

ARTICLE VIII
ANNUAL MEETING

- 1. TIME OF MEETING** - At each Annual Tournament there shall be held an Annual Meeting of the Association.
- 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS** - There shall be no special meetings of the Association.
- 3. PROGRAM** - The program of the Annual Meeting shall be prepared by the Executive Secretary.
- 4. DISPLAY OF FLAG** - The American flag shall be properly displayed at the Meeting.
- 5. OPENING** - The Annual Meeting shall be opened with a prayer offered by a clergyman or a member of the host club.
- 6. QUORUM** - Delegates in number equal to three-fourths (3/4) of the Member Clubs represented by casters registered at the Annual Tournament shall constitute a quorum.
- 7. DELEGATES** - The delegates to the Annual Meeting shall be as follows:
 - A)** Members of the Executive Committee of the Association and Life Members, who shall be delegates at large. Each delegate at large shall have one vote.
 - B)** One accredited delegate from each Member Club in good standing. Each accredited delegate shall have one vote. In no event shall a delegate represent more than one club or have more than one vote. Each Member Club may choose an accredited alternate. In case the accredited delegate is absent, the alternate shall perform the duties of the delegate. All delegates and alternates shall be seventeen (17) years of age or over.
- 8. PROXY VOTING** - There shall be no proxy voting.
- 9. ABSENTEE BALLOT** - Voting by Absentee Ballot by Member Clubs shall be permitted on proposed amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Association. Absentee Ballots shall be signed by the President or Vice President and Secretary of the Member Club and forwarded to the Executive Secretary for presentation at the Annual Meeting. Each Absentee Ballot shall be counted as marked in conjunction with the voting of the delegates on proposed amendments. If a Member Club has submitted an absentee ballot, neither an accredited delegate nor a delegate seated by the Credentials Committee that represents that Member Club shall vote on proposed amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws Rules and Regulations of the Association.
- 10. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE** - The Credentials Committee shall consist of a Chairman and no more than two (2) members appointed by the President. The Chairman and members shall be from different states. All actions of the Credentials Committee shall be considered binding. In addition to certifying the credentials of delegates, the Credentials Committee shall count all written ballots.
- 11. CREDENTIALS OF DELEGATES** - The delegates and alternates shall present their credentials signed by the Secretary of their respective clubs to the Credentials Committee who shall seat all delegates and alternates with proper credentials. The Credentials Committee shall have the power and authority to seat any delegate from the floor. Any delegate so seated shall have powers and duties as set forth herein.
- 12. COMMITTEE REPORTS** - Each Committee Report that has been duplicated and distributed to Member Clubs prior to the Annual Meeting shall not be read except as otherwise directed by the Presiding Officer or by a majority vote of the delegates. A committee report that has not been given prior distribution shall be read at the discretion of the Presiding Officer or if directed by a majority vote of the delegates. Consideration of any resolution or recommendation contained in any properly distributed report where not otherwise inconsistent with the By-Laws of the Association shall be in order after the report is presented at the Annual Meeting.
- 13. RESOLUTIONS** - All resolutions not a part of a properly distributed committee report shall be presented in writing and in duplicate before the end of the first session, read by the Executive Secretary, and referred without debate to the Resolutions Committee.
- 14. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS** - Following the report of the Committee on Elections, additional nominations may be made from the floor contingent upon the acceptance of the nominee. Contested offices shall be decided by written ballot. Officers elect shall be installed by the incumbent Executive Secretary in accordance with Article V, Section 6.
- 15. RULES OF ORDER** - Where not inconsistent with the By-Laws of the Association, Robert's Rules of Order, Revised (latest edition) shall be the standard of parliamentary procedure. Special rules of order may be adopted.