

RIO GRANDE VALLEY SHUFFLEBOARD ASSOCIATION  
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS  
ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 1982  
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SECTION I – CONSTITUTION

Article I – Name

This association shall be known as the Rio Grande Valley Shuffleboard Association, hereinafter referred to as the R.G.V.S.A.

Article II – Official Location

The official location and address of the R.G.V.S.A. shall be the place and residence of the current President in the state of Texas.

Article III – Objectives

The objective of the R.G.V.S.A. shall be: to promote interest and play in the game of shuffleboard; to assist in the organization and development of new clubs; to promote improvements in and standardization of the rules of play; to organize and to arrange for tournaments which will allow the greatest number of people to participate.

Article IV – Membership

Any club or park, organized or unorganized, having the use of at least one (1) regulation court, shall be eligible for membership in the R.G.V.S.A., providing their application for membership is approved by a majority vote of the members. No club or park may be authorized to hold a R.G.V.S.A. sponsored tournament unless they are an approved member of the R.G.V.S.A. Any individual club or park may enter any R.G.V.S.A. Tournament, however, they have no vote or voice in the affairs of the R.G.V.S.A.

Article V – Club or Park Definition

Any club or park may declare themselves as a closed club or park. The term closed means that members of that club or park may not go outside of their own membership to get a partner for a tournament. Any club or park declaring itself as a closed club or park holding a R.G.V.S.A. Tournament must accept entries from any other club or park whether open or closed.

## Article VI – Official Personnel

The officers of the R.G.V.S.A. shall consist of a President, four (4) Vice Presidents, a Webmaster and a Secretary/Treasurer. One Vice President shall be from District 1 (parks located east of Mile 3-1/2 Rd W), one shall be from District 2 (parks located east of Highway 88 and west of Mile 3-1/2 Rd W), one shall be from District 3 (parks located west of Highway 88 and east of Highway 281) and one from District 4 (parks located west of US Highway 281). The President shall appoint one of the four to be 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, for a route of progression. (See Article V By-Laws).

## Article VII – Voting Power

Each member club or park shall have one vote. The President shall have one vote, but shall cast same only in case of a tie vote by the members.

## Article VIII – Official and Fiscal Year

The official and fiscal year of the R.G.V.S.A. shall begin the day following the spring meeting and election of officers.

## Article IX – Meetings

There shall be two regular meetings held per year. The spring meeting shall be held during the month of March. The fall meeting shall be held during the month of November. Such dates shall be set by the President. The secretary is to notify each club or park chairman by mail, or by other means, at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting date.

## Article X – Special Meetings

A special meeting of the members may be called at any time by the President or by written request of a majority of the voting members.

## Article XI – Quorums

A majority of the voting members in good standing with the R.G.V.S.A. Shall constitute a legal quorum for the transaction of association business.

## Article XII – Tenure of Elected Officials

The tenure of elected officials shall be for one (1) year starting as described in Article VIII of the Constitution. The procedure for electing officials shall be as described by Article IV of the By-Laws.

## Article XIII – Amendments

The Constitution and/or By-Laws of this R.G.V.S.A. may be revised or rescinded by a majority vote of the members, providing that each club or park chairman be notified in writing, or by other means, of such proposed action at least ten (10) days prior to the date of such meeting. The meeting notice shall give full and complete details of the proposed change(s).

## SECTION II – BY-LAWS

### Article I – Order of Business

- a. Reading of the minutes
- b. Treasurer's report
- c. Communications
- d. Unfinished business
- e. Reports of committees
- f. New business
- g. Hall of Fame Election (spring meeting only)
- h. Scheduling of tournaments (spring meeting only)
- i. Adjournment

### Article II – Application for Membership

A club or park, as defined in Article IV of the Constitution, desirous of becoming a member, should address its application to the secretary of the R.G.V.S.A. through their own club President or Chairman.

### Article III – Annual Dues

There shall be no regular annual dues. As funds are required to run the affairs of the R.G.V.S.A., such funds shall be raised by a special levy on the members as decided by a majority vote of the members.

## Article IV – Election of Officers

Officials of the R.G.V.S.A. As described in Article VI of the Constitution, shall be elected at the spring meeting. Election shall be by nomination from the floor and by voice or ballot vote of the members as described in Article VII of the Constitution.

## Article V – Vacancies

If for any reason an elective office becomes vacant, the President shall fill such vacancy by appointment, except that the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President shall automatically fill a vacancy in the office of President.

## Article VI – Association with the Texas State Shuffleboard Association

The R.G.V.S.A. is desirous of working with the Texas State Shuffleboard Association since the Secretary of the T.S.S.A. does the record keeping and classification of players in the R.G.V.S.A. Tournaments. It is required that any player entering a R.G.V.S.A. tournament hold or has applied for a T.S.S.A. lifetime card. The chairman of each club or park is responsible to see that this requirement is met.

## Article VII – Hall of Fame

The purpose of the R.G.V.S.A. Hall of Fame is to honor individuals who have demonstrated, over a period of time, superior performance in R.G.V.S.A. shuffleboard activities.

### Qualifications:

Membership in the R.G.V.S.A. Hall of Fame is intended to be selective and exclusive. To be nominated, a candidate must have achieved results as a player, a supporter or as an administrator of shuffleboard in the Rio Grande Valley.

1. To be nominated as a player, the candidate must have achieved four (4) years as an active expert player and earned 200 lifetime points.
2. To be nominated as a supporter, the candidate must have been an active shuffleboard supporter for four (4) years and have provided outstanding service to their park and/or the Valley.
3. To be nominated as an administrator, the candidate must have served as a tournament director/shuffleboard director for four (4) years or have been an officer of the R.G.V.S.A. for two (2) years.
4. The R.G.V.S.A. President shall be entitled to automatic induction into the R.G.V.S.A. Hall of Fame upon the completion of their tenure.

## Article VIII – Proposed Changes

All changes proposed to be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the RGVSA shall be proposed in accordance with the procedure described in Appendix A, which is hereby made an integral part of these bylaws. All changes shall be applied prospectively to the season following adoption. Under no circumstances shall any changes be applied retroactively to the current season or any prior season.

## Article IX – Duties of Officers

- a. The President shall perform all duties deemed to be required of such office or as specifically ordered by the membership.
- b. The President shall preside over all meetings of the R.G.V.S.A. and shall appoint any standing or special committees and become ex officio member of such committee.
- c. The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President shall assume all duties of the President in his absence or incapacitation.
- d. The four (4) Vice Presidents shall be the (standing) Tournament Scheduling Committee. The proposed schedule for the next season will be presented to the President no later than January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- e. The Secretary/Treasurer shall record the minutes of all regular or special meetings, attend to all correspondence and notices of meetings and be in charge of the R.G.V.S.A. Files, plus other duties as directed by the members.
- f. The Secretary/Treasurer is the sole custodian of the R.G.V.S.A. Funds and shall be responsible for the collection of such dues as levied by the membership. The R.G.V.S.A. Funds shall be placed in a bank account under signatures of the Treasurer and President. During the shuffleboard season, the Treasurer may maintain a petty cash fund not to exceed three hundred dollars in order to make required disbursements. At the end of the shuffleboard season, any remaining petty cash funds shall be re-deposited to the bank account.
- g. The Webmaster shall maintain and publish a web site for the R.G.V.S.A. From November until March, the Webmaster shall publish tournament results on a timely basis and shall publish such other information to the R.G.V.S.A. web site as shall be requested by the officers and membership. The Webmaster shall also maintain officer contact pages and archives of prior seasons results.

**RGVSA CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**  
**APPENDIX A**  
**PROCEDURE FOR RECOMMENDING CHANGES**

Requirements for Originating Change Proposals

1. No verbal proposals shall be entertained by any officer of the RGVSA.
2. The proposal shall be written, dated and signed by the originator of the proposal.
3. The proposal shall cite the specific item in constitution, bylaws or rules that will be affected by proposed change.
4. The proposal shall state new wording of the specific item in constitution, bylaws or rules being changed by the proposal.
5. This procedure shall cover any and all proposed changes to any RGVSA document.

Requirements for Vetting of Proposed Change

1. If the proposal is being made by an individual shuffler, he (she) will give the proposal to his (her) park shuffleboard chairperson for vetting. If the park chairperson believes the proposal to be unfounded, based on misunderstanding or mis-interpretation, etc., the chairperson will discuss the reasons for his (her) opinion with the originator of the proposal. The chairperson may also make recommendations for changes to the original proposal.
2. If the park chairperson believes the individual shuffler's proposal has merit, he (she) will pass the proposal along to his (her) district vice-president for vetting. If the district vice-president believes the proposal to be unfounded, he or she will discuss the reasons for his (her) opinion with the park chairperson. The district vice-president may also make recommendations for changes to the original proposal. If the park chairperson originates the proposal, he (she) will pass the proposal along to his (her) district vice-president for vetting.
3. If the district vice-president believes the proposal coming to him (her) has merit, he (she) will present the proposal to the RGVSA Board for vetting. Proposals originated by district vice-presidents and other RGVSA Board members will also be presented to the entire RGVSA Board for vetting at a meeting to be held at least one month prior to the spring meeting. The RGVSA Board members will then vote on whether to present the proposal to the entire RGVSA membership for voting at the next spring meeting.
4. If the RGVSA Board votes to present the proposal to the entire RGVSA membership, the proposal shall be published on the TSSA/RGVSA web site and shall be published via e-mail to all RGVSA chairpersons at least one month prior to the spring meeting.
5. If the RGVSA chairpersons vote to accept the proposal, a change to the RGVSA Constitution and Bylaws will take effect immediately on passage. If the proposal affects TSSA Rules or the TSSA Constitution and Bylaws, the proposal will be presented to the TSSA Board for action at their next regular meeting.