
Tapey Beercone Charter

2015 Revision

Office of the Commissioners of
Tapey Beercone

Article I: Formation and Duration of Charter

This Tapey Beercone Charter constitutes an agreement among the founders and players of Tapey Beercone, each of which shall be entitled to the benefits of and shall be bound by all terms and provisions hereof, and it shall remain in effect in perpetuity for all time.

Article II: Amending this Charter

The Board of Regents, upon initiative of the Office of the Commissioners or the expressed desire of the Board of Regents, shall propose amendments to this charter.

Section A: Public Notice

In the event of proposed amendments to the Tapey Beercone Charter, the Board of Regents is required to provide a fortnight of public notice of the proposed actions for the purpose of review and debate within the Tapey Beercone Beer Congress. During this public notice period any member of the Beer Congress may petition the Board of Regents to alter or withdraw the proposed amendment. Upon expiration of the public notice period the Board of Regents must, in a timely manner, convene for the purpose of ratifying the proposed changes.

Section B: Ratification

Amendments to the Tapey Beercone Charter must be ratified by a unanimous vote of the Board of Regents. Once ratified, the amendment shall be considered an active article of the Tapey Beercone Charter, carrying with it the full codified weight of said charter.

Article III: The Tapey Beercone Player's Association

The Tapey Beercone Player's Association is the body of all persons who have participated in the play of a game of Tapey Beercone. Membership in the Player's Association is automatic and compulsory for all players. Members of the Player's Association not serving on the Board of Regents are granted delegate status within the Tapey Beercone Beer Congress. All present members of the Player's Association are responsible for ensuring an ample supply of beer is present before the beginning of any game. Any player may be expelled from the Player's Association following execution of due process of law. Any player facing expulsion may appeal to the Arbiter of Tapey Beercone for clemency.

Article IV: The Board of Regents

The Board of Regents is the governing body of Tapey Beercone. It is comprised of SEVEN persons each serving as a Regent of Tapey Beercone. Each Regent shall have life tenure on the Board of Regents. Vacancies on the Board of Regents are filled by appointment by their previous occupant or, when the previous occupant cannot or will not appoint a successor, the Commissioners of Tapey Beercone, and confirmed by a super-majority of the remaining Regents. Should a confirmed successor be of insufficient age, the position will be held in trust by a conservator regent until such time that the heir come of age. All players are eligible for the regency provided they meet the following conditions:

1. Be at least 20 years of age.
2. Be in good standing with the Player's Association.

The Board of Regents is the sole governing body of Tapey Beercone and is an institution of The Buckos Nation. Each Regent fills one of the mandated positions within the Board of Regents. It is the Right and Duty of each regent to serve and expand the game of Tapey Beercone in the scope of their particular skill set and interests, recruit new players, and facilitate the establishment of new franchise leagues where applicable.

Section A: Mutability of the position on the Board of Regents

Should a position on the Board of Regents be vacated by a regent, the Board shall undertake positional realignment to ensure the staffing of ALL positions mandated by the Charter of Tapey Beercone. All positional changes must be approved by a Super Duper majority vote.

Section B: Positions within the Board of Regents

1. President of the Tapey Beercone Player's Association - The President of the Tapey Beercone Player's Association is charged with ensuring the availability of "The Official and Governing Rules of Tapey Beercone" to all players. The President of the Player's Association is the final approving official for ALL appointments within Tapey Beercone.
2. Chairman of the Board of Regents - The Chairman of the Board of Regents is charged with providing oversight on the operations of the Board of Regents, ensuring that protocol is properly followed in the event of Rules Review and Charter Amendment. It is the responsibility of the Chairman of the Board of Regents to act in the capacity of Solicitor General for Tapey Beercone should the need arise.
3. Arbiter of Tapey Beercone - The judicial powers of the Tapey Beercone Player's Association, shall be vested in this single office, provided for the purpose of careful consideration and advisement on cases where the Board of Regents may find itself in a conflict of interest. The Arbiter of Tapey Beercone is charged with providing sage wisdom to the Board of Regents, ensuring that traditions and customs of the game are upheld, and ensuring that conflicts are resolved in compliance with the legal tradition of the Buckos Nation.
4. Inspector General of Tapey Beercone - The Inspector General of Tapey Beercone is charged with maintaining the safety of the game. It is the responsibility of the Inspector General to ensure that players imbibe beer at an appropriate rate, equipment is maintained to the highest standard, and to inspect unproven equipment for safety prior to play.

5. Field Marshall of the Tapey Beercone Expeditionary Forces - The Field Marshall of Tapey Beercone is charged with scouting and developing potential players and fields for play of the game. It is the responsibility of the Field Marshall to ensure that potential locations of play are properly vetted and players are of suitable charisma, constitution, and endurance for inclusion in any campaign of the game.

6. Office of the Commissioners - (See Article V: Office of the Commissioners of Tapey Beercone)

Article V: Office of the Commissioners of Tapey Beercone

The Office of the Commissioners of Tapey Beercone consists of TWO Co-Commissionerships filled by members of the Board of Regents. Each Co-Commissioner serves at the pleasure of the Board of Regents and shall hold said position so long as the Board of Regents desires it. Should a position in the Office of the Commissioners become vacant, the Board of Regents must fill that position within 30 days, or before the next game of Tapey Beercone is played, or seriously risk death by catapult, trebuchet, or similar siege engine.

The Office of the Commissioners is charged with overseeing the various tasks concerning the day to day operation of Tapey Beercone. It is the responsibility of the Commissioners of Tapey Beercone to serve as arbiters of the Rules of Tapey Beercone, ensure the Rules of Tapey Beercone are updated and complete, initiate periodic rules reviews, and argue modifications to the rules to a point they can be coherently presented to the Board of Regents. Furthermore, it is the responsibility of the Commissioners of Tapey Beercone to promote innovation within Tapey Beercone and spearhead or assist in the development of any new programs, systems, methods, etc. The Office of the Commissioners is free to establish and staff any bureau, committee, brain trust, or agency it deems necessary to aid in its appointed duties.

Article VI: The Tapey Beercone Beer Congress

The Tapey Beercone Beer Congress consists of all members of the Tapey Beercone Players Association who are not members of the Board of Regents. During a review of the Rules of Tapey Beercone the present delegates may present their arguments on any issues. During a ratification of new amendments delegate's votes shall be apportioned among those delegates as three fifths of all other Persons.

The Tapey Beercone Beer Congress is chaired by the Speaker of the Tapey Beercone Beer Congress. The Speaker of the Beer Congress is charged with acting as representative of the Beer Congress to the Board of Regents, championing the interests of the Beer Congress. The Speaker is appointed by the Board of Regents for a term of ONE season from within the body of delegates of the Tapey Beercone Beer Congress. The Speaker of the Beer Congress is charged with upholding the interests of his constituents and ensuring that any delegates of the Beer Congress are represented competently in all matters.

Article VII: Voting and Plurality

In all matters requiring a poll of the Players Association (Ground Rules, Governing Rules, etc.), votes shall be apportioned in the following manner:

Regents of Tapey Beercone - 1 votes

Speaker of the Tapey Beercone Beer Congress - 1 votes

Delegates of the Beer Congress – 3/5 vote