

BY-LAWS

5 CITIES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

THE CLUB:

is a subsidiary of the San Luis Obispo Unit #540 of the A.C.B.L., recognizes the Unit as the parent organization, and functions within the Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations of the Unit and the League.

Objectives of the organization are:

1. To preserve and promote the best interests of competitive contract bridge and any modification thereof;
2. To cooperate with and assist the Unit in the promotion and conduct of contract bridge tournaments;
3. To consider and pass on to the Unit reports of any dishonest, unethical or improper conduct of the participants;
4. To promote the development and organization of this Club as a member of the Unit.

ARTICLE I MEMBERSHIP

1. Any person of good moral character and active in at least twelve regular sessions in the previous twelve months is a member, except those denied membership in the A.C.B.L.
2. All members shall enjoy and possess all rights of membership equally with all other members.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

1. The ANNUAL MEETING shall be held on the second Thursday in October of each year.
2. The Board of Directors shall give notice of such meetings by announcements made at regular games, at least two weeks prior to the meeting.
3. Special meetings of the members may be called at any time by the Board of Directors or the President upon seven days notice of the agenda to the general membership.
4. A quorum for transacting business shall consist of fifteen members.

ARTICLE III
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The affairs of the Club shall be managed and conducted by the Board of Directors, which shall consist of seven persons including the Club Officers and Committee Chairmen. At the first election, three members will be chosen to serve for a one year term, the remaining four will serve for two years. Henceforth, all Directors will hold office for a period of two years. Any vacancies on the Board shall be filled by election of the Board, until the following Annual Meeting and Election.
2. The Directors shall hold monthly meetings, as required, for the purpose of transacting such business as shall come before it. A quorum for transacting business shall consist of 4 members.
3. The powers and duties of the Directors shall be:
 - a) To fix the entry fee for all Club games.
 - b) To acquire, hold, administer, maintain, and dispose of all property belonging to the club.
 - c) To audit all receipts and disbursements.
 - d) To conduct, manage, supervise, and control all business of the Club.

ARTICLE IV
CLUB OFFICERS

The officers of the Club shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary.

ARTICLE V
ELECTIONS

The President shall, at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors during the month of August each year, appoint a nominating committee, either from the Board or from the membership at large. This committee shall meet prior to the Annual Meeting and prepare a slate of Directors to replace those Directors whose terms are to expire then. The slate will be placed in nomination by the Committee at the Annual Meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor prior to the election. A majority vote of the members present will give election results.

ARTICLE VI
STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Membership: Duties of this committee shall be:
 - a) To actively pursue and encourage bridge players in the Five Cities Area to participate;
 - b) To assist players in arranging partnerships;
 - c) To send flowers and cards as appropriate.

2. Refreshment: The duties of this committee shall be:
 - a) To supply beverages and snacks to be served at Club meetings;
and
 - b) To arrange for refreshments for special games.

ARTICLE VII
ADOPTION OF AND AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

1. Adoption of these By-Laws shall be proposed at a special meeting called for that purpose. The concurrence of two-thirds of all members present and voting shall be required for adoption of these By-Laws, and same shall become effective immediately upon receiving the vote as specified.

2. Amendments to the By-Laws may be proposed by the Board of Directors, or by members of the Club upon petition signed by at least ten members, and submitted to the Secretary at least twenty-one days in advance of the Annual Meeting or any special meeting called for that purpose. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to incorporate the text of the proposed amendment in the notices of the meeting. A concurrence of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall be required to pass any amendment.