

South Carolina Bridge Association
Unit 160
Of the American Contract Bridge League
By-Laws

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THE UNIT

The Unit functions within the By-Laws and Regulations of the American Contract Bridge League and its District.

OBJECT OF THE ORGANIZATION

The objects of the organization are as follows:

- (a) To preserve and to stimulate interest in the art of playing duplicate contract bridge.
- (b) To cooperate with and assist the League on the promotion and conduct of contract bridge tournaments.
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- (d) To promote the development and organization of affiliate clubs within the unit.
- (e) To cooperate in the League's charity program, and to sponsor and conduct charity events with the object of realizing funds to be devoted to worthy humanitarian causes.

To conduct such other activities as may be in keeping with its principal objectives.

ARTICLE I

UNIT JURISDICTION

The geographical area assigned this unit by the Board of Directors of the ACBL is the state of South Carolina with the exception of Beaufort and Jasper counties. For administrative purposes the state is divided into four (4) areas: Piedmont, Central, Eastern, and Southern (see Appendix I).

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

- (A) Any person residing within the jurisdiction of the Unit, subject to District regulations, is eligible for membership, and no person shall be denied membership because of race or creed
- (B) Such person shall remain a member unless:
 - (1) He changes his residence to a place outside the jurisdiction of the Unit, in which case he shall become a member of the new Unit immediately on processing by the League of his change of address.
 - (2) He has failed to pay his dues in accordance with the regulations of the American Contract Bridge League.

- (3) He has been suspended or expelled from membership in accordance with regulations established by the American Contract Bridge League and the Board of Directors of the Unit, provided, however, that such regulations shall conform to the rules of due process applicable to membership corporations, and that such regulations as are established by the Board of Directors of the Unit shall not be in conflict with the regulations of the American Contract Bridge League.
- (C) Membership in the American Contract Bridge League carries with it membership in the Unit.

ARTICLE III

DUES

Annual dues shall be in the amount fixed by the ACBL.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

- (A) There shall be an annual meeting of the members, which may be held in connection with a tournament or special event which Unit members attend.
- (B) The Unit Board of Directors shall fix the time and place of the annual meeting and shall provide notification to the members.
- (C) A quorum for the transaction of business at any annual meeting shall be twenty-five (25) members of the Unit.

ARTICLE V

UNIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- (A) The affairs of the Unit shall be managed and conducted by the Unit Board of Directors which shall consist of representatives from each of the four (4) areas in the Unit. The number of representatives shall be determined by total membership in each area. The number of representatives is as follows: With 1-100 an area shall have one (1), with 101-200 an area shall have two (2), with 201-325 an area shall have three (3), with 326-425 an area shall have four (4), with 426-550 an area shall have five (5), with 551-650 an area shall have six (6), and with over 650 an area shall have seven (7). The maximum number of representatives per area shall be seven (7). The Unit Secretary shall obtain membership numbers for each area from ACBL and provide the figures to the Unit for the purpose of annual elections. The membership numbers shall be as of January 1 of each year. Each Director must reside in his area. In addition, the Board may appoint or elect as a Board member a "Youth/Junior" representative who must be twenty-five (25) years old or less. In addition, the Board shall consist of the following members: immediate past President, Unit Recorder, and the Unit Goodwill Chairman. The Unit Board may also elect up to two (2) additional members who perform special duties for the Unit
- (B) Each Director shall hold office for a period of two (2) years, and shall continue to hold office until his successor shall have been duly elected or appointed. Any area representative who is not present for two (2) consecutively scheduled Unit Board of Directors meetings without sending a proxy to either shall be replaced by the Unit Board of Directors with another Unit member from the same area. Said member shall be ineligible to serve again on the Board for a period of at least one (1) year. The commencement of the terms shall be staggered so that approximately one-half of the Board members are elected every year.

- (C) Nomination for Director may be made by any Club within the Unit through its President or Club Manager. All candidates will be referred to the Nominating Committee for consideration. The Nominating Committee will submit its recommendations to the full Board of Directors at its annual meeting. Nominations shall be accepted from the floor.
- (D) Any vacancy on the Board of Directors shall be filled by the Board of Directors and the persons so appointed shall hold office for the balance of the unexpired term
- (E) The Unit Board of Directors shall hold a minimum of two (2) meetings a year
- (F) In addition to the powers herein granted by the provisions hereof, and by the laws of the state of South Carolina, the Unit Board of Directors shall have powers and duties including but not limited to:
 - (1) The conduct, management, supervision, and control of the business of the Unit.
 - (2) Conduct of Unit tournaments.
 - (3) The employment and discharge of employees, and the supervision of their conduct and fixing of their compensation.
- (G) The Unit Board of Directors shall be the sole judge of its membership.
- (H) A quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting shall be ten (10) members of the Board of Directors.
- (I) In the event that a Board Member is unable to attend a meeting, he may appoint a proxy (with voting powers) from his area, with the approval of the Unit President.

ARTICLE VI

UNIT OFFICERS

- (A) The officers of the Unit shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.
- (B) The Unit Board of Directors shall elect the President and Vice President at its annual meeting. The President shall not be a member of the Board of Directors. The Vice President may or may not be a member of the Board of Directors. The persons elected shall hold office for two (2) years or until their successors have been elected and may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. The Secretary and the Treasurer may not be members of the Board of Directors and will be elected for a term of three (3) years and will be paid a salary approved by the Board. Once elected/appointed, officers will have voting privileges. NEW PROPOSAL
- (C) Vacancies due to any cause shall be filled by the Board of Directors.
- (D) Duties:
 - (1) The duties of the President are as follows: to preside over all meetings; to appoint committees as required; to carry out the instructions of the Board of Directors.; to vote only in case of a tie. REMOVE
 - (2) The duties of the Vice President are to assume the functions of the President when requested by the President or the Board of Directors. When assuming the duties of the President, he will be allowed to vote only in case of a tie, however, his presence may be counted towards the requirements for a quorum REMOVE
 - (3) The duties of the Secretary are as follows: to conduct such correspondence as directed by the President and the Board of Directors; to make monthly reports to the ACBL as required: to keep

accurate records: to keep records of membership by areas; to coordinate Unit games and events; and other duties deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

- (4) The duties of the Treasurer are as follows: to keep accurate records of all Unit funds; to make periodical reports of those funds; to distribute such funds as directed by the President and he Board of Directors; monitor and make recommendations to the Board of Directors of investments of such funds; and other duties deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors

ARTICLE VII

IMPEACHMENT

Any Officer or Director may be removed for cause at any meeting of the Unit Board of Directors provided two-thirds of those present constituting a quorum shall so vote. Any Officer or Director against whom impeachment charges are brought shall be notified in writing by registered mail of the charge against him at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting and shall be given an opportunity to be heard before the Unit Board of Directors and to be represented by the counsel of his own choosing. Absence from two (2) consecutive Board meetings without a proxy shall be cause for removal of a Director

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS TO THE BY LAWS

Amendments to the By-Laws may be made by the members of the Unit upon petition signed by at least twenty-five (25) members and submitted to the Secretary at least thirty (30) days in advance of the annual meeting or upon petition signed by at least five (5) member of the Board of Directors. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to incorporate the text of the proposed amendment on notice of the meeting. The concurrence of two-thirds of all members present and voting shall be required to pass an amendment.

APPENDIX I

UNIT JURISDICTION

The state is divided into the following four (4) geographic areas along county lines as follows:

PIEDMONT : Abbeville Anderson Cherokee Greenville Greenwood Laurens McCormick Oconee Pickens Spartanburg Union York

CENTRAL : Aiken Calhoun Chester Edgefield Fairfield Lexington Newberry Orangeburg Richland Saluda

EASTERN : Chesterfield Clarendon Darlington Dillon Florence Georgetown Horry Kershaw Lancaster Lee Marion Marlboro Sumter Williamsburg

SOUTHERN : Allendale Bamberg Barnwell Berkley Charleston Colleton Dorchester Hampton

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