

CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FANTASY GAMING SOCIETY

ARTICLE I PURPOSE

Section 1. The International Fantasy Gaming Society, Inc. (IFGS), hereinafter referred to as the Society, is a non-profit membership corporation, incorporated under Colorado law. The purpose of the Society shall be to sponsor, conduct, sanction, promote, and encourage the play of live-action, full-scale role playing games; to charter and oversee Chapters of the Society for performing these functions; and to perform educational functions related to role playing games. In addition, the Society will provide rules for sanctioned games; and encourage and facilitate communication between Chapters. To that end, the Society may transact business, acquire, own and dispose of property, engage in contracts and take such other actions as are permitted for corporations of its type under Colorado law.

Section 2. The Society may accept such other purposes as the Membership may from time to time determine.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in the Society shall be available to any person regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or national origin. Membership in the Society may be denied, by vote of the Board, only to persons or groups who have had previous membership in the Society terminated for reasons other than non-payment of dues.

Section 2. Membership in the Society shall be granted upon payment of the appropriate dues and fulfillment of the qualifications for that type of membership.

Section 3. Types of Membership:

- A. Active members - Full voting members of the Society, eighteen (18) years of age or older, eligible to vote, hold office, and entitled to any benefits of such membership as may be determined by the Society.

- B. Junior members - Ineligible to vote or hold office but entitled to all other benefits of Active Members. Junior Membership is available only to persons under the age of 18.
- C. Life Members - Life Membership may be offered by the Society in such form as shall be determined by the Society Board. If that form is modified at any time, the benefits available to previous recipients of Life Membership shall not be altered without their consent.
- G. Other Members - The Society may determine other categories and appropriate benefits as it sees fit except that no membership category except Active Member will be entitled to vote or hold office.

Section 4. The dues for each category of membership shall be set forth in the By-laws.

Section 5. Except as indicated in this Section, participation in sanctioned games of the IFGS shall be limited to those persons who hold a Membership in the Society. For purposes of recruiting, a non-member may participate in no more than two games before becoming a member of the Society."

Section 6. Termination of membership.

- A. Membership in the Society may be terminated or suspended by the Board for non-payment of dues, serious and willful violation of a safety rule, or conviction of a crime committed in connection with or related to a Society event.
 - 1. If a member held a Society level position, office, or directorship when the membership was terminated for non-payment of dues, then their holding of a position, office, or directorship is also terminated.
- B. Prior to termination for non-payment of dues, a written statement shall be mailed to the member's last recorded address informing the member that such action is pending.
- C. For cause other than non-payment of dues, a statement of charges shall be mailed by certified mail to the member being charged at the member's last recorded address at least fifteen (15) days before the final action is taken, and the member being considered for termination shall have the right to a hearing before the Board. Such termination shall require a two-thirds vote of the entire Board.
- D. A member terminated for non-payment of dues shall be immediately reinstated upon payment of dues or proof that payment has been made.
 - 1. If a member held a Society level position, office, or directorship when the membership was terminated for non-payment of dues, and the member has their

membership reinstated within 30 days membership termination, the member is automatically reinstated in their Society level position, office or directorship.

a. If more than 30 days passes after termination of Society level position, office or directorship without reinstatement of membership, the Society level position, office, or directorship will be filled in accordance with the Constitution and By-laws.

E. Persons or groups whose membership has been terminated or suspended shall not be eligible for refund of dues or fees. The Society shall honor all other financial commitments to such persons or groups.

ARTICLE III MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY

Section 1. The Society shall hold one annual meeting during the month of January at a date, location and time prescribed by the Board. That annual meeting shall also constitute the corporate annual meeting.

Section 2. Advance written notice of the annual meeting shall be provided to all members at least six weeks before that meeting.

Section 3. Rules of order contained in the book Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern the Society on all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-laws of the Society.

ARTICLE IV CHAPTERS

Section 1. Function. Chapters of the Society, hereinafter known as Chapters, shall be the principal organs for furthering the aims of the Society. Chapters shall have a primary responsibility for the sponsoring and conducting of games as described in ARTICLE I.

Section 2. Establishment. Chapters may be established in a manner consistent with the By-Laws and by means set forth below.

A. An individual or group wishing to establish a Chapter may petition the Board for provisional status.

- B. Upon review of this petition by the Board, the Board may grant provisional status by
 - i. appointing one of the petitioners to serve as chairman of the organizational activities.
 - ii. appointing an experienced member of the Society to serve as advisor to the provisional Chapter as that Chapter's liaison to the Society.
- C. The provisional chapter shall form an organization as described in this article and in the By-Laws for Chapters and shall begin to perform the functions of a Chapter as described therein.
- D. Upon recommendation by the provisional Chapter's advisor the Board shall review the performance and organization of the provisional Chapter and decide whether to grant it a charter as a regular Chapter.
- E. The Board may revoke the provisional status of a potential chapter, with or without cause, by a majority vote of the Board.

Section 3. Membership. No person may be a member of any Chapter without being a member of the Society.

Section 4. Constitution. The Chapter constitution will be based upon the standard Society Chapter Constitution and By-Laws which may be modified to suit the needs of the chapter in a manner not inconsistent with the constitution and By-Laws of the Society, subject to the approval of the Board.

Section 5. Revocation of Charter. The Charter of a Chapter may be revoked, with or without cause, by a 2/3 vote of the members eligible and casting votes.

ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Authority. The property and the day to day affairs, activities, and concerns of the Society shall be vested in a Board of Directors, hereinafter known as the Board, or their appointed agents. The Board derives its authority from the Membership through this Constitution. Any actions of the Board may be subject to approval by a vote of the Membership.

Section 2. Duties. The duties of the Board shall include but not be limited to:

- A. Hold meetings at such times and places as it deems proper, such meetings to be open to any member in good standing;
- B. Audit members and suspend or expel them as described in Article II;
- C. Appoint and abolish special committees;
- D. Audit bills and disburse the funds of the Society;
- E. Authorize the printing and circulating of documents and articles;
- F. Represent the Society in communications with subsidiary Chapters, or other associations, or businesses;
- G. Employ agents;
- H. Set policies, not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws, under which games are to be sanctioned and conducted;
- I. Take such other actions it considers proper and expedient to best promote the objectives and purposes of the Society and to best protect the interests and welfare of the membership;
- J. Publish all of its actions in such a manner as to reach all members.

Section 3. Number, Election and Term. The Board shall consist of seven (7) Directors elected from the Active Membership. Directors shall be elected by a general election to be held less than ninety (90) days and greater than thirty (30) days prior to the next annual meeting. The duly elected Directors shall be installed at the annual meeting following their election and shall serve for a term of approximately two (2) years until the installation of their successors. A Director may succeed him/herself. Election of Directors shall be staggered such that three (3) Directors are elected in odd numbered years and four (4) Directors are elected in even numbered years.

Section 4. Quorum. The presence, in person or by proxy, of a majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any and/or all meetings of the Board.

Section 5. Proxies. Every Director entitled to vote at any meeting thereof may do so by proxy. The proxy shall be in writing, specify the Director's intentions in whatever form that Director considers appropriate, and is revocable at the pleasure of the Director executing it. A proxy must be dated and shall be valid for thirty (30) days after that date.

- A. No person may hold more than one Director's proxy.

i. Should a person be given more than one Director's proxy the person may choose which proxy to vote. The other proxy(s) will not be used, and that Director(s) will be not-present for purposes of votes and quorum.

B. If a Director must leave a Board of Director's meeting before it ends, the Director may give a verbal proxy to another Director present at the meeting on those items remaining on the agenda. The verbal proxy will not be valid for new business.

Section 6. Vacancies. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the Board, for whatever reason, it shall be filled within thirty (30) days by a majority vote, by ballot, of the remaining Directors. The person so elected shall serve out the remainder of the term being filled.

A. In the event that a vacancy occurs due to non-payment of dues, the 30-day period begins when automatic reinstatement is no longer possible.

Section 7. Removal of Directors. Any number of Directors shall be removed from office, either with or without cause, immediately upon a 2/3 vote of the members eligible and casting votes in a special election called for that purpose as described under Article IX.

Section 8. Officers. The Board shall elect from among the Directors a President and Vice-President who shall serve as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board and shall elect a Treasurer and such other officers as the Membership deems necessary. The terms of these officers shall run until the next installation of Board members. The Board shall also appoint a Registered Agent for the Corporation (not necessarily a member of the Society) who shall serve until replaced.

**ARTICLE VI
FINANCES**

Section 1. Fiscal year. The fiscal year of the Society shall run from April 1 to March 31 of the following year.

Section 2. Dues and Fees. The amount of annual dues for each membership category and the nature and amount of any other fees to the Society shall be set forth in the By-Laws.

Section 3. Payment of dues. Dues shall be payable in advance for each fiscal year.

- A. In the event that dues or fees are reduced, each member that has paid the higher amount for the same period or service shall be entitled to a refund for the difference between the two amounts.
- B. The Board may, in cases of financial hardship, accept payment in kind (goods or services) in lieu of cash for payment of dues or fees. Such goods or services must be over and above usual amounts donated by paying members and may not include service on any committee or as an officer of the Society.

Section 4. Distribution of Remaining Monies. The remaining monies in the Society treasury at the end of each fiscal year shall be carried forward to the next fiscal year. This money shall be used for the benefit of the Society.

Section 5. Debts. The Society shall never pay, assume, or become responsible for the personal or unapproved debts or liabilities of any individual, group of members, or Chapter of the Society.

Section 6. Payments. All invoices must be approved by the Board or its agent before payment is made. All checks drawn upon funds of the Society by the Treasurer must be countersigned by a Director other than the Treasurer.

**ARTICLE VII
VOTING**

Section 1. Who May Vote. Only Active members in good standing with current dues paid shall be entitled to vote. Each member shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

Section 2. Method of Voting. Voting on all binding matters to come before the Membership shall be by written, secret ballot. The Board shall send a ballot to each member entitled to vote such that the member receives that ballot at least fourteen (14) days prior to the due date for the return of the ballot.

Section 3. Nominations. Nominations of candidates for office and preparation of proposed changes in, or additions to, the Society Constitution or By-Laws shall be set forth in the By-Laws.

Section 4. Write-in Candidates. The option to write in names not otherwise on a ballot shall be included on all ballots for elections to office.

Section 5. Revision of By-Laws. Revisions to the By-Laws shall be recommended by the Board or by initiative as described in the By-laws. Adoption or revision of Society By-Laws shall require a majority vote of the Membership. A By-Law revision or addition shall be submitted in writing to the Membership on or before the distribution of the ballots to resolve the revision or addition.

Section 6. Amendments. Amendments to this Constitution shall be recommended by the Board or by initiative as described in the By-Laws. Adoption of amendments shall require a 2/3 vote of the members eligible and casting votes. An amendment shall be submitted in writing to the Membership on or before the distribution of the ballots to resolve that amendment.

Section 7. Decision of Vote. On all matters to be voted upon, a simple majority of the votes cast will decide the issue unless otherwise noted in this constitution. All matters are to be decided on the basis of the appropriate majority of those votes received prior to the deadlines published with the ballot.

ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing Committees. Standing committees and their functions shall be described in the By-Laws.

Section 2. Special Committees. The Board may, at any time, establish such other committees as it considers proper to deal with any matter not covered by a Standing committee.

**ARTICLE IX
INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM**

Section 1. Right to Action. The Membership shall have the right to have any action taken by the Board subjected to a vote of the Membership as described in the By-Laws. The Board shall be bound by that vote and such a decision can only be overruled by another vote of the Membership.

Section 2. Right to vote. The Membership shall have the right to have any proposition submitted to the Membership for vote as provided in the By-Laws.

**ARTICLE X
ADOPTION**

Section 1. Adoption. Upon acceptance by a 2/3 vote of the members eligible and casting votes this Constitution shall become immediately effective and supersede all previously adopted Constitutions of the Society.

Section 2. Continuation. All dues and fees paid under previous constitutions shall count for the Membership period or service for which they were originally paid. Membership on the Board and on committees shall continue provided that such membership does not violate this Constitution or the By-Laws.

BY-LAWS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FANTASY GAMING SOCIETY

**ARTICLE I
AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE**

1. The authority for these By-Laws is derived from the Society's Constitution.
2. The purposes of the By-Laws are as follows:
 - A. To set down policies which are to be followed in regulating the general affairs of the Society.
 - B. To advise the Members of their rights, duties and powers in relation to the Society and among themselves.
 - C. To make legal provision for a ballot on any matter which in the judgement of the Membership or the Board may be necessary and proper.

**ARTICLE II
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

1. The Board will appoint special committees and agents to fill various positions as deemed necessary by the Board.
2. The Board will publish the dates of its regularly scheduled meetings in the Society newsletter and will issue a written agenda for each meeting prior to that meeting.
3. All Directors who are intending to play in any Society game will disqualify themselves from any and all decisions affecting the play and performance of that game until such time as the scoring for that game has been completed and all appeals are exhausted. This disqualification shall not extend to purely financial matters.
4. The officers of the Society shall be appointed by the Board as described in the Constitution. No person shall hold more than one office at any one time nor shall any officer serve on any Standing committee. The officers of the Society shall be described below.

5. The duties of the officers of the Society shall be as follows:
- A. President - The President shall be the principle representative for the Society. The President shall serve as Chair for meetings of the Board and for meetings of the Society. The President and his/her designates shall be the official spokespersons for the Society. The President or his/her alternate (the Vice-President) shall be the only members of the Society authorized to commit the Society to any obligation.
 - B. Vice President - The Vice-President shall act as the President if and when the President is unable to perform his duties.
 - C. Secretary - The Secretary shall be responsible for the taking of minutes at all meetings of the Board and at all meetings of the Society and for maintaining a permanent record of such minutes. The Secretary shall make this permanent record available for inspection by any member of the Society. The Secretary shall be responsible for notifying the Membership of all actions of the Board through the Society's newsletter.
 - D. Treasurer - The Treasurer shall be responsible for the accounting of all Society funds. This shall include accounting of accounts payable and accounts receivable as required by law; in particular, this shall include an up to date accounting of all dues and fees owed or paid to the Society. In addition, the Treasurer shall maintain up-to-date membership records for the Society.

ARTICLE III DUES AND FEES

- 1. The dues for each category of membership shall be established from time to time by a majority vote of the Board.
- 2. The Board may collect a fee from non-member game participants to defray costs to the Society incurred by that participation.

ARTICLE IV VOTING

- 1. The Election Committee shall nominate at least one qualified candidate for each post to be filled. Any voting member may also be nominated by presenting to the Election

Committee a petition requesting that nomination which has been signed by at least fifteen (15) members on or before 10 October.

2. Names on the printed ballot shall be arranged by random drawing, and a final blank line shall be provided for a write-in candidate for each office. Other proposals requiring a vote of the Membership will follow the listing of the candidates. A campaign statement of two hundred (200) words or less from each candidate will be printed and enclosed with each ballot.
3. Ballots for the election of Directors, Standing Committee members, and for such other matters as may require attention at that time shall be compiled by the Election Committee and distributed to the Membership not later than 1 November.
4. Only completed ballots returned to the Chairman of the Election Committee postmarked before midnight, 1 December, and received before midnight, 10 December, shall be counted.
5. The dates given in Section 1-4 of the Article apply only to the annual ballot for election of Directors and Standing Committee members. For any other mail ballot, a similar procedure shall be followed and a similar set of dates shall be established by the Election Committee. The deadline date for returning ballots for such an election shall be printed on the ballot.
6. Final results of the balloting shall be published in the first available issue of the Society newsletter following the final decision.

ARTICLE V COMMITTEES

1. The following shall be Standing Committees and their duties. The Board shall appoint the chair and any number of members to committees and they shall serve until removed by the Board.
 - B. General Promotions. This committee shall integrate and correlate those activities of the Society which are directed toward the advancement of Membership in and the establishment and maintenance of good public relations for the Society (suggested subcommittees are membership, public relations and advertisement).
 - C. Rules Committees. There shall be a separate Rules Committee for each type of game sanctioned by the Society. Each Rules Committee shall have final authority on the rules under which that type of game shall be played and shall publish and make available those rules to all interested parties. Modifications to rules shall not be binding for any

game for which a complete game proposal has been submitted to any Sanctioning Committee prior to the publication of such modifications.

For each type of game, the corresponding Rules Committee handles protests which cannot be resolved at a lower level, conducts research into construction of safe weapons and equipment and publishes same, and takes such other actions as the committee deems appropriate to provide safe, orderly, and enjoyable games. Recommendations for rules changes or additions and questions concerning interpretation of any rule may be submitted to the committees by any member of the Society.

- D. Election Committee. The Election Committee is responsible for nominating at least one qualified candidate for each post to be filled, verification of voter eligibility, ballot petitions such as initiative and referendum, dispersion and collection of ballots, counting of ballots, reporting of election results to the Membership, vote challenges and recounts. Election Committee members shall serve for two (2) year terms, not all concurrent, to be staggered in a manner to be determined by the Board.
- E. Newsletter. The Newsletter Committee shall publish and distribute the monthly newsletter of the Society to all members and such other subscribers as the committee may determine. This newsletter shall include, but not be limited to, articles of interest to members of the Society, announcements and reports of the Board, advertisements, and such other items as the committee deems appropriate.
2. Special committees shall have a minimum of three (3) members, one of whom shall be chairman.
 3. Membership on any committee shall be limited to Active and Junior Members of the Society in good standing.
 4. All committee meetings shall be open to any member of the Society. Meeting times and places shall be available to any member of the Society from the Committee chairman.
 5. The chairman of each committee, or his/her designate, will attend meetings of the Board as necessary to report on current activities of that committee.
 6. No person may serve on more than one Standing committee nor more than two special Committees at any one time.
 7. Any and all actions of any committee may be subject to approval by a vote of the Membership.

8. Any committee may form such sub-committees to assist the committee in performing its duties as the members of that committee deem proper.
9. Any committee member may resign his/her position by submitting written notice to the Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of that resignation.

ARTICLE VII CHAPTERS

1. A Chapter Constitution shall include the standard Society Chapter Constitution and By-Laws and any additional By-Laws the chapter may desire which are not inconsistent with the constitution and By-Laws of the Society.
2. Chapters shall be formed for the purpose of sponsoring and conducting role playing games as described in the constitution. Chapters may accept such other purposes not inconsistent with the purposes of the Society, as described in the constitution and By-Laws of the Society, as the Chapter may from time to time determine.

ARTICLE IX INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

1. Any proposition may be submitted to a vote of the Membership by submitting a petition to the Board requesting such a vote. Such propositions may concern, but are not limited to, the following topics: removal of any officer; the revocation of any chapter's charter; amendments to the Constitution; additions or revisions to the By-laws; game rules changes; countermanding decisions of the Board; or such other matters as the members may present. The results of such a vote are binding on the Board, the Society, and the members and may only be overturned by another vote of the Membership.
2. A petition to force the vote on an issue shall require the following minimum numbers of signatures of voting members of the Society:
 - A. Ten (10) percent of the overall Membership;
 - B. Ten (10) percent of the members of each of half or more of the Chapters.
3. When such a petition is received by the Board more than ten (10) days and less than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the distribution of annual ballots, then the issue shall

be placed on the annual ballot. In all other cases, the Board shall instruct the Election Committee to conduct a special balloting to decide the issue. The special vote shall be conducted such that the issue is decided within ninety (90) days following receipt of the petition by the Board. Any number of proposals may be included on a single ballot.

4. The Election Committee shall include, with each ballot, statements summarizing the arguments for and against each of the proposals to be voted on. Each such statement is to be prepared by an individual or group supporting that side of the issue and shall be limited to five hundred (500) words in length.

**ARTICLE X
BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP**

1. The benefits of each type of membership shall be as follows:
 - A. Junior Member - Junior Members shall be entitled to the same benefits of membership as Active Members except voting and holding office.