

# **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NISEI BOWLING FEDERATION BY-LAWS**

## **ARTICLE I – NAME**

### Section 1

The organization shall be known as the NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NISEI BOWLING FEDERATION.

## **ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES**

### Section 1

To unite the Nisei Bowling Leagues and/or Nisei Associations of Northern California for the purpose of developing a spirit of good fellowship, mutual assistance, centralized communication, recognition of outstanding achievements of its members and to preserve and retain the spirit and heritage of Japanese ancestry.

### Section 2

Provide support to the tournament committees regarding rules, regulations and qualifications of playing the game of American Tenpins as governed by the United States Bowling Congress.

## **ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION**

### Section 1

Its membership shall be comprised of all local Nisei Leagues and/or Associations which are represented in the Northern California Nisei Bowling Federation, herein after referred to as the Federation, by duly elected delegates or alternates.

### Section 2

All members of a recognized Nisei League and/or Nisei Association will be considered a member of the Federation.

### Section 3

Nisei Leagues and/or Associations that are a part of the Federation shall submit a list of its members at the start of each Fall/Winter league season.

### Section 4

Application for membership may be filed by a new Nisei League and/or Nisei Association within the geographic confines of its operation, accompanied by a list of its officers, their addresses, and the total amount of its membership and its by-laws/constitution/rules.

## **ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY**

### Section 1

Membership of individuals in the Federation is open to bona fide members of a Nisei League and/or Nisei Association affiliated with the Federation. The term NISEI as applied herein shall include all persons of Japanese ancestry.

Section 2

Non-Nisei bowlers accepted as a member of any recognized Nisei League and/or Nisei Association shall be considered a member of the Federation. He/she must have bowled 21 league games to maintain his/her membership.

Section 3

Non-Nisei bowlers married to a NISEI and NISEI bowlers not a member of a Nisei Association and/or League are eligible to be members of the Federation.

**ARTICLE V – FUNDING**

Section 1

Associations using the Federation’s tournament services (as defined in Article XI, Section 3) will be charged a fee for use of such services. This amount shall be determined by the Board of Directors and be based on the operating expenses of the Federation.

Section 2

Base expenses for the Federation shall be the Statistician, Secretary and Treasurer fees and the cost of running the Federation’s website ([www.ncnbf.com](http://www.ncnbf.com)).

**ARTICLE VI – SUSPENSIONS AND APPEALS**

Section 1

Any member who does not abide by the by-laws, rules, and regulations set forth by the Federation may be subject to suspension.

Section 2

Any bowler suspended by his/her Nisei Association or League shall also be suspended by the Federation.

Section 3

Any bowler suspended by the United States Bowling Congress shall also be suspended by the Federation.

Section 4

Other appeals and requests for reinstatement may be presented by any member, and must be submitted through their league/association in writing.

**ARTICLE VII – MANAGEMENT – VOTING RIGHTS**

Section 1

The management of the Federation shall be vested in the Board of Directors, which shall consist of the officers (as defined in Article VIII, Section 1) and no more than three representatives from each organization.

Section 2

When an area consists of a single league, said league shall have two (2) representatives on the board of directors selected by the league. When an area is served by an association, said association shall have three (3) representatives selected by the association. The term of office for the representatives shall be ascertained by each league or association.

Section 3

Representatives from each league/association shall have voting rights. Associations representing multiple leagues receive a maximum of three (3) votes. Associations representing a single league receive a maximum of two (2) votes. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed.

Section 4

Past Presidents and Line Officers (President, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Treasurer, Statistician) shall have voting rights if they are representing their league and/or association.

**ARTICLE VIII – OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

Section 1

The officers for the Federation shall consist of a President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, and Treasurer. Officers shall be elected from within the Board of Directors for a term of two years as of August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Section 2

The two immediate past Presidents shall be part of the Board of Directors as Advisors. Also, special positions may be created when warranted and the officers for such positions shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. A Statistician shall be one of them.

Section 3

The Secretary, Treasurer and Statistician shall be compensated. The compensation shall be as follows...

Treasurer: \$75 per year  
Statistician: \$200 per year  
Secretary: \$100 per year

Section 4

The President shall preside at all Federation meetings and sign or countersign checks drawn upon any Federation fund. He/she shall perform duties as it pertains to his/her office.

Section 5

The Vice Presidents, in order of their elections, and in the absence of the President, shall perform the duties of that office, and shall discharge such other further duties as may from time to time be required of them.

Section 6

The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings, and such other records as may be determined by the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall have charge of, and conduct the correspondence of this organization and shall notify the Board of Directors in writing of any and all meetings of the Federation and the Board of Directors as the case may be. He/she shall also perform such other duties as may from time to time be required of him/her by the President or by the Board of Directors.

### Section 7

The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all fees and monies or other property paid or donated to the Federation. He/she shall keep a true and correct account of all receipts and disbursements and make such report and statements to the President and Board of Directors as may, from time to time, be required by them. He/she shall deposit all monies received by the Federation in a reliable bank or banks to the credit and in the name of the Federation.

All withdrawals from the Federation account shall be jointly signed by the Treasurer and another authorized signer (President or 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President). A financial statement will be presented at each regularly scheduled meeting. This financial statement shall include an itemized report that shows all account transactions.

### Section 8

A Statistician shall keep a record of membership, including a record of the previous two years' book average of each member of the Federation. He/she shall also obtain and file the records of all tournaments recognized by the Federation for recommendations and possible average adjustment of any member.

### Section 9

Line Officers may approve expenditures of up to \$50.00 without the Board of Director's approval.

## **ARTICLE IX – MEETINGS**

### Section 1

The Board of Directors of the Federation shall meet at least two (2) times per year at a site to be agreed upon by its members. The attending Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum to transact the business of the Federation.

### Section 2

Any special meeting may be called by the President when deemed necessary.

### Section 3

Special cabinet or committee meetings may be called at the request of any member of the Federation, league or association to resolve immediate problems.

### Section 4

Individual members may attend any of the board meetings to present any subject matter pertaining to the best interest of the Federation for a discussion or ruling. They shall have no voting privileges.

## **ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS**

### Section 1

The by-laws of the Federation may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the attending quorum of the membership of the Board of Directors.

### Section 2

Amendments must be channeled through the respective leagues/associations for consideration by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE XI – FEDERATION APPROVED TOURNAMENTS**

### Section 1

Tournaments run by the following associations are considered to be Federation Approved Tournaments...

1. Port Stockton Nisei
2. Sacramento Nisei
3. Fremont Nikkei
4. San Francisco Nikkei
5. Eden Nikkei
6. San Jose Nisei

### Section 2

The Federation may approve any new tournament run by a recognized Nisei league/association. The Board of Directors of the Federation shall determine whether the new tournament(s) qualify for Federation approval. To qualify for Federation recognition, tournaments must meet the following minimum criteria:

1. All tournament participants must be members in good standing of
  - a. The Federation, or
  - b. Another Federation recognized Nisei League and/or Nisei Association.
2. The tournament shall be United States Bowling Congress morally sanctioned.

### Section 3

The Federation shall provide the following services to all Federation-approved tournaments to aid and assist the tournament committees.

1. Verification of membership for all participants.
2. Verification of averages for all participants.
3. Provide a recommended readjustment list based on the tracking of scores from previous approved tournaments run by associations identified in Section 1. Use of this list is at the tournament chairperson's discretion.
4. Post all tournament information, including entry forms and results to the NCNBF website.

### Section 4

Tournament entry forms shall be sent in sufficient quantity to the area representatives.

### Section 5

Participants falling under Article IV, Section 3 must notify the Federation prior to bowling in the tournament.