# NASPA INTERNATIONAL – UNITED STATES (NIUSA)

## BY-LAWS

NASPA International – United States 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 WESPA-sanctioned tournaments in the United States using the CSW lexicon and WESPA rules.
- To promote youth and school crossword game play using the CSW lexicon; to support United States 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

- NIUSA 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 United States citizens or residents of the United States are members of NIUSA, 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 NIUSA will be:

- Chairperson
- Secretary

The Executive will consist of the Officers and up to 4 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 4 regions (Northeast, South, Midwest, and West). Members who are not resident in the United States 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.