

CONSTITUTION OF THE GEORGE SQUASH CLUB

1. **NAME:**

- 1.1 The name of the club shall be "GEORGE SQUASH CLUB" (herein after referred to as the "Club").
- 1.2.1 The Club will be a sub-club of the George Sports Club (the "Sports Club"), and will be subject to the constitution of the Sports Club.

2. **OBJECTS OF THE CLUB:**

The objects of the Club shall be to promote the game of squash amongst all age and population groups.

3. **LEGAL POSITION:**

- 3.1 The Club is not formed for the purpose of carrying on any business or enterprise that has for its object the acquisition of gain by the individual members of the Club.
- 3.2 The Club is liable only for its own debts and assistance granted by it to any person or body, whether corporate or incorporated, shall not render it liable for the debts of such person or body.
- 3.3 The Club may sue or be sued in the name of its Chairman in any Court of Law in the Republic of South Africa. All processes of law, notices and the like shall be regarded as sufficiently served on the Club if served on the Chairman personally. The Chairman shall not be personally liable for any loss suffered.

4. **MEMBERSHIP:**

Membership shall consist of the following classes of members:

- 4.1 Ordinary members, having applied for membership in terms of this constitution and having been accepted as such;
- 4.2 Honorary life members, being members so proposed by way of motion by the management committee and elected at an annual general meeting, in recognition of services rendered to the Club;
- 4.3 All members are obliged to become members of the Sports Club.
- 4.4 The categories of membership will be as defined in schedule A hereto.

5. ELECTION OF MEMBERS:

- 5.1 All applications for membership shall be made to the management committee on the prescribed form for acceptance.
- 5.2 A Register of Club members, proper records and accounts shall be kept by the club secretary/treasurer.

6. FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS:

- 6.1 All ordinary members will pay an entrance fee to the Club as determined by the Annual General Meeting from time to time upon having been accepted as a member.
- 6.2 All ordinary members will pay an annual subscription as determined by the Annual General Meeting..
- 6.3 Honorary life members will not be obliged to pay any subscriptions.
- 6.4 The entrance fee and subscriptions may only be amended at an annual or special general meeting.
- 6.5 The subscriptions will be due on 1 April of each year.
- 6.6 Any member who has not paid his subscription fee within 1 (one) month after due date shall be posted on the Club Notice Board as a defaulter and shall not be allowed to continue as a member whilst his subscription remains unpaid.

7. NUMBER OF MEMBERS:

The Club shall at all times consist of at least 35 ordinary members. The management Committee may determine the number of members of the Club.

8. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS:

- 8.1 Membership does not give any member any right, title, interest, claim or demand in or to any of the moneys, property or assets of the Club, but only confers upon members the right and privilege of using and enjoying the facilities of the Club, subject to the rules and conditions set out in this constitution.
- 8.2 Only ordinary, life honorary members and members whose fees and subscriptions have been paid, will be entitled to vote at any annual or special general meeting.
- 8.3 The liability of each member shall be limited to the payment of his/her fees and subscriptions, and to any other liability incurred by him/her with the Club.

- 8.4 Any member who fails to pay any fees due to the Club may either be suspended or expelled by the management committee.
- 8.5 The management committee may suspend or expel any member who has been found to have disregarded or broken the provisions of this constitution or any rule duly passed by the management committee, or having been found guilty of conduct which, in the sole discretion of the management committee, is injurious to the good name, character and interests of the Club.
- 8.6 By signing an application form for membership, the prospective member acknowledges that he/she is aware of and accepts the provisions of this constitution and the rules of the respective sub-clubs.

9. **RULES OF THE GAME:**

The rules and the conduct of squash shall be the same as those adopted by WSF.

10. **MANAGEMENT:**

- 10.1 The entire management and control of the Club shall be vested in a management committee consisting of a President, Vice-president, secretary, Club Captain, and treasurer, together with two additional members.
- 10.2 Only ordinary and life honorary members may be elected as an office bearer of the Club.

11. **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:**

- 11.1 The President, Vice-President, secretary, treasurer, Club Captain and additional members will be elected at each annual general meeting by ballot.
- 11.2 The said office bearers will automatically retire from office at the end of each term, but shall be eligible for re-election.

12. **VACANCIES, MEETINGS AND QUORUM:**

- 12.1 The management committee may act notwithstanding casual vacancies, provided that its quorum will be 50% of possible members, unless decided otherwise at an annual general meeting.
- 12.2 The management committee may regulate its meetings as it sees fit, provided that at least one meeting per month will be held.
- 12.3 Questions arising at any meeting of the management committee shall be decided by a majority of votes, and in the case of deadlock, the President shall have a casting vote.

- 12.4 Minutes of meetings and resolutions will be kept, and any such minutes signed by the President, shall be received as prima facie evidence of the matters stated in such minutes.
- 12.5 If an office bearer is absent without leave for three consecutive management committee meetings, that office bearer shall forfeit his/her position as office bearer.

13. **POWERS OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:**

The management committee shall have full power and authority to do any act, matter or thing which could or might have been done by the Club, save where such matters are in terms of this constitution specially reserved to be dealt with at an annual general meeting; and in addition to the general powers hereby conferred upon the management committee, and without in any way limiting such powers, the management committee shall have the following special powers:

- 13.1 to acquire for the Club movable or immovable property, provided that such acquisition shall not involve expenditure in excess of R50 000.00 in any one project;
- 13.2 to enter into leases on behalf of the Club whether as Lessor or Lessee, and to sell, alienate or deal with the movable assets in the interest of the Club, provided that such sale or alienation shall be limited to a maximum amount of R20 000.00 per any project;
- 13.3 to borrow against the security of Club property, whether by mortgage, pledge, cession or otherwise, such sums of money as may be required by the Club for any purpose whatsoever;
- 13.4 to appoint attorneys, auditors, agents, clerks and servants for services to the Club;
- 13.5 to institute, conduct defend, compound or abandon any legal proceedings by or against the Club or its office bearers;
- 13.6 to open and maintain such bank accounts on behalf of the Club as may be necessary, and shall draw money by cheques signed by the chairperson and one of the office bearers. All monies of the Club shall be paid into such bank accounts as the Management Committee may decide upon. All payments by the Club shall be made by EFT, except petty cash payments.
- 13.7 to make vary and repeal rules for the regulation of the affairs of the Club, provided that any such rule does not conflict with this constitution;
- 13.8 to invest and deal with any moneys of the Club not immediately required for the purposes of the Club;

- 13.9 to grant consent to persons, not being members of the Club, to use the Club's property, or to enter the Club's facilities, upon such terms as it may think fit; and
- 13.10 to enter into contracts with other clubs or bodies for the promotion of sport and recreation.

14. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

- 14.1 An annual general meeting shall be held each year before 30th of July.
- 14.2 Not less than 14 days notice of such meeting shall be given by posting a notice to the Club notice board.
- 14.4 The business to be transacted at an annual general meeting is to confirm the minutes of the previous general meeting; to receive and consider a report by the President of the affairs of the Club, and financial statements of the Club; to elect the office bearers of the Club; to elect the auditors or bookkeepers of the Club; to consider any business of the Club which is brought under consideration by the management committee; and to consider any motion regarding matters other than those already mentioned, provided that written notice of any such motion be posted to the Club notice board at least seven days prior to the annual general meeting.

15. **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING:**

- 15.1 The management committee may at any time call a special general meeting of members by giving not less than seven days notice on the Club notice board, specifying the purpose of such meeting.
- 15.2 The management committee shall, in like manner, call a special general meeting upon receipt of a request signed by at least 5 ordinary members, stating the purpose of such meeting.
- 15.3 Subject to the power of the management committee to bring forward any business of the club at any meeting of members, no business other than specified shall be transacted at such special general meeting.

16. **QUORUM AT GENERAL MEETINGS:**

- 16.1 The quorum for any general or special meeting shall be 20 members.
- 16.2 If no quorum is present within 30 minutes after the time fixed for an annual or special general meeting called by the management committee, the meeting shall be postponed to the same day and hour in the following week, and at such meeting the members present shall be deemed to be a quorum for the transaction of all business of the meeting.

- 16.3 In the case of a special meeting called at the request of members, if no quorum is present, such meeting will be postponed indefinitely.

17. **PRESIDENT:**

The chair, at all meetings of the Club, shall be taken by the President, or in his absence by the Vice-President, or failing him, by one of the members of the management committee.

18. **VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS:**

- 18.1 Every question submitted to a general or special meeting except where ballot is provided for, shall be decided by a show of hands, the chairperson having a second or casting vote in the case of equality of votes.

- 18.2 Only members present at general meetings may cast a vote.

19. **AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION:**

- 19.1 This constitution may only be amended at a general meeting by a majority of two-thirds of members present at such meeting, provided that at least seven days notice of such intended amendment had been given by posting same to the Club notice board.

- 19.2 Whenever this constitution has thus been amended, a notice to that effect shall be posted to the Club notice board for at least 30 days.

20. **DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB:**

- 20.1 The club may be dissolved or wound up by a resolution of a majority of two-thirds of members present at a general meeting, provided that not less than 30 days notice of the meeting to consider such dissolution has been posted to the Club notice board; and provided further that not less than ten percent of members eligible to vote shall be personally present at such meeting; provided further that if at any such meeting properly called the requisite number of members fail to attend, the meeting shall be postponed to the same day and hour the following week, and at such postponed meeting the members then present shall be deemed to be a quorum.

- 20.2 The Club's funds and assets shall be devoted to the aims of the Club and no member shall be entitled to any portion of such funds or assets.

- 20.3 Except in as so far as a general special meeting decides otherwise, the management committee shall act as liquidator of the Club whenever it shall be dissolved.

21. **INTERPRETATION OF CONSTITUTION:**

In case of doubt as to the meaning or interpretation of the provisions of this constitution, the management committee shall be the final arbitrator, and its decision shall be binding upon members.

22. **FINANCIAL YEAR:**

The financial year of the Club will be the 31st of March each year.

23. **GENERAL:**

23.1 The use of all Squash courts supervised or controlled by the Squash club committee is for members only. The use of the Courts by other Clubs shall be subject to the consent of the Squash Club Committee or any other committee member.

23.2 The Squash Club Committee may close any or all the Squash Club Courts under its control to general play for:-

Team Practices
Matches
Repairs to courts
(Notice being given where possible)

23.3 Any member who is in arrears with his subscription may not play on the courts controlled by the Squash Club Committee.

23.4 Members playing official, competitive or other matches shall wear: clothing generally accepted for squash purposes with Non Marking soles. In all matches played on the squash courts, only the official recognized ball is to be used.

23.5 Only George Squash Club Members shall be eligible to compete for the Club Championship.

24. **BOOKING OF COURTS**

Any member of the George Squash club may reserve the use of the squash courts in the following manner:

24.1 Reservation for a court may be made, every day for 8 days ahead. (Eg. From Monday to Monday, 05h00 – 23h00) such booking shall provide for a playing time of 60 minutes.

24.2 Any specified player having his/her MEMBERSHIP AND PIN NUMBER may reserve any playing period entered on ACCESS SYSTEM.

24.3 Junior Members will be prohibited from booking courts between 16h00 and 19h00 on weekdays.

24.4 Any member may only reserve three playing periods in advance in any one-week's peak time, providing booking is not on the same day.

24.5 The specified players in respect of a particular playing period shall be responsible for the cancellation of the booked period not later than 2 hours before the booked period. A fine shall be levied if a booked period is not cancelled or players do not play the booked period. A player arriving 10 minutes late for a booked period shall forfeit the period and shall be subjected to a fine.

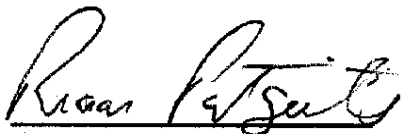
24.6 Players shall cease playing at the termination of their appointed time; provided that where the succeeding players agree to an extension of time, such additional time shall be deducted from the playing time allotted to such succeeding players.

I, the undersigned,

In my capacity as President of the GEORGE SQUASH CLUB, hereby certify that this is a true copy of the constitution of the GEORGE SQUASH CLUB.

GEORGE

DATE: 3 MAY 2018



PRESIDENT