

*The Official Constitution*  
of the  
**Garden State Men's Horseshoe League**

**CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE I - Name**

This organization shall be known as the Garden State Men's Horseshoe League.

**ARTICLE II - Purpose**

The purpose of the G.S.M.H.L. is to unite men, to play on teams in the game of horseshoes, with the goals of good sportsmanship and to promote social-ability, as well as competition, among it's members.

**ARTICLE III - Membership**

This organization is open to all males' 21 years of age or older, who are accepted to play on a team in this league. Any male under 21 years of age must be approved by the Board of Governors.

- A. A team may require a fee or dues from its members.
- B. The League may require a fee or dues from each team.
- C. A member must remain in good standing with his team and a team must remain in good standing with the League. For a member or a team to be in good standing they must abide by the rules of the team and the team shall abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Garden State Horseshoe League. (No team's rules shall be made in conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws of the League.)
- D. All members or teams found not in good standing will be subject to actions from the team and/or League Board of Governors.
- E. When a team leaves the League and is in a fine situation each player from that team is responsible for 1/16 of that fine, if unpaid, before they can play in the League with another team.
- F. Any new team should have a 1-year probation to be voted on at the end of the season.

**ARTICLE IV - Officers**

The Garden State Horseshoe League will have the following Officers:

President; Vice President; Treasurer; Statistician-Public Relations; Board of Governors

Each team in the Garden State Horseshoe League will have the following Officers:

Captain; Co-Captain; Alternate Co-Captain.

## **ARTICLE V - League Officers**

- A. The President: shall preside at all meetings, make recommendations, preserve order therein, decide all questions of order, enforce all laws and rules of the League, he shall appoint all committees. He shall represent and administer the affairs for this organization between meetings of the Board of Governors. He shall perform such other duties and usage that the League may require.
- B. Vice-President: will assume the duties of the President in his absence and assist the President at all times; he shall be a member of all committees. He will also keep record of the proceedings of all meetings, read communications and report same and have charge of all communications and attendance.
- C. Treasurer: shall draw up all orders for money from treasury funds by vote of the organization; collect all money from the organization and make record of all finances and report same at all meetings.
- D. Statistician: shall keep an accurate record of all League statistics and have charge of same. He will give reports at meetings, and will handle League publicity. He may vote on any rules or problems that apply to the statistician.
- E. Trustees: past Presidents may not exceed three (3) will become League Trustees. They may attend any meeting to voice opinions on any League matter; they will have no voting power. When a new Trustee is added the Senior Trustee will retire.

## **ARTICLE VI - The Board of Governors**

- A. The Board of Governors shall consist of all League Officers and all team Captains; each Captain represents one team in the Garden State Horseshoe League. Each team in the League is allowed one (1) vote, which is represented by their Team Captain. Only Captains vote on League policy and rules (except where noted in items C and D and elections.)
- B. The Board can appoint special officers as it deems necessary. These appointed positions will be reviewed each year at the March meeting.
- C. In the event of a tie vote on any League rule or League policy, the League President shall cast a tie-breaking vote.
- D. League Officers do not have voting power except when voting in League elections or changes in the League Constitution. Statistician may vote on any rules or problems that apply to the statistician.
- E. Team Captain as a member of the Board of Governors will be selected by his team to represent that team at all League meetings, he will be in charge of his team at all horseshoe matches. He will be responsible for his team for abiding by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Garden State Horseshoe League.
- F. Team Co-Captain will attend League meetings, he will assist his Captain at all League matches. He will assume the duties of the team Captain in his absence. All team Co-Captains will be selected by the team members.

#### **ARTICLE VI - The Board of Governors (Continued)**

- G. Alternate Co-Captain selected by the team Captain will assume the duties of Co-Captain in the event of his absence. (Alternate Co-Captain also has the power to vote if other officers on his team are not available.)
- H. All teams must be represented at all League meetings, the President and Vice President may represent their teams but cannot vote on team issues. Each meeting a team is not represented, the team will be fined \$10.00. Fines are payable in full at the next attended meeting. If not, penalty for nonpayment of fines will be the loss of voting power on all League issues and elections. Members of fined teams will not be allowed to participate in any League functions until fine is paid. (League functions include: Casino Trips; Tournaments: and the League Banquet.)
- I. Officers will be allowed three (3) absences during the year. Officers should notify any other Officer when they cannot attend a meeting. Officer record should be given to another Team Captain or Officer for the meeting. (When possible)
- J. Salary will be paid to all Officers:  
President \$200.00; Vice-President \$200.00; Treasurer \$350.00; Statistician \$450.00

#### **ARTICLE VII - Meetings**

- A. The Garden State Horseshoe League Board of Governors shall meet in accordance to the meeting schedule proposed each year.
- B. Special meetings may be called at any time the President or Board of Governors in their judgment deems advisable.
- C. At least one League Officer and 50% of Team Captains (in good standing) shall be a quorum to have an official meeting.
- D. Meeting will be held in a centrally located place as may be determined upon the Board of Governors. Meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M. (no later than 8:00 P.M.)

#### **ARTICLE VIII - Order of Meeting**

- A. Call to order by President (or designer)
- B. Call of roll of Officers
- C. Reading of minutes of previous meeting
- D. Financial Report
- E. Statisticians' Report
- F. Correspondence
- G. Deferred Business
- H. Old Business
- I. New Business
- J. Good and Welfare of League (also open to anyone outside of the Board of Governors to address the Board concerning the Good and Welfare of the League.)
- K. Elections
- L. Adjournment

#### **ARTICLE IX - Control of Property**

- A. Three (3) League Officers (President, Vice-President and Treasurer) will be authorized to sign checks to withdrawal funds from the bank accounts of the League. Two Officers, the Treasurer and President or Vice-President will be required to sign checks of withdrawal from accounts of funds.
- B. All League Officers and members of the Board of Governors shall promptly deliver all books, papers, money and property of the League to his successor or whomever the organization may appoint.
- C. This organization shall not be dissolved while at least four (4) members of the Board of Governors are willing to continue. A motion to dissolve shall not be acted on until the next scheduled meeting after it is introduced and all members of the Board of Governors should be notified of the proposed action.

#### **ARTICLE X - Elections**

- A. Nominations of Officers will take place at the October regularly scheduled meeting.
- B. Election of Officers will take place at the November regularly scheduled meeting.
- C. Elections will be by secret ballot. All attending members of the Board of Governors, in good standing, shall cast a ballot vote. The nominee receiving the highest number of votes will be declared the winner. Ties will be resolved by immediate consecutive balloting until a winner is declared.
- D. Eligibility: Any League member, in good standing and approved by the Board Of Governors, shall be deemed eligible to hold the position of League Officer.
- E. No one may hold (2) two elected positions.
- F. Order of elections shall be as follows:
  - 1. President
  - 2. Vice-President
  - 3. Treasurer
  - 4. Statistician
- G. Newly elected Officers will take office at the end of the regularly scheduled November meeting. All elected positions are for (1) one year.
- H. Ballots shall be counted by the Statistician. His count will be verified by a team Captain not running for any office. He will be appointed by the President.
- I. The Vice-President shall take over as President in the event the presidency is vacated. If any other Officer position is vacated the President will appoint a replacement to finish the term with the approval by a majority vote of the Board Of Governors. Eligibility rules Article X, Section D will apply.

#### **ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS**

- A. To change or amend the Constitution, a 2\3 majority of attending Board Of Governors will be needed, with all changes or amendments submitted in writing. Changes to the Constitution can only be submitted at the September or October meetings. They will be voted on at the November meeting.
- B. To change or amend the Rules and Regulations, a vote of 2\3 majority of attending Captains will be needed, with all changes or amendments submitted in writing. Changes to the Rules and Regulations can only be submitted in the October, November and January meetings. They will be voted on at the first February meeting.
- C. New Rules and Regulations may be added at any time as long as they do not override existing rules. New rules need only a majority vote of attending team Captains.
- D. Major changes must be submitted with a workable plan and a (2) two meeting waiting period before a vote.

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