

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. NAME: The Association shall be called 'The Worthing and District Table Tennis Association'.

2. OBJECTIVES: The objectives of the Association shall be to:

(a) Control and administer the game throughout the area covered by the Association.

(b) Organise annually a League Competition and Singles and Doubles Tournament.

(c) Promote, and to participate in the game of table tennis in such a way as the Association or its Executive Committee shall deem proper.

3. AREA: The area over which the Association shall exercise control shall normally be taken to include the whole of the Worthing Borough, Adur District (but not Southwick), those parishes within the Arun District all or part of which are east of the River Arun, and in addition the parishes of Clymping, Ford, Findon, Tortington, Binstead, South Stoke, Houghton, Amberley, Parham, Steyning, Storrington, Sullington, Washington, Ashington, Thakeham, and West Chiltington.

Teams outside the area may be included at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

4. MEMBERSHIP: Membership of the Association shall be open to all clubs and organisations within the area controlled by the Association, subject to:

(a) The payment of the affiliation fee currently in force, and

(b) The approval of the Executive Committee.

Application for membership from clubs or organisations outside the area controlled by the Association may be accepted subject to the unanimous vote of the Executive Committee, or the majority vote at a General Meeting. The Association shall be affiliated to the Sussex County Table Tennis Association, and the English Table Tennis Association. All competitions and tournaments

shall be played in accordance with the rules, regulations, and laws of the game, as adopted by the English Table Tennis Association. All clubs and organisations when accepted shall play in accordance with the laws of the game as adopted by the English Table Tennis Association, and shall not play with or against any club, person, or other body, not affiliated to the English Table Tennis Association.

5. AFFILIATION AND REGISTRATION FEES: Players' registration fees payable to the League shall be decided annually at the A.G.M., and shall be in addition to the English Table Tennis Association and Sussex County affiliation fees. Clubs or organisations shall pay League registration fees, Sussex County fees, and English Table Tennis Association fees, before the commencement of the season. In the event that any fees are outstanding after the commencement of the season the Executive Committee reserves the right to suspend the offending club or organisation, or individual player(s), until such time as the relevant fees are paid.

A player shall be classed as a junior if they are under 18 years of age on the 1st January during the season for which they are being registered.

6. OFFICERS: The Honorary Officers of the Association shall be: President, Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, General Secretary, Treasurer, Records Secretaries, Match Secretary, Trophies Secretary, Minutes Secretary, Development Officer, and Webmaster. All officers shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting. Nominations for President and Vice Presidents shall be made to, and by, the Executive Committee only.

7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The affairs of the Association shall be managed by an Executive Committee in accordance with the policy and directions of the Annual General Meeting. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, General Secretary, Treasurer, Records Secretaries, Match Secretary, Trophies Secretary, Minutes Secretary, Development Officer and Webmaster together with six other members elected at the Annual General Meeting. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall be five members, including at least one officer, and voting shall be one vote per

member present, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. The Executive Committee will hold periodic meetings during the season. The Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint sub-committees.

8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: The Annual General Meeting shall be held during June or July when the annual reports and an audited statement of accounts for the year ended 30th April shall be presented, and the Honorary Officers elected. At least fourteen days notice of the place and the time of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to all duly affiliated clubs and organisations. All members of such clubs and organisations shall have the right to attend the meeting, but voting on all matters affecting the rules and general welfare of the Association, including the election of the Officers and Executive Committee, shall be restricted to one vote per duly affiliated club or organisation represented at the meeting, plus one additional vote for each team entered in the League competition during the previous season. All other matters shall be decided on a show of hands, except at the discretion of the Chairman. Clubs failing to send at least one representative to the Annual General Meeting may be fined a sum to be decided annually by the A.G.M.

9. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING: A Special General Meeting shall be called by the General Secretary at the request of the Executive Committee, or within 28 days of the receipt of a letter requesting it signed by representatives of at least 25 per cent of the affiliated clubs and organisations. Clubs failing to send at least one representative to the meeting may be fined a sum to be decided annually by the A.G.M.

10. FIXTURES MEETING: The Fixtures Meeting shall normally be held in August, and at least fourteen days notice of the place and time of the meeting shall be given to all affiliated clubs and organisations. The meeting shall decide upon the allocation of teams to divisions for the coming season, players' handicap numbers, commencement date for the league season and President's Handicap Cup tournament, and other relevant issues concerning tournaments etc. promoted by the League. The voting procedure at the meeting shall be the same as set out for an A.G.M.

11. HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP: The distinction of Honorary Life Member may be conferred for special or long service in connection with the game of table tennis locally. The distinction shall be conferred only at an Annual General Meeting. Candidates shall be nominated only by the Executive Committee.

12. ALTERATION TO RULES: Alteration to these rules can only be made at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting convened for this purpose. Proposals for alteration of these rules can only be submitted by (a) the Executive Committee, or (b) clubs or organisations who are members of the Association. Proposals for alteration of these rules from clubs or organisations in membership must be submitted in writing to reach the General Secretary by the 30th April for an Annual General Meeting, or together with the request for a Special General Meeting. All proposals for alteration of these rules must be circulated to all clubs and organisations in membership together with the Notice of Meeting.

13. MAKE OF BALL: The balls used in all events organised by the Association shall be of a make officially approved by the English Table Tennis Association during the current season.

14. PLAYING CONDITIONS: The Executive Committee shall appoint a Sub-Committee, and give it authority to examine conditions of play in clubs and organisations applying for affiliation to the Association. In the event of such examination revealing inadequate lighting, equipment or playing space, or contravention of laws of the game, the matter shall be reported immediately to the Executive Committee who shall have authority to suspend a club from competitive play within their premises until the offending conditions have been remedied.

15. REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Members who have been selected to play for the Association in representative matches shall be expected to participate unless sufficient reason is given for refusal. Members who are also registered with other leagues shall be entitled to nominate the league which they wish to represent.

16. TROPHIES: All trophies should be returned to the Trophies Secretary by the holders within 14 days from the date of the letter requesting their return. Non adherence to this regulation shall render holders, whether they be clubs or individuals, liable to prohibition from participating in any event in the ensuing season's competitions, or fined at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

17. MATTERS NOT COVERED BY THESE RULES: The Executive Committee shall have power to take action in all matters not covered by these rules.

18. ADJUSTMENTS AND AMENDMENTS TO THESE RULES: The Executive Committee shall have power to further adjust rule numbers and cancel out any rules that conflict with any amendments passed at the Annual General Meeting.