

ROSSMOOR DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the club shall be Rossmoor Duplicate Bridge Club (herein referred to as the club), which shall operate on a calendar year basis.

This club is organized solely for non-profit purposes and not for pecuniary gain or profit. On the dissolution of this club, and after payment of or provision for payment of all its debts and liabilities, the remaining assets shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation, or corporation related to DUPLICATE BRIDGE which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable or education purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Sec. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of the club shall be to provide regularly scheduled duplicate bridge games as a recreational activity. The games shall be conducted in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the American Contract Bridge League. In addition, the club shall make an active effort to enroll new members by sponsoring activities of interest including, but not limited to, bridge classes and special games and tournaments.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Any resident, approved purchaser or tenant of a Rossmoor manor may become a member of the club. Any member of the club in good standing who, for health or disability reasons, takes up residence in a facility in the immediate vicinity of Rossmoor, which provides required special accommodations, may, in the discretion of the Board of Directors continue to be afforded the privileges of regular members, subject to the payment of annual dues and applicable resident table fees. Membership shall be deemed terminated when the foregoing provisions are not satisfied or upon non-payment of annual dues

Members who have reached 100 years old are given an exemption from paying annual dues for the rest of their lives.

ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The affairs of the club shall be administered by a Board of Directors, nine (9) in number, elected by and from the membership at the annual December meeting to serve three (3) year terms. Their term of office shall be so arranged so that the terms of three directors shall expire at the end of each calendar year, and three directors shall be elected to succeed them. Any director may be elected for more than one term.
2. Three candidates for election to the Board of Directors shall be nominated each year by a nominating committee previously appointed by the Board of Directors. Additional candidates may be nominated from the floor. Voting may be by voice or by ballot, and the three candidates receiving the greatest number of votes shall be deemed elected. The President of the Board of Directors shall preside over the election, which shall be held on a Monday within the month of December.
3. In case of any vacancy on the Board of Directors occasioned by the death, resignation, disqualification or other such causes, the remaining directors may elect a successor by majority vote to hold office for the unexpired term of the director being replaced.
4. The Board of Directors shall acquire, administer and maintain the property of the club; conduct, manage, control and supervise all business of the club; engage and remunerate a professional supervisor of its games who shall be an accredited ACBL director; establish table fees and annual dues; decide the basis upon which guests of members shall be permitted to play; consider reports of improper or unethical conduct of participants during club sponsored events and suspend, bar, expel, or otherwise discipline participants guilty of such conduct; publish a list of RDBC rules; and keep club members informed of its actions and plans.

5. The Board of Directors shall hold meetings at the direction of the President or at the request of three or more Board members. Five Board members shall constitute a quorum.
6. An elected officer may be removed from office by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at any meeting of the Board of Directors or at a special meeting of the club by majority vote of the members present. Any such special meeting may be convened by the President at any time, upon due notice to the members of the club in good standing.

ARTICLE V - ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

Within ten (10) days after the December election there shall be an organizational meeting by the Board of Directors and the incoming directors for the purpose of electing officers for the following calendar year. Directors who will not be on the Board after December shall have no voting in the election of such club officers. The officers shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Chairman, and their duties shall be such as their titles would indicate or such as may be assigned to them from time to time by the Board of Directors. No officer shall receive compensation for his/her official duties.

ARTICLE VI - CLUB MANAGER(S)

1. The Manager(s) engaged by the club shall be an ACBL-certified director(s). The Club Manager shall perform the duties specified by the Board in the Club Manager's job description.
2. The Manager shall assure that a "Zero Tolerance" policy for bad behavior is maintained. In the event any player commits an act which the Manager, or other director on duty, considers to be disruptive of normal play or displays conduct affecting the enjoyment of the game by other players, the Manager/director shall have the power to impose immediate sanctions against the offender, including scoring penalties and ejection from the game. With Board approval the Manager may also temporarily or permanently deny playing privileges to the offender.

3. The Manager or other director(s) on duty may not participate as players, except in an emergency.

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

Adoption of the amendments must be made by a majority of the members of the club present and in good standing at the annual December meeting.

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