



**PROPOSITION 1 – CHANGES TO THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION ON COMPANY MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING  
PROPOSED BY THE BOARD  
ARTICLE 46.2 – SPECIAL RESOLUTION**

THE ARTICLES BE AMENDED BY THE ADDITION OF THE WORDS UNDERLINED AND THE DELETION OF THE WORDS STRUCK THROUGH OR CROSSED OFF.

**3 INTERPRETATION**

3.1 IN THESE ARTICLES, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

**COMPANY MEMBER** MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL COMPANY MEMBER, A COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE COMPANY MEMBER, ~~OR~~ A LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE COMPANY MEMBER OR A CLUB REPRESENTATIVE COMPANY MEMBER.

**PREMIER CLUB** MEANS A CLUB WHICH MEETS CRITERIA SET OUT IN THE REGULATIONS.

**23 ELECTED DIRECTORS**

23.1 COMPANY MEMBERS SHALL ELECT THREE DIRECTORS WHO SHALL BE TITLED ELECTED DEPUTY CHAIRMEN.

23.2 EACH COMPANY MEMBER SHALL BE ENTITLED TO NOMINATE ONE PERSON FOR EACH VACANCY TO BE FILLED BY ELECTION.

23.3 TO BE VALID A NOMINATION PAPER MUST BE SIGNED BY THE COMPANY MEMBER AND BE RECEIVED BY THE PERSON DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD AS RETURNING OFFICER BY A DATE DECIDED BY THE BOARD BEING NOT EARLIER THAN THE FOURTEENTH DAY AFTER THE ISSUE OF NOMINATION PAPERS.

23.4 TO BE EFFECTIVELY NOMINATED A PERSON MUST BE NAMED IN AT LEAST TWO VALID NOMINATION PAPERS, MUST HAVE LODGED WITH THE COMPANY NOT LATER THAN THE CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS A SIGNED CONSENT TO NOMINATION FOR THAT OFFICE AND MUST NOT HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM NOMINATION BY A DATE PRESCRIBED BY THE BOARD AS THE LAST DATE FOR WITHDRAWAL.

23.5 IF THE NUMBER OF EFFECTIVE NOMINATIONS EXCEEDS THE NUMBER OF VACANCIES VOTING SHALL BE BY POSTAL OR ON-LINE BALLOT OF THE COMPANY MEMBERS CONDUCTED IN SUCH MANNER AS THE BOARD SHALL FROM TIME TO TIME DECIDE.

23.6 THE VOTE OF EACH COMPANY MEMBER IN RESPECT OF EACH VACANCY SHALL COUNT AS ONE VOTE UNIT.

~~23.6 THE VOTE OF EACH COMPANY MEMBER SHALL COUNT AS THE FOLLOWING NUMBER OF VOTE UNITS:~~

~~23.6.1 INDIVIDUAL COMPANY MEMBER: 1 UNIT~~

~~23.6.2 COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE COMPANY MEMBER: 1 UNIT~~

~~23.6.3 LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE COMPANY MEMBER APPOINTED BY A LOCAL LEAGUE WITH 30 OR FEWER TEAMS IN MEMBERSHIP: 2 UNITS~~

~~23.6.4 LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE COMPANY MEMBER APPOINTED BY A LOCAL LEAGUE WITH 31-100 TEAMS IN MEMBERSHIP: 4 UNITS~~



~~23.6.5 LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE COMPANY MEMBER APPOINTED BY A LOCAL LEAGUE WITH 101 OR MORE TEAMS IN MEMBERSHIP: 6 UNITS~~

23.7 AN ELECTED DIRECTOR SHALL HOLD OFFICE FOR A TERM THAT BEGINS ON THE DAY AFTER THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOLLOWING HIS ELECTION AND TERMINATES NOT LATER THAN AT THE END OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THEREAFTER. A CASUAL VACANCY AMONG ELECTED DIRECTORS SHALL BE FILLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURE SET OUT IN 23.2-23.6. THE PERSON THUS ELECTED SHALL TAKE OFFICE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE RESULT OF THE ELECTION IS DETERMINED AND SHALL SERVE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE PERSON GIVING RISE TO THE VACANCY.

### **30 APPLICATION FOR COMPANY MEMBERSHIP**

30.1 THE NUMBER OF COMPANY MEMBERS IS UNLIMITED.

30.2 NO PERSON SHALL BE ADMITTED A COMPANY MEMBER WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD.

30.3 EVERY PERSON WHO WISHES TO BECOME A COMPANY MEMBER SHALL DELIVER TO THE COMPANY AN APPLICATION FOR COMPANY MEMBERSHIP IN SUCH FORM AS THE BOARD REQUIRE, SIGNED BY HIM.

30.4 THERE SHALL BE ~~FOUR THREE~~ CLASSES OF COMPANY MEMBERS: INDIVIDUAL COMPANY MEMBERS, COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE COMPANY MEMBERS, ~~AND~~ LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE COMPANY MEMBERS AND CLUB REPRESENTATIVE COMPANY MEMBERS.

30.5 NO-ONE SHALL BE A COMPANY MEMBER IN MORE THAN ONE CLASS AND NO-ONE SHALL BE A REPRESENTATIVE COMPANY MEMBER FOR MORE THAN ONE COUNTY ASSOCIATION, ~~OR~~ LOCAL LEAGUE OR CLUB.

30.6 SUBJECT TO THEIR SATISFYING THE REQUIREMENTS OF 30.2 AND 30.3 ABOVE,

30.6.1 THE INDIVIDUAL COMPANY MEMBERS SHALL BE THE CHAIRMAN, THE ELECTED DIRECTORS, THE APPOINTED DIRECTORS, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND THE CO-OPTED DIRECTOR (IF ANY) WHO SHALL AUTOMATICALLY BE GRANTED COMPANY MEMBERSHIP ON ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT;

30.6.2 THE COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE COMPANY MEMBERS SHALL BE THE NATIONAL COUNCILLORS APPOINTED BY AFFILIATED COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS;

30.6.3 THE LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE COMPANY MEMBERS SHALL BE THE REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED BY AFFILIATED LOCAL LEAGUES;

30.6.4 THE CLUB REPRESENTATIVE COMPANY MEMBERS SHALL BE THE REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED BY AFFILIATED PREMIER CLUBS.

30.7 AN INDIVIDUAL COMPANY MEMBER CEASING TO BE A DIRECTOR SHALL THEREUPON CEASE TO BE A COMPANY MEMBER.

30.8 A COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE COMPANY MEMBER CEASING TO BE A NATIONAL COUNCILLOR SHALL THEREUPON CEASE TO BE A COMPANY MEMBER AND A LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE COMPANY MEMBER OR CLUB REPRESENTATIVE COMPANY MEMBER SHALL CEASE TO BE A COMPANY MEMBER IF HIS NOMINATION IS TERMINATED BY WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE COMPANY FROM THE LOCAL LEAGUE OR CLUB WHICH HE REPRESENTS.

### **41 VOTING: GENERAL**

41.1 A RESOLUTION PUT TO THE VOTE OF A GENERAL MEETING MUST BE DECIDED ON A SHOW OF HANDS UNLESS A POLL IS DULY DEMANDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ARTICLES.

41.2 ON A SHOW OF HANDS, EVERY PERSON PRESENT AS A COMPANY MEMBER OR A PROXY SHALL HAVE ONE VOTE.

41.3 ON A POLL THE VOTE OF EACH COMPANY MEMBER SHALL COUNT AS ONE VOTE UNIT.

~~41.3 ON A POLL THE VOTE OF A COMPANY MEMBER SHALL COUNT AS THE FOLLOWING NUMBER OF VOTE UNITS:~~

~~41.3.1 INDIVIDUAL COMPANY MEMBER: 1 VOTE UNIT~~

~~41.3.2 LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE COMPANY MEMBER: 1 VOTE UNIT FOR EACH PLAYER REGISTERED TO TAKE PART IN THE LEAGUE COMPETITION OF THE LOCAL LEAGUE BY WHICH HE IS APPOINTED.~~

~~41.3.3 COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE COMPANY MEMBER: 1 VOTE UNIT FOR EACH VOTE UNIT HELD BY THE LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE COMPANY MEMBERS APPOINTED BY LOCAL LEAGUES AFFILIATED TO THE COUNTY ASSOCIATION BY WHICH HE IS APPOINTED.~~

41.4 IN THE CASE OF AN EQUALITY OF VOTES, WHETHER ON A SHOW OF HANDS OR ON A POLL, THE PERSON WHO IS CHAIRING THE MEETING SHALL HAVE A SECOND OR CASTING VOTE. ~~ON MATTERS RELATING TO FINANCE BUT NOT ON ANY OTHER MATTERS; IN ANY OTHER CASE THE RESOLUTION SHALL FAIL.~~

#### **RATIONALE**

THE PROPOSITION AIMS TO MAKE THE GOVERNANCE OF THE COMPANY SIMPLER AND MORE DEMOCRATIC. IT INTRODUCES A NEW RIGHT FOR PREMIER CLUBS TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO VOTE IN DIRECTOR ELECTIONS AND AT GENERAL MEETINGS, AND IT PROPOSES A FAIRER SYSTEM OF VOTING ON THE PRINCIPLE OF ONE COMPANY MEMBER ONE VOTE.

ARTICLE 3 DEFINES THE MEANING OF TERMS USED IN THE ARTICLES. THE PROPOSITION EXTENDS THE DEFINITION OF COMPANY MEMBERS TO INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF PREMIER CLUBS. THE EXISTING CRITERIA FOR PREMIER CLUBS WILL BE ADDED TO THE AFFILIATION AND REGISTRATION REGULATIONS.

ARTICLE 23 COVERS THE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS. THE PROPOSITION REPLACES THE CURRENT COMPLEX SYSTEM WITH ONE COMPANY MEMBER ONE VOTE.

ARTICLE 30 DESCRIBES THE CURRENT THREE CATEGORIES OF COMPANY MEMBERS (DIRECTORS, NATIONAL COUNCILLORS AND LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES). THE PROPOSITION INTRODUCES A NEW FOURTH CLASS OF CLUB REPRESENTATIVE COMPANY MEMBERS APPOINTED BY PREMIER CLUBS.

ARTICLE 41 SETS OUT THE VOTING IN POLLS AT GENERAL MEETINGS. THE PROPOSITION REPLACES THE CURRENT COMPLEX SYSTEM WITH ONE COMPANY MEMBER ONE VOTE. THE PROPOSITION ALSO TAKES THE OPPORTUNITY TO SIMPLIFY THE ARRANGEMENTS IN ARTICLE 41.4 IN THE CASE OF AN EQUALITY OF VOTES.

**PROPOSITION 2 –CHANGE OF THE DATE OF THE AGM**

**PROPOSED BY THE BOARD**

**ARTICLES 46.2 – SPECIAL RESOLUTION**

THE ARTICLES BE AMENDED BY THE ADDITION OF THE WORDS UNDERLINED AND THE DELETION OF THE WORDS STRUCK THROUGH OR CROSSED OFF.

37.1 A GENERAL MEETING SHALL BE HELD ~~BETWEEN 24 JUNE AND 14 JULY~~ DURING JUNE OR JULY IN EVERY CALENDAR YEAR AS ITS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT SUCH TIME AND PLACE AS THE BOARD DIRECT.

***RATIONALE***

ARTICLE 37 CURRENTLY REQUIRES THE AGM TO BE HELD BETWEEN 24 JUNE AND 14 JULY. BECAUSE THE MEETING IS TRADITIONALLY HELD ON A SATURDAY, THIS EFFECTIVELY LIMITS THE CHOICE OF DATE TO ONE OF THREE SATURDAYS AND THERE ARE OFTEN PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES WITH ALL OF THEM. THE PROPOSITION ALLOWS THE AGM TO BE HELD ON ANY DATE DURING JUNE OR JULY.

**PROPOSITION 3 – NATIONAL COUNCIL**

**PROPOSED BY** ALEXANDER MURDOCH - BEDFORDSHIRE, MARTIN CLARK - WORCESTERSHIRE, MALCOLM ALLSOP - NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, RICHARD HUDSON - YORKSHIRE

**ORDINARY RESOLUTION**

This meeting advises the board to fully support the continued provision of 4 meetings per year for National Council members of which are elected by the membership through the County. Such meetings to be provided with departmental reports and supported by board members and staff responsible for such reports.

***RATIONALE***

THE RESOLUTION IS NOT INTENDED TO OVERRIDE THE BOARD AND THE CODE OF GOVERNANCE BUT TO MAINTAIN THE DEMOCRACY OF OUR SPORT AND CLEAR REPRESENTATION OF OUR MEMBERSHIP VIA NATIONAL COUNCIL AS INCLUDED WITHIN THE ARTICLES;

36.2.1 TO ACT AS A CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE BOARD AND AFFILIATED ORGANISATIONS AND AFFILIATED MEMBERS.

36.2.2 TO CONSIDER MATTERS REFERRED TO IT BY THE BOARD, AFFILIATED ORGANISATIONS AND AFFILIATED MEMBERS;

36.2.3 TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD.

36.3 THE NATIONAL COUNCIL SHALL PRESCRIBE AND REGULATE ITS OWN PROCEDURES.



RECENTLY THE BOARD HAVE LIMITED THE DOCUMENTATION AND REPRESENTATION OF BOARD AND STAFF MEMBERS AT NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS HENCE LIMITING THE ABILITY OF COUNCIL TO ACT FULLY WITHIN ITS PRESCRIBED ARTICLES WHICH IMPACTS THE DEMOCRACY OF OUR SPORT.

IF THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED THE BOARD MUST CONCUR WITH THE WILL OF THE MEMBERSHIP AND PROVIDE THE SUPPORT TO NATIONAL COUNCIL WHICH IT REQUESTS TO ENSURE THAT COUNCIL CAN MEET ITS OBLIGATIONS WITHIN THE COMPANY ARTICLES.

**\*PROPOSITION 4 – 2019/20 MEMBERSHIP FEES**

**PROPOSED BY DAVID MOLES, CHELMSFORD TTL & BRIAN TAITE, HAYWOODS HEATH LEAGUE**

**ARTICLE 34.3 – ORDINARY RESOLUTION**

WE PROPOSE THAT THE ANNUAL TABLE TENNIS ENGLAND MEMBERSHIP FEE FOR THE 2019-20 SEASON IS SET AS FOLLOWS:

£9.00 FOR SENIOR MEMBERS.

£4.50 FOR JUNIOR AND CADET MEMBERS.

***RATIONALE***

MEMBERSHIP FEES HAVE BEEN RISING YEAR ON YEAR SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP WHEN THE INITIAL PRICE WAS UNDER £5 FOR A SENIOR MEMBER.

FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF OUR LEAGUE, THE MOST MAJOR BENEFIT OF MEMBERSHIP AND THE REASON WE HAVE CONTINUED TO SUPPORT THE ANNUAL INCREASES, IS THE LEAGUE MANAGER PLATFORM, PROVIDED BY TABLE TENNIS 365.

WHEN ASKED TO CONTINUALLY JUSTIFY THE REASON FOR PAYING THESE EVER-INCREASING FEES AT OUR OWN AGM, THE ONLY BENEFIT WE CAN REFER TO THAT CARRIES ANY WEIGHT WITH OUR MEMBERS IS LEAGUE MANAGER. SIMPLY PUT WE FEEL IT IS THE SINGLE BIGGEST BENEFIT OF TABLE TENNIS ENGLAND MEMBERSHIP.

LAST YEAR TABLE TENNIS ENGLAND ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WERE MOVING THEIR BACK-OFFICE SYSTEMS AWAY FROM TABLE TENNIS 365 TO ANOTHER PROVIDER AND AT THE TIME, THIS ANNOUNCEMENT WAS PLAYED DOWN, BUT THE REALITY OF THIS DECISION HAS NOW BECOME CLEAR. ALL LEAGUES IN ENGLAND ARE NOW FACED WITH THE STARK REALITY THAT AS OF 1ST AUGUST WE MUST PAY TABLE TENNIS 365 DIRECTLY, AN ANNUAL FEE PER PLAYER OF AT LEAST £7.00 OR THEIR SERVICE WILL CEASE, WHICH WOULD BE A DISASTER FOR OUR LEAGUE, AND WE BELIEVE, ALL OTHER LEAGUES AND OUR SPORT.

THE REASONS FOR THE TABLE TENNIS 365 CHARGE ARE WELL-KNOWN AND WELL DOCUMENTED ON THEIR WEBSITE, BUT IT IS OUR VIEW THAT THESE CHANGES HAVE BEEN FORCED UPON THEM BY A DECISION TAKEN BY TABLE TENNIS ENGLAND AND THAT DECISION WILL HAVE A PROFOUND EFFECT ON OUR LEAGUE.

IN PRINCIPLE WE SUPPORT PAYING THE FEE DIRECTLY TO TABLE TENNIS 365. WHAT WE DO NOT SUPPORT IS CONTINUING TO PAY A MEMBERSHIP FEE OF £16 OR MORE, WHEN THE MOST VALUABLE BENEFIT IS GOING TO BE



CHARGED SEPARATELY. WE FEEL IT IS COMPLETELY APPROPRIATE THAT THE TABLE TENNIS ENGLAND FEE IS REDUCED IN ORDER TO RECOGNISE THE LOSS OF VALUE IN TABLE TENNIS ENGLAND MEMBERSHIP.

WE MAKE THIS PROPOSITION IN ORDER TO TRY BALANCE THE DESIRE TO REMAIN AFFILIATED TO TABLE TENNIS ENGLAND AGAINST THE DIFFICULT REALITY OF ASKING OUR MEMBERS TO YET AGAIN PAY AN ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION WHICH NOW OFFERS SIGNIFICANTLY LESS THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

**\*PROPOSITION 5**

**PROPOSED BY THE BOARD**

**ARTICLE 34.3 – ORDINARY RESOLUTION**

THE BOARD OF TABLE TENNIS ENGLAND PROPOSES TO HOLD AFFILIATION FEES AT:

- £16 P/A FOR SENIOR PLAYER MEMBERS
- £8 P/A FOR CADET/JUNIOR PLAYER MEMBERS
- £0 P/A FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

***RATIONALE***

IN JUNE 2016 IT WAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE THAT AFFILIATION FEES WOULD INCREASE BY £2 PER YEAR OVER THE NEXT 5 YEARS TO SUPPORT THE REQUIREMENTS OF SPORT ENGLAND TO REDUCE ANY SHORT FALL IN FUNDING AND MEET THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTE TO THE CORE FUNCTION OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY. IN LIGHT OF THE CURRENT SITUATION AND IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE SPORT WE ARE PROPOSING NOT TO APPLY AN INCREASE IN THE AFFILIATION FEES FOR THE 2019/20 SEASON.

AS A NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY OUR RESPONSIBILITY IS TO ENSURE BEST VALUE TO OUR MEMBERS AND THE BOARD BELIEVE THAT THIS WILL ALLOW OUR MEMBERSHIP TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE ALL THE BENEFITS THAT TABLE TENNIS ENGLAND CURRENTLY OFFER WHILST DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TECHNOLOGY WILL SUPPORT FUTURE GROWTH AND SUSTAINABILITY.

*\*PROPOSITIONS 4 & 5 WILL BE DEBATED TOGETHER AND SHOULD PROPOSITION 4 BE SUCCESSFUL PROPOSITION 5 WILL NOT BE VOTED ON AS THIS WOULD CONTRADICT PROPOSITION 4'S OUTCOME*