

10 Anson Road, #16-16 International Plaza Singapore 079903

CONSTITUTION

NAME

1. This Society shall be known as the "Scrabble Association", hereinafter referred to as the "Society".

PLACE OF BUSINESS

2. Its place of business shall be at "10 Anson Road, #16-16 International Plaza Singapore 079903" or at such other place of address as may subsequently be decided upon by the Committee and approved by the Registrar of Societies. The Society shall carry out its activities only in places and premises which have the prior approval of the relevant authorities, where necessary.

3. OBJECTS

3.1. Its objects are

- a. To promote the playing of Scrabble.
- b. To liaise with other organisations of the same nature and to foster mutual friendship.

4. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RIGHTS

4.1. Membership consist *sic* of:

- a. Ordinary Members: Any person who has an interest in Scrabble may be admitted to Ordinary Membership. Ordinary Members shall be eligible to vote and stand for elections to the Committee. [Ordinary Members: Any person of legal voting age who has an interest in Scrabble and who is not eligible to be admitted to either Student or Senior Citizen Membership, may be admitted to Ordinary Membership. Ordinary Members shall be eligible to vote and stand for elections to the Committee.*]
- b. Life Members: Any Ordinary Members may become a Life Member upon payment of a lump sum decided by the Society. Life Members shall be eligible to vote and stand for elections to the Committee.
- c. Student Members: Any full-time student either in a Government or private institution in Singapore who has an interest in Scrabble may be admitted to Student Membership. Student Members are not eligible to vote or stand for elections to the Committee. [Student Members: Any full-time student either in a Government or private institution in Singapore who has an interest in Scrabble may be admitted to Student Membership. Student Members are not eligible to vote in elections to the Committee. Student Members above 18 years of age may stand for election as Ordinary Committee Members subject to the express approval of the President and subject to an upper limit of two (2) Student Members serving on the Committee at any time.*]
- d. Senior Citizen Members: Any person above 55 years of age who has an interest in Scrabble may be admitted to Senior Citizen Membership. Senior Citizen Members are not eligible to vote or stand for elections to the Committee. [Senior Citizen Members: Any person above 55 years of age who has an interest in Scrabble may be admitted to Senior Citizen Membership. Senior Citizen Members are eligible to vote or stand for elections to the Committee.*]
- e. Honorary Members: A person may be elected as an Honorary Member at an Annual General Meeting. Honorary Members are not eligible to vote or stand for elections to the Committee and shall not pay any dues.

5. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

- 5.1. A person wishing to join the Society should submit his particulars to the Secretary on a prescribed form.
- 5.2. A new member must be proposed and seconded by existing members. His name will then be posted on the notice board in the Society's premises for one week at the end of which time the Committee will decide on the application for membership taking into consideration and objections raised.
- 5.3. A copy of the Constitution shall be furnished to every approved member upon payment of the entrance fee.
- 5.4. Membership of the Society shall ceased *sic* through
 - a. Resignation: Any member may resign his membership by giving to the Secretary one month's notice in writing to that effect and paying all monies due to the Society.
 - b. Arrears of subscription.
 - c. Expulsion: Any member may be expelled by the Society if he is convicted of a criminal offence of a serious nature or if he is a bankrupt. The Society may also expel any member or suspend his membership, if the member had conducted himself, whether in the Society's premises or elsewhere, by word or by act, in a manner deemed to be contrary to the objects or interest of the Society and/or injurious to its reputation.

6. ENTRANCE FEES, SUBSCRIPTIONS AND OTHER DUES

- 6.1. The entrance fees and subscriptions shall be determined by the General Meeting on recommendation from the Committee from time to time.
- 6.2. For Senior Citizen Membership, the entrance fee is waived and the monthly subscription payable shall be half or less or that payable by Ordinary Membership.
- 6.3. Annual subscriptions are payable in advance within the first month of the year. If a member falls into arrears with his subscription or other dues, he shall be informed immediately by the Treasurer. If he fails to settle his arrears within two weeks of their becoming due, the President may order that his name be posted on the Society's notice board and that he be denied the privileges of membership until he settles his account. If he falls into arrears for more than 3 month's dues he will automatically cease to be a member and the Committee may take legal action against him provided that they are satisfied that he has received due notice of his debts.
- 6.4. Any additional fund *sic* required for special purposes may only be raised from members with the consent of the general meeting of the members.

7. SUPREME AUTHORITY AND GENERAL MEETINGS

- 7.1. The supreme authority of the Society is vested in a General Meeting of the members presided over by the President.
- 7.2. An Annual General Meeting shall be held in September. [An Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than March each year.*]
- 7.3. At other times, an Extraordinary General Meeting must be called by the President on the request in writing of not less than 25% of the total voting membership or 30 voting members, whichever is the lesser, and may be called at anytime *sic* by order of the Committee. The notice in writing shall be given to the Secretary setting forth the business that is to be transacted. The Extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened within 2 months from receiving this request to convene the Extraordinary General Meeting.
- 7.4. If the Committee does not within 2 months after the date of the receipt of the written request proceed to convene an Extraordinary General Meeting, the members who requested for the Extraordinary General Meeting shall convene the Extraordinary General Meeting

by giving 10 days' notice to voting members setting forth the business to be transacted and simultaneously posting the agenda on the Society's notice board.

- 7.5. At least 2 weeks' notice shall be given of an Annual General Meeting and at least 10 days; notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting. Notice of meeting stating the date, time and place of meeting and shall be sent by the Secretary to all voting members. The particulars of the agenda shall be posted on the Society's notice board 4 days in advance of the meeting.
- 7.6. Unless otherwise stated in this Constitution, voting by proxy shall not be allowed at all General Meetings.
- 7.7. The following points will be considered at an Annual General Meeting:
 - 7.7.1. The previous financial year's accounts and annual report of the Committee.
 - 7.7.2. Where applicable, the election of office-bearers and Honorary Auditors for the following term.
- 7.8. Any member who wishes to place an item on the agenda of a General Meeting may do so provided he gives notice to the Secretary one week before the meeting is due to be held.
- 7.9. At least 25% of the total voting membership or 30 members, whichever is the lesser, present at a General Meeting shall form a quorum. Proxies shall not be constituted as part of the quorum.
- 7.10. In the event of there being no quorum at the commencement of a General Meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned for half an hour and should the number then present be insufficient to form a quorum, those present shall be considered a quorum, but they shall have no power to amend any of the existing rules.

8. MANAGEMENT AND COMMITTEE

- 8.1. The administration of the Society shall be entrusted to a Committee consisting of the following to be elected at each Annual General Meeting:
 - 8.1.1. A President
 - 8.1.2. A Vice-President
 - 8.1.3. A Secretary
 - 8.1.4. A Treasurer
 - 8.1.5. 8 Ordinary Committee Members
- 8.2. Names for the above offices shall be proposed and seconded at the Annual General Meeting and election will follow on a simple majority vote of the members. All office bearers, except the Treasurer may be reelected to the same or related post for a consecutive term of office. The term of office of the Committee is 1 year [two years*].
- 8.3. Election will be either by show of hands or, subject to the agreement of the majority of the voting members present, by a secret ballot. In the event of a tie, the Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote.
- 8.4. A Committee Meeting shall be held at least once every 3 months after giving seven days' notice to Committee Members. The President may call a Committee Meeting at any time by giving five days' notice. At least ½ of the Committee Members must be present for its proceedings to be valid. [A Committee Meeting shall be held at least once every six (6) months after giving seven (7) days' notice to Committee Members. The President may call a Committee Meeting at any time by giving five (5) days' notice. At least half of the Committee Members must be present for the proceedings to be valid.*]
- 8.5. Any member of the Committee absenting himself from three meetings consecutively without satisfactory explanations shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the Committee and a successor may be co-opted by the Committee to serve until the next Annual General

Meeting. Any changes in the Committee shall be notified to the Registrar of Societies within two weeks of the change.

8.6. The duty of the Committee is to organise and supervise the daily activities of the Society. The Committee may not act contrary to the expressed wishes of the General Meeting without prior reference to it and always remains subordinate to the General Meetings.

8.7. The Committee has power to authorise the expenditure of a sum not exceeding \$5,000 per month from the Society's funds for the Society's purposes.

9. DUTIES OF OFFICE BEARERS

9.1. The President shall chair all General and Committee meetings. He shall also represent the Society in its dealings with outside persons.

9.2. The Vice-President shall assist the President and deputise for him in his absence.

9.3. The Secretary shall keep all records, except financial of the Society and shall be responsible for their correctness. He will keep minutes of all General and Committee meetings. He shall maintain an up-to-date Register of Members at all times.

9.4. The Treasurer shall keep all funds and collect and disburse all moneys on behalf of the Society and shall keep an account of all monetary transactions and shall be responsible for their correctness. He is authorised to expend up to \$300 a month for petty expenses on behalf of the Society. He will not keep more than \$300 in the form of cash and money in excess of this will be deposited in a bank to be named by the Committee. Cheques, etc. for withdrawal from the bank will be signed by the Treasurer and either the President or the Vice-President or the Secretary.

9.5. Ordinary Committee Members shall assist in the general administration of the Society and perform duties assigned by the Committee from time to time.

10. AUDIT AND FINANCIAL YEAR

10.1. Two voting members, not being members of the Committee, shall be elected as Honorary Auditors at each Annual General Meeting, and will hold office for a term of 1 year only and shall not be reelected for a consecutive term.

10.2. They:

- a. Will be required to audit each year's accounts and present a report upon them to the Annual General Meeting.
- b. May be required by the President to audit the Society's accounts for any period within their tenure of office at any date and make a report to the Committee.

10.3. The financial year shall be from 1st July to 30th June. [The financial year of the Association shall be from the 1st of January to the 31st of December each year.*]

11. TRUSTEES

11.1. If the Society at any time acquires any immovable property, such property shall be vested in trustees subject to a declaration of trust.

11.2. The trustees of the Society shall:

- a. Not be more than 4 and not less than 2 in number.
- b. Be elected by a General Meeting of members
- c. Not effect any sale or mortgage of property without the prior approval of the General Meeting of the members.

11.3. The office of the trustee shall be vacated:

- a. If the trustee dies or becomes a lunatic or of unsound mind.
- b. If he is absent from the Republic of Singapore for a period of more than one year.

- c. If he is guilty of misconduct of such a kind as to render it undesirable that he continues as a trustee.
- d. If he submits notice of resignation from his trusteeship.
- 11.4. Notice of any proposal to remove a trustee from his trusteeship or to appoint a new trustee to fill a vacancy must be given by posting it onto the notice board in the Society's premises at least two weeks before the General Meeting at which the proposal is to be discussed. The result of such General Meeting shall then be notified to the Registrar of Societies.
- 11.5. The address of each immovable properties *sic*, name of each trustee and any subsequent change must be notified to the Registrar of Societies.

12. VISITORS AND GUESTS

- 12.1. Visitors and guests may be admitted into the premises of the Society but they shall not be admitted into the privileges of the Society nor shall they be admitted into the premises more than six times in a calendar year. These visits are to be confined to not more than once in 14 days.
- 12.2. A Visitors' Book shall be kept in which shall be entered the names of all visitors and guests, together with the names and signatures of the members nominating them and dates of their visits. No person shall be a visitor or guest till his name has been entered in this book.

13. PROHIBITIONS

- 13.1. Gambling of any kind, whether for stakes or not, is forbidden on the Society's premises. The introduction of materials for gambling or drug taking and of bad characters into the premises is prohibited.
- 13.2. The funds of the Society shall not be used to pay the fines of members who have been convicted in court of law.
- 13.3. The Society shall not engage in any trade union activity as defined in any written law relating to trade unions for the time being in Singapore.
- 13.4. The Society shall not attempt to restrict or interfere with trade or make directly or indirectly any recommendation to, any arrangement with its members which has the purpose or is likely to have the effect of fixing or controlling the price or any discount, allowance or rebate relating to any goods or service which adversely affect *sic* consumer interests.
- 13.5. The Society shall not indulge in any political activity, or allow its funds and/or premises to be used for political purposes.
- 13.6. The Society shall not hold any lottery, whether confined to its members or not, in the name of the Society or its office-bearers, Committee or members unless with the prior approval of the relevant authorities.
- 13.7. The Society shall not raise funds from the public for whatever purposes without the prior approval in writing of the Head, Licensing Division, Singapore Police Force and other relevant authorities.

14. AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

- 14.1. No alteration or addition/deletion to this Constitution shall be made except at a general meeting and with the consent of two-thirds of the voting members present at the General Meeting, and they shall not come into force without the prior sanction of the Registrar of Societies.

15. INTERPRETATION

- 15.1. In the event of any question or matter pertaining to day-to-day administration which is not expressly provided for in this Constitution, the Committee shall have the power to use their own discretion. The decision of the Committee shall be final unless it is reversed at a General Meeting of the members.

16. DISPUTES

- 16.1. In the event of any disputes arising among members, they shall attempt to resolve the matter at an Extraordinary General Meeting in accordance with this Constitution. Should the members fail to resolve the matter, they may bring the matter to a court of law for settlement.

17. DISSOLUTION

- 17.1. The Society shall not be dissolved, except with the consent of not less than $\frac{3}{5}$ of the total voting membership of the Society for the time being resident in Singapore expressed either in person or by proxy, at a General Meeting convened for the purpose.
- 17.2. In the event of the Society being dissolved as provided above, all debts and liabilities legally incurred on behalf of the Society shall be fully discharged, and the remaining funds will be disposed of in such a manner as the General Meeting of members may determine or donated to an approved charity or charities in Singapore.
- 17.3. A Certificate of Dissolution shall be given within seven days of the dissolution to the Registrar of Societies.

* Amendments approved by General Meeting and awaiting submission to the Registrar for approval as required by the Societies Act.