

WOODSIDE TENNIS CLUB INCORPORATED CONSTITUTION

1. CLUB NAME

The name of the Club is "Woodside Tennis Club Incorporated" hereinafter called "the Club."

2. CLUB OBJECTIVES

We have a strong sense of community and the club is committed to fair play principles that among other things, ensures tennis is fun for all participants.

The Club objectives are to:

- 2.1. promote, encourage and develop the game of tennis in the local community
- 2.2. promote friendly comradeship and sportsmanship between the Club members, their families and the members of various affiliated clubs
- 2.3. coach and foster the tennis interest of junior players
- 2.4. do all such other things as the Club may consider are for the benefit or in the interests of the Club, tennis, members and players of the Club.

3. CLUB POWERS

The Club shall have the following powers:

- 3.1. to join, merge or affiliate with any other club or organisation having objectives similar to those of the Club
- 3.2. acquire, hold, deal with, and dispose of, any real or personal property; and
- 3.3. administer any property on trust; and
 - 3.3.1. to purchase, lease, exchange, hire or otherwise acquire and maintain any assets, including land and buildings
 - 3.3.2. to erect, improve, renovate, demolish and rebuild buildings and other structures, including courts, on any land owned by or under the control of the Club
 - 3.3.3. to sell, exchange, lease, mortgage, hire, dispose of or otherwise deal with any asset of the Club
- 3.4. open and operate bank accounts; and
 - 3.4.1. invest its moneys— in any security in which trust moneys may, by Act of Parliament, be invested; or
 - 3.4.2. in any other manner authorised by the rules of the Club; and
 - 3.4.3. borrow money upon such terms and conditions as the Club thinks fit; and
- 3.5. give such security for the discharge of liabilities incurred by the Club as the association thinks fit; and
- 3.6. appoint agents to transact any business of the Club on its behalf; and
- 3.7. enter into any other contract it considers necessary or desirable.
- 3.8. to invoke such other powers as may be conferred by Section 25 of the Act.

4. COLOURS

The colours of the Club shall be red, white and royal blue.

5. MEMBERSHIP

5.1. Membership shall be open to any person interested in tennis.

5.1.1. Membership (except Life Membership) shall be classified as follows or as determined by the Annual General Meeting:

- Playing Member

- Non-Playing Member (Social Member)
- Junior Member (represented by a parent/guardian)
- Mid-week Member only

5.1.2. Qualification for membership shall be determined by the Annual General Meeting.

5.1.3. All members shall be entitled to play competitive tennis for, and on behalf of, the Club and to the use of the Club facilities except as directed by the Management Committee or when they have been previously hired.

5.2. Life Membership

5.2.1. A Life member may be elected at the Annual General Meeting provided that their nominations are recommended by the Management Committee at its meeting immediately prior to the Annual General Meeting and that they are elected by secret ballot by a two-thirds majority of those present and entitled to vote.

5.2.2. No person shall be nominated for Life Membership unless such person has contributed ten (10) years satisfactory service to the Club.

5.2.3. The number of Life Members elected shall not exceed more than two (2) in any year.

5.3. All members over the age of seventeen (17) years may attend any Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, and shall have full voting powers at such meeting. Junior Member voting rights will be attributed to parent/guardians of such junior members with one voting right per member. Life Members may also attend Management Meetings, but shall have no voting powers at such meetings, but may take part in discussions at the invitation of the Chair.

6. SUBSCRIPTIONS

6.1. Membership fees are set by the committee for the year at the first meeting held after the AGM.

6.2. Membership fees shall be due and payable to the Treasurer, as at the 3rd round of the season each year.

6.3. Any member un-financial at the beginning of the playing season in each year will be unable to represent the Club in competition until such time as fees are paid in full.

6.4. Any member who is expelled, withdraws or otherwise ceases to be a member shall not be entitled to a refund of all or any part of their membership application fee, annual subscription fee or other amounts paid to the Club.

6.5. The Committee may give special consideration due to personal circumstances in order that a member is allowed to play in competition while un-financial.

7. OFFICERS

7.1. Officers elected at the Annual General Meeting shall be: President, Deputy President, Secretary and Treasurer, collectively to be known as the Executive Committee, and other members of the Management Committee.

7.2. Officers elected at the Annual General Meeting shall not enter upon their offices until the termination of such meeting. Such officers shall hold office until termination of the next Annual General Meeting.

8. COMMITTEES AND MEETINGS

Management Committee

- 8.1. The affairs and general business of the Club shall be managed by the Management Committee.
- 8.2. The Management Committee shall consist of the Executive Committee and a minimum of three (3) other Management Committee members as selected at the Annual General Meeting.
- 8.3. The quorum of the Management Committee shall be constituted by four (4) members of the Committee.
- 8.4. Powers of the Management Committee shall be **to:**
 - 8.4.1. make By-Laws for the regulation of their own proceedings and management of the Club, and arrangement of matches and tournaments not inconsistent with these rules.
 - 8.4.2. interpret the rules; **and their** interpretation of these rules shall be final, subject to an appeal to a General Meeting.
 - 8.4.3. delegate any of their powers to any sub-committee or Committee they may appoint.
 - 8.4.4. co-opt any person or member of this Committee or its Sub-Committee.
 - 8.4.5. revoke, or vary or rescind any decision arrived at by any of the appointed Sub-Committee.
- 8.5. Any vacancy among the office bearers or members of the Management Committee or its sub-committee may be filled by the Management Committee, and that person shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.
- 8.6. The Management Committee of the Club and their respective heirs, executors and administrators, shall be indemnified against all charges, costs, losses, damages and expenses which they or any of them shall or, may incur, or sustain in or about the execution of their respective offices, or in or about any contracts or agreements made by them for or on or on behalf of the Club, or in the furtherance of the objects of the Club except such charges or expenses as shall be incurred or sustained by, or through their own gross negligence or wilful default and none of them shall be answerable for the others of them nor for joining in any receipt for the sake of conformity only, nor for any banker, broker or other persons with whom any monies or effects belonging to the Club shall or may be lodged for safe custody, sale, investment or otherwise, nor for the inefficiency of any security on which monies belonging to the Club may be placed out or invested nor, for any other misfortune loss or damage which may happen through their own gross negligence or wilful; default respectively and no executive officer of the Club shall be liable to repay any money which he did not personally receive and misappropriate.

9. Misconduct of Members

- 9.1. The Management Committee may expel, punish or otherwise deal with any member whose conduct in their opinion is injurious to the interests of the Club.
- 9.2. The decision of this Committee in any such case shall be final, unless revoked or varied by a Special General Meeting, called for the purpose and held within one month after notice shall have been delivered.

10. Annual General Meeting

- 10.1. The Annual General Meeting shall be held **at the end of season breakup function or** during the month of September in each year.

- 10.2. Business to be conducted at the Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be:
- 10.2.1. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
 - 10.2.2. Business arising from the minutes
 - 10.2.3. President's Report
 - 10.2.4. Treasurer's Financial Report
 - 10.2.5. Election of Officers and Management Committee for the ensuing year
 - 10.2.6. Appointment of Auditor
 - 10.2.7. Consider and determine notices of the motion to amend the Constitution and rules (notices to be in the hands of the Secretary fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual General Meeting)
 - 10.2.8. Consider and determine general business
- 10.3. Fourteen (14) days notice shall be given for the Annual General Meeting starting time, place and business of meeting.
- 10.4. Special Meetings shall be called by the Secretary on the requisition in writing of ten (10) members of the Club, and are to be held within fourteen (14) days of receiving the requisition. No resolution shall be proposed at such a meeting other than the resolution specified in the requisition calling such meeting.
- 10.5. A quorum of the Annual General Meeting and Special General Meetings shall be constituted by fifteen (15) members of the Club.
- 10.6. All decisions arrived at and carried at any meeting in conformity with this Constitution and any Club rules shall be binding and conclusive upon all members of the Club.

11. ACCOUNTS

- 11.1. The Treasurer, or appointed proxy, shall present a financial statement report to each meeting.
- 11.2. All payments on or behalf of the Club shall be first passed for payment by the Committee. Any person purchasing items without the consent of the Committee may present an invoice and or a receipt for same to the Committee for approval on the basis that if not approved that person is responsible for payment of same.
- 11.3. All cheque accounts and savings accounts shall have at least Three (3) signatories with any two (2) signatures required on each cheque and savings accounts withdrawals.
- 11.4. If online banking or EFT is used to conduct the Club's business, Treasurer must provide a copy of the transaction and invoice to the Secretary and President as a record.
- 11.5. The financial statement by the Treasurer shall be made up and balanced for the preceding calendar year to the AGM incorporating all accounts, and forwarded to the Auditor in time to enable an audited financial statement to be presented at the coming Annual General Meeting if an audit is deemed necessary by the Committee.

12. CONSTITUTION AND RULES

- 12.1. This Constitution and any rules made pursuant to it shall be binding and be observed by every member of the Club.
- 12.2. The Constitution may be amended, rescinded or added by two-thirds majority of those present and entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting called for that purpose.

12.3. Policy and Rules may be amended, rescinded or added to by a motion carried at the Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting called for that purpose.

13. PERSONAL INJURIES

13.1. The Club and its members will accept no responsibility for injuries and loss sustained by any person during Club activities.

13.2. The Club's financial members may be eligible for insurance coverage through Tennis SA.

14. DISPERSION OF ASSETS UPON WINDING-UP

In the event of the winding-up of the Club, all assets (if any) of the Club are to be transferred to the control of the body or the Club reforming with the same or similar members, or if no such body or Club be reforming then to a nominated sporting club selected by a two thirds majority of the Committee.

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