



*SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NIKKEI
BOWLING ASSOCIATION*

**CONSTITUTION AND
BY-LAWS**

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ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NIKKEI BOWLING ASSOCIATION, and shall hereinafter be referred to as the “SCNBA”

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The specific and primary purpose for which this association was formed is to:

- a) increase general interest in the game of bowling within the heritage of the Japanese culture and community; *(Rev. 11-21-04)*
- b) to develop a better relationship among various bowling leagues;
- c) to assist in solving their league problems;
- d) to enforce among its members the playing rules and regulations of the United State Bowling Congress (USBC) and duties granted and required by the SCNBA Constitution;
- e) to foster and encourage among its members and all bowlers the spirit of good fellowship, keen competition, sportsmanship, and fair dealings in all its bowling activities.

ARTICLE III – GOVERNING AGENT

The SCNBA shall be governed by the rules and regulations of the USBC with the provision it may enact and enforce rules and specifications, which are not in direct conflict with the purposes, objects, rules and specifications of the USBC.

ARTICLE IV – PRINCIPAL OFFICE

SCNBA Business will be conducted only within the County of Los Angeles, State of California with exception to joint association business with other Nikkei Associations in the United States.

ARTICLE V – FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year shall be from August 1–July 31.

ARTICLE VI – DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution, the net assets remaining after satisfaction of all just debts and obligations of the SCNBA shall be disbursed back to the members of the SCNBA as determined by the SCNBA Board of Directors. *(Rev. 11-21-04)*

ARTICLE VII – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: League Eligibility

- a) The term “NIKKEI” bowling league refers to a USBC certified league having not less than 67% of its league members including substitutes being at least 25% Japanese family ancestry and non-Japanese actively belonging to the SCNBA (all bowlers minimum 21 games). If a league falls below 67% at the end of the winter season, the non-Japanese bowlers shall not be eligible for membership for the upcoming winter season. *(Rev. 1-18-14)*

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46 **Section 2: Membership Eligibility**

47 Membership eligibility shall be governed as:

- 48 a) Those persons with at least 25% Japanese ancestry. (If current last name is not Japanese, the Japanese
49 surname of parent/grandparent must be provided). *(Rev. 11-21-04)*
- 50 b) Those persons of non-Japanese ancestry currently married to an individual with at least 25% Japanese
51 ancestry.
- 52 c) Those persons of non-Japanese ancestry with a parent* that is at least 25% Japanese ancestry. *Child
53 must be natural, legally adopted or step. *(Rev. 1-18-14)*
- 54 d) Those persons of non-Japanese ancestry who meet the following requirements:
- 55 1. Must have bowled a minimum of 67% of the regular league games in a qualified "Nikkei"
56 bowling league for two (2) consecutive winter seasons immediately preceding application for
57 membership, and *(Rev. 2-10-12)*
- 58 2. Must be currently bowling in a Nikkei bowling league as a regular league member with 21
59 games or more. *(Rev. 12-7-14)*
- 60 a. Eligibility is not effective until 50% of the current winter total league games as a regular
61 league member are met, at which time they can apply for membership the following year.
62 *(Rev. 12-7-14)*
- 63 b. Membership re-establishment can be obtained once the bowler has at least 50% of the
64 current season's games as a regular league member *(Added 12-7-14)*
- 65 e) Non-Japanese card-holders whose Japanese spouse is deceased remains eligible until remarried to a
66 non-Japanese. *(Rev. 2-10-12)*
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68 **Section 3:**

69 All association members must be in good standing in the USBC.

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71 **Section 4:**

72 An individual may be expelled from membership for failure to abide by the rules, regulations and
73 decisions of the Board of Directors and/or for failure to abide by the rules and regulations of the USBC.
74 Removal and reinstatement must be voted on by the Board of Directors by a majority vote. *(Rev. 2-10-12)*

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76 **Section 5:**

77 The Board of Directors shall establish a fee of \$5.00 per member for services provided from the SCNBA.
78 *(Rev. 2-10-12)*

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80 **Membership fee breakdown:**

81 \$0.75 Membership verification
82 \$4.00 General fund
83 \$.25 Youth Scholarship Award
84 **\$5.00 MEMBERSHIP FEE** *(Rev. 8-4-13)*

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86 **Section 6:**

87 The Board of Directors shall have the power to review and/or make final decisions regarding any unusual
88 circumstances concerning the membership.

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90 **ARTICLE VIII – OFFICERS**

91 **Section 1:**

92 The elected officers shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant-at-
93 Arms. *(Rev. 2-10-12)*

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96 **Section 2:**

97 If there is more than one candidate running for office, voting shall be by secret ballot and the member
98 receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected. *(Rev. 2-10-12)*
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100 **Section 3:**

101 The office of President and Treasurer shall be elected in even years. The office of Vice President,
102 Secretary and Sergeant-at-Arms shall be elected in odd years. Officers may be re-elected to the same
103 office previously held, or elected to any other office. Any member shall be eligible to hold office, except
104 that the President shall have held prior office. *(Rev. 11-21-04)*
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106 **Section 4:**

107 The election of Officers shall be held at the Annual Meeting. The term of office is two (2) years and can
108 be extended longer or removed by cause with majority vote. All elected officers shall assume office on
109 AUGUST 1. Any officers voted for removal, the President shall appoint a replacement to serve until
110 elections are held. In case of a vacancy of the office of president, the vice-president shall assume the
111 office. *(Rev. 2-10-12)*
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113 **Section 5:**

114 Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board. Such resignation shall take
115 effect on the date of receipt of such notice, or at any later time specified therein, and unless otherwise
116 specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.
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119 **ARTICLE VIII - REMUNERATION & EXPENSES *(Rev. 11-21-04)***

120 **Section 1:**

121 Elected officers shall not receive a salary. The Board of Directors shall establish an administrative policy
122 for payment of all bills, compensation and expenses. Any changes to the administrative policy shall be
123 approved by the SCNBA Board of Directors.
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125 **Section 2:**

126 The Budget & Finance committee shall prepare an annual budget for presentation to and approval by the
127 Board at the annual meeting.
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130 **ARTICLE X – BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

131 **Section 1:**

132 The Board of Directors shall consist of the following members:

- 133 Elected Officers..... 5
- 134 President
- 135 Vice President
- 136 Secretary
- 137 Treasurer
- 138 Sergeant-At-Arms
- 139 Membership Coordinator 1
- 140 Representatives from eligible Nikkei Bowling Leagues..... 1 each*
- 141 Past President 1

142 **See Policy and Procedure Manual for most current league listing*

143 *(Rev. 2-10-12)*
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145 **Section 2:**

146 The affairs of the association shall be managed by a Board of Directors that consist of representatives
147 from eligible Nikkei Bowling Leagues. The Board of Directors shall have the power to enforce the rules
148 and regulations of the association and to decide all matters that affect it. The immediate past president
149 shall be an advisor to the Board with full voice and vote. *(Rev. 2-10-12)*

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151 **Section 3:**

152 Membership Coordinator shall be appointed by the SCNBA Board of Directors to serve for a period of
153 two (2) years. The appointment will be made in odd numbered years. The Membership Coordinator shall
154 become a member of the Board of Directors with full voice and vote. The term of office can be extended
155 longer or removed by cause with majority vote. *(Rev. 2-10-12)*

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157 **Section 4:**

158 Membership Coordinator shall receive an annual salary of \$.75 per card processed. *(5-22-05)*

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161 **ARTICLE XI – VACANCIES** *(Rev. 11-21-04)*

162 **Section 1:**

163 A vacancy in the President’s office shall be filled by Vice-Presidents in the order of their title. When a
164 Vice-President becomes President, he/she in turn, with the approval of the Board of Directors, appoints a
165 new Vice President. A vacancy in an elected office shall be filled by the President with the approval of
166 the Board of Directors. The appointment shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term.

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168 **Section 2:**

169 If the appointee fails to attend at least 50% of the scheduled meeting days during their tenure, the Board
170 of Directors may request for a replacement until the next elections. Exception to be made with approval
171 of the Board of Directors.

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174 **ARTICLE XII – MEETINGS**

175 **Section 1: Annual Meetings**

176 The election of officers shall be held at the annual meeting at such time and place as established by the
177 Board.

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179 **Section 3: Regular Meetings**

180 Regular meetings, other than the annual meeting, shall be held as deemed necessary by the President; by
181 vote for such meetings by a majority of a quorum of the Board; or upon written request for such meetings
182 signed by at least seven (7) members, such meeting to be held at such time and place as may be
183 established by the Board.

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185 **Section 4: Notice of Meetings**

186 Written notice of meetings, whether annual or regular, shall be sent to each league representative, who
187 shall be responsible for notifying the league members. All such notices shall be sent no less than **fifteen**
188 **(15)** days prior to such meeting and shall specify the day, the hour, and the place of such meetings. *(Rev.*
189 *11-21-04)*

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191 **Section 5: Quorum**

192 Four (4) board members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A majority of the legal
193 votes cast shall determine all matters of business. *(Rev. 12-7-14)*

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195 **Section 6: Proxies**

196 No proxy shall be recognized by the Association.
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198 **Section 7: Attendance**

199 The board members of the association or their league representatives shall be responsible for attending all
200 meetings when duly notified and shall assist in the transaction of association business. Any board
201 member or representative who is absent from a meeting shall have no recourse for appeals to any decision
202 made by the Association in their absence.
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204 **Section 8: Action With Meeting**

205 Any action of the SCNBA Board of Directors may be taken with majority vote from a valid quorum at the
206 annual or regular meetings. Those actions shall be binding on the Association. *(Rev. 2-10-12)*
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208 **ARTICLE XIII – COMMITTEES (5-22-05)**

209 **Section 1:**

210 The President shall appoint the following committees when deemed necessary: Tournament, Budget and
211 Finance and Audit. The Chairmen of these standing committees are to be approved by the SCNBA Board
212 of Directors. Other committees may be appointed by the President as deemed necessary, or as directed by
213 the Board of Directors.
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215 **Section 2:**

216 Individuals other than Board Members may be assigned to serve on committees. However, the Chairman
217 of each committee must be a member of the Board.
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220 **ARTICLE XIII - MISCELLANEOUS**

221 **Section 1: Rights of Directors**

222 Each Director shall have the right at any reasonable time to inspect all books, records and documents, and
223 any physical properties, which may be owned or controlled by the Association. The right of inspection by
224 a Director shall include the right to make extracts and copies of any and all documents.
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227 **ARTICLE XV – SCNBA SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS**

228 **Section 1: Governing Authority**

229 All tournaments sanctioned by the SCNBA shall be governed by the rules and regulations of the USBC as
230 set forth by this article.
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232 **Section 2: Right of Refusal**

233 Tournaments requesting SCNBA sanctioning shall submit a sanction form to the Board for approval.
234 Upon approval of the board, past participants of non-NBA eligibility must pay the NBA membership fee
235 and will be grandfathered to remain as tournament participants as long as continuous participation is in
236 affect. Any new entrants once sanctioning is approved must be NBA eligible in order to participate. *(Rev.*
237 *2-10-12)*
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239 **Section 3: Rules Governing Sanctioned Tournaments**

240 The approved SCNBA Eligibility rule must be followed by all NBA sanctioned tournaments. Failure to
241 abide by the SCNBA Eligibility rule, may result in the bowler receiving immediate disqualification. *(Rev.*
242 *2-10-12)*
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244 **Section 4: Completion of Sanctioned Tournaments**

245 The official results, along with a financial report, shall be submitted to the SCNBA within thirty (30) days
246 after the closing of all sanctioned tournaments. Disqualified entrants and the reason for such
247 disqualification shall appear in the report.

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250 **ARTICLE XVI – BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS**

251 These by-laws may be amended at the annual meeting of the SCNBA by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative
252 vote of the legal votes cast, provided there is a quorum, the amendment has been submitted in writing to
253 the Legislative Committee by April 1 prior to the Annual Meeting. Proposed amendments shall be
254 considered by the Legislative Committee and presented to the Board of Directors prior to the Annual
255 Meeting of the SCNBA. The board shall be sent proposed changes at least thirty (30) days prior to the
256 Annual Meeting for their consideration. Adopted amendments shall take effect May 1st unless otherwise
257 stated.