.
- 8. Records and/or property held by officers**
 - a.** Upon completion of their term, all outgoing officers, directors and committee chairs, shall deliver to their successors all records and property of the BCHC held in their possession.

ARTICLE V
APPOINTED DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEES

1. Tournament Director;

The Tournament Director shall:

- a.** Submit to the FSHPA Inc. State Statistician a proposed schedule of tournaments, and entry fees, for the ensuing season.
- b.** Submit no later than April 15th of each year, together with his/her name, address, and phone number.
- c.** Conduct FSHPA Inc. sanctioned tournaments at his/her discretion, provided that the FSHPA Inc. bylaws and NHPA bylaws are not violated.
- d.** Provide a pitching opportunity for all 30' and 40' pitchers.
- e.** Report promptly to the State Statistician the results of sanctioned tournaments conducted in the format prescribed by FSHPA Inc. and NHPA.
- f.** Transmit to the FSHPA Inc. Secretary-Treasurer, the required tournament fee, immediately following each FSHPA Inc. sanctioned tournament.
- g.** Post the prize list at each tournament being held.
- h.** Collect all entry fees.
- i.** Determine the number of Classes based on the number of entries and awards.
- j.** Entries to be placed in Classes at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- k.** Enter all data from each game to determine the final placement in each Class.

ARTICLE VI
STANDING COMMITTEES

1. The standing committees of the BCHC . shall be:

- a.** None at this time.

ARTICLE VII
MEETINGS

1. Annual Membership meeting;

- a.** The annual meeting shall be conducted during the last month of the fiscal year.
- b.** The presentation of annual awards.

- c. Election of officers.
 - d. The annual financial report, budget approval and other items of interest shall be conducted at this meeting.
- 2. Executive Council meeting;
 - a. The Executive Council shall meet on a quarterly basis.
 - b. The Executive Council shall meet as scheduled by the President or any Three (3) members of the Executive Council.
 - c. A quorum for any meeting of the Executive Council shall be Three (3) members.
 - d. The Executive Council may conduct business by mail, telephone or any other method of communication.
 - e. The Executive Council shall keep minutes of council meetings and email the minutes to members or mail to members who do not have email.

ARTICLE VIII

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- 1. The President shall appoint an election committee with a chairperson for the current year.
 - a. The committee shall seek out candidates for the offices being elected in the current year.
 - b. The committee shall conduct the election of officers at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE IX

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

- 1. The rules contained in the current edition of "Roberts rules of order newly revised" shall govern the proceedings of the **BCHC** in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the **BCHC** bylaws.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS

- 1. These bylaws may be amended at the annual membership meeting. Advance notice of the proposed amendment's must be provided to the membership. Amendments may be clarified and/or modified at the annual membership meeting. The

amendments will be adopted following a simple majority favoring vote, of those members present.

ARTICLE XI

ANNUAL AWARDS

1. Outstanding Member;

This award shall be made annually to the BCHC member who has done the most during the previous calendar year to promote and foster the sport of horseshoe pitching. The following are requirements for this award.

- a. Any BCHC member may nominate another member. Nominations shall be sent to the BCHC President. (Deadline date to be established)
- b. The nomination should contain enough information to permit an intelligent evaluation of the person's entitlement to this recognition.
- c. The Executive Council shall select the recipient of this award based on the information provided, or otherwise obtained, concerning the nominee.

2. Most Improved Player;

This award shall be made annually to the member who has most improved his/her ringer average over the previous year's ringer average. The following requirements for this award.

- a. The member must have competed in Eighty (80) games minimum BCHC sanctioned league January through December of current year and Eighty (80) games minimum BCHC sanctioned league January through December of the previous year
- b. Ringer average comparison must be at the same pitching distance
- c. The member must be a member in good standing
- d. The Secretary-Treasurer will determine the recipient of this award based upon the officially attained ringer averages

ARTICLE XII

STANDING RULES

1. Standing Rules;

Standing Rules are for guidance of the Executive Council. They may be adopted, changed or suspended by a majority vote at any meeting without notice. Between meetings, the Executive Council may adopt, change or suspend a Standing Rule; but it must be ratified at the scheduled meeting for it to continue. **Standing Rules take effect immediately.**

1. The Executive Council members shall have their annual FSHPA Inc./NHPA membership, Club dues and annual membership meeting banquet fees paid by the BCHC.
2. The Executive Council, by majority vote, may authorize the purchase and presentation of special awards they deem suitable for the advancement and goodwill of the FSHPA Inc.
3. The FSHPA Inc. Sales agent and sub-distributors have sole sales rights at FSHPA Inc. sanctioned tournaments.
4. The following must be published in the BCHC newsletter.
 - a. The annual report of the Secretary-Treasurer
 - b. League results
 - c. Changes to BCHC By-Laws
5. An amount up to \$50.00 (fifty dollars) may be expended for flowers or other appropriate remembrance upon death of a member.
6. Expenditures over \$250.00 must be approved by the membership.
7. The BCHC shall maintain a SPECIAL bank account to cover the losses or other contingencies. Withdrawals from this account shall require prior approval of the Executive Council and the signature of two FSHPA officers (preferably the President and Sec-Tres). The BCHC will strive to maintain a minimum balance of \$2000.00 in this account at all times.
8. The Executive Council shall have a minimum of four meeting per calendar year; one in each calendar quarter. Each quarterly meeting date, time and place must be published in the BCHC newsletter. The annual Club Officers/Executive Council meeting shall qualify as one of the quarterly required meetings. The president may call additional emergency meetings as the need arises.
9. Any member wishing to speak to the Executive Council at a scheduled quarterly meeting will be allowed up to five minutes time to make their presentation. Member's intention to speak and the subject matter must be presented to the President ten days prior to the scheduled meeting.
10. Any expenditure exceeding \$50.00 (tournament expenditures excluded) must have Executive Council approval.

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Article III

Section 2 - moved to Section 3, Changed 17th birthday to 18th birthday and eliminated "Juniors may join at a reduced fee as designated in these bylaws"

Section 3 - moved to Section 2 and "removed the actual dollar amounts for FSHPA Inc. and NHPA dues" and added Shall maintain memberships in FSHPA Inc. and NHPA.

Section 5 – payable on January 1 was changed to "payable by January 1"

Section 6 – more than 30 days late was changed to "past due"

Section 7 – added "up to one year for any of the following actions" Item F – using profane language when on tournament grounds. "Eliminated" it is included in item E

Section 8 – "Eliminated" added to section 7

Section 10 – "Changed to section 8"

Section 11- "Changed to section 9" by a majority vote of the Executive Council changed to "by a minimum of 3 positive votes from the Executive Council"

Article IV

Section 1- The Executive council shall be made up of the elected officers of BCHC plus the immediate past president. Changed to "The Executive Council shall be made up of the following elected officers A) President, B) 1st Vice President, C) 2nd Vice President, D) 3rd Vice President, E) Secretary-Treasurer"

Section 2 – Authority, changed to "Duties of the elected officers with item A Thru E explaining the duties"

Section 3 - Meetings changed to "Requirements for officers to be elected with Items A and B requirements"

Section 4- Authority "Incorporated the old section 2 with no changes to content"

Section 5 – Term of Office "Moved entire content from Article V Section 1 Term of Office with no changes to content"

Section 6 – Remove from Office "Moved entire content from Article V Section 6 Term of Office with no changes to content"

Section 7 – Vacancies in Office "Moved entire content from Article V Section 7 Term of Office with no changes to content"

Section 8 – Records and/or property held by Officers “Moved entire content from Article V
Section 8 Term of Office with no changes to content”

Article V

Elected Officers Changed to “Appointed Directors and Committees”

Section 1 – The elected officers of the BCHC shall be. “Was incorporated into Article IV Section 1” Then changed to “Tournament Director with items A thru K for duties”

Section 2 – Eliminated “was incorporated to Article IV Section 2 – item A thru E”

Section 3 – Officers Allowances “deleted”

Section 4 – All officers must “was incorporated to Article IV Section 3 requirements for officers to be elected items A & B”

Section 5 - Term of office “was incorporated to Article IV Section 5 Terms of Office in its entirety”

Section 6 – Removal from office “was incorporated to Article IV Section 6 Removal from office in its entirety”

Section 7 – Vacancies in office “was incorporated into Article IV Section 7 Vacancies in office in its entirety”

Section 8 – Records and property held by officers “was incorporated into Article IV Section 8 Records and/or property held by officers in its entirety”

Article VI “was changed to Article V”

Section 1 – “was incorporated into the Presidents duties and changed to Tournament Director with items A thru K”

Section 1A – “was incorporated into the duties of the 3rd Vice President”

Section 2, 2.a1 & 2.a2 - “was incorporated into the duties of the 3rd Vice President”

Article VII “was changed to Article VI”

Article VIII “was changed to Article VII”

Article VIIIA “was changed to Article VIII”

Article X “was changed to Article IX”

Article XI “was changed to Article X”

Article XII “was changed to Article XI”

Article XII “was changed to Standing Rules”

Article XI “was changed to Article X”

Article XII “was changed to Article XI”

Article XII “was changed to Standing Rules”