

International Barbeque Cookers Association Bylaws

Article I – Name

The name of this organization shall be the International Barbeque Cookers Association, hereafter referred to as IBCA.

Article II – Object

The purpose of the IBCA is to promulgate fair and equitable competitive barbeque cooking through the development of standard rules and unbiased judging methodologies that can be applied internationally and to provide a sanctioning authority which will guarantee fair competition.

Article III – Membership

Section 1 Members

Membership is open to anyone 18 years of age or older who submits the required dues for annual membership. Membership in IBCA gives members voting rights and a chance to compete at the annual IBCA Annual Cook-off. All new members will receive a copy of current bylaws and rules.

- A. Regular Member - Those members who have paid the annual dues.
- B. Lifetime Members - Those members who have paid the lifetime membership dues.

Section 2 Dues

Dues are payable annually on each of the members anniversary date. Any increase in dues must be approved by the general membership.

Section 3 Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall be July 1 through June 30.

Article IV – Officers

Section 1 Officers

The officers of IBCA shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, two (2) Directors at Large and two (2) Regional Directors which will be elected by the membership of their respective Region.

To hold the office of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer or Director at Large or Regional Director, a member shall not be an officer, owner, or board member of another competitive cooking organization.

Section 2 Qualifications

- A. To qualify for the office of President or Vice-President a member shall be in good standing at least 4 years.
- B. To qualify for the office of Secretary, Treasurer, Director at Large or Regional Director a member shall be in good standing at least 2 years.

Section 3 Term of Office

Officers shall serve for a term of two years or until their successors are elected and are not to exceed two consecutive terms. Terms shall begin on September 1.

Section 4 Duties of Officers

Officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the association.

- A. President
 1. Preside at the annual membership meeting, special membership meetings and meetings of the Board of Directors.
 2. May establish special committees.
 3. The President will be responsible to the Board of Directors.
 4. Oversee the day to day operations of the organization.

B. Vice-President

1. The Vice President will be responsible to the President and the Board of Directors.
2. Assist the President in the performance of the officers duties.
3. In the absence of the President, assume the duties of the President.
4. Oversee the operations of out of state and international events.
5. Serve on committees as assigned by the President including the annual meeting, annual banquet, and the Showdown.

C. Secretary

1. Record the minutes of the annual membership meetings, special membership meetings and the Board of Directors.
2. Execute notice of all meetings of the Membership and Board of Directors at the direction of the President.
3. Be the custodian of all IBCA membership records.
4. Shall verify that all nominees meet qualifications.

D. Treasurer

1. Shall be the custodian of all funds.
2. Shall submit quarterly financial reports to the Board of Directors and an annual report at the annual membership meeting.

E. Regional Director

1. Shall be responsible for advising, coordinating and scheduling cook-offs with Promoters and Executive Head Judges to insure adherence to IBCA rules, regulations and guidelines.
2. Shall be responsible for reviewing and proofing the event fliers and all other print copy, provided to Promoters, to be posted on the IBCA website.
3. Shall hold a minimum of two regional meetings each year to offer members the opportunity to voice ideas and concerns.

F. Director at Large

1. Manage Facebook page in a timely manner. Direct information to appropriate individuals as needed.
2. Shall visit each region at least once a year, whether it be a cook-off or to attend a town hall meeting to give members you represent an opportunity to voice ideas and concerns.
3. If a Regional Director position be vacated prior to elections the At Large Directors will step in as an assistant for that region until a new director can be appointed by the BOD.
4. Be responsible for reviewing the IBCA calendar for completion of required information. Notify appropriate Regional Directors when required information is not present 30 days prior to the event. Example: address of cook off, head judge not listed, etc.

Section 5 Nomination and Election of Officers

- A. Nominations for Officers and Board of Directors shall begin 30 days prior the annual membership meeting and will conclude at the annual membership meeting.
- B. Voting for officers will be conducted by electronic ballot sent to all members in good standing after annual meeting and prior to September 1. A majority vote shall elect.

Section 6 Consent of Nominees

No names may be placed in nomination without the hand written or electronic mail (email) consent of the nominee.

Section 7 Vacancies

- A. A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the Vice-President for the unexpired term of the President.
- B. A vacancy in any other office shall be filled by appointment by the President with approval of the Board of Directors by majority vote for the unexpired term.

Section 8 Removal

Any member of the Board of Directors during their term, who has three absences from the Board of Directors Meeting will have his/her office declared vacant.

Article V – Meetings

Section 1 Annual Membership Meeting

The Annual Membership Meeting of IBCA shall be held the second weekend in August. Notice of the meeting shall be posted on the IBCA calendar of events.

Section 2 Special Membership Meeting

Special meetings may be called by the President or a majority of the Board of Directors of IBCA. The notice of the meeting shall be mailed, emailed or posted to the organizations website to all members 15 days prior to the date of the meeting.

Article VI – Board of Directors

Section 1

The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers and elected Regional Directors.

Section 2

The authority of the members of the Board of Directors is limited to the membership as a whole of the board not to the individual members of the board.

Section 3

The Board of Directors shall provide strategic oversight in accordance with the objective of the organization including but not limited to creating policy, programs and standards for the benefit of the membership.

Section 4

The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the Rules of the IBCA. Proposed changes to the Rules shall be submitted in writing to any member of the Board of Directors by any IBCA member. Proposed changes shall be approved or denied by vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 5

The Board of Directors will meet at least four times a year.

Section 6

The quorum necessary to conduct business is a majority of the Board of Directors membership.

Article – VII Committees

Section 1 Standing Committees

- A. Executive Head Judges Committee appointed by the President.
- B. Hall of Fame Committee appointed by the President
- C. Annual Meeting Committee appointed by the President

Section 2 Special Committees

- A. These committees may be appointed by the President.

Article VIII Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern IBCA.

Article – IX Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by the membership at any annual or special meeting of IBCA by two thirds vote provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing 30 days prior to the meeting. The proposed amendments approved by the BOD shall be presented at the annual meeting for membership approval.

Article X – Disciplinary Procedure

The BOD (Board of Directors) reserves the right to refuse membership to anyone for any reason in compliance with the most recent Equality Act. A member may be suspended and/or terminated for inappropriate conduct or actions which reflect negatively or bring embarrassment or turmoil to IBCA. The BOD may impose sanctions on a member, or expel a member, for good cause. Any member so charged will have the opportunity to answer the charge in writing. Both the charge and the answer will be submitted to the BOD. The BOD will vote on the suspension or expulsion of the member. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the attending BOD shall be required to suspend or expel member.

- A. A first offense may result in a 1-year suspension, after which time the member can reapply for membership. During the 12-month suspension a member will not be allowed to cook or participate in an IBCA sanctioned event until the member's suspension is completed.
- B. A second offense may result in a 2-year suspension, after which time the member can reapply for membership. During the 2-year suspension a member will not be allowed to cook or participate in an IBCA sanctioned event until the member's suspension is completed.
- C. A third offense may result in a lifetime suspension. During the lifetime suspension, the individual will not be allowed to cook or participate in an IBCA sanctioned event.

According to the severity of the offense, the BOD can vote to by-pass the first and second year suspensions and go directly to the lifetime suspension. A member with a lifetime suspension will not be allowed to cook or participate in an IBCA sanctioned event.

Any member or former member that presently is or has been previously suspended or terminated, shall not be permitted to become a member in the future nor cook nor participate in an IBCA sanctioned event unless the Board votes in favor of readmission, which shall require a two thirds (2/3) vote cast by the attending BOD.

Article XI – Dissolution

If dissolution of IBCA occurs the Board of Directors shall after paying or making provisions for the payment of liabilities of the IBCA dispose of all the assets of the IBCA in such a manner as to support organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes.