



# CONSTITUTION

## OF THE INTERNATIONAL SKAT PLAYERS ASSOCIATION

### ISPA USA

March 04, 2016

This organization is incorporated in the State of Ohio under Ohio Revised Code Section 1745.13 as of March 16, 2015.

This constitution was approved following a vote by the five standing officers of ISPA USA, namely President, two Vice-presidents, Secretary (interim) and Treasurer (interim).

#### ARTICLE I

Section 1. The name of this corporation is " **International Skat Players Association - USA**", hereinafter called **ISPA USA or "the corporation"**.

Section 2. The principal place of business shall be the office or residence of the elected president of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE II

Section 1. The purpose of ISPA USA shall be the promotion, instruction and advancement of the card game known as Skat in both competitive and educational capacities and for any other lawful purpose.

Section 2. ISPA USA shall be a non-profit organization with all funds to be used for promotional, educational and supportive activities of various Skat tournaments, competitions and workshops.

Section 3. ISPA USA is to function as an umbrella organization under which Skat clubs as well as individuals are associated without prejudice toward race, creed, gender, or sexual orientation. Residence of such members is not necessarily restricted to USA.

Section 4. ISPA USA shall undertake that Skat rules and tournament agreements are followed to the fullest as laid down by ISPA World as well as rules tailored by ISPA USA to local requirements and needs.

Section 5. ISPA USA is associated with and affiliated with ISPA World.

#### ARTICLE III

Section 1. ISPA USA, in its activities, shall be nonpartisan, non-sectional and nonsectarian. It shall not by resolution or otherwise be committed to the support or endorsement of any candidate for public office.

Section 2. ISPA USA may acquire, take by gift, purchase, or bequest real and personal properties for the purpose appropriate in the exercise of its powers and corporate needs, including the rights to take, hold and dispose of such property, and including rights to take, hold and dispose of shares of stock in other corporations.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

Section 1. The corporation shall continue for a period of fifty years unless sooner dissolved by three fourth of the vote of all members in good standing or by act of the General Assembly, or by operation of law.

Section 2. In the event of dissolution all and any assets shall be distributed on a membership percentage base to ISPA Skat Clubs in USA or any beneficiary organization to be selected by the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE V**

Section 1. The government of the corporation shall be vested in a board of directors, who shall be either elected from and by the members of the corporation or such officers as the said Board of Directors may appoint in conformity with those articles and with the bylaws of this corporation.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall consist of President, two Vice-presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 3. The meeting of members of the corporation shall be held annually (at a minimum) and will be called by the President by a written invitation shall be send to all ISPA Skat Club executives announcing date, time, place and notice of special resolutions for the annual general meeting. Conference calls are acceptable for conducting meetings.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

Section 1. The Board of Directors of the corporation shall adopt, amend or repeal bylaws, provided, however, that any bylaw may be amended by the vote of the membership at any annual meeting or any special meeting called for this purpose.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

Section 1. All persons associated with ISPA USA who may pay the annual dues prescribed by the bylaws shall, by virtue of such payment, be members of this corporation. The bylaws may provide for the termination of membership in the corporation for nonpayment of dues.

Section 2. Organized skat clubs with at least three (3) members of ISPA USA in good standing may claim an affiliation with ISPA USA.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

Section 1. These articles of incorporation may be amended by vote of two-thirds of the members in good standing in attendance at any regular meeting, or at any special meeting called for this purpose, provided that such amendments shall be plainly stated in the call for the meeting at which they are to be considered.

Section 2. At ISPA USA meetings elected individual club representatives are the delegated voters for their respective club membership. No more than two delegates per member club my cast a vote.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

Section 1. The private property of the members of this corporation shall not be liable for the debts of this corporation but should be wholly exempt therefrom.