

The Professional Bowls Association Constitution

1) NAME OF ASSOCIATION: PBA Canada

a) The Association shall be known as PBA CANADA (hereinafter referred to as "the Association").

2) THE AIMS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- a) To operate as the Canadian governing body for Professional bowls association players.
- b) To promote and develop Professional bowls Canada-wide and in so doing, foster, safeguard and encourage the game of bowls at all levels in Canada.
- c) To promote and defend the interest of the representing members
- d) To sanction, promote, organise and licence Professional bowls tournaments and qualifiers.
- e) To negotiate, work with, or form partnerships with any appropriate bowls authorities or any other body incorporated or otherwise in furtherance of the above aims.

3) MEMBERSHIP:

- a) No person will be refused membership of the Association on the grounds of religion, race, colour, creed, gender or skill level.
- b) The membership shall consist of:
 - i) Ordinary Member: An ordinary member shall be any person who has paid the appropriate annual subscription.

4) SUBSCRIPTIONS:

- a) A minimum annual subscription or fee fixed at the Annual General Meeting shall be payable prior to first qualifier played.

5) MANAGEMENT:

- a) The management of the Association shall be vested in an executive that is voted for by the membership each fall. This will consist of a President, a secretary and a chairperson.
- b) Each of the Executive Members shall be elected for a term of one year and shall be eligible for re-election.
- c) Nominations for election to the Executive shall be made in writing to the current executive at least 30 days before the voting.
- d) In the event of the resignation or death of any of the members of the Executive during the year the remaining members may co-opt any member of the Association to fill the vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting.
- e) The Executive shall have all powers necessary for the full and efficient conduct of the affairs of the Association
- f) The Executive shall be entitled to adopt regulations of the Association.
- g) The Executive shall meet at least once annually (physically, digitally or by telephone) for the dispatch of all competent business, failing which such business shall be conducted by post.
- h) The Membership shall have a meeting each fall (physically, digitally or by telephone) to vote on matters related to PBA Canada

6) COMPLIANCE WITH RULES:

- a) A member on payment of the subscription thereby accepts the Constitution and Regulations of the Association both as to rights conferred and obligations imposed and on that condition alone is entitled to the advantages and privileges of membership of the Association. A copy of the Constitution will be posted on the PBA Canada website but no member shall be absolved from complying with the terms of the Constitution or Regulations on allegation of not having read them.
- b) All differences between members relating to their membership shall be referred to and determined by the Executive whose decision shall be final.

7) ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION:

No alteration or amendments shall be made to the Constitution except at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting called for that purpose and the notice calling such meeting shall

state the alterations or amendments proposed to be made. Any alterations or amendments shall require the approval of two thirds of those voting at such meeting.

Appendix:

1) OVERSEAS ASSOCIATION FORMAT AS STATED IN MAIN PBA BYLAWS

a) The Association will consist of a number of non European branches. These branches may consist of individual country associations or a conglomerate of countries. These branches will be self funding and any liabilities will be kept within the branch. They will not share any of the liabilities onto any other branch or the association.

b) The Overseas branches may be asked to assist financially to cover the cost of the PBA website and the Officers Honoraria.

c) The branches will elect annually a group of officers who will be responsible for the finances within each branch and provide an annual report to the Secretary of the Association at least once per year.

d) Branches will be able to set their own membership subscription fee providing it is not below the minimum set at VI below.

e) Branches are also required to submit a full list of their membership by 31st May each year.

f) Branches will also be required to submit a full financial breakdown to the Association Treasurer by 15th November each year.

g) Branches will not be allowed to use their finances on any event that is not supported by the PBA Executive Committee.

h) In the event of any grievance, that grievance should firstly be brought to the branch convener.

- i) The grievance or dispute will initially be dealt with by the overseas branch committee.

- ii) An appeal on any decision taken against a member can be forwarded to the secretary of the W.P.B.A.