

BYLAWS

Fun in the Sun Bocce Club

Revised 2019

I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Nettles Island Fun in the Sun Bocce Club.

II. MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the *Nettles Island Fun in the Sun Bocce* is to promote the advancement of fellowship on Nettles Island by organizing and promoting bocce functions.

III. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Membership shall be open to all residents of Nettles Island and exclusively to residents of Nettles Island. A resident shall be defined as a lot owner, renter or guest who is currently residing on Nettles Island for at least three (3) months.
- B. The membership year shall be November 1-October 31.
- C. Dues shall be payable on or after November 1 (payable for next year in the Spring prior).
- D. A member may go on leave of absence for one year and her full time position will be held. If the member does not return the second year, the member would be placed on a substitute list when she returns, not full time. A list of order will be kept by the manager(s) for reentry into play.
- E. A member that has been a member for five (5) or more years and is unable to play bocce is eligible to become an associate member (full paid dues) and is entitled to all privileges.

IV. GOVERNING BODY

- A. The governing body of this organization shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Team Manager(s) who shall form the Executive Committee.
- B. Slate of officers is presented at February meeting and election of these officers shall take place annually at the March meeting.
- C. The installation term will take place in April for two years.
- D. The general membership votes on all changes to the Policies/Rules and Bylaws.

DUTIES

1. **President**

- a. Shall call a meeting of all executive members and committees for a briefing of duties.
- b. Shall call and preside over all regular meetings and may call special meetings if required.
- c. Shall prepare an agenda prior to the general membership meeting.
- d. Shall ask for volunteer chairpersons for all committees as required for any bocce club functions.
- e. President shall not vote unless there is a tie or speak on the issue to sway the group.

- f. President shall represent the bocce club on all Nettles Island condo functions and committee meetings (Spring Festival and Christmas Programs) or seek a committee to represent the club.
 - g. Shall share check writing privileges and check writing responsibilities with the treasurer.
2. **Vice President**
- a. Shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President.
 - b. Shall assume duties of the President at the end of the two-year term if willing to do so.
 - c. Could be social director in the absence of a volunteer.
3. **Secretary**
- a. Shall be the custodian of all permanent governing records of this organization including bylaws, standing rules and minutes. Updated versions may be posted to the NI Website under Bocce Club.
 - b. Shall keep the minutes of all meetings.
 - c. Shall read the minutes aloud unless dispensed with by a majority vote of the general membership.
 - d. Shall permanently file the minutes upon approval by the general membership. Shall send minutes to be posted to the NI website under Bocce Club.
 - e. Shall maintain a list of all members with the help of the treasurer including associate and members taking leave of absence (to include the start date). All records should be kept for 3 years.
 - f. Shall send out any necessary thank you notes.
4. **Treasurer**
- a. Collect dues.
 - b. Shall receive for deposit all funds belonging to the organization and shall keep an account of all dues, receipts and expenditures.
 - c. Shall give a complete treasurer's report at each monthly meeting.
 - d. Shall make payment of all authorized bills upon receiving invoice or store receipt.
 - e. Shall relinquish check book and records to the president when unavailable.
 - f. May request an audit before books are turned over the next year or to a new treasurer.
 - g. Audit committee should consist of the President, Secretary and one other member.
 - h. All records should be kept for 3 years.

V. COMMITTEES (All Committee chairs at the end of the year should give the President all records to be shared with new Committee chairs)

- A. Standing committees consist of Captains, Social Director, Publicity, Sunshine, Christmas Event, Spring Festival.
- B. The chairpersons of these committees shall be volunteer at the request of the president each year.
- C. **DUTIES OF COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**
 - 1. The chairperson of each committee shall recruit and or appoint committee members.
 - 2. The chairperson of each committee shall be responsible for the duties of the committee and shall answer to the executive board.
- D. **Manager(s)**
 - 1. Draw teams at November meeting each year.
 - 2. Keep track of scores of games

3. Determine teams that compete against each other
 4. Determine which court each team plays
 5. Make final decision when there is a dispute over measuring.
 6. Determine when play is canceled.
 7. With the help of the Treasurer shall keep records of start dates for members or when a member become an associate or takes a leave of absence.
 8. Plan Annual Banquet.
- E. Social Event Chairperson (could be club Vice President). Could be separate committees.
1. Plan monthly luncheons.
 2. Help plan annual banquet at the request of managers.
 3. Advise Sunshine of any illnesses or death.
- F. Sunshine Committee
1. Send out get well and sympathy cards (spouse or member) when necessary.
 2. Send out thank-you notes when appropriate.
 3. Purchase a bench plaque in the event of the death of a member.
 4. Contact the family to determine the choice of charity, gift or flowers in the event of death of member in the amount of \$25.00.
- G. Nominating Chairperson
1. Recruits candidates for governing body
 2. Must be a member for at least one year.
 3. Conducts elections at the annual meeting

VI. MEETINGS

- A. Regular general membership meetings shall be held on each month from November through March. The executive committee may change the date of a particular meeting or call a special meeting by posting an announcement.
- B. Meetings shall be conducted using standard parliamentary procedure.
- C. Annual meeting shall be in April. Officers will be inducted in April.

VII. EXPENDITURES AND DONATIONS

- A. General expenditures of Bocce club monies exceeding \$100.00 (except in an emergency) shall be voted on by the membership body.
- B. Reimbursement for expenses related to regular club business shall require invoicing via appropriate forms and store receipts.
- C. In an emergency situation between April and November the executive board may make a financial decision by a majority (3/4) vote.

VIII. AMENDMENTS

- A. The By-Laws of the organization must be amended by a two-third (2/3) vote of the qualified members present at the annual meeting.
- B. The amendments to the By-Laws must be presented to the general membership at a prior general membership meeting and voted on at the annual meeting, unless Roberts Rules is set aside when changes are necessary.
- C. Changes to Standing Rules may be amended by a fifty-one percent (51%) vote of the qualified members present at any general membership meeting.

VIII. DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of the Nettles Island Fun in the Sun Bocce Club the executive board shall, after payment of all liabilities, distribute any remaining assets to a charity designated by a majority of members present at a meeting called for the purpose of dissolution.

STANDING RULES (Policies and Procedures)

Nettles Fun in the Sun Bocce Club

Revised 11-17-2022

1. Annual dues are \$5.00 per person.
2. Meetings will be held on 3rd Thursday each month at 12:00 pm (unless there is a conflict).
3. Bocce court usage is open to all residents of Nettles Island, subject to scheduling by the Nettles Island Recreation Department.
4. All games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday, beginning at 9am. Everyone should arrive 15 minutes early.
5. Team names will be chosen by manager(s) and each captain.
6. Managers will draw teams at the November meeting. Names for Tuesday and Thursday will be drawn randomly.
7. All other eligible players will be considered substitutes for their selected day of play. Substitutes should try to be available to play on their specific day.
8. Substitutes will be chosen in a rotating order by seniority.
9. Substitutes are required to join the team, the day of play, to observe and learn to measure.(updated 12-2021)
10. You will be notified by the team captain of any cancellations (generally resulting from rain or temperature below 55 degrees or wind chill below). All completed games will be counted if play cancelled while playing.
11. The team captain will be notified by the team manager from Tuesday and/or Thursday if the team will have a substitute.
12. Fun in the Sun Bocce Club equipment is stored in the cabinets at the Bocce courts. Keys are distributed by the President to the Manager(s).
13. Designated person chosen by the captain will open the cabinet and put out balls, flags and measuring cans
14. No smoking or vaping will be permitted on the courts.
15. Always come prepared with proper bocce attire (Fun in the Sun Shirt and Red pants).
16. Members are encouraged to wear their uniform to meetings.

Frame(play at each end of court)

Game(total frames until 10 points is accomplished)

17. **Start Frame:**
 - a. Do Not pick up your ball to play until it is your turn to play. Be ready do not delay the game.
 - b. Team on the pool side uses Red balls. Team on riverside uses Green balls. Two players of each color are at each end of court.
 - c. Red team always starts play.
 - d. Beginning of frame decide order of players and remain in that order throughout the game.
 - e. Playing out of turn; **Penalty** players their lose turn and ball thrown.
 - f. Do not cross the white line; foot fault; **Penalty** lose turn and ball thrown.

- g. Two tries to throw the pallino; if the ball does not cross the mid-line and goes beyond second line at the other end. **Penalty** lose turn and ball thrown.
- h. If balls go out of court, they are dead. Pallino is never dead.
- i. Once pallino is in position, the first team throws their appropriate color ball (red first) toward the pallino.
- j. After second player (green) takes their turn the team furthest from pallino throws the next ball until all balls are all thrown. Each frame, only one team scores. One point given for each bocce ball closest to the pallino.
- k. A can with a string is used to determine which color ball is closest to the pallino. Make sure to place the end of the string on the center of the two balls. If two different color balls measure the same distance from the pallino, those balls are considered a tie and thrown out. All other balls are measured to determine which color balls are the closest to the pallino and count as points.
- l. Colored balls are not DEAD if they go beyond the farthest white line or hit the back wall, unless they hit the pallino or another ball; they are immediately taken out of the court.
- m. Frames are played alternately from one end of the court to the other.
- n. The game is consider over when a team scores sufficient points to reach ten (10) points, and all balls thrown by that team. Remaining balls may be thrown by the other team but not necessary.
- o. After each game the players switch ends of the court. The team that won the game starts play at the opposite end of court. Keep the same order of players.
18. **All** players are required to referee and measure or seek assistance.
19. **Only referees are allowed on the courts.** Referees must stand-up and visualize the play (do not remain sitting). Display with flag, which color ball should be thrown next (ball furthest from the pallino)
20. On the court the manager makes the final decision when called on by the captain.
21. If players have a question on a call made by the referees, they should not argue, but call the captain and ultimately the manager if necessary.
22. If the balls or pallino are picked up or moved by anyone before the end of whole game (frame); whole (frame) must **start over**. The rule has been questionable with regard to moving the ball. Fair way to handle is if the ball is kicked, picked up or moved in any way the whole frame is replayed. **Never replace the ball.**
23. A gift certificate is purchased by the social director for the winning team, officers, and managers that have completed their years of service. The certificate will be given at the Annual Banquet.
24. Luncheons will include current players and substitutes along with paid associate members prior to including guests and non-paid associate members.
25. Full time player that misses three (3) consecutive play dates will be on Leave of Absence (LOA) until next season. They may play as a sub when they return that season but will be put back on full time the next season. A sub with the highest seniority will replace the member that is on LOA.

PLAYER, SPECTATOR AND TEAM ETIQUETTE

Besides the rules of Bocce there are also some important unwritten laws which come under the title of Bocce etiquette. Bocce is a social game, a game involving simple politeness and consideration. Everyone will enjoy the game so much more if those standards are maintained. Here are some of the rules which are most important:

- Have FUN
- Be ready to play.
- Talk quietly when standing near bocce courts that are in use.
- Never walk inside a court when game in play.

- Do not dispute the referee.
- Do not bounce or throw the balls.
- Assist the referee when frame is over by reaching inside the court after balls are sent to opposite side and place the balls on the correct side of court.