

AMERICAN BILLIARDS PYRAMID FEDERATION (ABPF)

PREAMBLE

The American Billiards Pyramid Federation (ABPF) is a national non-profit sports organization established in 2024 in the United States to develop, govern, and represent Pyramid billiards as a recognized competitive sport.

The Federation was formed in response to the global decline and fragmentation of Pyramid billiards and the absence of a unified national governing structure in the United States. ABPF was created to restore institutional continuity, establish transparent governance, and integrate American athletes, clubs, and officials into the international Pyramid billiards community.

ABPF operates on the principles of fairness, inclusivity, ethical competition, and organizational transparency. The Federation is committed to structured sport development, youth engagement, professional education, and international cooperation in accordance with U.S. non-profit standards and generally accepted practices of national sports federations.

ARTICLE I — NAME

Section 1.1 — Official Name

The official name of the organization is the American Billiards Pyramid Federation (ABPF).

Section 1.2 — Legal Status

The Federation is organized and operated as a national non-profit sports organization under applicable laws of the United States.

ARTICLE II — PURPOSE AND MISSION

Section 2.1 — Purpose

The purpose of the American Billiards Pyramid Federation is to promote, regulate, and develop Pyramid billiards in the United States as an organized, accessible, and professionally governed sport.

The Federation serves as the national coordinating body for Pyramid billiards activities, including competition standards, club development, education of officials, and international representation.

Section 2.2 — Mission

The mission of ABPF is to revitalize and expand Pyramid billiards in the United States by transforming it from fragmented local activity into a unified national sport structure aligned with international standards.

To fulfill this mission, the Federation shall:

- a) Develop and support a nationwide network of affiliated Pyramid billiards clubs, academies, and certified venues;
- b) Organize national competitions, including the U.S. National Pyramid Championship Series, and maintain official rankings;
- c) Establish standards for training, certification, and continuing education of coaches, referees, and tournament officials;
- d) Form and support a United States National Pyramid Team for participation in international competitions;
- e) Promote youth participation and educational programs that encourage long-term athlete development and cultural exchange;
- f) Foster cooperation with international billiards organizations to support the reintegration and modernization of Pyramid billiards worldwide.

Section 2.3 — Non-Profit and Public Interest Orientation

ABPF operates exclusively for non-profit purposes and reinvests all surplus funds into the development of Pyramid billiards, athlete programs, education, and organizational infrastructure.

The Federation does not discriminate on the basis of nationality, race, ethnicity, religion, gender, political views, or other protected characteristics and is committed to providing equal opportunities for participation in its activities.

ARTICLE III — GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

Section 3.1 — Governing Bodies of the Federation

The governance of the American Billiards Pyramid Federation shall be exercised through the following bodies:

- a) The Board of Directors;
- b) The General Assembly;
- c) The Executive Officers;
- d) Regional Divisions of the Federation.

Each governing body shall operate strictly within the authority granted by this Statute and in accordance with principles of transparency, accountability, and ethical governance.

Section 3.2 — Board of Directors

3.2.1 Role and Authority

The Board of Directors is the highest supervisory and strategic governing body of the Federation.

The Board shall be responsible for:

- a) Establishing the long-term strategic direction of the Federation;
- b) Ensuring compliance with this Statute and applicable U.S. laws;
- c) Approving annual budgets, financial reports, and major expenditures;
- d) Exercising oversight over the Executive Officers and Regional Divisions;
- e) Approving governance, ethics, and conflict-of-interest policies;
- f) Appointing, evaluating, and, if necessary, removing Executive Officers and Regional Directors.

3.2.2 Composition

The Board of Directors shall consist of no fewer than three (3) and no more than nine (9) members.

Board members shall be individuals of recognized professional integrity and experience in sports governance, administration, finance, or related fields.

Active owners or operators of billiards clubs shall not constitute a majority of the Board.

3.2.3 Terms

Members of the Board of Directors shall serve four (4) year terms and may be reappointed.

Vacancies may be filled by Board appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

3.2.4 Meetings and Voting

The Board shall meet at least once per year, in person or by electronic means.

A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of Board members. Decisions shall be adopted by a simple majority vote unless otherwise specified in this Statute.

In the event of a tie, the Chair of the Board shall cast the deciding vote.

Board members shall recuse themselves from voting on matters in which they have a direct personal or financial interest.

Section 3.3 — General Assembly

3.3.1 Role

The General Assembly is the representative body of the Federation's membership and serves as the forum for major organizational decisions.

3.3.2 Authority

The General Assembly shall have authority to:

- a) Approve amendments to this Statute;
- b) Review strategic and annual reports presented by the Board of Directors;
- c) Elect or confirm members of the Board of Directors;
- d) Review annual activity and financial summaries of the Federation.

3.3.3 Meetings and Quorum

The General Assembly shall be convened at least once per year.

Notice of meetings shall be provided no fewer than seven (7) days in advance.

A quorum shall consist of fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of eligible voting members.

Meetings may be conducted in person or by electronic means.

Section 3.4 — Executive Officers

The Executive Officers of the Federation shall be responsible for the day-to-day management and operational administration of the Federation in accordance with this Statute and under the supervision and authority of the Board of Directors.

Executive Officers shall implement the strategic decisions, policies, and directives adopted by the Board of Directors and shall ensure the effective functioning of the Federation's programs, competitions, administrative processes, and international activities.

3.4.1 Executive Structure

The day-to-day management of the Federation shall be carried out by Executive Officers, including:

- a) President;
- b) Vice President for Sport Development and Commercial Activity;
- c) Vice President for Marketing, Media, and Communications;
- d) Secretary for International Relations;
- e) Additional officers as approved by the Board of Directors.

3.4.2 Authority and Oversight

Executive Officers shall operate under the supervision and authority of the Board of Directors.

Committees or working groups may be established only with Board approval.

Section 3.5 — President of the Federation

The President shall serve as the chief executive officer of the Federation and shall:

- a) Represent the Federation nationally and internationally;
- b) Implement decisions and strategic directives of the Board;
- c) Oversee strategic and operational activities;
- d) Convene meetings of the General Assembly;
- e) Present annual activity and financial reports;
- f) Exercise veto power over decisions of Executive Officers, subject to review and override by the Board.

Section 3.6 — Ethical Governance

All governing bodies and officers shall adhere to principles of ethical conduct, transparency, accountability, and integrity.

The Federation shall adopt internal policies regarding conflicts of interest, recusal, disciplinary procedures, and standards of conduct.

Section 3.7 — Regional Divisions

3.7.1 Establishment

The Federation shall operate through Regional Divisions within the United States.

3.7.2 Regional Structure

The Federation establishes the following Regional Divisions:

- a) Eastern Region (Hub: Chicago, Illinois);
- b) Southern Region (Hub: Miami, Florida);
- c) Western Region (Hub: Los Angeles, California).

3.7.3 Assignment of States

The assignment of states to each Regional Division shall be defined and updated by internal regulations approved by the Board of Directors.

3.7.4 Regional Directors

Each Regional Division shall be overseen by a Regional Director appointed and removed by the Board of Directors.

Regional Directors shall coordinate regional activities and submit regular reports to the Federation.

3.7.5 Authority and Limitations

Regional Divisions shall not constitute independent legal entities and shall have no independent financial or legal authority.

ARTICLE IV — ELECTIONS, TERMS, AND REMOVAL

Section 4.1 — Election of Board Members

Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected or confirmed by the General Assembly in accordance with procedures established by internal regulations approved by the Board.

a) Nominations may be submitted by existing Board members or eligible members of the Federation.

b) Elections shall be conducted by open vote or secret ballot, as determined by the General Assembly.

c) A candidate shall be elected by a simple majority (50% + 1) of votes cast.

Section 4.2 — Terms of Office

4.2.1 Board of Directors

a) Members of the Board of Directors shall serve four (4) year terms.

b) Board members may be re-elected without limitation, unless otherwise restricted by internal policy.

c) Terms shall be staggered where possible to ensure continuity of governance.

4.2.2 Executive Officers

a) Executive Officers, including the President and Vice Presidents, shall serve four (4) year terms.

b) Reappointment or re-election of Executive Officers shall require approval by the Board of Directors.

c) Executive Officers shall remain in office until successors are appointed or elected.

d) Regional Directors shall be appointed and removed by the Board of Directors and shall not be subject to election by the General Assembly.

Section 4.3 — Removal from Office

4.3.1 Grounds for Removal

Any Board member or Executive Officer may be removed from office for:

a) Violation of this Statute or Federation policies;

b) Ethical misconduct or conflict of interest;

c) Failure to perform assigned duties;

d) Actions causing material harm to the Federation's reputation or operations.

4.3.2 Procedure

- a) Removal proceedings may be initiated by the Board of Directors or by a formal request of the General Assembly.
- b) The individual subject to removal shall be provided with written notice and an opportunity to respond.
- c) Removal shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors or the General Assembly, as applicable.

Section 4.4 — Vacancies

- a) In the event of a vacancy on the Board of Directors, the Board may appoint an interim member to serve until the next General Assembly.
- b) Vacant Executive Officer positions may be filled by Board appointment.
- c) Interim appointments shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term unless otherwise determined.

Section 4.5 — Resignation

Any Board member or Executive Officer may resign by submitting written notice to the Board of Directors. Resignation shall take effect upon receipt unless a later date is specified.

Section 4.6 — Continuity and Stability

To ensure institutional continuity, the Federation shall maintain internal procedures for orderly leadership transitions, documentation transfer, and preservation of institutional knowledge.

ARTICLE V — FINANCIAL GOVERNANCE AND TRANSPARENCY

Section 5.1 — Non-Profit Financial Principles

The American Billiards Pyramid Federation operates exclusively as a non-profit sports organization.

All revenues and assets of the Federation shall be used solely to advance its statutory purposes, including sport development, competitions, education, youth programs, and international cooperation. No part of the Federation's net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any individual, officer, or private entity.

Section 5.2 — Sources of Funding

The Federation may receive financial support from the following sources:

- a) Membership fees and affiliation dues;
- b) Sponsorships and partnership agreements;
- c) Grants, donations, and contributions consistent with non-profit regulations;
- d) Event-related revenues, including tournaments, educational programs, and licensing activities;
- e) Other lawful sources approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 5.3 — Budget and Financial Oversight

- a) The annual operating budget shall be prepared by the Executive Officers and submitted to the Board of Directors for review and approval.
- b) The Board of Directors shall exercise oversight over all financial activities of the Federation.
- c) Financial decisions shall be made in accordance with principles of transparency, accountability, and fiscal responsibility.

Section 5.4 — Expenditures and Authorization

- a) Any expenditure exceeding one hundred U.S. dollars (USD 100) shall require approval by at least two authorized officers or one officer and one Board member, as determined by internal financial policy.
- b) Major expenditures, contracts, or financial commitments exceeding thresholds established by the Board shall require explicit Board approval.
- c) No officer or Board member shall approve expenditures in which they have a direct personal or financial interest.

Section 5.5 — Financial Reporting

- a) The Federation shall maintain accurate and complete financial records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
- b) An annual financial report shall be prepared and reviewed by the Board of Directors.
- c) Summary financial information may be made available to members and stakeholders in the interest of transparency.

Section 5.6 — Audits and Reviews

The Board of Directors may require independent financial reviews or audits when deemed necessary to ensure financial integrity and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Section 5.7 — Asset Management and Dissolution

a) All Federation assets shall be used exclusively for statutory purposes.

b) In the event of dissolution, all remaining assets shall be transferred to a non-profit organization with similar objectives, consistent with U.S. non-profit law and applicable regulations.

ARTICLE VI — MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILIATION

Section 6.1 — Categories of Membership

The Federation may establish categories of membership and affiliation to support its mission and governance, including but not limited to:

a) Individual Members (athletes, coaches, referees, officials);

b) Affiliated Clubs and Academies;

c) Honorary Members;

d) Supporting or Associate Members.

The eligibility criteria, rights, obligations, and conditions applicable to each category of membership shall be defined in official Membership Regulations approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 6.2 — Admission and Affiliation

a) Membership or affiliation shall be granted upon application and approval in accordance with procedures established in the Membership Regulations.

b) The Federation reserves the right to approve, suspend, or revoke membership or affiliation for cause, subject to due process.

c) Affiliated clubs, academies, and organizations must formally agree to comply with this Statute, official regulations of the Federation, and decisions of its governing bodies.

Section 6.3 — Rights of Members

Members of the Federation shall have the right to:

- a) Participate in Federation-sanctioned competitions, programs, and activities, subject to eligibility requirements.
- b) Receive official information regarding Federation activities, regulations, and decisions.
- c) Participate in the General Assembly in accordance with their membership category and voting rights as defined by the Membership Regulations.
- d) Submit proposals, initiatives, and recommendations to the Federation's governing bodies.

Section 6.4 — Obligations of Members

Members and affiliated organizations shall:

- a) Comply with this Statute, Membership Regulations, official competition rules, and decisions of the Federation's governing bodies.
- b) Uphold principles of fair play, ethical conduct, and mutual respect.
- c) Fulfill financial and administrative obligations associated with their membership or affiliation.
- d) Refrain from actions that may damage the integrity, reputation, or lawful operation of the Federation.

Section 6.5 — Voting Rights and Representation

- a) Voting rights within the General Assembly shall be determined by membership category and established in the Membership Regulations.
- b) The Federation shall ensure that voting structures promote fair representation and prevent disproportionate control by any individual member or affiliated organization.
- c) Voting procedures shall be transparent and consistent with democratic governance principles.

Section 6.6 — Suspension and Termination of Membership

Membership or affiliation may be suspended or terminated for:

- a) Violation of this Statute, Membership Regulations, or official Federation policies.
- b) Ethical misconduct or disciplinary violations.

- c) Failure to meet financial or administrative obligations.

Decisions regarding suspension or termination shall follow procedures established by the Board of Directors, including notice and the opportunity to be heard.

Section 6.7 — Membership Registry

The Federation shall maintain an official registry of members and affiliated organizations for governance, communication, statistical, and compliance purposes, in accordance with applicable laws and data protection requirements.

ARTICLE VII — INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND REPRESENTATION

Section 7.1 — International Role of the Federation

The American Billiards Pyramid Federation serves as the national representative body for Pyramid billiards in the United States in matters of international cooperation, coordination, and representation.

The Federation seeks to integrate U.S. athletes, clubs, officials, and competitions into the global Pyramid billiards community through structured and transparent international engagement.

Section 7.2 — International Cooperation

The Federation may establish cooperative relationships with foreign national federations, continental associations, and international sports organizations in furtherance of its statutory mission.

Such cooperation may include, but is not limited to:

- a) Exchange of athletes, coaches, referees, and officials.
- b) Joint organization of competitions, training camps, and educational programs.
- c) Mutual recognition of competition standards, officiating certifications, and development programs.
- d) Participation in international conferences, seminars, and governance initiatives.

All international cooperation activities shall be conducted in accordance with U.S. law, this Statute, and internal policies approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 7.3 — Memorandums of Understanding

The Federation may enter into Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) or similar agreements with international partners to formalize cooperation frameworks.

Such memorandums:

- a) Shall support, but not supersede, this Statute.
- b) Shall not create financial or legal obligations beyond those expressly approved by the Board of Directors.
- c) Shall be consistent with the Federation's non-profit purpose and governance standards.

Section 7.4 — International Representation

The Federation may appoint representatives, delegates, or committees to represent ABPF in international organizations, competitions, and forums.

Appointments shall:

- a) Be approved by the Board of Directors.
- b) Define the scope and duration of authority.
- c) Require regular reporting to the Board.

No individual may represent the Federation internationally without formal authorization.

Section 7.5 — National Teams and International Competitions

The Federation may establish and manage United States national teams for participation in international competitions.

Selection, preparation, and participation of national teams shall be governed by internal regulations approved by the Board of Directors and shall be conducted in accordance with principles of fairness, transparency, and equal opportunity.

Section 7.6 — Independence and Neutrality

The Federation operates independently of political, governmental, or non-sporting interests.

International cooperation shall be conducted on a non-discriminatory basis and solely in furtherance of sport development, cultural exchange, and athletic excellence.

ARTICLE VIII — RULES, REGULATIONS, AND DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITY

Section 8.1 — Official Rules and Regulations

The American Billiards Pyramid Federation shall establish, adopt, and maintain official rules, regulations, and technical standards governing Pyramid billiards competitions, training, officiating, and organizational activities under its jurisdiction.

Such official rules and regulations shall:

- a) Be approved or ratified by the Board of Directors.
- b) Be binding upon all members, affiliated clubs, athletes, officials, and participants in Federation-sanctioned activities.
- c) Be published and made accessible to members in one or more official languages of the Federation.

Section 8.2 — Regulatory and Disciplinary Authority

The Federation shall have full regulatory and disciplinary authority over activities conducted under its jurisdiction, including competitions, events, educational programs, and membership activities.

This authority includes the right to:

- a) Enforce compliance with this Statute and official regulations.
- b) Investigate alleged violations of rules, ethical standards, or disciplinary provisions.
- c) Impose sanctions, penalties, or corrective measures in accordance with established procedures.

Section 8.3 — Committees

8.3.1 Establishment of Committees

The Board of Directors may establish standing or ad hoc committees to support the Federation's regulatory, disciplinary, technical, and administrative functions.

Such committees may include, but are not limited to:

- a) Regulatory Committee;
- b) Disciplinary Committee;
- c) Technical or Rules Committee;

- d) Ethics Committee.

8.3.2 Committee Authority

Committees shall operate within mandates approved by the Board of Directors and shall report their activities and decisions in accordance with Federation policies.

Committee decisions affecting membership status, eligibility, or sanctions shall be subject to oversight and appeal procedures established by the Board.

Section 8.4 — Disciplinary Procedures

Disciplinary procedures shall:

- a) Ensure fairness, impartiality, and due process.
- b) Provide written notice of alleged violations.
- c) Allow the affected party an opportunity to respond or appeal.
- d) Be governed by internal regulations approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 8.5 — Recognition of External Standards

Where appropriate, the Federation may recognize or align its rules and standards with those of international or continental Pyramid billiards organizations, provided such alignment is consistent with this Statute and approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 8.6 — Amendments to Rules and Regulations

The Board of Directors shall have authority to amend official rules and regulations as necessary to ensure effective governance and alignment with best practices, without requiring amendment of this Statute.

ARTICLE IX — AMENDMENTS

Section 9.1 — Amendment Authority

This Statute may be amended to reflect the evolving needs of the Federation, changes in applicable law, or developments in the sport.

Amendments may be proposed by:

- a) The Board of Directors; or

b) A formal initiative of the General Assembly in accordance with internal procedures.

Section 9.2 — Approval of Amendments

a) Proposed amendments shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors prior to submission to the General Assembly.

b) Amendments shall be adopted upon approval by a simple majority (50% + 1) of votes cast at a duly convened meeting of the General Assembly.

c) Members shall be notified of adopted amendments within a reasonable period following approval.

ARTICLE X — DISSOLUTION

Section 10.1 — Voluntary Dissolution

The Federation may be dissolved by resolution of the General Assembly, upon recommendation of the Board of Directors, in accordance with applicable U.S. law.

Section 10.2 — Distribution of Assets

In the event of dissolution, liquidation, or termination of the Federation, all remaining assets shall be distributed exclusively to one or more non-profit organizations with purposes substantially similar to those of the Federation, in compliance with applicable federal and state non-profit regulations.

No assets shall inure to the benefit of any individual, officer, or private entity.

ARTICLE XI — ADOPTION

Section 11.1 — Adoption and Effective Date

This Statute was adopted and approved by the Board of Directors and the General Assembly of the American Billiards Pyramid Federation on _____, and shall enter into force immediately upon adoption.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned officers of the American Billiards Pyramid Federation hereby adopt and approve this Statute.

Signed on this ___ *day of* _____, 2026 United States of America.

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