

Geilston Bay Tennis Club

Constitution Update

The proposed new constitution endorsed at the AGM of August 2020 is a modern version of the model rules adopted by the Club in the late 1970's. generally speaking it provides for a smaller, more autonomous Committee less reliant on the decisions of the AGM with much more capacity to implement change. It also limits the financial liability of members in the event of the closure of the club and allows for electronic meetings. The Objects of the club have been simplified.

As discussed at the Committee meeting of May 02nd this document attempts to identify the more significant differences between the current constitution and the version endorsed by the AGM.

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| Annual Subscription | 32 Set at the AGM | 8.1 Subscription and other fees set by the Committee |
| Membership Renewal | 8.9 Membership remains in place as long as fees are paid until resigned or terminated. | 5.5 Renewal of membership is not automatic and an application for renewal of membership may be declined without reason. |
| Auditor | 14 Appointed at the AGM | 22.d May be appointed by the Committee. Might need to be included in a Finance By Law if required. |
| Committee | 25 6 Officers, 5 ordinary members 26.1 1 year terms | 12.1 3 Officers, 6 ordinary members 13.4 3 year rotating terms (1 officer and 2 ordinary members each year) |
| President | 26.4 max 3 consecutive terms | No limit on consecutive terms |
| Sub Committees | 31 Committee can create sub committees, Executive have power to provide direction in urgent cases. Our current Sub Committees are Special Committees | 19 Can create and delegate powers to sub committees, they act for the Committee. Special Committees no longer exist. |

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| Elections | 27.2 Further nominations received at the meeting. 27.5 Voting ballot determined by Committee | 13 Nominations must be received in time, no nominations from the floor at the meeting. Vacancies become Casual Vacancies dealt with by the Committee. 13.3.d Voting by secret ballot. |
| Casting Vote | 21.1 Chairman has casting vote at General Meetings 29.8 Chairman has a casting vote at Committee or Sub Committee meetings | 10.10 The Chairman does not have a casting vote at General meetings 16.3 The Chairman does not have a casting vote at Committee meetings |
| Telecommunication meetings | No mention | 17 Allowed, function as per a physical meeting |
| Liability on winding up | 8.10 Annual subscription | 25.2 \$1 |
| By Laws | 38 Club will implement TA Member Protection ByLaw | 20.1 Committee can create and interpret By Laws 20.2 By Laws are binding on members, have same effect as Constitution |
| Quorum | 17.3 15 members form a quorum at a General Meeting 29.4 5 (2 Officers) form a quorum at a Committee meeting 31.3 3 members form a quorum at a Sub Committee Meeting | 10.1 10 members form a quorum at a General Meeting 16.4 5 (1 Officer) form a quorum at a Committee meeting 17.1 Same quorum for telecommunication meetings (perhaps only need 5 when voting by email, 3/2 could make a decision) |