

# BYLAWS FOR THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COLLEGIATE BADMINTON LEAGUE (SCCBL)

Submitted to Representatives of SCCBL Member Institutions for Suggestion/Ratification.

## Article I – Name, Purpose, History

- Section 1: Name. The name of the organization shall be the **Southern California Collegiate Badminton League**, herein referred to as **SCCBL**. The acronym, SCCBL, may be used and synonymous with said organization's name in situations where such use is appropriate and non-ambiguous.
- Section 2: Purpose. The **Southern California Collegiate Badminton League** is a non-profit organization in the Southern California region formed to expand the sport of competitive badminton at the collegiate-level. The purpose of SCCBL is to maintain the frameset and environment for fair and healthy competition for Members as defined by SCCBL and to promote the sport of badminton.
- Section 3: History. Initiated in 1997 and recognized as the Southern California Intercollegiate Badminton League (SCIBL), the League then was composed of (in alphabetical order): *California Institute of Technology; California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo; University of California, Irvine; University of California, Los Angeles; University of California, San Diego; and University of Southern California* **IS THIS ACCURATE?**. Some time thereafter, "SCIBL" was replaced by "SCCBL", wherein the word "Intercollegiate" was replaced by "Collegiate", and all other words remaining unchanged.

## Article II – Officers, Members, Membership, Dues

- Section 1: Officers. The group of representatives, made up of one representative from each Member institution as defined in Article II, Section 2, shall be referred to as the **Board**. Officers and officials shall be elected under the jurisdiction and rules established by the Board. The Board shall vote for a responsible, trustworthy, and efficient person to manage, record, and report all generated SCCBL funds and expenditures. This person shall have the title of Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of SCCBL.
- Section 2: Current Members. The institutions mentioned immediately below shall be recognized as current and equal members of SCCBL. Each institution shall maintain a recognized badminton organization with such organization referred to as **Member**, and reserved all rights and responsibilities included in this title. Members are listed in alphabetical order, with the six (6) founding members listed first **CAN ANYONE ATTEST TO THIS LIST BEING ACCURATE FOR HISTORICAL REASONS? IF NOT, WE'LL JUST ALPHABETIZE IT ALL.**
- California Institute of Technology
  - California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
  - University of California, Irvine
  - University of California, Los Angeles
  - University of California, San Diego
  - University of Southern California
  - California State University, Los Angeles
  - Pasadena City College
  - San Diego State University
  - University of California, Riverside

Section 3: Membership. Any institution of higher education, with "higher education" defined by SCCBL, may request to join SCCBL as Member, during which time the institution shall be referred to as Applying Institution. Applying Institution must demonstrate adequate organization and, above all else, ability to uphold the spirit of SCCBL as defined by SCCBL. The Board is responsible for properly disseminating such definitions to Applying Institution in a timely fashion. Upon receiving approval of a necessary two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Board as defined by Article III, Section 5, the Applying Institution, thereafter, shall be referred to as Member with all rights and responsibilities included in this title. The Board shall have the right to deny or terminate the membership of any institution with justifiable reason.

Section 4: Dues. To maintain full Member status and to ensure maintenance of SCCBL, each Member must pay an annual SCCBL membership due to the CFO as defined in Article III, Section 3. Member must report any inability to commit to a due payment to the Board for consideration. Dues and time intervals for receipt of dues shall be defined by the Board.

### **Article III - Commitment, Duties, Finances, Meetings, Voting**

Section 1: Commitment. Members, to their best efforts, take responsibility to actively participate in all SCCBL-related activities. Such efforts may include but are not limited to nor defined by SCCBL meets, tournaments, and social events. Moreover, each Member shall commit to the betterment of and contribute to SCCBL. Member shall also maintain a satisfactory level of commitment to the participants of badminton at Member's institution, as deemed adequate by the individual Member.

Section 2: Duties. Every Member shall have one equally-weighted vote for each and every administrative voting session. Member may abstain from casting a vote. Member duties shall include but are not limited to:

- promoting the sport of badminton;
- representing SCCBL in the spirit of SCCBL;
- maintaining commitment, as defined in Article III, Section 1;
- maintaining a representative in SCCBL;
- participating in all Board discussions;
- attending Board meetings as defined in Article III, Section 4;
- equally participating in the betterment of SCCBL;
- ensuring that all information regarding decisions made by the Board are accessible by any constituents of SCCBL upon request.

Section 3: Finances. *No Member or any of its constituents shall receive any financial, or otherwise, rewards for duties performed under the jurisdiction of SCCBL except as defined within this section.* The Board shall establish a league treasury through one of the current Members' institutional financial services. Funds shall be used for the purposes of maintaining, enhancing, and expediting the mission of SCCBL as defined in Article I, Section 2. Allowable, but not limiting, usage of funds include purchases of trophies, medals, and/or prizes for winners of SCCBL activities, SCCBL award ceremonies and/or celebrations, perpetual trophy(ies) and associated engravings, and SCCBL social activities.

Section 4: Meetings. The Board must have a minimum of one (1) meeting per year, in which case, this one meeting must at minimum organize the upcoming SCCBL

season and its schedule of meets, and set the next meeting date. Meeting dates, times, and locations shall be set by the Board.

Section 5: Voting. Decisions of the Board requiring voting shall be passed with a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Board unless otherwise noted prior to casting of ballots. For decisions requiring two-thirds (2/3) majority, the following system shall be followed. If current number of Members is not equally divisible by three (3), the number of approval votes (i.e. aye) needed to pass the matter at hand shall be the integer value of the quotient resulting from the division of number of current Members by three (3) (i.e. six 'aye' votes passes a decision for a ten-Member Board).

#### **Article IV - Player Eligibility**

Section 1: Player Eligibility. Any person academically-affiliated, as defined below, with a Member institution shall be allowed to participate at all SCCBL activities, unless otherwise agreed upon and notified prior by the Board. An academically-affiliated person is defined by SCCBL as one who, at the time of participation in a SCCBL activity, holds the official status of either "undergraduate student" or "graduate student", and must also be at least a "half-time student", with all three terms as defined by his or her Member institution. This person shall not receive monetary compensation for his or her participation in any SCCBL activity. Exempt are students receiving official postsecondary financial aid, grants, scholarships, and/or academic loans. Any person receiving monetary compensation **WHAT ABOUT TEAM SPONSORSHIP?** for their participation in SCCBL in any capacity is not eligible to participate in SCCBL-related activities except in a coaching and/or spectator capacity. Any participating person of SCCBL activities must, upon request of an official of any Member institution, provide verifiable proof of eligibility and/or identity of any given player within a one-week (1-week) period of the request. Failure to do so may result in negative decisive action by the Board.

#### **Article V - Match Format and Rules, Equipment, Line-Up**

Section 1: Match Format and Rules. SCCBL matches shall be consistent with current International Badminton Federation (IBF) match format and rules including, but not limited to, the Laws of Badminton, Regulations for Competitions, Disciplinary Regulations, Players Code of Conduct, and Anti-Doping Statutes. Deviation(s) from IBF format and rules are tolerated and allowed only under the consent of all Members involved. Only one (1) line-up is permitted per participating Member institution per meet, pursuant to Article V, Section 3. The hosting Member may institute reasonable (as defined by the Board) rules of conduct and/or restrictions/regulations on a temporary basis during the use of its facility. The Board will conduct hearings concerning any misuse of hosting power and/or violations of agreed-upon host rules and/or restrictions/regulations and any necessary repercussions shall be in order.

Section 2: Equipment. During an official SCCBL meet, each participating Member shall provide the hosting Member official with tubes of unused and sealed, tournament-grade feather shuttlecocks for match play, the number of tubes being defined by SCCBL for a particular season. Distribution of these shuttlecocks is at the discretion of the hosting Member assuming distribution is in a manner consistent with the number of matches scheduled.

Section 3: Line-up. Five (5) events shall be played: *Mixed Doubles*, *Women's Doubles*, *Men's Doubles*, *Women's Singles*, and *Men's Singles*. Each Member shall be allowed a maximum of three (3) ladder teams for each event type (i.e. Member-A may elect to submit the maximum six men for the Men's Doubles event resulting in Member-A entering three pairs, or three teams, in the event). Each participating Member shall enter only one (1) line-up of intended players during any one (1) meet. The exchange of player line-ups must take place simultaneously amongst all Members prior to the commencement of events at the particular meet. Once line-ups have been received by all participating Members, line-up alterations of any sort by any given Member shall not be allowed unless otherwise agreed upon by *all* participating Members of a particular meet. Only the player whose full name appears on the agreed-upon line-up may play the designated match. If the situation presents itself, an official of any participating Member may ask any other involved SCCBL individual for verifiable proof of identification at any time during an official SCCBL event. If proof of identity cannot be established, the match may be forfeited at the discretion of the inquiring party.

## **Article VI – Rule Violations and Consequences, Code of Conduct**

Section 1: Any violation of the statements made in these Bylaws and any referring materials constitutes a breach of SCCBL rules and regulations and will be met with swift repercussions. It is the choice of the offended party/Member to seek reasonable actions of compensation from the offending party/Member. Compensatory action(s) and/or repercussion(s) must first be agreed upon as reasonable by a majority of the Board, not including Member(s) of the involved parties. If the offense affects SCCBL and its Members, all Members other than the offending Member shall agree upon reasonable compensation or repercussion(s). Refusal to accept Board decisions regarding rule violations may result in match/league suspension, increased disciplinary action, and/or referral to higher authorities. Individual persons of a participating Member institution, in most cases, cannot and shall not be held liable for offences of SCCBL rule violations. Rather, the Member institution of which the individual is a part shall carry the burden of complying with any SCCBL decisions regarding rule violations. The only exception shall be the expulsion of individual player(s) and/or associated members (e.g. coach, spectator, etc.) for gross violation(s) of local, state, or federal laws, in addition to SCCBL rules and regulations.

Section 2: Code of Conduct. No Member institution shall, for the purpose of increasing probability of winning a match, event, and/or meet place players of higher skill in a lower position on the line-up, otherwise known as "sandbagging" or "playing down your list". Exceptions shall be considered on a case-by-case basis and reasons must be justifiable and agreed upon by all affected parties. Under no circumstances shall any SCCBL, Member institution, and/or player prerogative take precedent over any person's health or well-being. Violation(s) of this magnitude may and shall result in SCCBL expulsion, in addition to any and all legal consequences.

## **Article VII – Amendments**

Section 1: Amendments. Any of these Bylaws may be suggested for amendment when deemed necessary by any party. Said party must present a formal Proposal of Amendment to the Board. The Board shall conduct a thorough review of the Proposal and results of such a review must be considered by all Members. The

amendment shall pass with a two-thirds (2/3) majority, pursuant to rules of Article III, Section 5.

PAGES WILL BE ADJUSTED TO FIT PROPERLY.