

Venture Out Pickleball Club Bylaws

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I. ORGANIZATION:

The name of the club is the Venture Out Pickleball Club, hereafter The Club, and is recognized as such by the Social Board.

II. MISSION AND PURPOSE:

A. The Club exists to promote the game of pickleball at Venture Out.

B. To foster enjoyment, goodwill, fellowship, health and social engagement of all its members and fellow residents of Venture Out.

C. To administer, through rules and regulations, the optimum use of the courts and equipment for everyone's enjoyment.

D. To sponsor/run social activities, lessons, round robins, ladders, and tournaments etc. for the continued development and enjoyment of our members/guests.

III. MEMBERSHIP:

A: As long as owners, renters, or guests of owners and renters, are 'in residence' (staying at Venture Out), they can be members of The Club, and take part in all activities.

B: Only members will be allowed to play in Club scheduled events and Club activities.

C: Members must be at least eighteen (18) years old.

D: Annual Membership Dues are in effect for each season. Membership Dues will be determined by a vote of the membership at the Annual General Meeting , hereafter AGM, held in March. Any changes in dues will be effective the next fiscal year.

E: Membership in The Club runs from October 1 to September 30.

F: Members are expected to abide by all the rules and By-Laws of The Club.

G: Membership in The Club is a privilege. All members are expected to adhere to our Code of Conduct. Any violations will result in an initial verbal or written warning from the Board of Directors. Continued violations may result in Suspension and/or expulsion from The Club. Any physical abuse at the courts shall result in immediate suspension of all parties involved until the matter is reviewed and settled by the Board of Directors.

H: While at the pickleball courts, Members shall have on their person, or within close proximity, their Venture Out name badge showing their Pickleball membership symbol.

IV: BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

A: The Board of Directors shall consist of nine (9) members with three (3) elected each year for a three (3) year term.

B: Elections of the Board members will take place at the AGM held in March. All members will be sent an electronic ballot to cast their votes. Members may vote electronically or in person.

C: Following the election, all Board members will attend a meeting to elect the Officers for the new year. The Officer positions consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

D: If a Board member steps down from the Board for any reason, the vacancy may be filled by an appointment made by the Board President, with Board approval.

E: The Board shall meet periodically as scheduled by the President, and as often as may be required to conduct the business of The Club.

F: All Board members must be a member in good standing with The Club.

G: The Board of Directors shall authorize which Board members have signing authority on all checks. All checks with a value over \$350 shall require the signature of two (2) authorized Board members.

V: DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

A: The President shall:

1. Be responsible for the overall direction of The Club.
2. Chair all meetings, call special meetings if needed, and appoint committees and chairpersons for said committees.
3. Have general and active management of the business of The Club and shall see that orders and resolutions are carried into effect.
4. Furnish the Board Of Directors with a meeting agenda twenty-four (24) hours prior to any meetings.
5. Be an ex-officio member of all standing committees.
6. Shall assist in the coordination, preparation and submission of The Club's annual budget to the Social Board.
7. Interact with the Condo and Social Boards, including attending required meetings.

B: The Vice-President shall:

1. Assume the duties of the President in his/her absence and other duties as may be assigned by the President.

C: The Secretary shall:

1. Keep the minutes of all meetings.
2. Carry on any correspondence necessary for the Club.
3. Shall provide the President with a list of unfinished business as soon as possible after the meeting.
4. Shall inform and schedule events with the Activity Office and the Social Board.

D: The Treasurer shall:

1. Be responsible for the collection of the yearly dues.
2. Ensure each member is given a sticker to be attached to the Venture Out name badge upon payment of said dues.
3. Present invoices for approval, including receipt of merchandise, receiver's initials and date.
4. Pay approved invoices, date and file. As well as providing a monthly financial report to the Board.
5. Give an up to date itemized financial report at all general meetings.
6. Be responsible for all Club monies.
7. Be in charge of the bank account.
8. Submit the books for audit so that they may be presented to the membership at the AGM in March.
9. Keep a record of all members in cooperation with the membership secretary.

VI: ELECTIONS:

A: A nominating committee of three (3) will be appointed by the President and will submit a slate of nominees for the three (3) vacant Board positions each year.

B: Names of nominees will be posted fourteen (14) days prior to the Election Day.

C: Elections will be held at the AGM.

D: Successful nominee will be the three (3) with the highest number of votes.

E: Board members, when elected, may be eligible for one (1) additional succeeding three (3) year term with a maximum of six (6) consecutive years.

F: Any member, who is appointed mid-term to the Board, will be eligible to seek election for two (2) additional three (3) year terms.

G: Any member, who after serving two (2) consecutive terms, may seek re-election after a one (1) year absence from the Board.

VII: MEETINGS:

A: Meetings of the general membership shall be held periodically as determined by the Board.

B: Members in good standing shall be allowed to vote, either in person or electronically, on matters coming before the general membership.

VII: QUORUM:

A: For General Membership meetings quorum shall be Ten (10) percent of the total membership at the time.

B: A quorum for Board meetings shall be the presence of at least five (5) Board members.

C: A quorum of 25% must be reached for the AGM or any major decisions.

VIII: AMENDMENTS:

A: Any amendment to the By-Laws will be posted thirty (30) days prior to the AGM in March.

B: At the AGM, the proposed new By-Law will be presented for a vote. The proposed By-Law may be amended at said meeting so long as the modifications are not an increase in what was proposed.

C: The By-Laws shall comply with the Venture Out Social Board By-Laws, club rules, regulations and procedures. Anything not stated in the By-Laws shall be referred to Robert's Rules of Order for Parliamentary rule.