



PICKLEBALL SCOTLAND

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1. NAME

The Association shall be called Pickleball Scotland.

(Hereinafter referred to as the Association) and it shall seek affiliation to and be bound by the rules of the International Federation of Pickleball. (IFP) and The World Pickleball Federation(WPFP

2 PURPOSE

This is a non-profit organisation designed to foster the development and growth of the sport of pickleball throughout Scotland for reasons of recreation, health, education and performance. The Association offers all stakeholders the opportunity to participate and contribute to that growth. These purposes are fulfilled through the aims and objectives of the Association

3 OBJECTS

The objects of the Association shall be to:

- 3.1.1 Promote, develop and popularise the sport of pickleball throughout Scotland.
- 3.1.2 Strengthen the bonds of friendship among participants, groups and clubs in Scotland
- 3.1.3 Promote the IFP decisive Bylaws, Rules and Regulations.
- 3.1.4 Promote the highest degree of sportsmanship and integrity among the players.
- 3.1.5 Support the organisation of tournaments in Scotland
- 3.1.6 Promote coaching and development of pickleball in Scotland.
- 3.1.7 Encourage and develop the sport with differently-abled people.
- 3.1.8 Employ the funds of the Association to achieve development and growth of the sport consistent with these purposes and objectives.
- 3.1.9 Engage in activities that confer direct benefits on the sport of pickleball.
- 3.1.10 Encourage a growth in participation and membership.

In summary, the Association is committed to encouraging the highest ethical standard

4 MEMBERSHIP

The membership shall consist of the following categories:

- 4.1.1 Individual members
- 4.1.2 Group affiliations e.g. schools, community groups and sports centres
- 4.1.3 Individual Members shall pay Membership fees as fixed at each Annual General Meeting. Group affiliations are not subject to Membership fees, nor will they have voting rights.
- 4.1.4 All members joining the Association shall be deemed to accept the terms of this Constitution and any Bye-laws from time to time adopted by the Association.
- 4.1.5 Any person seeking to join the Association shall submit an application to the Association. Membership is open to all and no application for membership will be refused on discriminatory grounds.

5 MANAGEMENT

5.1 A Management Committee,

- 5.1.1 which shall consist of the Officers of the Association, shall conduct the affairs of the Association plus four elected ordinary members, all of who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The roles for the elected members will be
- 5.1.2 Events : (including national regional and local and annual fundraising.
- 5.1.3 Communications including Web, social media and marketing
- 5.1.4 Participation and Capacity Building
- 5.1.5 Training and education

5.2 The Officers of the Association

- 5.2.1 Shall be honorary shall be the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary and membership secretary. If the post of any officer or ordinary committee member should fall vacant after such an election, the Management Committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy until the succeeding Annual General Meeting.
- 5.2.2 The Officers of the Association who shall be honorary shall be the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary and membership secretary. If the post of any officer or ordinary committee member should fall vacant after such an election, the Management Committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy until the succeeding Annual General Meeting
- 5.2.3 All Management Committee members must be members of the Association
- 5.2.4 The said Officers shall also be the trustee's ex officiis of the Association who shall hold any property belonging to the Association in their name and shall further be entitled to sue and be sued on behalf of the Association as trustee's ex officiis. They shall all be entitled to personal indemnity out of the funds of the Association where they are acting bona fide in their capacity as Officers of the Association.

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- 5.2.5 The Management Committee shall have full power to deal with all matters relating to the Association not reserved to a General Meeting in terms of this Constitution, including power to make public and enforce such bye- laws as the Committee feel necessary to govern the activities of the Association [including bye-laws relating to discipline].
- 5.2.6 The management committee will normally meet at least 4 times a year.
- 5.2.7 If voting is required after discussion, it will be by a simple majority vote as per 7.4

5.3 Terms of office for management committee adopted at AGM April 2019

- 5.3.1 Officials – 3 years with one position up for election each year. This means there will be continuity within the officers and allows new officials to have the support of other existing officers.
- 5.3.2 Management Committee 2 years with 2 positions elected each year to ensure continuity within the management team.
- 5.3.3 Exceptional Circumstances that would change the election of officers or management committee positions e.g. any resignations of elected positions.
- 5.3.4 Officers – The management committee co-opt an officer to replace the one that resigned. This officer will then carry out the rest of the term of the officer they replace until the next AGM where there will be an election of the officer position but it will only run till the end of the original 3 year term to allow and on-going replacement of one officer every year.
- 5.3.5 Management committee member – the management committee can co-opt a member of pickleball Scotland into the role which will be confirmed at the AGM.

6 GENERAL MEETINGS

6.1 Annual General Meeting

The Association shall hold an Annual General Meeting in the month of April to:

- 6.1.1 Approve the minutes of the previous year's AGM.
- 6.1.2 Receive reports from the Chair and Secretary.
- 6.1.3 Receive a report from the Treasurer and approve the Annual Accounts.
- 6.1.4 Receive a report from those responsible for certifying the Association's accounts.
- 6.1.5 Elect the Management Committee.
- 6.1.6 Appoint someone responsible for certifying the Association's accounts.
- 6.1.7 Fix the subscription for the ensuing year.
- 6.1.8 Consider changes to the Constitution.
- 6.1.9 Review and consider any Bye-laws.
- 6.1.10 Deal with other relevant business.

6.2 Extraordinary General Meeting

- 6.2.1 An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called by an application in writing to the Secretary supported by at least 5% of the members of the Association. The Management Committee shall also have the power to call an Extraordinary General Meeting by decision of a simple majority of its committee.

6.3 Notices

- 6.3.1 At least 21 days' notice and the Agenda shall be given to all voting members of any General Meeting. No business shall be conducted unless fair notice thereof is contained in the Agenda.
- 6.3.2 Any AOCB items for inclusion at the AGM to be submitted in writing a minimum of 14 days prior to the AGM.

6.4 Voting

- 6.4.1 With the exception of changes to the Constitution, decisions put to a vote shall be resolved by simple majority at General Meetings.
- 6.4.2 The Chair of the Association shall hold a deliberative as well as a casting vote at general and committee meetings; in each case at the time the meeting commences its business.

6.5 Quora

- 6.5.1 The quorum at General Meetings shall be 5% or 25 of the members whichever is the lower, and the quorum for Committee Meetings shall be 40% of the members.
- 6.6 Changes to the Constitution
- 6.6.1 Any change to the Constitution shall require a two-thirds' majority of those present, eligible to vote and voting at a General Meeting.
- 6.6.2 A proposal to change the Constitution must be submitted in writing to the Secretary who shall circulate the proposal to all members and allow seven days for submission of any amendments before calling a meeting in accordance with rule 7.3 above.
- 6.6.3 All proposals for changes to the Constitution shall be signed by two members eligible to vote at a General Meeting.

7 FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

- 7.1.1 The financial year shall run from 1st January to 31 December each year.
- 7.1.2 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the preparation of Annual Accounts of the Association.
- 7.1.3 The Accounts shall be certified by an appropriate independent person elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.
- 7.1.4 All cheques drawn against the Association's funds shall be signed by the Treasurer or one other nominated office-bearer.

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- 7.1.5 All Office Bearers of the Association shall be jointly and severally responsible for the financial liabilities of the Association.
- 7.1.6 The office bearers will set up liability insurance to cover activities undertaken by the association.
- 7.1.7 The association can borrow up to a limit of £1500.00 to allow the use of a credit card for more timely purchases.

8 DISSOLUTION

- 8.1.1 The Association is a non-profit making organisation. All profits and surpluses will be used to maintain or improve or develop the Association's facilities or to carry out the objects of the Association to which it is affiliated. No profit or surplus will be distributed other than to another non-profit making body on a winding-up or dissolution of the Association.
- 8.1.2 If, upon the winding up or dissolution of the Association there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall be transferred to some other organisation or organisations having objects similar to the objects of the Association, such organisation or organisations to be determined by the members of the Association by Resolution passed at a General Meeting or in the absence of such a resolution (or that the extent to which it cannot be given effect) to the Federation to which the Association is affiliated.