NASPA INTERNATIONAL – CANADA (NICAN)

BY-LAWS

NASPA International – Canada is an association of Scrabble devotees.

Purposes

- To improve international cooperation in competitive Scrabble play.
- To cooperate with crossword game associations and federations in other languages, such as FILE, FISF.
- To organize and support NASPA-sanctioned tournaments in Canada using the CSW lexicon and WESPA rules.
- To promote youth and school crossword game play using the CSW lexicon; to support Canadian youth participation in the World Youth Scrabble Championship.
- To encourage adoption of Scrabble as a recognized component of school curricula and extra-curricular activities that have great advantages for education.
- To encourage and support participation by members in Scrabble tournaments internationally.
- To seek opportunities for mutual support, communication, and lobbying with other mind sports organizations.

WESPA

- NICAN is aligned with the objects of the World English-Language Scrabble Players Association (WESPA) as outlined in WESPA's constitution.

Membership

- All members of NASPA who are Canadian citizens or residents of Canada are members of NICAN, unless they choose to be a member of any other WESPA-affiliated organization.

Membership Meetings

Biennial membership meetings will be held in person, on online platforms, by conference phone call, or a hybrid version of some or all of the above.

Special meetings can be called by the Executive.

A minimum of three months' notice will be given of biennial meetings. A minimum of one month's notice will be given of special meetings.

Membership meetings require the attendance of at least 50% of the Executive.

Officers and Executive

The officers of NICAN will be:

- Chairperson
- Secretary

The Executive will consist of the Officers and up to 3 Members-at-large and serve until the end of the following Biennial Meeting. No more than two Members-at-large can be elected from each of 3 regions (West and Territories, Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic Provinces). Members who are not resident in Canada are eligible to be elected as officers or members-at-large.

Elections

Nominations will be accepted from the date of the announcement of the Biennial meeting until 2 weeks before the Biennial meeting.

Voting will be conducted securely online using the NASPA online voting platform.

Amendments

These By-Laws can be amended only by the following procedure:

- Proposed By-Laws amendments may be submitted by any member from the date of the announcement of the Biennial meeting until 2 weeks before the Biennial meeting.
- Properly submitted proposed By-Laws amendments will be posted online and circulated to members at least one week prior to the Biennial meeting.
- Proposed By-Laws amendments will be discussed and voted on by members present at the Biennial meeting and will require a 2/3 majority of votes cast at the meeting to be adopted.