

THE VILLAGES BOCCE CLUB BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1 NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Villages Bocce Club.

ARTICLE 2 PURPOSE

The purpose of the Bocce Club is to give all residents of the Villages an opportunity to learn and play Bocce and to enhance community accord through associated social functions and tournament play.

ARTICLE 3 MEMBERSHIP

A. Membership in this Club is open to all Villages Residents who are interested in participating in the game of Bocce. Members in good standing are entitled to all privileges of the club including league play, attendance at social events, serving as a captain, serving as a board member and a voting member of the club. Membership requires an annual submission of dues as set by the Bocce Board.

B. Members will abide by the Villages Golf and Country Club Governing Documents, including Rules.

C. Membership may be terminated by voluntary withdrawal. Membership is automatically terminated for anyone who moves out of The Villages or fails to pay dues as described herein.

ARTICLE 4 BOARD

A. Number and qualifications: The Bocce Board will have at least eight but no more than thirteen directors. The number of Directors and their specific duties for the coming year shall be determined as set forth in Article 6, Section D of these Bylaws. Bocce Club directors are collectively referred to as "the Bocce Board" or "Bocce Board of Directors". One director will be President of the club, and other directors will be Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the club and are known as officers of the club.

B. The President shall preside at the Bocce Board, Annual Membership, and Special Membership meetings and may appoint committees of officers and members if desired. The President's primary responsibility is to coordinate the efforts of club officers and directors in the operation of the club Membership.

C. The Vice President presides in the absence of the President.

D. The Treasurer maintains proper financial accounting records of the club and presents a report at the monthly BBOD meeting.

E. The secretary will keep records of all Bocce Meetings, annual and special meetings, correspondence and other club records.

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F. More specific descriptions of the duties of the Bocce Board officers and Directors are set forth in the Bocce Club Guidelines, Practices and Procedures.

ARTICLE 5 ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

A. Elections of directors will take place on an annual basis, at the club's Annual Membership meeting. If in-person meetings are not allowed or are not advisable, then voting may be conducted by mail, email, website, or other secure method as determined by the Bocce Board.

B. The directors will appoint a Nominating Committee, to identify and encourage club members who may wish to be a director. The Bocce Board will inform members of the pending election and of the deadline to self-nominate. A member may self-nominate by informing the president or chair of the Nominating Committee of his or her desire to run for office.

C. Those who are nominated by a Nominating Committee, and those who self-nominate, will each be included on all lists, or slate, of candidates sent to the club membership. Those who self-nominate will be given the same access to the club notification process as those who are nominated by the Nominating Committee.

D. Each year after the club votes for directors at the Annual Membership Meeting, then those directors shall, in open session at the next Bocce Board meeting, which meeting shall be held within 30 days after the Annual Membership Meeting and may be referred to as the Organizational Board meeting, vote which of them shall hold the different officer positions, such as President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer as well as establish and fill and confirm any other Board positions and responsibilities for the upcoming year. The most recent Past President, whether or still a Director, shall preside at the Organizational Board meeting until the new President is selected.

E. Terms of office as a director shall be two years, starting at the first of the month following the date of their election. Vacancies in the Board may be filled by a vote of the remaining directors, and the new director's term shall continue through the end of the term of the person they are replacing.

ARTICLE 6 MEETINGS

A. There will be a minimum of six (6) Bocce Board meetings per year. Notification shall be given at least four days in advance to all members by posting on the website and at the Bocce kiosk and will include date, time, and location. In addition, notice will be sent to directors via email and will include agenda, date, time, and location. The quorum for Bocce Board meetings is a majority of the Board directors. All meetings shall be conducted in general accordance with Rosenberg's Rules of Order. Executive Session meetings of the Bocce Board will be held as needed for dealing with member disciplinary decisions.

B. Special Membership meetings may be called by the President or upon request of at least three directors. Such meetings shall have at least four days' notice given to club members regarding time, place and agenda. Notification shall be posted via email and at the Bocce Courts.

C. An Annual Membership meeting shall be held in the month of November each year, for the purpose of electing directors. Notification shall be given at least seven days in advance to

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members via email and posting at the Bocce Courts, and will include agenda, date, time, and location. A quorum is the number of members required to conduct any business or vote at a meeting. The quorum for annual and special membership meetings is 8% of club membership.

D. At least two (2) months prior to the Annual Membership meeting, the Bocce Board, in a duly noticed meeting, shall establish for the coming year, the number of Directors on the Bocce Board and their respective duties and responsibilities.

E. All club committee meetings are open to all members of the club

F. Meetings are normally conducted in person, but if in-person meetings are not permitted or not advisable, or repeatedly fail to establish a quorum, then meetings, including the Annual Membership meeting, may be conducted by electronic means such as teleconferencing.

ARTICLE 7 DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

Annual dues shall be required for club membership. Renewing member's dues will be during the month of January each year. Dues amounts may be changed by a vote of the Bocce Board at the annual meeting, or at a special Bocce Board meeting.

Existing members will be reminded in December of their upcoming dues and given an opportunity to resign before they are charged for their next dues payment. It is the responsibility of the member to notify the President or Membership Chair (if one exists) of the member's desire to discontinue membership.

New members must pay their dues at the time they join the club; provided however, the Bocce Board may establish a date, which date may be no earlier than October 1, after which immediate payment of dues by a new member may be waived for the remainder of that calendar year.

A resigning member forfeits any dues already paid.

ARTICLE 8 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Members of the club will attempt to resolve any bocce club related disputes between themselves civilly and with respect to all parties. If necessary, members may refer an unresolved dispute to the Bocce Board for mediation.

Violations of Bocce Club Rules may result in loss of the privileges of being a team captain or referee, participating in Club sponsored tournaments or social events, up to loss of membership in the club for a period of up to two years, as determined by the Bocce Board. The initial violation will result in a verbal and/or written warning, the second violation will be in writing, and the third violation will result in loss of Bocce Club privileges or club membership depending on the judgment of the Bocce Board during an Executive Session held for this purpose.

If any dispute involves any violation of The Villages Club Board Rules (note especially Rule 1.53 Disorderly Conduct), the Bocce Board will immediately refer the dispute to the Club (via Public Safety and/or the Villages General Manager).

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ARTICLE 9 AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended by majority vote of the members at the Annual or Special Membership Meeting(s), after an explanation and discussion of the proposed changes, with a quorum at least 8% of the membership present. Printed or electronic copies of the proposed Bylaw changes must be available to every person at the meeting. These Bylaws may also be amended after such an amendment is approved by a majority vote of the Bocce Board and then presented to all of the members via email for an email vote of acceptance. An affirmative vote of sixty (60) percent or more of the members responding to the email within 2 weeks shall be required for the amendment to pass. Amendments must be approved by the Villages Golf and Country Club Board of Directors to be effective.

ARTICLE 10 VGCC BOARD RECOGNITION OF BOCCE CLUB

The club must comply with Villages Club Rule 1.40 to obtain Club Board recognition. Failure to maintain compliance with these Bylaws, with Villages Golf & Country Club Governing Documents, and with Rule 1.40, including any failure in annual reporting or failure to maintain the required active membership, may result in withdrawal of Club Board recognition.

ARTICLE 11 CONFLICT OF DOCUMENTS

The governing documents of The Villages Golf and Country Club, including Club Rules, including any future changes to them, take precedence over any provision of these Bylaws or other governing documents of the Bocce Club. The governing documents of the Bocce Club include these Bylaws as well as the Bocce Club Guidelines, Practices and Procedures. The Bocce Club Guidelines, Practices and Procedures (which may be referred to as "BCGPP") contains operating guidelines, practices rules and procedures pertaining to the Club and the Board. The BCGPP may be rewritten, amended, or revised as described therein. These Bylaws take precedence over any provisions in the BCGPP.