



# **NORTHERN SUBURBS TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE INC**

## **CONSTITUTION**

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## **A. THE ASSOCIATION**

### ***Name of Association***

1.- The name of the association shall be the Northern Suburbs Table Tennis League (Incorporated) (in these rules called "the League")

### ***Interpretation***

2. -(1) In these rules, unless the contrary intention appears -

(a) "committee" means the committee of management of the League;

"general meeting" means a general meeting of members convened in accordance with rule 14;

"ordinary committeeperson" means a member of the committee to whom paragraph (b) of sub-rule (1) of rule 24 relates.

(2) In these rules, expressions referring to writing shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be construed as including references to printing, lithography, photography, and other modes of representing or reproducing words in a visible form.

(3) Words or expressions contained in these rules shall be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of the Acts Interpretation Act 1931 and the Act as in force on the date on which these rules are adopted by the League.

### ***League Office***

3. - The office of the League shall be at 8a Constance Ave, Glenorchy, or such other place as the committee may, from time to time, determine.

### ***Objects and Purposes of the Association***

4. -(1) In addition to the basic objects of the League, the objects and purposes of the League shall be deemed to include -

(a) the purchase, taking or lease or in exchange, and the hiring or otherwise acquiring of any real or personal property that may be deemed necessary or convenient for any of the objects or purposes of the League;

(b) the buying, selling, and supplying of, and dealing in, goods of all kinds;

(c) the construction, maintenance, and alteration of buildings or works necessary or convenient for any of the objects or purposes of the League;

(d) the accepting of any gift, whether subject to a special trust or not, for any one or more of the objects or purposes of the League;

(e) the taking of such steps from time to time as the committee or the members in general meeting may deem expedient for the purpose of procuring contributions to the funds of the League, whether by way of donations, subscriptions, or otherwise;

(f) the printing and publishing of such newspapers, periodicals, books, leaflets, or other documents as the committee or the members in general meeting may think desirable for the promotion of the objects and purposes of the League;

(g) the borrowing and raising of money in such manner and on such terms as the committee may think fit or as may be approved or directed by resolution passed at a general meeting;

(h) subject to the provisions of the Trustee Act 1898, the investment of any moneys of the League not immediately required for any of its objects or purposes in such manner as the committee may from time to time determine;

(i) the making of gifts, subscriptions, or donations to any of the funds, authorities, or institutions to which paragraph (a) of sub-section (1) of section 78 of the Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act 1936-1964 of the Commonwealth relates;

(j) the establishment and support, or aiding in the establishment and support, of associations, institutions, funds, trusts, schemes, and conveniences calculated to benefit servants or past servants of the League and their dependents and the granting of pensions, allowances, or other benefits to servants or past servants of the League and their dependants, and the making of payments towards insurance in relation to any of those purposes;

(k) the establishment and support, or aiding in the establishment or support, of any other association formed for any of the basic objects of the League;

(l) the purchase or acquisition, and undertaking, of all or any part of the property, assets, liabilities, and engagements of any Associations with which the League may at any time become amalgamated in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the rules of the League; and

(m) the doing of all such other lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the basic objects of the League or to any of the objects and purposes specified in the foregoing provisions of this sub-rule.

(2) The basic objects of the League, as stated in the application under subsection (2) of section 7 of the Act for the incorporation of the League lodged with the Commissioner pursuant to that section shall be the encouragement and advancement of Table Tennis, the arrangement and control of championships, inter-club matches and all matters incidental thereto.

### **Membership of the Association**

5. -(1) A person who is nominated and approved for membership as provided in these rules is eligible to be a member of the League on payment of the annual subscription prescribed in, or fixed under, these rules,

-(2) A person who is not a member of the committee of management at the time of the incorporation of the League shall not be admitted to membership of the League

(a) unless he is nominated as provided in sub-rule (3) of this rule; and

(3) A nomination of a person for membership of the League –

(a) shall be made in writing, ,

(b) shall be accompanied by the written consent of the person nominated (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination): and

(c) shall be lodged with the membership officer of the League.

(4) As soon as practicable after the receipt of a nomination, the membership officer shall record the nomination,

(5) (a) Upon a nomination being approved by the committee, the membership officer shall, with as little delay as possible, notify the nominee, , that they have been approved for membership of the League and, upon receipt of the sum payable by or on behalf of the nominee as his first year's subscription, shall enter the nominee's name in a register to be kept by the membership officer, whereupon the nominee becomes a member of the League.

(b) The public officer or a representative from the committee shall also notify the Tasmanian Table Tennis Inc and / or Table Tennis Australia and / or the League's Public Liability Insurer of the membership as soon as practical, so the membership application can be included in the League's Public Liability insurance policy.

(6) A member of the League may, at any time, resign from the League by delivering or sending by post to the public officer a written notice of resignation,

(7) Upon receipt of a notice under sub-rule (6) of this rule, the public officer shall remove the name of the member by whom the notice was given from the register of members, whereupon that member ceases to be a member of the League,

(8) A right, privilege, or obligation of a person by virtue of his membership of the League -

(a) is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person; and

(b) terminates upon the cessation of his membership, whether by death, resignation, or otherwise.

(9) In the event of the League being wound up -

(a) every member of the League; and

(b) every person who, within the period of twelve months immediately preceding the commencement of the winding up, was a member of the League, is liable to contribute to the assets of the League for payment of the debts or liabilities of the League and for the costs, charges, and expenses of the winding up and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves such sum, not exceeding five dollars, as may be required, but a former member is not liable so to contribute in respect of any debt or liability of the League contracted after he ceased to be a member.

***(10) Life members -***

(a) the committee may, by unanimous resolution, nominate any person who has given outstanding service to the League for life membership of the League,

(b) upon such nomination the member may be elected by a two-thirds majority of members present and eligible to vote at an annual general meeting;

(c) if elected, the life member shall thereupon become entitled to all the privileges of a financial member of the League, provided that, for sufficient cause, the committee may cancel such life membership. Further, a person elected to life membership may attend any meeting of the committee and any general meeting of the League and may speak on any matter at any such meeting but may not vote except at general meetings, or except where he is elected or appointed to the committee or any sub-committee of the League, when any such life member shall be entitled to vote.

**B. FINANCIAL**

***Income and property of Association***

6. -(1) The income and property of the League, however derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects and purposes of the League and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, by dividends, bonus, or otherwise, to any member of the League.

(2) The League shall not –

(a) appoint a person who is a member of the committee to any office in the gift of the League to the holder of which there is payable any remuneration by way of salary, fees or allowances; or

(b) pay to any such person any remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth (other than the repayment of out-of-pocket expenses).

(3) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this rule prevents the payment in good faith to a servant or member of the League of -

(a) remuneration in return for services actually rendered to the League by the servant or member or for goods supplied to the League by the servant or member in the ordinary course of business;

(b) interest at a rate not exceeding seven and one-quarter per cent on moneys lent to the League by the servant or member; or

(c) a reasonable and proper sum by way of rent for premises let to the League by the servant or member.

### ***Accounts of receipts, expenditure, etc.***

7. -(1) True accounts shall be kept -

(a) of all sums of money received and expended by the League and the matter in respect of which the receipt or expenditure takes place; and

(b) of the property, credits, and liabilities of the League and subject to any reasonable restrictions as to time and manner of inspecting them that may be imposed by the League for the time being, those accounts shall be open to the inspection of the members of the League.

(2) The Treasurer of the League shall faithfully keep all general records, accounting books, and records or receipts and expenditure connected with the operations and business of the League in such form and manner as the committee may direct.

(3) The accounts, books, and records referred to in sub-rule (1) and (2) of this rule shall be kept at the League's office or at such other place as the committee may decide.

### ***Banking and Finance***

8. -(1) The Treasurer of the League shall, on behalf of the League, receive all moneys paid to the league and forthwith after the receipt thereof issue official receipts therefore.

(2) The committee shall cause to be opened with such bank as the committee selects a banking account in the name of the League into which all moneys received shall be paid by the Treasurer as soon as possible after receipt thereof.

(3) The committee may receive from the League's bank or bankers for the time being the cheques drawn by the League on any of its accounts with the bank or bankers and may release and indemnify the bank or bankers from and against all claims, actions, suits, or demands that may be brought against the bank or bankers arising directly or indirectly out of those cheques or the surrender thereof to the League.

(4) Except with the authority of the committee, no payment of a sum exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars shall be made from the funds of the League otherwise than by cheque or

Electronic Funds Transfer drawn on the League's bank account, but the committee may provide the Treasurer with a sum to meet urgent expenditure, subject to the observance of such conditions in relation to the use and expenditure thereof as the committee may impose.

(5) No cheques or Electronic Funds Transfers shall be drawn on the League's bank account except for the payment of expenditure that has been authorised by the committee.

(6) All cheques, Electronic Funds Transfers, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes, and other negotiable instruments shall be signed by any two of the President, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President or any other committee member as appointed by the committee to be an account signatory.

### ***Auditor***

9. -(1) Except as provided in rule 10, at each annual general meeting of the League, the members present shall appoint a person as the auditor of the League.

(2) A person so appointed shall hold office until the annual general meeting next after that at which he is appointed, and is eligible for re-appointment.

(3) The first auditor of the League may be appointed by the committee before the first annual general meeting, and if so appointed, shall hold office until the first annual general meeting, unless previously removed by a resolution of the members at a general meeting, in which case the members at that meeting may appoint an auditor to act until the first annual general meeting.

(4) Except as provided in Rule 10, if an appointment is not made at an annual general meeting the committee shall appoint an auditor of the League for the then current financial year of the League.

(5) Except as provided in sub-rule (3) if this rule, the auditor may only be removed from office by special resolution.

(6) If a casual vacancy occurs in the office of auditor during the course of a financial year of the League, the committee may appoint a person as the auditor and the person so appointed shall hold office until the next succeeding annual general meeting.

10. -(1) Except where an audit is required by Law, at each annual general meeting of the League, the members may by special resolution agree to dispense with the audit of the League's accounts.

10. -(2) To be considered passed the special resolution shall require a majority of not less than 75% of the eligible votes to be cast in favour of the special resolution.



### ***Audit of accounts***

11.-(1) Once at least in each financial year of the League, the accounts of the League shall be examined by the auditor, except if, as provided by Rule 10, the members have voted to dispense with the audit.

(2) The auditor, unless as provided in Rule 10 one is not appointed, shall certify as to the correctness of the accounts of the League and shall report thereon to the members present at the annual general meeting.

(3) In his report, and in certifying to the accounts, the auditor shall state -

(a) whether he has obtained the information required by him;

(b) whether, in his opinion, the accounts are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the financial position of the League according to the information at his disposal and the explanation given to him and as shown by the books of the League; and

(c) whether the rules relating to the administration of the funds of the League have been observed.

(4) The public officer of the League shall cause to be delivered to the auditor a list of all the accounts, books, and records of the League.

(5) The auditor -

(a) has a right of access to the accounts, books, records, vouchers, and documents of the League;

(b) may require from the servants of the League such information and explanations as may be necessary for the performance of his duties as auditor;

(c) may employ persons to assist him in investigating the accounts of the League; and

(d) may, in relation to the accounts of the League, examine any member of the committee or any servant of the League.

## **C. GENERAL MEETINGS**

### ***Annual General Meeting***

12. (1) The League shall, in each year, hold an annual general meeting.

(2) The annual general meeting shall be held on such day (being not later than four months after the close of the financial year of the League) as the committee may determine.

(3) The annual general meeting shall be in addition to any other general meetings that may be held in the same year.

(4) The annual general meeting shall be specified as such in the notice convening it.

(5) The ordinary business of the annual general meeting shall be -

(a) to confirm the minutes of the last preceding annual general meeting and of any general meeting held since that meeting,

(b) to receive from the committee, auditor (if one is in office), and servants of the League reports upon the transactions of the League during the last preceding financial year;

(c) to elect the officers of the League and the ordinary Committee member;

(d) to either appoint the auditor and determine the auditor's remuneration or to decide by special resolution to dispense with the audit; and

(e) at its discretion to elect a patron.

(6) The annual general meeting may transact special business of which notice is given in accordance with these rules.

(7) All general meetings other than the annual general meeting shall be called special general meetings.

(8) Those entitled to attend and vote at annual and special general meetings shall be the current financial members of the League whose names are properly recorded in the register of members.

### ***Special General Meetings***

13.(1) committee may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a special general meeting of the League.

(2) The committee shall on the requisition in writing of not less than ten members, convene a special general meeting of the League.

(3) A requisition for a special general meeting shall state the objects of the meeting and shall be signed by the requisitionists and deposited at the office of the League and may consist of several documents in the like form, each signed by any one or more of the requisitionists.

(4) If the committee does not cause a special general meeting to be held within twenty-one days from the date on which a requisition therefore is deposited at the office of the League, the requisitionists, or any of them, may convene the meeting; but any meeting so convened shall not be held after three months from the date of the deposit of the requisition.

(5) A special general meeting convened by requisitionists in pursuance of these rules shall be convened in the same manner as nearly as possible as that in which those meetings are

convened by the committee, and all reasonable expenses incurred in convening the meeting shall be refunded by the League to the persons incurring them.

### ***Notices of general meetings***

14.-(1) The public officer of the League shall, at least fourteen days before the date fixed for holding a general meeting of the League, shall advertise the meeting by using electronic media platforms, notify members specifying the place, day, and time for holding of a general meeting, and the nature of the business to be transacted thereat.

### ***Business and quorum at general meetings.***

15. -(1) All business that is transacted at special general meetings and all business that is transacted at the annual general meeting, with the exception of that specifically referred to in these rules as being the ordinary business of the annual general meeting, shall be deemed to be special business.

(2) No item of business shall be transacted at a general meeting unless a quorum of members entitled under these rules to vote is present during the time when the meeting is considering that item.

(3) Five members personally present (being members entitled under these rules to vote thereat) constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a general meeting.

(4) If within one hour after the appointed time for the commencement of a general meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of members, shall be dissolved; and in any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week, at the same time and (unless other place is specified by the chairman at the time of adjournment or by written notice to members given before the day to which the meeting is adjourned) at the same place, and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within one hour after the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, the meeting shall be dissolved,

### ***President to preside at general meetings***

16.-(1) The President, or in his absence, the Vice President shall preside as chairman at every general meeting of the League.

(2) If the President and Vice President are both absent from a general meeting, the members present shall elect one of their members to preside as chairman thereat.

### ***Adjournment of general meeting***

17.-(1) The chairmen of a general meeting at which a quorum is present may, with the consent of the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place, but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting at which the adjournment took place.

(2) Where a meeting is adjourned for fourteen days or more, the like notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of the original meeting.

(3) Except as provided in the foregoing provisions of this rule, it is not necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.

### ***Determination of questions arising at general meetings***

18.-A question arising at a general meeting of the League shall be determined on a show of hands and, unless before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands a poll is demanded, a declaration by the chairman that a resolution has been carried, or carried unanimously, or carried by a particular majority, or lost, and an entry to that effect in the minute book is evidence of the fact, without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of, or against, that resolution.

### ***Votes***

19.-(1) Upon any question arising at a general meeting of the League a member has one vote only, unless the member is under the current legal age of voting as determined by Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, in which case they will be ineligible to cast a vote.

(2) All votes shall be given personally.

(3) In the case of an equality of voting on a question the chairman of the meeting is entitled to exercise a second or casting vote.

### ***Taking a poll***

20.-If at a meeting a poll on any question is demanded it shall be taken at that meeting either by actual division or by secret ballot as the chairman may direct, and the result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting on that question.

### ***When poll to be taken***

21.-A poll that is demanded on the election of a chairman, or on a question of adjournment, shall be taken forthwith, and a poll that is demanded on any other question shall be taken at such time before the close of the meeting as the chairman may direct.

## **D.COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT**

### ***Affairs of the Association to be managed by a committee***

22.-(1) The affairs of the League shall be managed by a committee of management constituted as provided in rule 24.

(2) The committee -

(a) shall control and manage the business and affairs of the League;

(b) may, subject to these rules, exercise all such powers and functions as may be exercised by the League, other than those powers and functions that are required by these rules to be exercised by general meetings of members of the League; and

(c) subject to the Act and these rules, has power to perform all such acts and things as appear to the committee to be essential for the proper management of the business and affairs of the League;

(d) make, and from time to time alter, amend, or repeal bye-laws for the conduct of the business of the League and the carrying out of its objects and purposes; and

(e) shall in the case of misconduct, or other conduct, which, in its opinion may be detrimental to the best interests of the League, *following the procedures outlined in the League Bye-Laws*, have power to call upon any officer, member, or registered player of the League, or of any affiliated body to attend a meeting of the committee to reply to any relevant questions that may be put, and should the said officer, member or registered player be found guilty or fail to comply without reasonable excuse, or make misleading statements, the said officer, member or player may be expelled, disqualified suspended, debarred or otherwise dealt with at the discretion of the committee. In the case of expulsion of a member of the League rule 33 sub-rules (1) to (8) shall apply.

### ***Officers of the Association***

23. -(1) The officers of the League shall be:

(a) a President;

(b) a Vice President;

(c) a Treasurer;

(d) a Secretary;

(e) an Assistant Secretary and

(f) a Membership Officer

(2) The provisions of sub-rules (2), (3) and (4) of rule 25, so far as they are applicable and with the necessary modifications, apply to and in relation to the election of persons to any of the officers mentioned in sub-rule (1) of this rule.

(3) Each officer of the League shall hold office until the annual general meeting next after the date of his election but is eligible for re-election.

(4) In the event of a casual vacancy in any office mentioned in sub-rule (1) of this rule, the committee may appoint one of its members to the vacant office, and the member so appointed may continue in office up to and including the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of his appointment.

### ***Constitution of the committee***

24.-(1) The committee shall consist of -

(a) the officers of the League; and

(b) 5 - 20 other members,

all of whom shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the League in each year.

(2) each ordinary committee member shall, subject to these rules, hold office until the annual general meeting next after the date of their election, but is eligible for re-election.

(3) In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the office of ordinary committeeman, the committee may appoint a member of the League to fill the vacancy, and the member so appointed shall hold office, subject to these rules, until the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of his appointment.

### ***Election of members of the committee***

25.-(1) Nominations of candidates for election as officers of the League or as ordinary committee member-

(a) shall be made in writing signed by two members of the League and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination), and

(b) shall be delivered to the public officer of the League at least two days before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting.

(2) If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the committee, the candidates nominated shall be deemed to be elected and further nominations shall be received at the annual general meeting.

(3) If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated shall be deemed to be elected.

(4) if the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a secret ballot shall be held.

(5) The ballot for the election of officers and ordinary committee member shall be conducted at the annual general meeting in accordance with sub-rule (6) of this rule.

(6) Where the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, the method of voting shall be as follows -

(a) eligible voters shall allot, in order of preference, a number to all candidates whose names appear on the ballot paper;

(b) the numbers then allotted shall be counted by scrutineers appointed by the chairman of the meeting, and

(c) the candidate or candidates with the lower or lowest totals shall be declared elected.

#### **Vacation of office**

26.- For the purposes of these rules, the office of an officer of the League or of an ordinary committeeman becomes vacant if the officer or committeeman -

(a) dies;

(b) becomes bankrupt or applies to take or takes advantage of any law relating to bankrupt or insolvent debtors or compounds with his creditors, or makes any assignment of his estate for their benefit;

(c) becomes of unsound mind;

(d) resigns his office by writing under his hand addressed to the committee;

(e) ceases to be a *resident of the State*;

(f) ceases to be a member of the League; or

(g) fails to pay all arrears of subscription due by them within fourteen days after they have received a notice in writing signed by the public officer stating that committee member has ceased to be a financial member of the League.

#### ***Meetings of the committee and of sub-committees***

27.-(1) The committee shall meet at least once in each month during the playing season at such place and at such times as the committee may determine.

(2) Special meetings of the committee may be convened by the President, or any four of its members.

(3) Notice shall be given to members of the committee of any special meeting, specifying the general nature of the business to be transacted, and no other business shall be transacted at such a meeting.

(4) Any five members of the committee constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the committee.

(5) No business shall be transacted unless a quorum is present and, if

within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same place and at the same hour of the same day in the following week unless the meeting was a special meeting, in which case it lapses.

(6) At meetings of the committee -

(a) the President, or a *Chairperson nominated by him*; or

(b) if the President and the *nominated Chairperson* are both absent, such one of the remaining members of the committee as may be chosen by the members present, shall preside.

(7) Questions arising at meetings of the committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the committee shall be determined on a show of hands or, if demanded by a member, by a secret ballot.

(8) Each member present at a meeting of the committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the committee (including the person presiding at the meeting) is entitled to one vote and, in the event of an equality of votes on any question, the person presiding may exercise a second or casting vote.

(9) Written notice of each committee meeting shall be served on each member of the committee

(10) In the event of a member of the committee applying for and being granted leave of absence from duty, the committee may appoint a temporary replacement who shall have the rights and voting power of a full member of the committee until the leave of absence of the original member has expired.

***Disclosure of interest in contracts, etc.***

28,-(1) A member of the committee who is interested in any contract or arrangement made or proposed to be made with the League shall disclose their interest at the first meeting of the committee at which the contract or arrangement is first taken into consideration, if their interest then exists, or, in any case, at the first meeting of the committee after the acquisition of their interest.



(2) If a member of the committee becomes interested in a contract or arrangement after it is made or entered into they shall disclose their interest at the first meeting of the committee after they become so interested.

(3) No member of the committee shall vote as a member of the committee in respect of any contract or arrangement in which they are interested and if they do so vote, their vote shall not be counted

### ***Sub-committees and executive committee***

29.-(1) The committee at its first meeting shall appoint sub-committees as it may think fit and shall prescribe the powers and functions thereof.

(2) The committee may co-opt as members of the sub-committee such persons as it thinks fit, whether or not those persons are members of the League.

(3) Two appointed members of a sub-committee constitute a quorum at a meeting of the sub-committee.

(4) The chair of each sub-committee shall be appointed by the committee and shall be responsible for calling meetings of that sub-committee, and to report the findings of that so called meeting to the committee in writing.

(5) The President, the Vice President, the Treasurer, and the Secretary constitute an executive committee, which may issue instructions to the public officer and the servants of the League in matters of urgency connected with the management of the affairs of the League during the intervals between meetings of the committee, and where any such instructions are issued shall report thereon to the next meeting of the committee.

## **E. GENERAL**

### **Annual Subscription**

30. (1) The annual subscription payable by members shall be an amount nominated by Tasmanian Table Tennis Inc.

(2) The annual subscription will be paid through a members weekly competition fees

(3) The amount of the annual subscription may be altered from time to time by the members by special resolution.

### ***Financial year***

31.- The financial year of the League is the period beginning on the first day of January in each year and ending on the thirty-first day of December next following.

## ***Notice***

32.- A notice may be served by or on behalf of the League upon any member either personally in writing.

## ***Exclusion of members***

33.-(1) Subject to this rule, the committee may exclude a member from the League if, in the opinion of the committee, the member has been guilty of conduct detrimental to the interests of the League including breaching the League's Code of Conduct by the NSTTL Complaints & Grievance sub-committee.

(2) The exclusion of a member pursuant to sub-rule (1) of this rule does not take effect -

(a) until the expiration of fourteen days after the service on the member of a notice under sub-rule (3) of this rule; or

(b) if the member exercises his right to appeal under this rule, until the conclusion of the special general meeting convened to hear the appeal, whichever is the later date.

(3) Where the committee excludes a member from the League, the public officer of the League shall, without undue delay, cause to be served on the member a notice in writing -

(a) stating that the committee has excluded the member;

(b) specifying the grounds for the exclusion; and

(c) informing the member that if they so desires the member may, within fourteen days after the service of the notice on them, appeal against the expulsion as provided in this rule.

(4) A member on whom a notice under sub-rule (3) of this rule is served may appeal against the exclusion to a special general meeting by writing to the public officer of the League within fourteen days after the service of that notice, a requisition in writing demanding the convening of such a meeting for the purposes of hearing their appeal.

(5) Upon receipt of a requisition under sub-rule (4) of this rule, the public officer shall forthwith notify the committee of its receipt and the committee shall thereupon cause a special general meeting of members to be held within twenty-one days after the date on which the requisition is received by the public officer.

(6) At a special general meeting convened for the purpose of this rule -

(a) no business other than the question of the expulsion shall be transacted:

(b) the committee may place before the meeting details of the grounds of the expulsion and the committee's reasons for the exclusion;

(c) the excluded member shall be given the opportunity to be heard; and

(d) the members present shall vote by secret ballot on the question whether the exclusion should be lifted or confirmed.

(7) If at a special general meeting a majority of the members present vote in favour of the lifting of the exclusion, the expulsion shall be deemed to have been lifted and the excluded member is entitled to continue their membership of the League.

(8) If at a special general meeting a majority of the members present vote in favour of the confirmation of the exclusion, the exclusion takes effect, and the excluded member ceases to be a member of the League.

### ***Affiliations***

34. -(1) Affiliations -

(a) the League shall *usually be* affiliated with the Tasmanian Table Tennis Inc. (T.T.T. Inc.);

(b) the committee shall *then*, at its first meeting each year, appoint the required number of delegates to represent the League on the Committee of Management of the Tasmanian Table Tennis Inc.

(2) The League may from time to time affiliate with any organisation that supports the basic objects of the League.

(3) The League shall have power to accept for affiliation with the League other Table Tennis associations, leagues or organizations and clubs and the regulations herein shall apply -

(a) every application for affiliation shall be made in writing having enclosed therein such affiliation fees as may be determined from time to time by the committee. The committee shall have the power to accept or reject any application and shall not be obliged to give any reason for any rejection.

(b) an affiliated association shall have power in accordance with its rules to impose penalties on or suspend local clubs, officials, members, or players, and to refuse transfers of players, and such penalties, suspensions, or refusal of transfers are to be notified in writing to the Northern Suburbs Table Tennis League (Inc.) and to the club, official, member or player by the affiliated association concerned.

(c) the club, official, member or player concerned shall have the right to appeal to this League and shall notify the affiliated association concerned in writing that the appeal is being lodged.

(d) all such appeals must be in writing, substantiated by duly verified documentary evidence, by all parties concerned and received by the public officer of the League within fourteen days of notification by the affiliated association to the club, official, member, or player and to the League.

(e) not less than fourteen days after any such penalty, suspension, or refusal of transfer has been notified to the League, and subject to no appeal having been lodged, all penalties, suspensions or refusal of transfers are to be compulsorily imposed by all bodies affiliated with the Northern Suburbs Table Tennis League (Inc).

(f) all such appeals shall be dealt with by the committee of the League,

(g) if the appeal is upheld, all penalties shall be automatically lifted by the affiliated association concerned.

(h) if the appeal is dismissed, the penalties shall be compulsorily imposed by the League and all affiliated bodies within the territory of the League.

(i) if the appeal is against the severity of the penalty, the committee may, at its discretion, vary the penalty and the varied penalty will then be compulsorily imposed by the League, the affiliated association concerned, and all other bodies affiliated with the League.

(j) the public officer will notify the Tasmanian Table Tennis Inc. of the ultimate penalty imposed as required by that association.

(3) Associations and clubs affiliated under this rule shall not have any interests or rights in the property of this League.

(4) Affiliated associations and clubs must obtain the sanction of the Tasmanian Table Tennis Inc. through this League before conducting any OPEN tournament.

### ***Association colours***

35.- The colours of the League shall be Black and White.

#### **Disputes**

36.-(1) Subject to this rule, a dispute between a member of the League, in his capacity as a member, and the League shall be determined by arbitration in accordance with the provisions of the Arbitration Act 1892.

(2) Nothing in this rule affects the operation or effect of rule 33.

### ***Common Seal***

37.-(1) The common seal of the League shall be in the form of a rubber stamp, inscribed with the name of the League encircling the words "Common Seal".

(2) The common seal of the League shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the committee, and the affixing thereof shall be attested by the signatures either of two members of the committee or of one member of the committee and of the public officer of the League or such person as the committee may appoint for that purpose, and

that attestation is sufficient for all purposes that the common seal was affixed by authority of the committee.

(3) The common seal shall remain in the custody of the public officer

***Public Officer***

NOTE: In accordance with Section 14 of the Associations Incorporation Act (1964), the committee shall, within 14 days of incorporation or of the position becoming vacant, appoint a resident in the state to the position of public officer.