

**ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
Of
"LA PETANQUE MARINIÈRE"**

ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION.

Section 1: Name.

This organization shall be known as "La Pétanque Marinière."

Section 2: Purpose.

This organization has been formed:

- A. To play and promote the game of Pétanque in Marin County and in the Bay Area.
- B. To compete in, organize and sponsor, local, national, and international Pétanque tournaments.
- C. To provide an opportunity for social and family entertainment.
- D. To promote good will among people of different social and national backgrounds.

ARTICLE II: GOVERNMENT.

The government of the association shall be vested in a board of trustees, to be known as the Board of Directors (BOD) consisting of nine (9) members elected as provided by the By-laws, together with the immediate past president (in a non-voting advisory position) who is not at the time a member of the Board by election.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1: Members.

- A. Any person age eighteen (18) or older and having an interest in the game of Pétanque may be a member of the organization.
- B. Persons under eighteen may be admitted to the functions of the organization if they are sponsored by an adult member in good standing. Any person under the age of eighteen will be a junior non-voting member.

Section 2: Previous members.

Previous members and non-members may participate in social functions of the club on a pay per event basis.

Section 3: Honorary members.

Any former member or any person who has made an outstanding contribution to the organization or the game of Pétanque may be nominated as an Honorary Member. Such membership must be confirmed by a majority vote of the members present at the organization's annual meeting. Honorary members are required to pay FPUSA annual dues.

ARTICLE IV: AMENDMENTS

Section 1: Initiation of proposed amendment

Any member may propose an amendment to these Articles of Association by submitting it to the Board of Directors in written form.

Section 2: Board of Directors.

If a majority of the Board of Directors approves any proposed amendment, it shall be submitted to the membership for vote.

Section 3: Members.

Members shall receive (by E-mail or regular mail) a copy of any proposed amendment approved by the Board of Directors, plus the reasons for the proposed amendment and any known objection, at least 30 calendar days before the Annual Business Meeting. A majority vote of the members is required to approve an amendment.

BY-LAWS OF "LA PETANQUE MARINIÈRE"

BY-LAW I: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Qualifications.

The qualifications for membership are defined in the Articles of Association.

Section 2: Rights and obligations.

- A. Voting rights: Each member, not to include associate members, (eighteen years of age or older) in good standing shall have one vote to be cast at any membership meeting.
- B. Holding office: Each member (eighteen years of age or older) in good standing may be a candidate for office in the organization or be appointed to a committee. :
- C. Obligations: Members in good standing are encouraged to attend membership meetings, perform services for the organization, and generally promote good will for the game of Pétanque.

Courtesy, civility, respect and integrity shall characterize the behavior of La Pétanque Marinière's members.

BY-LAW II: OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

Section 1: Board of Directors

- A. The **BOD** shall be composed of **9** individuals as follows:
 - President
 - Vice-President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Sport Director
 - Facilities Director
 - With additional members to total nine (9),
 - Plus the immediate past President in a non-voting advisory position.
- B. A majority of the BOD shall constitute a quorum (the number of members of a group required to be present to transact business or carry out an activity legally).
- C. The BOD shall have general control and supervision of the affairs of the organization.

- D. The BOD shall be empowered to decide upon all questions arising before meetings of the general membership.
- E. The BOD shall be responsible for developing and recommending revisions to rules and by-laws subject to approval by the general membership.

Section 2: President.

- A. Presides at all meetings of the organization and the Board of Directors.
- B. Appoints members to committees or other bodies as necessary.

Section 3: Vice-President.

Shall exercise Presidential functions if the President is absent or unable to serve.

Section 4: Secretary.

Shall be responsible for the organization's activity records and all correspondence.

Section 5: Treasurer.

Shall be responsible for all the organization's financial transactions, including receiving all monies due and payable to the organization, maintaining the organization's checking account, keeping accurate financial records and reporting the organization's financial status as requested.

BY-LAWS III: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1: Election of President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, Sport Director, Facilities Director and the number of additional Board Members, to complete a total of nine members.

All positions of the board shall be elected by the members at the annual general membership meeting.

Section 2: Nominations

Nominations of any member who intends to run for office of the board for the ensuing year shall be made in writing to the Secretary no later than one (1) month prior to the annual meeting. Nominations shall be reviewed by the Board to determine eligibility for office. Only members of La Pétanque Marinière for three (3) years shall be eligible for election to office of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The remaining board members must also be members in good standing yet shall not require specific time constraints as a club member.

Section 3: Vacancies

In the event of a BOD officer unable to fulfill his/her obligations, the vacancy shall be filled by the BOD to serve until the next annual meeting.

BY-LAW IV: COMMITTEES

Section 1: Special Committees

The President shall appoint special committees as he/she may find necessary.

Section 2: Vacancies

Vacancies in committees shall be filled by the President with the majority approval of the BOD.

BY-LAW V: MEETINGS

Section 1: Meetings of the Association

- A. The annual meeting shall be held in early November.

- B. A special membership meeting may be called with a 10 day notice stating the object of the meeting by the President or the majority of the BOD

Section 2: Meetings of the Board of Directors

The BOD shall meet every first Saturday of the month, or as designated by the President.

BY-LAW VI: ANNUAL DUES.

Section 1:

The membership yearly dues shall be determined by the BOD prior to the annual General Membership Meeting. The yearly dues shall be payable by **January 31st**.

Per the FPUSA, a late fee penalty will be applied to dues not received by **January 31st**.

Section 2:

Any **new** member who joins the club after **September 1st** will have his/her fees applied to the following year.

Section 3:

Any member who neglects to pay his/her dues by April 30, shall be dropped from the membership roll, providing that a formal notice was mailed **one month prior to the deadline** (Returned Receipt Required),

Section 4:

In special circumstances, the BOD may withdraw membership rights without refund from a member, should a majority of the BOD deem it in the best interest of the association, with concurrence of a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote of the membership.

Any appeal will be heard by the BOD.

All expenses including court costs and lawyers' fees will be paid by the person appealing this decision.