



By-Laws

**BY-LAWS
OF THE
HOUSTON METROPOLITAN BILLIARD LEAGUE, INC.**

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HOUSTON METROPOLITAN BILLIARD LEAGUE, INC.

(Inclusive of latest revisions dated 11/2004)

ARTICLE I - OPERATION

The Houston Metropolitan Billiard League will operate under rules sanctioned by the World Pool-Billiard Association (WPA) and rules established by the Houston Metropolitan Billiard League.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

- A. A member in good standing is one who is a sanctioned, dues-paying member, willing to abide by the rules of this League who shows good sportsmanship and proper display while playing the game. Any statement of complaint will be brought before the Board of Trustees for review. Each season term is from the last night of registration through the end of the awards banquet. (Rev. 09/2003)
- B. Any member that is not in good standing as determined by the Board of Trustees and/or the Board of Directors shall not participate in any League functions, i.e. tournaments, parties, etc. and shall not be eligible for any League award.
- C. Any person involved in any unsportsmanlike conduct will be suspended from the League, until the following monthly called meeting.
- D. Any HMBL member who causes physical damage to the club that allows us to play in the bar, if the person is found guilty, the Board reserves the right to disciplinary action. (Rev. 09/2003)
- E. A committee will be elected, by the luck of the draw, to deal with Policies and Procedures for disciplinary action with approval by the League, with each situation that occurs.
- F. A committee of 5 team captains will be elected by luck of the draw to give a decision on each disciplinary situation. (Rev. 10/96)
- G. Every member will be issued a membership card after the third week of play. You must have your sanction card on you on Tuesday night when playing pool. When asked for by the other Team Captain or member, it must be furnished. Also, they may ask for other types of I.D. to prove you are the person whose name is on the sanction card.

ARTICLE III - MANAGEMENT

Management of the League will be vested in the Board of Trustees, consisting of all elected officers, and in the Board of Directors, consisting of all Team Captains or a representative and in any other position appointed by the President and deemed part of the Board of Directors. Any emergency decision regarding the management or operation of the League shall be vested in the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE IV - ELECTIONS

- A. The Board of Trustees shall be elected by the general membership following a term of two (2) complete seasons of play.
 - B. Election of all officers shall be done by written ballot which is to be preprinted.
 - C. Other than reading a list of the nominated candidates, there is to be no discussion on the qualifications of any candidate on election day, unless authorized by the general membership by a simple majority vote. (Rev. 4/94)
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D. Elections shall be held at the last monthly meeting of the Spring season. (Rev. 10/98)

ARTICLE V - NOMINATIONS

- A. Nominations for all elected officers shall be made by any member in good standing.
- B. Nominations will be accepted, either in writing or from the floor, at the next to last scheduled meeting. If there are only two (2) meetings in a season, nominations will be made at the first monthly meeting. When there are only two (2) scheduled meetings for a season, additional nominations will be accepted by written letter to the League up to thirty (30) days prior to the last meeting. The letter must be signed by the individual making the nomination and by an additional member to "second" the motion. All nominations must be seconded. All nominations must be accepted by the nominated candidate before the nomination will be considered valid. There will be no nominations allowed on election day, except as authorized by a simple majority vote of the general membership. (Rev. 09/02)
- C. At the nomination meeting, each nominee will be allowed five (5) minutes to explain his qualifications to the general membership; a five (5) minute question/answer session will follow.

ARTICLE VI - VACANCIES

If a vacancy occurs in any elected office, the Board of Directors shall hold nominations and elect an individual to serve the remainder of the term. The nominations and election will be held at the next monthly meeting following the announced vacancy. If no candidates are nominated for the office, the President may appoint someone to serve the remainder of the term.

ARTICLE VII - TEAM CAPTAINS

Team Captains shall be elected by the members of the team. If a vacancy occurs, the remaining team members shall elect a new captain. If the team does not elect a new captain, the President may appoint someone from that team to serve.

ARTICLE VIII - APPOINTMENTS

The President shall appoint all non-elected positions serving on the Board of Directors and shall make other appointments in a non-Board of Directors capacity as the need arises.

ARTICLE IX - QUORUM

The presence of a majority of the Board of Directors is necessary at a meeting in order to form a quorum. The majority of the quorum voting shall rule. Proxies will not be allowed.

ARTICLE X - FEES

A predetermined fee amount will be charged as set in the Policies and Procedures of the League.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS

Any By-Law amendment, alteration or repeal must be presented to the Board of Trustees in writing ten (10) days prior to a vote and that the Board of Directors be notified at least seven (7) days prior to a vote. All members in good standing shall be allowed to vote and a simple majority shall prevail. (Rev. 11/2004)

ARTICLE XII - MEETINGS

- A. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at least twice a season excluding the Rules & Regulation Meeting and the Organization Meeting. Each member of the Board of Directors will be notified of the time, date, and place at the Organization Meeting. (Rev. 09/2003)
- B. The Rules and Regulations Meeting shall occur at the beginning of each Fall season. (Rev. 10/96)

ARTICLE XIII - POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Policies and Procedures Manual shall be established for the routine business of League operations, tournaments, awards, and specific details regarding the execution of League business.

ARTICLE XIV - DUTIES

The duties of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors shall be contained in the Policies and Procedures Manual and shall be in accordance with rules and regulations set up by the WPA and the Houston Metropolitan Billiard League,

ARTICLE XV - MONIES

All monies and funds of the League shall be handled only through a bank account drawn on a Harris County, Texas bank. This account shall be used for all receipts and payments of expenses. Proper documentation for debit and credit recorded must be kept. One signature must be required on each check written, and these signatures are limited to the current President and Treasurer. (Rev. 10/96)

ARTICLE XVI - REMOVAL

Any elected officer may be removed or recalled from office by petitioning the Board of Directors with signatures equaling not less than two-thirds (2/3) of all League members in good standing, and action by the Board of Directors requiring passage by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those present.

ARTICLE XVII - SPECIAL MEETINGS

A special meeting of the Board of Directors may be called by the President for handling of special matters of importance. This may be done by notifying each member of the Board of Directors not less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the special meeting. Notification may be verbal or written.

ARTICLE XVIII - COMPENSATION

The only members of the League who can receive compensation for his services are the Secretary & Treasurer currently serving on the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE XIX - APPOINTMENT OF VACANCIES

If any appointed position becomes vacant, the position shall be re-appointed in the same manner as the original appointment for the unexpired term.

ARTICLE XX - RESIGNATION

Any resignation by a member shall be made upon verbal notification to the Team Captain, and he shall act accordingly to notify those in record keeping positions.

ARTICLE XXI - BOOKS AND RECORDS

The League shall keep accurate books and records at all times. All information may be inspected at any time provided the request is made by the member for and within a reasonable period of time. All books and records are the property of HMBL. (Rev. 4/94)

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