

## **United States Guts Players Association - Bylaws**

### **Article I. Name**

The name of the organization shall be the United States Guts Players Association (USGPA).

### **Article II. Purpose**

- A. To provide an organizational structure in the United States to promote, encourage, and increase participation in the sport of Guts Frisbee® (Guts).
- B. To provide opportunities for all people to engage in Guts events and competitions.
- C. To promote good public relations and cooperation with other disc sport organizations in the USA and world wild.
- D. To increase awareness of Guts in the United States through the media, Guts events and competitions, and through personal contact.

### **Article III. Membership and Dues**

#### **Section 1 - Eligibility**

Membership in the USGPA is open to all residents of the United States. The Board of Directors has discretionary power to award membership to any other person regardless of their country of residence.

#### **Section 2 - Good Standing**

To be an active and voting member, dues must be paid in full. Dues will be voted upon by the Board of Directors, and the treasurer will collect and account for the dues collected.

#### **Section 3 – Membership Classifications and Dues**

- A. Active Member: Annual dues \$25 per year. Membership benefits, restrictions, and conditions:
  1. Full membership, no restrictions on tournament play.
  2. Member will receive: USGPA Mini, USGPA Member Disc, Membership Number and Membership Card.
  3. Recognition on website for a month after joining.
- B. Inactive Member: Annual dues \$15 per year. Membership benefits, restrictions, and conditions:
  1. Member must pay \$10 Tournament Fee for each tournament entered.
  2. Member will receive: USGPA Mini, USGPA Member Disc, Membership Number and Membership Card.
  3. Recognition on website for a month after joining.

- C. Junior Member: Annual dues \$15 per year. Membership benefits, restrictions, and conditions:
  - 1. Full membership, no restrictions on tournament play.
  - 2. Member will receive: USGPA Mini, USGPA Member Disc, Membership Number and Membership Card.
  - 3. Recognition on website for a month after joining.
  
- D. Life Time Member: One time dues payment of \$500. Membership benefits, restrictions, and conditions:
  - 1. Full membership, no restrictions on tournament play.
  - 2. Member will receive: USGPA Life Time Member Polo Shirt, USGPA Mini, USGPA Member Disc, Low Membership Number and Membership Card.
  - 3. Permanent recognition on website.
  
- E. Honorary Member: Dues waived by Board of Directors. Membership benefits, restrictions, and conditions:
  - 1. Membership Number and Membership Card.
  - 2. Recognition on website.
  - 3. Candidates for Honorary Membership may be nominated by any member of the USGPA in good standing.
  - 4. Honorary Members are voted upon by the Board of Directors.
  - 5. Honorary membership is for a period of one year during the normal fiscal year for the USGPA.
  
- F. Non-Member: Non-Member restrictions, and conditions:
  - 1. Non-Members will be required to pay an additional \$10 non-member tournament participation fee. This will be imposed at each tournament a non-member or inactive member competes in. Non-members may join at tournament registration at any point in the season.

#### **Section 4 – USGPA Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year of the USGPA run from April 1st to March 31st each year. Membership year will run concurrent with the fiscal year.

### **Article IV. Governance**

#### **Section 1 - Officers**

- A. Titles and duties of each officer:
  - 1. There shall be a President who will preside at all meetings, appoint necessary committees, and call special meetings of the club as a whole or the officers.
  - 2. There shall be a Vice President who will be responsible for recruitment activities and public relations, alert members by use of phone tree about club and team events or meetings, and will prepare the club rules to be approved by the officers each year. She/he also will assist the President and preside at all meetings in the absence of or at the call of the President.
  - 3. There shall be a Secretary who will keep an accurate record of all current members, call roll at meetings, be responsible for all entry fees and forms, and compose all written documents and newsletters to keep members informed about club events or meetings.

4. There shall be a Treasurer who will collect dues, serve as financial liaison to the USGPA, inventory and order equipment, keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements, prepare all financial statements and budget requests in accordance with the USGPA Constitution, and present a financial report to the club at the end of each fiscal year.

#### B. Officer Elections

1. Officers will be elected through a popular vote of club members in February of each fiscal year. Officers shall be nominated by any USGPA member in good standing. The voting shall be done by private ballot. The counting and handling of the ballots shall be the responsibility of the President and Vice President.
2. The total number of Officers on the USGPA Board of Directors is seven.
3. Officers will be elected on a three year cycle. In the first year two officers shall be elected. In the second year three officers shall be elected. In the third year two officers will be elected. The first year of the next three year cycle shall commence with the February, 2007 election.
4. At the first meeting of each fiscal year the USGPA Board of Directors will select positions of Office to be held for the fiscal year by majority vote of the Board of Directors, solely at their discretion. The office of President shall be selected first, followed by all other Offices.

#### C. Officers' Terms of Office

1. The term of office shall be three years, beginning April 1.

#### D. Vacancies in Officer Positions

1. Upon vacancy of the office of the President, the Vice President shall fulfill the duties of the office of the President.
2. Upon vacancies of any other office, a new officer will be elected within one week following the vacancy during a regular or special meeting by methods stated in Article IV, Section 1.

## **Section 2 - Removal of Members and Officers**

#### A. Removal of Members or Officers

The following are reasons for initiating removal proceedings:

1. For officers: failure to fulfill the responsibilities of his/her office as defined in these bylaws.
2. Engaging in behavior that is flagrantly disrespectful and/or embarrasses the club.
3. Violations of regulations specified in the USGPA Constitution; the USGPA bylaws; or tournament regulations as established by the USGPA.
4. Failure to pay USGPA club dues on time or develop a payment plan with the treasurer prior to due dates.

#### B. Procedure for Removing Members or Officers

1. Any member in good standing with the USGPA may bring charges against another member or officer by presenting their concerns to the President of the club. The accused member or officer must be notified in writing by the President of the reason for the proposed removal in

advance of the meeting to consider removal. The accused member will be given the opportunity to present his/her case at the meeting and prior to any vote on his/her membership. To revoke membership, simple majority vote of the Board of Directors shall be required. The general membership of the USGPA shall be notified of the results of this meeting regardless of the outcome, by newsletter or general announcement.

2. If the accused member is the President, the next highest ranking officer will control the proceedings.

## **Article V. Meetings**

### **Section 1 - Regular Meetings**

The club will meet informally at all USGPA sanctioned tournaments during the year, as presented in the annual rules. If any change in the regular meeting time is needed, members will be notified by the club secretary three days prior to the scheduled meeting.

### **Section 2 - Special Meetings**

Club members will be notified at least three days before any special meetings. Any additional meetings to address problems, dismissal or concerns regarding the club will be scheduled by the President.

### **Section 3 - Officers' Meetings**

The club officers will meet prior to the regular or special meetings of the club to plan the club meetings. The President (or V.P. if President is unavailable) and at least three other officers must be present.

### **Section 4 - Voting**

Unless otherwise stated in the club bylaws, a vote carries when fifty-percent (50%) plus one of the members present vote in favor of the question called for a vote.

## **Article VI. Committees**

### **Section 1 - Ad hoc Committees**

The President may appoint members to serve on committees to assist with special events such as campus programs or special club projects.

### **Section 2 - Finance Committee**

The Treasurer will appoint club members to assist in preparing the annual budget submission to the USGPA Board of Directors and membership as needed.

## **Article VII. Finances**

### **Section 1 - Club Dues**

Dues will vary based on USGPA funding and club needs, as established in Article III, Section 3.

### **Section 2 – USGPA Sanctioned Tournaments**

In order to participate in USGPA sanctioned tournaments, players who are not members of the USGPA must pay a tournament fee to the USGPA for each tournament entered, as stated in Article III, Section 3.

## **Article VIII. United States Guts Players Hall of Fame**

### **Section 1 – Existing Frisbee® Hall of Fame**

- A. The USGPA is the current governing body of the Frisbee® Hall of Fame. The Frisbee® Hall of Fame includes members who are not associated with the sport of Guts. The USGPA has established the USGPA Hall of Fame, for United States Guts players. The USGPA recognizes the efforts and accomplishments of all existing Frisbee® Hall of Fame. The USGPA will maintain USGPA Hall of Fame member status for all existing Frisbee® Hall of Fame members until they can be transferred to one or more other Frisbee® Hall of Fame organizations. At that time all materials and artifacts will be transferred to the appropriate governing body.

### **Section 2 – USGPA Hall of Fame**

- A. The USGPA Board of Directors shall select a new permanent location for the USGPA Hall of Fame. Since this action has a broad impact on the Frisbee® community the decision will be made carefully, and solely at the discretion of the USGPA Board of directors.
- B. Selection of members for the USGPA Hall of Fame
  1. The President shall appoint a USGPA Hall of Fame Nominating committee, headed by a USGPA member in good standing that is not a current member of the Board of Directors. The committee chairperson shall select at least four other committee members who are members of the USGPA in good standing.
  2. The Nominating committee shall select Nominees for inclusion in the USGPA Hall of Fame based on player statistics; history; and contributions to the sport of Guts. Nominees must be associated with the sport of Guts in the United States. The USGPA Board of Directors encourages geographical and generational diversity during the selection process. Membership in the USGPA Hall of Fame is open to anyone regardless of sex, race, color, or creed within the stated eligibility requirements.
  3. The Nominating committee shall select any number of candidates at their discretion. The list of Nominees shall be presented to the USGPA Board of Directors by March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
  4. The USGPA Board of Directors and all members of the USGPA Hall of Fame comprise the Election committee, and shall vote on the Nominees. Each member of the Election Committee may cast up to five votes for the five different Nominees.
  5. The five Nominees with the highest vote total and that receive at least 75% of the votes of the Election committee shall be inducted into the USGPA Hall of Fame at the next International Frisbee® Tournament. In the event of ties in the voting for any of the first five vote count positions, the number of Inductees into the USGPA Hall of Fame shall be increased to include more than five members, providing that the Nominee receives at least 75% of the votes by the Election committee and is ranked at least fifth in the total vote count.
  6. Nominees that receive at least 25% of the votes of the Election committee automatically remain on USGPA Hall of Fame ballot for the next fiscal year.
  7. There is no limit to the number of times a Nominee can be on the ballot for the USGPA Hall of Fame.

8. Additionally, the USGPA Board of Directors can select members for induction at its discretion by quorum vote of the USGPA Board of Directors.
9. New inductees to the USGPA Hall of Fame shall be recognized at the International Frisbee® Tournament with a presentation including a permanent plaque to be displayed at the USGPA Hall of Fame.

**Article IX. Amendments**

Proposed amendments to these bylaws shall be at the discretion of the USGPA Board of Directors. Amendments shall be adopted by a simple majority vote by the Board of Directors, providing a quorum of more than 50% of the Board of Directors are present. The general membership shall be advised of amendments to the bylaws by newsletter or general announcement.

**Article X. Parliamentary Authority**

Robert's Abbreviated Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary authority of this organization.