

**The Current CONSTITUTION
OF THE
SOUTHERN SECTION
OF THE
AMERICAN BRIDGE ASSOCIATION,
INC.**

**Article I
NAME AND AFFILIATION**

Section	1	Name
1.1	The name of this organization is and shall be the Southern Section of the American Bridge Association, Inc.	

Section	2	Affiliation
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2.1 The organization is an affiliate of the American Bridge Association.

**Article II
OBJECTIVES**

Section	1	The objectives of the Southern Section of the American Bridge Association shall at all times be congruent with the purpose and objectives of the parent body.
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1.1 To foster, encourage and develop the game of Duplicate Contract Bridge in the Section and any other later developments of the game of cards;

1.2 To unite all member bridge players into one group using identical laws and procedures in its bridge game, both public and private.

1.3 To sponsor, supervise, and conduct duplicate tournaments as permitted by the ABA; and

1.4 To sponsor and participate in those endeavors, both within the ABA and in cooperation with other groups or individuals, which involve the ABA in concerns of the larger community.

**The Proposed CONSTITUTION
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INC.**

**Article I
NAME AND AFFILIATION**

Section	1	Name
1.1	The name of this organization is and shall be the Southern Section of the American Bridge Association, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as the ABA).	

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1.2 To unite all member bridge players into one group using identical laws and procedures in its bridge game, both public and private.

1.3 To sponsor, supervise, and conduct duplicate tournaments as permitted by the ABA.

1.4 To Promote scholarships for any worthy students, contribute to charitable organizations and improve the general welfare of the community; and to sponsor and participate in those endeavors, both within the ABA and in cooperation with other groups or individuals, which involve the ABA in concerns of the larger community.

**Article III
MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1 Membership in this the Southern Section shall be individual and group and each shall have all rights and obligations as defined in the laws of the American Bridge Association.

**Article IV
OFFICERS**

Section 1 Southern Section Officers
1.1 The officers of the Southern Section shall be the Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and designated representatives; one from each club within the Southern Section.

**Article V
ELECTION**

Section 1 Election
1.1 Election of Southern Section Officers shall be by the Southern Section membership in a manner as prescribed in the Bylaws

**Article VI
SECTIONAL MEETING**

Section 1 There shall be two meetings of the Sectional Membership each year. The annual meetings shall be held during the Sectional weekends.

**Article VII
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee of the Southern Section shall be composed of the Sectional Vice-President, Sectional Secretary, Sectional Treasurer and the President of each club in the section or his/her designated representative.

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**Article VIII
AUTHORITY**

Authority of the Section is derived from the National Body and rests with the Sectional Membership, which delegates its powers to the Sectional Vice-President and the Executive Committee between open membership meetings.

**Article IX
AMENDMENT**

Amendments to this document shall be a two-thirds (2/3) vote at a Sectional Tournament in a Membership Business Meeting, provided such proposed change(s) have been published in the Southern Exposure or there has been written communication to each individual member at least ninety (90) days prior to the vote. The amendment(s) shall also have been read at a previous Membership Business Meeting.

**Article IV
AUTHORITY AND GOVERNMENT**

Section 1 Authority of the Section is derived from the American Bridge Association, Inc. and rests with the Sectional Membership.

Section 2 Governance of the Southern Section
The *governance* of the Southern Section shall be vested in the Sectional members at the membership meetings and in the Executive Committee between membership meetings, except the Executive Committee may not alter or countermand any policy decision already adopted by the membership.

Section 3 Composition of the Executive Committee
The Executive Committee of the Southern Section shall be composed of the Sectional Vice President, Sectional Secretary, Sectional Treasurer, and the President of each club in the Southern Section or his/her designated representative.

**Article VIII
AMENDMENT**

Amendments to this Constitution shall be made in a membership business meeting at a Southern Sectional Tournament, provided such proposed change(s) have been published in the Southern Exposure or distributed to each individual member at least sixty (60) days prior to the vote, and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of *those members present and voting. Proposed amendments), must not be* in conflict with the laws, regulations and guidelines of the ABA.

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**Article X
IMPLEMENTATION**

This Constitution and Bylaws shall take effect immediately upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership, provided said documents have been published and distributed throughout the Section and contain no statement that may be in conflict with the laws, regulations and guidelines of the National Body.

**Article IX
IMPLEMENTATION**

This Southern Section Constitution shall take effect immediately following approval by the Southern Section membership.

January 1999: Date last revisions to the Southern Section Constitution were approved by the Southern Section membership

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