

# WESTON-SUPER-MARE AND DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

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The League shall be called “The Weston-Super-Mare & District Table Tennis Association” and shall be affiliated to the Table Tennis England (TTE) and The Somerset County Table Tennis Association. Its object shall be to conduct an annual competition between affiliated clubs, to assist and encourage the formation of table tennis clubs in the Weston-Super-Mare area and district; also to promote the game of table tennis in every possible way.

## Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall meet at regular intervals and notice shall be given to all members at least 7 days beforehand.
2. Any registered member may request copies of the Executive minutes.
3. The Executive Committee has the right to refuse, cancel or suspend any team or player registration. The Executive Committee shall have the power to fine, suspend or expel any club or registered member found guilty of breaking the Rules of the League and shall decide all appeals made by the Club arising out of, and in connection with, the League or its activities.
4. It shall have the power to decide anything upon which the Rules are silent in both League and Archdale.
5. Every decision and order of the Committee shall be binding on all clubs and registered members, subject to an appeal to a General Meeting called in accordance with Rule 18.
6. The Committee may make such temporary provisions for dealing with such emergencies arising in the competitions, as they may deem desirable.

## Annual General Meeting

7. An Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall take place in June at which an Executive Committee shall be individually proposed and seconded, and elected by a majority vote, namely: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, League Match Secretary(ies), Publicity Officer, Somerset County Representative, Coaching Officer, Development Officer plus a representative from each club that is not already represented.
8. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt not more than 3 members, at their discretion, in any one season.
9. All members shall have equal voting powers, the Chairman having a casting vote only.
10. A quorum shall be five members of the elected Committee.
11. There shall be one president, and a number of Vice-Presidents shall be determined at the AGM.
12. All clubs wishing to play in the League should send a member to the AGM or give an apology.
13. All registered members shall have full speaking and voting powers.
14. Notification of motions or alterations to constitution or rules to be included in the Agenda of the AGM and must be in the hands of the Secretary in writing four weeks prior to the AGM.
15. The proposals will be circulated to all member clubs two weeks prior to the AGM and any amendments to the proposals must be in the hands of the Secretary one week prior to the AGM.
16. Any resolution relating to the constitution or the rules of the association shall be carried only if at least two thirds of the votes cast (or 51% of all those present) whichever is the greater, are in favour.
17. Other resolutions shall be decided by a simple majority of all those present.

## Special General Meeting

18. The Executive Committee may call a general meeting providing 21 days notice is given to all clubs. League members may call a general meeting providing the Executive is informed 21 days beforehand and such intimation is accompanied by one third of bona-fide members.
19. Should there be a resolution calling for the dissolution of the Association, it shall be put to a Special General Meeting, where it must have a majority of two-thirds of full members.

## **Dissolution of the Association**

20. After discharging all debts and liabilities of the Association, the remaining assets shall not be paid or distributed amongst full members but shall be given or transferred to another voluntary organisation with similar objects and aims.

## **Association Monies**

21. The funds of the Association shall be lodged at a bank or building society, and all cheques, drafts etc. drawn on that account shall be signed by the Chairman and Treasurer or Secretary and Treasurer, all such expenditure must be approved by the Executive Committee.
22. Team subscription fees shall be determined at the AGM and be received by the Treasurer by 20th September; TTE individual subscriptions shall be forwarded direct to TTE.
23. The financial year shall be terminated on May 31st and an audited statement of accounts up to and including this date shall be presented annually at the AGM.
24. The Association constituent clubs shall be guarantors for the Association.
25. An officer or Executive Committee Member acting in good faith on behalf of the Association shall be indemnified by the Association in respect of any personal liability arising there from.
26. No contracts, either written or implied, shall be entered into on behalf of the Association without prior approval of the Executive Committee or the Chairman and Treasurer or if possible in all situations, Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and League Match Secretary(ies).

## **Team/Player Registrations**

27. All members of the Association who wish to play for a team affiliated to the Association must have completed a personal registration with the TTE before commencing playing.
28. Team captains will be responsible for checking the validity of players' TTE registration and informing the League Match Secretary.
29. Registration of teams and clubs shall be required by the first Friday in September.
30. Failure to do so will mean exclusion for the season.
31. Should a club or team retire from the Association for any reason during the season no money shall be returned, all matches played shall be declared void.
32. If half of the season has been completed results may be included at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

## **Competition Rules**

33. Rules for the League and Archdale tournament shall be published and circulated to all clubs/teams.
34. Arrangements and Rules for any other tournaments shall be at the discretion of the Executive Committee and printed on the entry form.

## **Association Trophies**

35. Trophies will be presented at the AGM, any trophy not collected will be considered re-donated to the Association.
36. All persons winning an individual or team perpetual trophy, and wishing to take it into their care must sign a form guaranteeing that when requested by the Executive Committee the said trophy shall be returned, or replaced with one of equal value.
37. Such winners must be aware that failure to comply with these conditions can lead to them being banned from playing table tennis in the League, County or Nationally.