

**SIOUX FALLS AREA PICKLEBALL CLUB
BYLAWS
AMENDED AND RESTATED AS OF July 23, 2021**

ARTICLE 1 – NAME

Section 1. The name of the organization shall be Sioux Falls Area Pickleball Club (herein after referred to as “the Club”).

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

Section 1. To promote and encourage the sport of pickleball.

Section 2. To provide for and conduct local and regional competition in the sport of pickleball and to support and develop amateur athletes of all ages.

Section 3. To establish policies for the safe and equitable use of any equipment or facilities owned, utilized or managed by the Club.

Section 4. To promote and encourage participation in the programs and activities of the Club.

Section 5. To work with the City of Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation Department.

Section 6. It is the intent of the Club to accept donations and promote fundraising activities to further the participation and growth of the sport and club membership. It is the intent of the Club to operate as a charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership shall be open to any person upon payment of dues as prescribed by these Bylaws.

Section 2. Annual dues in an amount recommended by the Board Members and approved by membership vote are payable in advance. Timely payment of dues by each member shall be required for membership in good standing.

Section 3. The term of the annual membership shall be determined by the Board.

Section 4. The member votes are to be done electronically using an online system that provides voter confirmation and anonymity. Ballots will be delivered to members via email. As backup, paper ballots will be available. (2021)

Section 5. The member vote will occur for a period of two weeks after the Annual Meeting, not during the meeting, with the specific time and date deadlines released at the Annual Meeting. Requests for topics for the Annual Meeting and motions for bylaw changes are to be submitted in advance by members and put on the agenda, and then discussed at the Annual Meeting. Members will have an opportunity to speak at the meeting on agenda topics for a determined amount of time. (2021)

ARTICLE IV – BOARD MEMBERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1. The elected Board Members of the Club shall be President, Secretary, Treasurer and four Members at Large (collectively, the “Officers”). The election of Board Members will take place at or shortly following the designated annual meeting of the Club, and the elected Board Members will begin their term immediately following that election. The elected Board Members shall elect one of the At-Large Members to serve as Vice President.

Section 2. Board Member candidates can only run for one position within the Board at a time, designated in advance, and thus listed on the ballot in only one position. (2021)

Section 3. Two members of the same household cannot serve on the Board at the same time. (2021)

Section 4. Board Members need to be residents of the greater Sioux Falls area (within 30-mile radius) year-round. (2021)

Section 5. The President's term will be for two years and there is no limit to the number of times they can be re-elected to serve.

All other Board Members will be elected for one-year terms, and there is no limit to the number of times they can be re-elected to serve.

Section 6. *Board Member Duties.*

A. President

1. Shall assume leadership of the Club, preside at all meetings of the Club, appoint all regular and special committees, and call special meetings of the Club, if required.
2. Shall be responsible for the coordination with the City of Sioux Falls Recreation Department and other organizations as needed.
3. Shall be responsible for issuing guidelines and rules for the Club's activities if the activities have special safety or other requirements not specifically covered by these bylaws.

B. Vice President

1. Shall assume the duties of the President if the President is unable to function as President.
2. Shall coordinate the efforts of special and standing committees.

C. Secretary

1. Shall record minutes of meetings of the Board Members and general membership, record attendance of annual meetings, and be responsible for establishing if a quorum exists at meetings.
2. Shall help the Treasurer with memberships, dues and email listings.

D. Treasurer

1. Shall collect all dues and assessments, disburse all funds, and provide periodic financial reports and an annual report.
2. Shall provide a copy of the annual report to the Club.

E. Members at Large

1. Shall attend officer meetings and help other officers.

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

Section 1. *Meetings of the Members.* A designated annual meeting of the full membership of the Club shall be held in the Fall of each year, the time and place of such meeting to be determined by the Board Members. The purpose of such meeting will be to elect Board Members and to conduct any other pertinent Club business. Additional "special" full membership meetings and elections may be held throughout the year as needed, as determined by the Board Members. Club members shall be notified at least 10 days prior to the meeting date. The Club President or Vice President shall preside at all such meetings, and a minimum of 10 members eligible to vote, excluding the Officers, shall be necessary to conduct any business

of the Club. Except as otherwise specified in these Bylaws, a simple majority vote of the membership present shall be sufficient to conduct any business requiring the vote of the membership.

Section 2. *Meetings of the Board.* The Club President may call meetings of the Club Board at any time by giving notice orally, in writing, or by email. The President shall determine the time and place of such meetings. A majority of the Board Members shall constitute a quorum and therefore may conduct any business brought before the Club Officers at such meetings.

Section 3. Board members are required to attend a minimum number of board meetings (80%), with a preference of in person but an option to participate by video conference on occasion, and to respond to requests for input or vote within a reasonable time frame (2 days).
(2021)

Section 4. The Board will meet a minimum of four times per year. A form will be made available for general membership to submit items for discussion at the meetings (2021).

ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES

Section 1. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall consist of at least three (3) members and shall submit a nomination for each office at least ten (10) days prior to the annual meeting. The nominations shall be emailed to all members prior to the annual meeting. If there is more than one nominee per position, electronic and/or paper ballots will be used.

Section 2. The President may appoint other committees as needed.

ARTICLE VII – FISCAL YEAR

Section 1. The fiscal year of the Club shall start the 1st day of January and end on the 31st day of December of that year.

ARTICLE VIII – GENERAL GUIDELINES

Section 1. All Club checks shall require only one signature unless the check is over \$500.00. The four people authorized to sign checks are the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. To avoid conflicts of interest and any appearance of impropriety, no member shall be allowed to serve on the Board if they represent any vendor and sells or promotes any product related to pickleball. This does not pertain to members who may be sponsored by a pickleball related company but does not sell their product.

Section 3. The Club Facebook page cannot be used to display, promote or solicit sales of any product, service, or events. This specifically applies to, but not limited to, pickleball equipment, attire or events. Exceptions are: a) pictures taken at public events that include vendor banners or products, b) the listing of sponsors of Club events, logo's on attire of players/spectators at public events.

Section 4. Vendor booths at Club events will require the appropriate permits from the City of Sioux Falls. Those vendors will be required to show proof of the permit prior to the event. Vendors with booths at Club events are required to provide a certificate of liability insurance equal to or greater than the club's liability insurance coverage. The Board is free to set a fee for vendors to have a booth at Club events, and an equal fee will be charged to all vendors per booth.

Section 5. A vendor is defined as a company that manufacturers and/or sells pickleball related products, either directly or indirectly.

ARTICLE IX – TAX EXEMPT STATUS

Section 1. The Sioux Falls Pickleball Club applied for and was approved for tax exempt status effective October 15, 2014, as witnessed by Internal Revenue Service Letter No 5436 dated September 15, 2015.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The Bylaws may be amended, with an explanation and discussion of the proposed changes, by a two-thirds majority vote of the members in attendance at an annual or special meeting.

ARTICLE XI– DISSOLUTION

Section 1. Dissolution of the Sioux Falls Pickleball Club shall be coordinated with the City of Sioux Falls Director of Recreation and provide for the orderly transfer of any property jointly owned, maintained or managed.

Section 2. In the event of the dissolution of the Sioux Falls Pickleball Club, its property, funds and other assets shall be transferred to whatever organization or organizations operated exclusively for charitable, educational and/or purposes as the Sioux Falls Pickleball Club may determine, provided such organization or organizations qualify as tax exempt under the Internal Revenue Code of the United States.

The above stated Bylaws of the Sioux Falls Area Pickleball Club are hereby effective, as approved on July 23, 2021.



Brent Norgaard, President



Brett Hansen, Secretary