

**ISLE OF MAN SQUASH RACKETS ASSOCIATION  
CONSTITUTION**

**1. NAME**

The Association shall be called the “Isle of Man Squash Rackets Association”.

**2. OBJECTIVES**

The Association is formed to:-

- a) advance the game of Squash Rackets in the Isle of Man
- b) safeguard the interests of the game of Squash and to maintain the rules of the Squash Rackets Association
- c) arrange, regulate and manage Island matches, championships and competitions
- d) deal with all other matters in connection with the game in the Isle of Man.

**3. CONSTITUTION**

Membership of the Association shall consist of affiliated clubs and organisations in the Island, Honorary Members and Individual Members. Honorary Members shall be elected by the Committee.

**4. AFFILIATION**

Application for affiliation shall be made in writing to the Secretary. Acceptance or rejection of any such application shall be at the discretion of the Committee whose decision will be final.

**5. WITHDRAWAL FROM MEMBERSHIP**

The Committee may require any affiliated club or organisation to withdraw from the Association. Any appeal must be made within 14 days, in writing to the Secretary.

**6. SUBSCRIPTIONS**

The annual membership subscription shall be due in 1<sup>st</sup> October or on election and shall be in accordance with the charge determined by the Committee.

**7. NON-PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Any affiliated club or organisation or Individual Member whose subscription remains unpaid for one month after it has become due, may, if the committee so decides, cease to be a member of the Association, thus forfeiting all rights in the Association.

**8. MANAGEMENT**

The Association shall be managed by a Committee consisting of a President, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, League Secretary, Child Protection Officer, and a optional representative from each affiliated club or organisation, all to be elected annually. A Chairman may not hold office for more than three consecutive years except that if the outgoing Chairman has served three years and there are no new nominations then the outgoing Chairman may be re-elected annually. Five members present shall form a quorum for Committee meetings.

**9. POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

The Committee shall have full power to:-

- a) act in all matters relating to the Association and to use funds in such a manner as it shall deem to be in the interest of the Association
- b) decide all questions not provided for in these rules or the regulations with regard to the game in the Isle of Man
- c) fill any vacancy in its number and to co-opt others, subject to confirmation at the next Annual General Meeting
- d) create such sub-committees as it should deem necessary to run the affairs of the Association, co-opting members as necessary
- e) nominate the persons to represent the Association at any meeting of the ruling body to which the Association may be affiliated
- f) decide all questions between affiliated clubs or organisations which may be sent to it for decision
- g) allow the players who represent the Island such expenses as the Committee thinks proper
- h) award colours to players who have represented the Association in an Island representative team.

## **10. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

An Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held at the end of each season to receive the Annual Report of the Committee and the Statement of Accounts for the year to the 31<sup>st</sup> July, to elect the Committee and to transact any other business of which fourteen days notice has been given in writing to the Secretary. Such business will be stated on the circulation agenda paper if notice is given to the Secretary at least four weeks prior to the meeting.

- a) The time and place of the Annual General Meeting shall be fixed by the Committee.
- b) Ten members present who are eligible to vote shall form a quorum.
- c) Notices of every Annual General Meeting shall be given to all members at least fourteen days before the meeting, stating the business to be transacted.
- d) Each member of the Committee and each paid-up member of the Association shall have one vote if they are present at the meeting.
- e) Other individuals may attend General Meetings but shall have no right to vote.
- f)
  - i. Affiliated clubs and organisations may submit nominations for the positions on the Committee.
  - ii. Affiliated clubs and organisations may also nominate a member of their own club to serve on the Committee in a capacity other than (f) (i) above
  - iii. Nominations shall be invited by the Secretary no later than fourteen days before the date of the Annual General Meeting, and such nominations must be returned in writing to the Secretary no later than seven days before the date of the Annual General Meeting. Nominations may also be taken from the floor of the Annual General Meeting.
- g) Every question shall be decided by a show of hands, unless, before a vote is taken, a ballot is directed by the Chairman or demanded by three persons present and entitled to vote.
- h) In the event of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

## **11. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened by the Committee whenever it thinks fit and the Committee is obliged to call such a meeting within twenty-eight days of receipt by the Secretary of a

request in writing by any two affiliated clubs or organisations, or ten members, stating the business for which the meeting is to be convened.

## **12. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS AND OPEN TOURNAMENTS**

No affiliated club or organisation shall hold any open Championship or Open Tournament without the permission of the Association.

## **13. ALTERATION TO THE RULES**

No addition, alteration or amendment to these rules shall take effect unless sanctioned by three-fourths of the members present at a General Meeting.

## **14. POLICY ON DRUG TAKING**

The taking or use of any substances or participation in doping methods prohibited by the International Olympic Committee and by International Sports Federations is prohibited. In addition assisting or inciting others to contravene doping regulations is a doping offence.

The Association agrees to be fully compliant with the provisions made from time to time by the Manx Drugs Agency with regard to both selective and random sampling of body fluids. All members of the Association will be subject to the methods *and* procedures of testing. Refusal may result in the names of individuals being entered on a list of defaulters and subsequent consideration shall be given jointly with the Manx Drugs Agency as to the imposition of punitive measures.

In affiliating to the Association all members of the Association will be subject to doping control protocols and requirements.