

**STTA Constitutional Amendments 2023**

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1.	5.4	Individual Membership (a) Individual Membership is open to all individuals above 7 years of age who are residing in Singapore and willing to observe the rules and regulations of the S.T.T.A as the governing body for the sport of table tennis in Singapore. Applicants who are below eighteen (18) years of age must have the written consent of their parent or guardian.	5.4	Individual Membership (a) Individual Membership is open to all individuals <del>above aged 57 years of age and above</del> who are residing in Singapore and willing to observe the rules and regulations of the S.T.T.A as the governing body for the sport of table tennis in Singapore. Applicants who are below eighteen (18) years of age must have the written consent of their parent or guardian.	To reduce minimum age of individual members from 7 to 5 because our participants include children as young as 5.
2.	5.5	Honorary Membership (a) The S.T.T.A may upon recommendation by the Management Committee grant Honorary Membership to any individual organisation or association.	5.5	Honorary Membership (a) The S.T.T.A may upon recommendation by the Management Committee grant Honorary Membership to any individual, organisation or association.	To add “,” after “individual” and before “organisation” as it was omitted in the current Art.
3.	6.4	All applications for Ordinary, Individual or Honorary Membership shall be considered by the Management Committee for approval.	6.4	All applications for Ordinary, <del>Individual or Honorary</del> Membership shall be considered by the Management Committee for approval.	As <u>Individual</u> membership can be voluminous, it will not be feasible for all individual membership applications to be approved by MC, hence we propose to remove individual membership from Art. 6.4.  Art 5.5 (a) states that <u>Honorary</u> membership is via MC's recommendation, hence it is not necessary to include Honorary Membership in this Art.
4.	12.2 (cc)	To consider applications for Full, Ordinary or Individual Membership within three (3) months of receipt of such application and in the event of rejection to document the reasons thereof;	12.2 (cc)	To consider applications for Full <del>or Ordinary or Individual</del> Membership within three (3) months of receipt of such application and in the event of rejection to document the reasons thereof;	Consequential amendments resulting from amendment in Art. 6.4.

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5.	9.11	The following matters shall be passed by special resolutions carried by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes recorded at a General Meeting: (a) Acceptance of applications for Full Membership; (b) Expulsion of Full Members; and (c) Reinstatement of expelled members.	9.11	The following matters shall be passed by special resolutions carried by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes recorded at a General Meeting:  (a) Acceptance of applications for Full Membership; (b) Expulsion of Full Members; <del>and</del> (c) Reinstatement of expelled members-; <del>and</del> (d) Acquisition and disposal of immovable properties or assets and expenditures of significant value that draws on S.T.T.A. financial reserves i.e., more than 10% of S.T.T.A. financial reserves or S\$0.25million, whichever is higher, but excluding utilisation of grants, donations and sponsorships meant for specified purposes.	To align with NSA Model Constitution Art 25.1.12 To spell out the Board role and powers based on stakeholders' expectations of contemporary NSA Boards.
6.	9.12	Subject to Articles 9.11, 20.1 and 23.1 other matters shall be passed by ordinary resolutions carrying a simple majority of the votes recorded at a General Meeting.	9.12	Subject to Articles 9.11, 210.1 and 243.1 other matters shall be passed by ordinary resolutions carrying a simple majority of the votes recorded at a General Meeting.	Due to renumbering of Articles.
7.	10.1	Subject to Article 10.5 below, the administration of the S.T.T.A shall be entrusted to a Management Committee consisting of the 8 following members to be elected at alternate Annual General Meetings:	10.1	Subject to Article 10.57 below, the administration of the S.T.T.A. shall be entrusted to a Management Committee consisting of the following members to be elected at alternate Annual General Meetings:	Due to renumbering of Articles.
8.	Nil	Nil	10.4	The eligibility of voting members and nominated candidates for the Management Committee election should be verified and confirmed by an independent panel that comprises individuals who are not contesting the elections.	To align with NSA Model Constitution Art 19.8 that the MC election shall be conducted or supervised by independent member
9.	10.4	"Subject to Article 10.5, election to the Management Committee shall be by way of a simple majority vote of the members. In the event of a tie, a re-vote shall be taken and if it still results in a tie, subsequent rounds of votes shall be taken to determine who shall be the	10.5	Subject to Article 10.5,7 election to the Management Committee shall be by way of a simple majority vote of the members. <del>In the event of a tie, a re-vote shall be taken and if it still results in a tie, subsequent rounds of votes shall be taken to determine who shall be the</del>	To align with NSA Model Constitution Art 19.10 & 19.11.

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		successful candidate unless the contesting candidate(s) withdrew in		<del>successful candidate unless the contesting candidate(s) withdrew in favour of one of themselves</del> Any tie in votes that affects the outcome of the election shall be resolved through a subsequent round(s) of voting. If the tie involves more than two (2) candidates, the candidate with the lowest number of votes shall be eliminated after each round. If a tie persists after two (2) consecutive rounds of voting involving the same candidates, the Chairman who is presiding over the election shall draw lots to resolve the tie.	To spell out the MC member election processes in the event of a tie in votes.
10.	Nil	Nil	10.6	The counting of the votes shall be overseen and verified by two (2) or more scrutineers from the members present at the AGM who are not contesting the election and/or the representatives from the S.T.T.A.'s auditors and/or legal advisers who are present at the AGM.	To align with NSA Model Constitution Art 19.12.  To spell out the MC member election processes and the need for their proper and independent conduct.
11.	10.5		10.7		Article renumbered only
12.	10.6		10.8	Subject to Article 10.57, members of the Management Committee shall hold office for a term of two (2) years or until the next election but no later than the next Annual General Meeting year when they shall retire, but shall be eligible for re-election with the following exceptions:	Due to renumbered Article.
13.	10.7		10.9		Article renumbered only
14.	10.8		10.10		Article renumbered only
15.	10.9		10.11		Article renumbered only
16.	10.10		10.12		Article renumbered only
17.	10.11		10.13		Article renumbered only
18.	10.12		10.14		Article renumbered only
19.	10.13		10.15		Article renumbered only
20.	Nil	Nil	10.16	The Management Committee members shall not be individuals who are disqualified from serving on the	To align with NSA Model Constitution Art 21.2.

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				Board of charities or companies pursuant to the Charities Act 1994 and Companies Act 1967 or have past convictions for offences for which criminal record cannot be spent pursuant to the Registration of Criminals Act (Third Schedule).	To spell out the eligibility criteria for Board Members.
21.	Nil	Nil	10.17	The Management Committee members shall not be serving a suspension or ban from the ITTF or other regulatory authority.	To align with NSA Model Constitution Art 21.3. To spell out the eligibility criteria for Board Members.
22.	Nil	Nil	10.18	The Management Committee members shall be persons of good character with the relevant experience and credentials.	To align with NSA Model Constitution Art 21.4. To spell out the eligibility criteria for Board Members.
23.	10.14		10.19		Article renumbered only
24.	11.6	Any change in the members of the Management Committee shall be notified to the Registrar of Societies and the Commissioner of Charities within 2 weeks of the change.	10.20	Any change of the Management Committee members shall be notified to the Registrar of Societies and the Commissioner of Charities within two (2) weeks of the change.	Rephrase to align with NSA Model Constitution Art 21.7 for compliance to Charity Regulation. Shifted the Art from 11.6 to 10.20 for a better flow.
25.	11	MEETINGS OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	11	MEETINGS AND CIRCULAR RESOLUTION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	To allow Circular Resolution and spell out its processes
26.	Nil	Nil	11.6	The Management Committee may by a circular resolution decide on any matters of S.T.T.A. as stated within its powers under this Constitution. Such circular resolutions shall be as effective as if passed at a Management Committee meeting duly convened and held.	To align with NSA Model Constitution Art 28.1 To allow Circular Resolution and spell out its processes
27.	Nil	Nil	11.7	The resolutions for the Management Committee members' approval shall be circulated by the Secretariat upon the request by any of the Management Committee member who shall have a seconder for the same.	To align with NSA Model Constitution Art 28.2 To allow Circular Resolution and spell out its processes
28.	Nil	Nil	11.8	The circulation of such resolution(s) shall be relayed to Management Committee members by any acceptable	To align with NSA Model Constitution Art 28.3

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				means of communication adopted by the Management Committee, including via email.	To allow Circular Resolution and spell out its processes
29.	Nil	Nil	11.9	A circular resolution shall be carried upon acceptance by a simple majority of members of the Management Committee and shall be tabled and ratified at the following Management Committee meeting.	To align with NSA Model Constitution Art 28.4 To allow Circular Resolution and spell out its processes
30.	12.2 (m)	To formulate and implement an anti-doping policy;	12.2 (m)	To formulate and implement an anti-doping policy and a policy in compliance with the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions.	To align with NSA Model Constitution Art 36 To add prevention of manipulation of competitions.
31.	14.1	The Management Committee shall have the power to form Working Sub-Committees, whether on a permanent or ad-hoc basis, to assist in its management of the S.T.T.A. The Sub-Committees may include the Athlete Selection Committee and the Athletes Commission and such other Working Sub Committees which the Management Committee may form from time to time as and when the circumstances warrant it.	14.1  Added 14.2	<del>Subject to Clause 14.2, t</del> The Management Committee shall have the power to form Working Sub-Committees, whether on a permanent or ad-hoc basis, to assist in its management of the S.T.T.A. <del>The Sub-Committees may include the Athlete Selection Committee and the Athletes Commission and such other Working Sub Committees which the Management Committee may form from time to time as and when the circumstances warrant it.</del>  The Management Committee shall form the following Working Sub-Committees with the appropriate terms of reference including clauses 14.3 and 14.4: (a) Audit Committee; (b) Athletes Selection Committee; (c) Appeals Committee; and (d) Disciplinary Committee.	To align with NSA Model Constitution Art 29.3 NSAs are to form the 4 committees mentioned
32.	Nil	Nil	14.3	The Audit Committee, Athletes Selection Committee, Appeals Committee and Disciplinary Committee shall comprise of at least three (3) persons appointed by the Management Committee. Each of these Committees	To align with NSA Model Constitution Art 29.4 To spell out those committees that are required to maintain some level of independence from the Board.

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				shall have no more than two-thirds (2/3) of its members from the Management Committee.	
33.	14.2		14.4		Article renumbered only
34.	14.3		14.5		Article renumbered only
35.	14.4		14.6		Article renumbered only
36.	14.5		14.7		Article renumbered only
37.	14.6		14.8		Article renumbered only
38.	Nil	Nil	16	<b>AFFILIATION AND AUTHORITY</b>	To align with NSA Model Constitution on affiliation to ITTF & SNOC
39.	Nil	Nil	16.1	S.T.T.A. shall be affiliated to ITTF, the Singapore National Olympic Council (hereinafter referred to as "SNOC"), and such other recognised bodies as the Management Committee may deem necessary.	To align with NSA Model Constitution Art 16.1 on affiliation to ITTF & SNOC
40.	Nil	Nil	16.2	S.T.T.A. shall strive for government and public recognition as the national governing body and authority for the sport of table tennis in Singapore by virtue of S.T.T.A.'s affiliation to ITTF and SNOC, and through endeavours that further the Objects of S.T.T.A.	To align with NSA Model Constitution Art 5.1 on authority thru affiliation to ITTF and SNOC
41.	16 16.1- 16.9		17 17.1- 17.9		Article renumbered only
42.	17 17.1- 17.5		18 18.1- 18.5		Article renumbered only
43.	18 18.1		19 19.1		Article renumbered only
44.	19 19.1- 19.7		20 20.1- 20.7		Article renumbered only
45.	19.8	The S.T.T.A shall recognise the right of all its athletes to participate in clean sport and is committed to ensuring the sport of table tennis is doping-free. All affiliates,	20.8	The S.T.T.A shall recognise the right of all its athletes to participate in clean sport and is committed to ensuring the sport of table tennis is doping-free <b>and is free of any</b>	To align with NSA Model Constitution Art 36.1

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		members, athletes, participants, staff and other individuals who are subject to the rules and regulations of the S.T.T.A are bound by and agree to abide by all World Anti-Doping Code-compliant anti-doping rules applicable to the sport of table tennis.		<del>manipulation of competitions.</del> All affiliates, members, athletes, participants, staff and other individuals who are subject to the rules and regulations of the S.T.T.A are bound by and agree to abide by all World Anti-Doping Code-compliant anti-doping rules applicable to the sport of table tennis <del>and to comply with the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions.</del>	Add prevention of manipulation of competitions.
46.	Nil	Nil	20.9	The S.T.T.A shall be committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of its athletes and practitioners by abiding by its Safe Sport Policy.	To align with NSA Model Constitution Art 37.1 To spell out NSA's commitment in ensuring a safe sport environment.
47.	Nil	Nil	20.10	All affiliates, members, athletes, participants, staff and other individuals who are subject to the jurisdiction of the S.T.T.A are bound by and agree to abide by its Safe Sport Policy and to comply with the applicable rules under the Safe Sport Programme.	To align with NSA Model Constitution Art 37.1 To spell out NSA's commitment in ensuring a safe sport environment.
48.	Nil	Nil	21 21.1	<b>INCLUSIVITY</b> STTA, where possible, shall integrate into its activities, suitable forms of table tennis for people with disabilities.	Added Art. 21 to adapt to the NSA model Article 6 on inclusivity.
49.	20 20.1		22 22.1		Article renumbered only
50.	21 21.1		23 23.1		Article renumbered only
51.	22	DISPUTES	24	DISPUTES	Article renumbered only
52.	22.1	All and any disputes about any matter arising out of or in connection with this Constitution, including any question regarding its 22 existence, validity or termination, shall be referred to and finally resolved by arbitration administered by the Singapore International Arbitration Centre ("SIAC") in accordance with the Arbitration Rules of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre ("SIAC	24.1	<del>All and any disputes about any matter arising out of or in connection with this Constitution, including any question regarding its 22 existence, validity or termination, shall be referred to and finally resolved by arbitration administered by the Singapore International Arbitration Centre ("SIAC") in accordance with the Arbitration Rules of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre ("SIAC</del>	To align with NSA Model Constitution Art 38.1  To follow recommended mediation and arbitration as the means to resolve disputes.

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		Rules”) for the time being in force, which rules are deemed to be incorporated by reference in this clause.		<del>Rules”) for the time being in force, which rules are deemed to be incorporated by reference in this clause.</del> Any dispute arising amongst members or between any Member and the S.T.T.A. shall be resolved in accordance with the Framework for Alternative Dispute Resolution for Sports (ADR Sports) or other dispute resolution framework jointly administered for the time being by Sport Singapore, the Singapore Mediation Centre and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators.	
53.	22.2	The seat of the arbitration shall be Singapore.	<del>22.2</del>	<del>The seat of the arbitration shall be Singapore.</del>	To align with NSA Model Constitution Art 38.1
54.	22.3	The Tribunal shall consist of 1 arbitrator.	<del>22.3</del>	<del>The Tribunal shall consist of 1 arbitrator.</del>	To align with NSA Model Constitution Art 38.1
55.	22.4	The language of the arbitration shall be English.	<del>22.4</del>	<del>The language of the arbitration shall be English.</del>	To align with NSA Model Constitution Art 38.1
56.	22.5	The parties further agree that following the commencement of arbitration, they will attempt in good faith to resolve the dispute through mediation at the Singapore Mediation Centre (“SMC”). Any settlement reached in the course of the mediation shall be referred to the arbitral tribunal appointed by SIAC and may be made a consent award on agreed terms.	<del>22.5</del>	<del>The parties further agree that following the commencement of arbitration, they will attempt in good faith to resolve the dispute through mediation at the Singapore Mediation Centre (“SMC”). Any settlement reached in the course of the mediation shall be referred to the arbitral tribunal appointed by SIAC and may be made a consent award on agreed terms.</del>	To align with NSA Model Constitution Art 38.1
57.	23 23.1	Dissolution	<del>25</del> <del>25.1</del>	Dissolution	Article renumbered only
58.	23.2	In the event of the S.T.T.A being dissolved as provided above, or in the event the S.T.T.A ceases to be a registered charity under the Charities Act, all debts and liabilities legally incurred on behalf of the S.T.T.A shall be fully discharged, and the remaining funds will be donated to Institution(s) of a Public Character (IPCs) with similar objectives in Singapore which is (are) registered under the Charities Act, as the members of the S.T.T.A may determine at a General Meeting.	<del>25.2</del>	In the event of the S.T.T.A. being dissolved as provided above, or in the event the S.T.T.A. ceases to be a registered charity under the Charities Act 1994, all debts and liabilities legally incurred on behalf of the S.T.T.A. shall be fully discharged, and the remaining funds will be donated to <b>charitable organization(s), or</b> Institution(s) of a Public Character (IPCs) with similar objectives in Singapore which is (are) registered under the Charities	To align with NSA Model Constitution Art 43 and 44. This clause is mandated by the Charities (Registration of Charities) Rules. Rule 6(1) provides that the Sector Administrator shall remove an institution from the register of charities where it appears to the Sector Administrator that the



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				Act 1994, as the members of the S.T.T.A. may determine at a General Meeting.	continued registration of the institution as a charity is contrary to public interest.