**DENTONIA PARK TENNIS CLUB**

**BY-LAWS**

ARTICLE 1 — PORTFOLIO CO-ORDINATORS OF THE DENTONIA PARK TENNIS CLUB

1.1 Portfolio Co-ordinators of the Club are elected to their position for a term of one year, by  a simple majority vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

1.2 Co-ordinators are automatically directors of the Club, and are members of the Executive  Committee (hereinafter, the “Executive Committee” – see Article Two below) for the year  they are elected.

1.3 Officers of the Club (see Article Five of Constitution above) are eligible to hold one or  more co-ordinator positions.

1.4 Each co-ordinator, as required, prepares a budget for the year and submits it to the  Treasurer in a timely fashion.

1.5 There shall be four Executive Officers and seven Portfolio Coordinator positions.

1.6 At least 30 days before the Annual General Meeting, the Executive Committee may determine the title and duties of the Portfolio Coordinator positions to be filled for next season by the election held at the AGM. The Executive Committee may by majority vote define the positions as befits the operational needs of the club.

1.7 If the Executive Committee fails to determine the title and duties of the Portfolio Coordinator positions at least 30 days prior to the AGM, then the portfolios are as follows:

1.7.1 **Social Events**: has general responsibility to plan and direct the Club's various social activities and special events, prepares a social calendar, and oversees the social committee if one is formed.

1.7.2 **Club House Operations**: has general responsibility for the overall physical operation of the Club, including the clubhouse and the courts.

1.7.3 **Tournaments and Ladders**: has general responsibility for organizing and running the various Club tournaments, including advertising them, ranking players and supervision of  each event.  Also operates the monthly competitive ladders.

1.7.4 **Membership and Court Booking System Administrator**: has general responsibility to manage yearly membership renewals, waitlist and to maintain the membership database. Also responds to member and waitlist email inquiries. Is the functional owner of the booking system in terms of membership database, events and court bookings.

1.7.5 **Communications**: has general responsibility for all internal and  external communications and advertising for the Club via email newsletter and social media.

1.7.6 **Website and Systems**: has general responsibility to support technology use within the club, including internet service, administrative booking system, and website. Is the technical owner of the booking system, acting as a liaison for the technology vendors.

1.7.7 **Monitors**: interviewing and supervision of the court monitors

1.7.8 **Past President**: remains a member of the Executive Committee for the year following his or her presidency in an advisory capacity, but does not have voting  privileges unless he or she also holds an officer and/or co-ordinator position for the  current year.

ARTICLE TWO — EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

2.1 The Executive Committee shall consist of the four officers of the Club plus the seven Portfolio Co-ordinators. However, if a vacancy occurs, any  Executive Committee member or other adult Club member in good standing may be  appointed to an officer’s or portfolio co-ordinator’s position on an interrim basis for the  remainder of the current year, by a simple majority vote of the Executive Committee.  The Executive Committee may also, by majority vote modify portfolio responsibilities during the season as needed.

2.2 The President or Secretary shall endeavor to provide ten (10) days notice of regular  meetings of the Executive Committee to all its members.

2.3 A quorum for an Executive Committee meeting shall be six.

2.4 The vote to govern at an Executive Committee meeting is a simple majority, except for the  vote on any amendment to the Club’s Constitution or By-Laws (see Article Six of the  Club’s Constitution, above), or the vote to remove an officer of the Club (see Article 3.2.5  below).

ARTICLE THREE — ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND CO-ORDINATORS

3.1 All officers and co-ordinators of the Club shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting  by a simple majority of the voting membership of the Club present at the meeting.

3.1.1 A term of office shall be one year, starting from the day after AGM until the end of the day  of the next year’s AGM.

3.1.2 To stand for election, a Club member in good standing must be 18 years of age or  older as of January 1st of that year, and must attend the AGM and receive both a  nomination and a seconding from two adult members of the Club in good standing.  Or, in written form, any adult Club member in good standing may nominate any  other adult Club member in good standing, with any second adult Club member in  good standing signing the nomination form as seconder. The nominated individual  must also sign his or her agreement to stand for that particular position. This  nomination form is then presented to the general Club membership at the AGM for  their vote.

3.2 All officers and co-ordinators may be re-elected to the same or another position for another  term in the years following. **There is no limit to the number of years a person can be  on the Executive Committee except as noted below:**

3.2.1 The President may be elected to the same office for (4) consecutive years, and  then must relinquish that position, at which time he or she becomes the Past  President for the following year.

3.2.3 The Treasurer may only be elected for four (4) consecutive years, and then must  relinquish that position for at least one (1) year.

3.2.4 In order to be elected either to the position of President or Treasurer, the person  must have been a member of the Executive Committee for at least one (1) year in  any of the prior three (3) years.

3.2.5 An officer or co-ordinator can be removed from his or her position by a two-thirds  (2/3's) majority vote of the Executive Committee. Fifteen (15) days notice must be  given to the officer or co-ordinator in question, as well as to all the members of the  Executive Committee, and this officer or co-ordinator must be given the opportunity to appear before the Executive Committee at that meeting, in advance  of the vote taking place. Should the officer or co-ordinator in question be voted out  of office, he or she has the right to appeal that decision at a second meeting, to be  held within thirty (30) days of the first vote. Should this second vote also be for the  person’s removal, the decision is final, and no other appeal is allowed.

3.2.6 If an officer or co-ordinator is unable or unwilling to continue in their position  before the current term expires, the Executive Committee may appoint, by simple  majority vote, any adult Club member in good standing, or any of the other current  officers and/or co-ordinators, to take up that position for the remainder of the  current term.

ARTICLE FOUR – POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

4.1 The affairs of the Club shall be controlled and directed by the Executive Committee, and  they shall meet not less than four (4) times per year. Only elected Committee members  shall have a vote at their meetings (except for the Past President and Trustee(s), unless they  also hold another, voting, position). The duties of the Executive Committee are:

4.1.1 To control and conduct the affairs of the Club on behalf of its members, including  the purchase of all equipment and supplies needed.

4.1.2 To keep accurate accounts of the finances of the Club, through the Treasurer. The  records are to be available for reasonable inspection by any adult Club member in  good standing.

4.1.3 The fiscal year shall be from January 1st to December 31st.

4.1.4 All cheques and other financial commitments, including but not limited to contracts,  loans and capital expenditures, etc., shall be signed by two of the following three Officers: the President; the Vice-president; the Treasurer.

4.2 The following guidelines shall govern the different levels of Club expenditures:

4.2.1 Petty cash shall be defined as any purchase amounting to $99 or less, to be  reimbursed to the purchaser by the Treasurer, upon  proper submission of receipt(s).

4.2.2 On-going, budgeted expenditures amounting from $100 to $500 must be approved  by the Treasurer and must be part of the current year’s budget. If not already part  of the budget, they must first be approved by the Executive Committee at their next  meeting.

4.2.3 Capital or one-time expenditures that exceed $500, budgeted or otherwise, must be  approved by the Executive Committee. A minimum of two (2) quotes or estimates  on the price and nature of the good(s) and/or service(s) is recommended.

4.2.4 Capital or one-time expenditures that exceed $1,000, budgeted or otherwise, must  be approved by the Executive Committee and must have a minimum of two (2)  such quotes or estimates.

4.2.5 In all cases where a purchase or other financial commitment has been made on  behalf of the Club, but without the proper authorization, the matter may be brought  before the Executive Committee if two (2) members of the Executive Committee  support such an enquiry, and the Executive Committee may at its discretion accept  or reject said purchase, or part thereof.

4.3 The Executive Committee has the sole right to appoint trustees (see Article Seven below).   The Executive Committee does so by a simple majority vote.

4.4 The Executive Committee shall convene and run the Annual General Meeting, and any  Special General Meetings that may arise. The President of the Club, or in his absence the  Vice-President, shall chair these meetings.

4.5 The Executive Committee has the right to remove the membership privileges of any Club  member who is found guilty of misconduct according to the Code of Conduct put forward  by Tennis Canada, or of any behavior that they judge is unacceptable to the Club as a  whole and its members. The procedure is as follows:

4.5.1 The Executive Committee schedules a board of enquiry, giving all parties fifteen  (15) days notice. The notice shall include pertinent details of the misconduct.

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4.5.2 This board of enquiry is closed to the general membership, and the Executive  Committee requests the presence of only those people who are directly involved.  Any statements of witnesses must be made in person, not in written form. The  accused Club member(s) must be given a chance to address the board before the  vote is taken, if he or she wishes. If the accused Club member does not attend the  meeting, for any reason, the board of enquiry can still go forward and make its  decision.

4.5.3 If the Club member(s) have their membership revoked, they may ask for an appeal,  if it is supported by at least two (2) Executive Committee members and can take  place within thirty (30) days of the initial vote. If this second vote also goes against  the accused Club member, the decision is final and there can be no further appeal.

4.5.4 Any person so removed of his or her membership can apply for reinstatement at the  beginning of any upcoming year. The Executive Committee must approve such a  reinstatement.

4.5.5 The vote to govern for a board of enquiry, an appeal and a reinstatement hearing is  a simple majority.

4.5.6 The board may, at its own discretion, agree to impose a lesser penalty than losing  one’s membership. This, also, is subject to a single appeal.

4.5.7 In all cases, the Executive Committee wishes to support the friendly and civilized  settling of difference between Club members themselves, and in our interactions  with the outside community. Every effort will be made to promote friendly play  and the proper handling of competitive emotions, and to give Club members who  have been found guilty of an infraction every chance to make it up. Revocation of  membership shall be considered to be an action of last resort.

ARTICLE FIVE — ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

5.1 The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Club shall be held no later than November 30th of each year. Thirty (30) days’ written notice shall be given to all adult Club members of  the AGM, and a notice will be posted at the Club house at the same time.

5.2 A Special General Meeting (SGM) will be convened by the Executive Committee when:

5.2.1 They have received a properly submitted amendment(s) to the Constitution or to  the By-Laws, and have determined that the matter should not be delayed until the  next AGM.

5.2.2 A matter of importance has arisen that they decide requires a vote by the Club as a  whole, or 25 members sign a petition to demand a meeting.

5.2.3 See Article Six of the Constitution (above) for the amending procedure.

5.2.4 Once a petition has been received, the SGM shall be conducted within 45 days

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5.3 All Club members in good standing who are 18 years of age or older as of January 1st of the  current year shall be entitled to one vote at any AGM or SGM. Members must attend the  meeting to vote. No proxy votes are permitted.

5.4 Any motion submitted at the AGM, other than amendments to the Constitution or the  By-Laws, shall be decided by a simple majority vote. In the event of a tie, the President of  the Club, as the chairperson of the meeting, will cast a second, tie-breaking vote.

5.5 The business of the AGM shall be to:

5.5.1 Confirm the minutes of the previous AGM, and of the minutes of any SGM held  since the last AGM.

5.5.2 Present a financial report for the year from the Treasurer.

5.5.3 Present the annual report of the Executive Committee from either the President or  the Secretary.

5.4.4 Elect the officers and co-ordinators of the Club for the coming year.

5.4.5 Transact any other business as received in writing by the Secretary at least seven (7)  days prior to the AGM, and which has been included in the agenda.

5.4.6 Discuss and vote on any amendments to the Constitution or the By-Laws (see  Article Six of the Constitution, above).

5.4.7 Discuss and vote on any new business brought forward by any adult member in  good standing present at the meeting.

5.5 Quorum for an AGM or SGM shall be 18 adult members.

ARTICLE SIX — CAPITAL EXPENDITURES RESERVE

6.1 The Club shall maintain, separate from the current account, a capital fund for the purpose  of saving toward future capital expenditures, and to act as an emergency fund in case of  need. This fund will not be used for any ongoing operating expenses of the Club.

ARTICLE SEVEN — TRUSTEES

7.1 The Executive Committee shall appoint no more than two (2) trustees whose functions and  responsibilities are:

7.1.1 To attend Executive Committee meetings in an advisory, non-voting capacity.

7.1.2 To ensure that Club financial records are complete, in good order, and are passed  from the outgoing to the incoming Executive Committees.

7.1.3 The Executive Committee has the right to revoke a person’s position as a trustee by  a simple majority vote.

ARTICLE EIGHT — AUDIT

8.1 The Executive Committee shall not be required to conduct a financial Audit or Review Engagement.

ARTICLE NINE — DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

8.1 Dissolution of the Club requires a two-thirds majority vote at an Annual General Meeting  or a Special General Meeting (i.e., the procedure is the same as for an amendment to the  Constitution – see Article Six of the Constitution, above).

8.2 If, upon dissolution of the Club, after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, there  remain any monies or other assets, these shall be paid out equally to all adult Club  members in good standing who are on the register for that year, or, upon a simple majority  vote at an AGM or SGM, such monies and/or assets may be given or transferred to some  other organization(s) with similar objectives to those of the Club.