



SCI CONSTITUTION

(As revised by AGM December 2021)

1. NAME

The Club shall be known as the SWAYTHLING CLUB INTERNATIONAL, referred elsewhere in these rules by its abbreviated title "SCI". The SCI is a non-profit making organisation with its seat in Switzerland. The Management of the SCI will be undertaken by an elected Management Committee who do not receive any remuneration.

2. OFFICE

The office of the SCI shall be in such a place as the Executive Committee may determine.

3. PRINCIPLES

The principles of the Swaythling Club International shall be friendship and mutual respect for one another without distinction of race, gender, religion, politics, and philosophy.

4. AIMS

The aims of the Club shall be:

- a) To bring together former international champions and players who have participated at World Championships, both team and individual, Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- b) To foster international friendship.
- c) To help each other whenever possible.
- d) To encourage younger players.
- e) To emphasize the importance of sportsmanship.
- f) To co-operate with the ITTF and to maintain good relations with Continental Federations.

5. STRUCTURAL ENTITIES

i) AGM

The Annual General Meeting shall take place every year during the World Championships (World Team Championships and World Individual Championships). The meeting shall be held at such place and at such time as may be determined by the Executive Committee. The agenda is to be published in the SCI NEWS preceding the AGM and may include for example:

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| every year: | appointment of scrutineers, approval of the Minutes of the previous AGM, adoption of the Presidents Report, adoption of the Treasurer's Report, Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Account of the previous financial year, adoption of the Auditor's Report, adoption of the Budget for the next year.
appointment of Personal Honorary Life Members or Honorary Life Presidents (if any), motions for amendments to the rules, motions for any proposals, general business |
| every two years: | release of the Executive Committee, election of the new Executive Committee, appointment of auditors |

ii) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

An Executive Committee, consisting of the President, Deputy President, Secretary, Treasurer and up to 3 members, shall have the power to deal with current or urgent business. Associate SCI members are only permitted if they have received their membership status at least 10 years beforehand. Any decisions shall be taken according to a majority of the votes cast. In the event of an equality of votes, the President shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.

The Executive Committee shall make every effort to ensure the traditional values of the SCI, its prerogative being the smooth continuation of the SCI.

The President is the supreme representative of the SCI in all matters. The Deputy President shall deputise for the President in absence. In the event of both not being available, the longest serving member shall preside.

iii) SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR

The Executive Committee may appoint a Special Administrator for the address database of members.

iv) MEDIA

The SCI Executive Committee will make the necessary technical and financial arrangements to maintain the SCI Website and to arrange the printing of a magazine, and distribution by post to all members.

6. MEMBERSHIP

6.1 Eligibility for Membership:

for players:

who won World Championships, Para World Championships or Olympic and Paralympic Title events

who have represented their country in at least one (1) World Championships or Para World Championships or in at least one (1) Olympic/Paralympic Games.

and to nonplaying team captains:

who have represented their country in at least one (1) World Championships or Para World Championships or in at least one (1) Olympic/Paralympic Games.

All members listed in the official address book of the SCI from the year 2000 (millennium issue) shall be accorded full membership status.

6.2 Associate Member

The Executive Committee shall have the power to nominate up to 10 persons in a period of two years for Associate Member status. Nominations shall be of outstanding personalities of table tennis, who are not otherwise eligible for membership. Associate membership may only be granted on approval of the Executive Committee.

6.3 Personal Honorary Life Member

Where any person has rendered special service to the SCI or to the game of Table Tennis; that person may, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, be appointed at an AGM of the SCI, as a Personal Honorary Life Member.

6.4 Honorary Life President

An immediate Past President of the SCI may be appointed as an Honorary Life President by the AGM.

7. SUBSCRIPTIONS

7.1

Every member shall, each year, pay such sum by way of subscription as may from time to time be determined at an AGM of the SCI.

7.2

Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-clause 7.1 a member may pay the Annual Subscription for five years in advance and receive a reduction of 20% of the Annual Subscription payable.

7.3

The Subscription payable by each member shall be paid **preferably** to the National Representative, who shall account to the Treasurer for each Subscription received, by a list of members, the amount paid, date of payment and date and particulars of the remittance sent to the Treasurer. **If necessary, individual members or their Associations may have to be approached.** Members who have not paid shall also be listed to complete the full list of Members.

7.4

Unless otherwise determined by an AGM, all subscriptions shall be paid to the Treasurer not later than the thirtieth day of June in each year.

7.5

Except with any extension approved by the Executive Committee, a Member who has not paid the Annual Subscription by 1st July shall lose the right to vote until the subscription has been paid.

7.6

Unless the Executive Committee, on the grounds of hardship decides to the contrary, a Member who is more than two years in arrears with subscription dues shall be suspended by the Executive Committee until the arrears and current subscriptions are paid.

7.7

Under extenuating circumstances, the Executive Committee may offer a complimentary membership (without paying membership fees) to persons who have been successful players or officials in the past.

8. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

8.1

Notice regarding the election procedure shall be given in the NEWS published prior to the nomination date.

8.2

No applications for Executive Committee and Auditors shall be accepted unless they are signed by the respective candidates and received by the Secretary by the 31st of December preceding the date for holding of the World Championships, but at least 60 days before the date of the AGM.

8.3

Any such member may be re-elected on the completion of the period for which he was elected or re-elected.

8.4

In the event of there being insufficient nominations to warrant an election, the Chairman shall declare the nominees who are available as being elected.

8.5

Voting shall be carried out by show of hands. Candidates receiving the majority votes shall be declared as being elected. In the event of equality of votes, decision shall be taken by lot.

8.6

The Deputy President shall have succession rights to the office of President and shall be so appointed in case of retirement, resignation or death of the current President and will automatically become President for the duration until the next AGM in odd years.

9. ATTENDANCE

Members of the SCI shall be entitled to attend the meeting and to be heard on any matter. All members present at an AGM are entitled to vote. The Auditors may attend the meeting and shall be entitled to be heard on any matter affecting their duties but shall not have the right to vote.

10. PROCEEDINGS AT AGM

10.1

The President shall preside as Chairman of an AGM. In his absence, the Deputy President shall take over. If both are absent, the longest serving available member of the Executive Committee shall preside.

10.2

Amendments or additions to the Constitution shall be made only at an AGM and require approval of not less than three-quarters of the total votes cast by the members present. Any such propositions shall be prepared by the Executive Committee and, if possible, published in the NEWS preceding the AGM. SCI Members may send recommendations for such propositions to the SCI Office by December 31st preceding the AGM.

10.3

In the event of an equality of votes, the Chairman of the meeting shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.

11. FINANCIAL**11.1**

The financial year of the SCI shall expire on December 31st each year.

11.2

A Balance Sheet shall be prepared by the Treasurer every year.

11.3

Any funds belonging to the SCI, which are not immediately required to be expended may be invested in any manner authorised by the Executive Committee on the proposal of the Treasurer.

12. WINDING UP**12.1**

The SCI may be wound up voluntarily if at least 90 % of the members present at an AGM pass a resolution, in respect of which special notice has been given requiring the SCI to be wound up. This item must be explicitly mentioned in the agenda of the respective AGM.

12.2

The Executive Committee shall function as liquidator and after satisfying all liabilities, including the expenses of winding-up, shall put the balance at the disposal of the International Table Tennis Federation to help retired players who might be in need of financial assistance.