



TENNIS CLUB INTERNATIONAL

GENEVA

STATUTES

The French version of these Statutes was adopted at the Extraordinary General Assembly held on 20 March 2023.

TITLE

Article 1 - The **Tennis Club International** (hereinafter referred to as the TCI), founded in 1937, is an association with legal personality under Swiss law established under section 2, chapter II, article 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code.

PURPOSE

Article 2 - The purpose of the TCI shall be to facilitate the practice of the game of tennis, to foster friendly relations between members employed by the United Nations and the specialized agencies established in Geneva and other members, as well as help them join in local sporting and leisure activities, with the aim of promoting a climate of peace and multinational and multicultural harmony in the pursuit of human rights.

STRUCTURE

Article 3 - The statutory headquarters of the TCI shall be at 27 chemin de l'Impératrice, Pregny-Chambésy (1292) in the Canton of Geneva.

Article 4 - The official bodies of the Club shall be:

- the General Assembly;
- the Committee.

The General Assembly, which is the TCI's governing body, shall consist of all adult active members of the Club. It may set up any subsidiary body it considers necessary. It shall elect the members of the Committee.

The Committee shall be responsible for the Club's management; it shall report to the General Assembly once a year. It may convene extraordinary general assemblies in the course of the year.

MEMBERSHIP

Article 5 - The following may be admitted to the membership of the TCI:

- a) Employees and former employees of the United Nations Office in Geneva and other international organizations in Geneva, and the members of their families;

- b) Persons whose activities are linked to those of international organizations in Geneva and representatives of countries in diplomatic missions accredited to those organizations, and the members of their families;

c) Other persons, subject to the terms of article 6.

Article 6 - Should it ever be necessary to restrict the membership in order to ensure the smooth running of the Club, priority shall be given by the Committee to the persons referred to in article 5 in the order of the categories set out in that article.

Article 7 - Applications for membership shall be addressed to the Committee in writing using the application forms issued to applicants with copies of the Club's Statutes and Rules. Membership of the Club shall imply full acceptance of its Statutes and Rules.

CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP AND FEES

Article 8 - The TCI membership shall consist of:

a) Active members: These shall be persons who play tennis, who use the Club's sporting facilities and who take an active part in the Club's sporting activities. They shall pay a full membership fee.

b) Passive members: These shall be active members (category a) above) who have stopped playing tennis and who no longer use the Club's sporting facilities but who wish to remain members. They shall pay a reduced fee and may revert to active membership by paying the full fee. Exceptionally, by decision of the Committee, other persons may be admitted to the passive membership category.

c) Honorary members: Any persons who have contributed significantly to either the management or the development of the Club may be admitted as

honorary members on a proposal by the Committee and subject to the approval of the General Assembly. They shall pay no membership fee.

Article 9 - The TCI's resources shall consist of members' entry fees and membership fees, as well as any donations, bequests or fees paid in for internal tournaments or tennis lessons organized by the Club, plus any other receipts. These resources shall be managed by the Committee in the best interests of the Club, subject to audit.

Article 10 - The members in categories 8 a) and b) above shall pay an initial entry fee in addition to their annual membership fee.

Article 11 - The amount of entry fee shall be decided and reviewed as necessary by the General Assembly on a simple majority vote. Annual fees shall be set by the General Assembly, also by a simple majority vote. Fees shall be payable by the date decided by the Committee.

Article 12 - Active members of the Club shall enjoy priority use of the covered courts during the winter season. Use by non-members shall be allowed subject to availability. The amount of hourly fees for the winter season shall be set by the General Assembly on a proposal by the Committee.

Article 13 - Entry and annual fees may be refunded only in very exceptional cases, subject to approval by the Committee.

RESIGNATION, SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

Article 14 - Any members of the Club who wish to resign must do so by notifying the Committee in writing not later than one month prior to the end of the financial year on 31 March.

Article 15 - Any active members not wishing to play for a season but wishing to remain members must notify the Committee in writing not later than one month prior to the end of the financial year. Active members who will be away from Geneva on official duty for several years must also notify the Committee, which shall decide whether they may retain their membership.

Article 16 - The Committee may decide to expel members for the following reasons:

- a) Failing to pay the Club fees;
- b) Seriously infringing the Club Statutes and/or Rules;
- c) Serious misconduct.

If such members' misconduct, in the Committee's view, is not serious enough to justify definitive expulsion, the Committee shall issue a warning to them and they will be expelled if the misconduct persists.

Article 17 - Members who resign or are expelled automatically forfeit membership rights. Entry fees and other fees owed by such members shall not be refunded by the Club.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 18 - The General Assembly shall hold an ordinary session once a year following the end of each financial year. All members of the Club shall be convened by the Committee and shall be sent a copy of the agenda not later than two weeks before the meeting is due to be held.

Article 19 - An extraordinary General Assembly may be convened at any time by the Committee, subject to 15 days' notice. The Committee must convene an extraordinary General Assembly if such a meeting is requested by one fifth (1/5th) of adult active members in writing giving reasons.

Article 20 - The General Assembly's agenda shall be as follows:

- a) Approval of the minutes of the previous year's ordinary General Assembly;
- b) Presentation of the accounts by the Committee;
- c) Presentation of the auditors' report;
- d) Discharge of the Committee;
- e) Appointment of all or part of the Committee's membership;
- f) Appointment of auditors for the following financial year;
- g) Fixing of entry fees and membership fees for the following financial year;
- h) Presentation of the budget;
- i) Discussion and if appropriate approval of the Committee's proposals;
- j) Other business.

Article 21 - Unless stipulated otherwise in these Statutes, decisions shall be taken by the General Assembly by a simple majority of adult active members present. Voting shall generally be by show of hands, except if ten per cent (10%) of the adult active members present request a secret ballot.

Article 22 - Passive and honorary members may attend sessions of the General Assembly but may not vote. They may take the floor if invited to do so by the person presiding the General Assembly.

COMMITTEE

Article 23 - The Committee shall consist of nine members, who shall be elected for 3 years. At least five committee members, including the President and the Treasurer, must belong to category a) referred to in article 5 above.

Article 24 - One third of the Committee's membership shall be renewed at the end of each financial year. Committee members who resign shall be replaced at the end of the financial year during which they hand in their resignation, irrespective of the period of duty remaining.

Article 25 - The Committee shall be responsible for:

- a) Implementing the decisions of the General Assembly;
- b) Preparing and convening general assemblies;
- c) Submitting management reports to the General Assembly relating to the past year's activities;
- d) Submitting a draft budget to the General Assembly;
- e) Managing the day-to-day business of the Club;
- f) Seeing to the Club's maintenance and managing its resources;

- g) Deciding charges for the use of the Club's facilities;
- h) Drawing up and amending the Club's rules;
- i) Fixing the opening and closing dates of the Club and the winter season;
- j) Ensuring observance of the Club's Statues and Rules;
- k) Deciding matters related to membership status;
- l) Representing the Club before third parties.

CLUB OBLIGATIONS

Article 26 - A valid obligation by the Club shall require the signature of two committee members, including its President and its Vice-President or Treasurer. Any financial decision of an unusual nature must be submitted for prior approval of an ordinary or extraordinary General Assembly.

Article 27 - The Club's financial year shall begin on 1 April and end on 31 March of the following year.

Article 28 - No member of the TCI may be held personally liable for the Club's obligations, which are secured solely by the Club's assets.

AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES

Article 29 - These Statutes may be amended by the General Assembly, by a two thirds (2/3) majority of voting adult members present, subject to the number of votes cast being equal to at least two thirds (2/3) of the total number of adult active members. Failing a quorum, a second General Assembly shall be convened within thirty days, which may then decide by a majority of two thirds (2/3) of adult active members present.

DISSOLUTION

Article 30 - The Club may be dissolved only by decision of the General Assembly, by a two thirds (2/3) majority of adult active members present.

Article 31 - In the event that the Club is dissolved, the Club's remaining assets, if any, shall be handed over to an organization pursuing the same or a similar purpose.