

Sacramento Nisei Bowling Association Constitution

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 spokesperson 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:
 - i. who has kept continuous membership in the SNBA and who has bowled ~~two-thirds (2/3)~~ fifty percent (50%) of a scheduled SNBA sanctioned League ~~(3/28/96)~~ (1/20/2022); or
 - ii. 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.

Amendment 1 – Proposed verbiage to be appended to Article III, Section 3b)

Once the season starts, an exception process will be available for the acceptance of a new non-Nisei bowler into an SNBA league. League secretaries must submit a non-Nisei application to the SNBA email account for review by the Executive Board. Final decision on acceptance will be made by the Executive Board. Only hardship circumstances, as

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determined by the Executive Board, will be considered for eligibility to use the exception process. (08/13/23)

- 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)

Amendment 2 – Proposed verbiage to be appended to Article III, Section 6)

A hardship request must be submitted in writing or electronically to the SNBA email account. If approved at an SNBA General Meeting by the Board of Directors (two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, the hardship exception will be valid for one year. (08/13/23)

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)

- a) Five Year Clause: Any non-Nisei that is an active member of the Association with five or more consecutive years of fifty percent (50%) participation in any SNBA recognized Nisei League will not be required to re-establish his or her eligibility in a recognized Nisei League. This amendment will supersede the previously established Seven Year Clause. (1/20/2022)

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.

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- a) The Nomination Committee shall elect a chairperson 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.

Amendment 3 – change 'chairman' to 'chairperson' (08/13/23)

The Executive Board shall be empowered to appoint committee chairperson 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

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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 Chairperson of the annual Sacramento Nisei Bowling Association Invitational Tournament and appoint the tournament committee as required.

Amendment 4 – Proposed verbiage to include the mention of the Sr. No-Tap Tournament to Article V, Section 7

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 Chairperson of the annual Sacramento Nisei Bowling Association Invitational Tournament and the annual Sr. No-Tap Tournament and appoint the tournament committee as required. (08/13/23)

- 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 Women's Vice President shall be chairperson of the women's portion of the annual Sacramento Nisei Bowling Association Invitational 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)

Amendment 5 – Add Secretary to the list of officers allowed to sign checks. (08/13/23)

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- 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)*