

TO: ALL SSRA MEMBERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN FOR THE 48th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SINGAPORE SQUASH RACKETS ASSOCIATION (SSRA) will be held on 27th of September 2018, Thursday, 7pm at: 1 Orchard Boulevard, Level 9 Theatrette, Camden Medical Centre, Singapore 248649

ORDINARY BUSINESS

1. President's Opening Message
2. Confirmation of minutes for the 47th AGM 2017
3. To receive and if accepted adopt the Annual report 2018
4. To receive and approve the Financial Statements for the Year ended 31st March 2018
5. To authorise the Management Committee to appoint the Auditors for 2018/2019 and to fix their remuneration

SPECIAL BUSINESS

6. To consider and if thought fit, to pass, with or without any modifications, the resolutions in the Appendix as recommended by Sport Singapore.
7. To attend to any other business
7 days' notice (by 19th September) is required and given in writing to the Secretary sent to SSRA office.

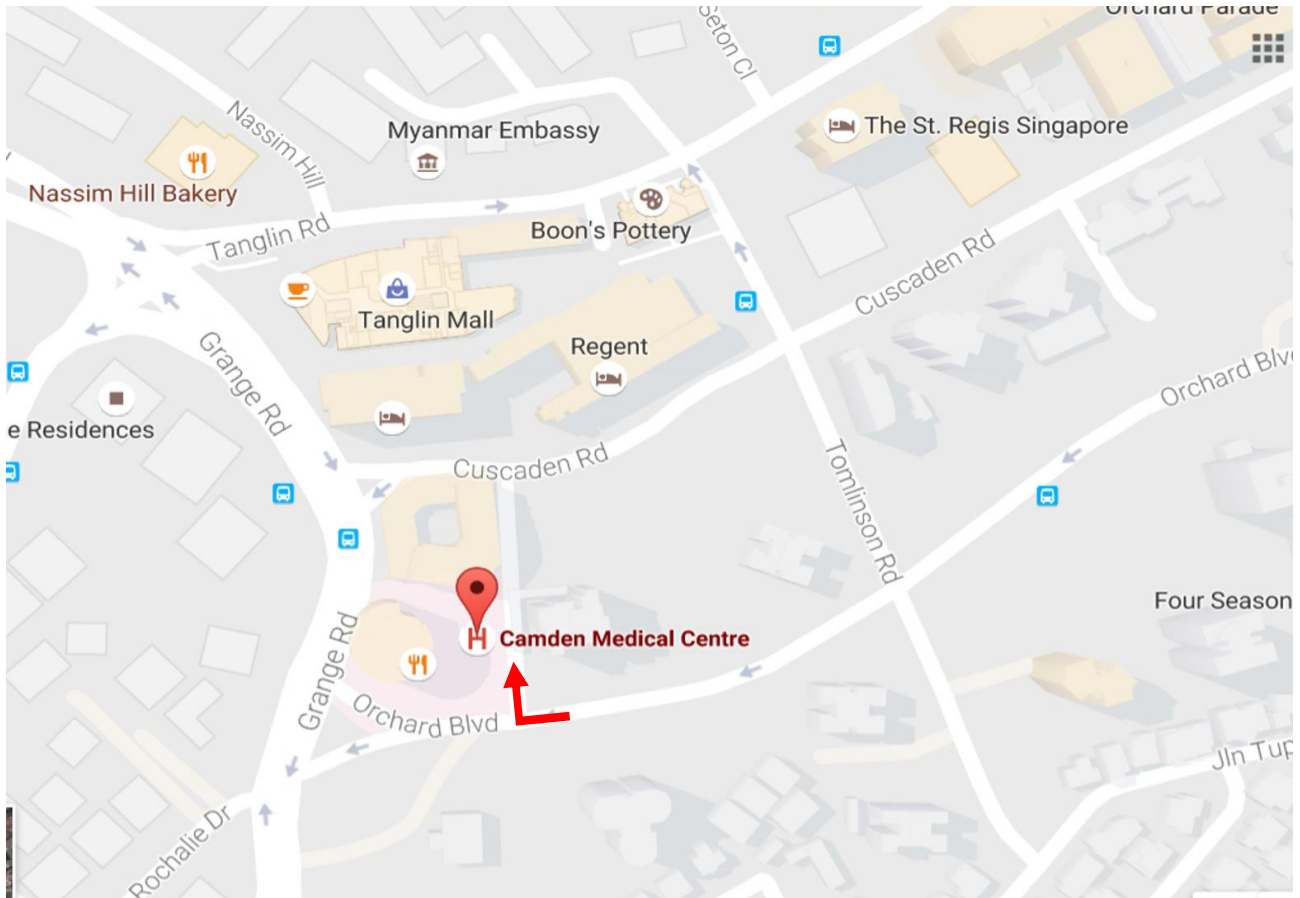
BY ORDER OF THE COMMITTEE

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raymond Tan".

Raymond Tan
Hon Secretary

Cc: SportSG

Directions:



If you park at the basement of Camden Medical Centre, take lift up to Level 9.

Alternative parking can be found at Tanglin Mall or Regent Hotel.

Appendix

EXPLANATORY NOTES TO AMENDMENTS TO SINGAPORE SQUASH RACKETS ASSOCIATION'S CONSTITUTION

Article No	Existing Article	Renumbered Article No	Proposed Article	Explanation & Reasons for Amendments
2	The address of the Association shall be #01-13B, SAFRA Tampines Clubhouse, 1A Tampines St. 92, Singapore 528882 or at such place to be determined by the Management Committee, hereinafter called the Committee from time to time subject to the approval of the Registrar of Societies.	2	The address of the Association shall be 3 Stadium Drive, The National Stadium, SportsHub #01-33, Singapore 397630 or at such place to be determined by the Management Committee (hereinafter called "the Committee") from time to time subject to the approval of the Registrar of Societies.	Change in address to account for office shifting to SportsHub, and minor grammar changes.
3a	The objectives of the Association are to concern itself with all matters related to the game of squash rackets in Singapore, including but not limited to the		The objectives of the Association are to concern itself with all matters related to the game of <u>squash</u> in Singapore, including but not limited to the publishing of rules of the games, organization of	Changed "squash rackets" to "squash" as the terminology is out-dated.

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	publishing of rules of the games, organization of championships, leagues and other matches (including exhibition matches) conducted at both national and international levels and determination of the rules/bye-laws for these events. As the governing authority of any matter pertaining to the game of squash rackets in Singapore, the Association shall preside over any disputes on the game, including those among its members.		championships, leagues and other matches (including exhibition matches) conducted at both national and international levels and determination of the rules/bye-laws for these events. As the governing authority of any matter pertaining to the game of squash in Singapore, the Association shall preside over any disputes on the game, including those among its members.	
	Non existent	3c	<u>The Association shall also strive to increase participation and promote community engagement and bonding through the game of squash, in order to promote health and wellness, inclusiveness and integration, and inspire the Singapore Spirit.</u>	As recommended by SportSG to be inserted.

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7b (2)	Ordinary Individual Member - \$15 per annum	7b (2)	Ordinary Individual Member - <u>\$25</u> per annum	Increase Ordinary Individual Membership fees. Passed and accepted at 47 th AGM 2017.
9e	The term of office of the Committee shall be for a period of two years and members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election. The maximum consecutive tenure an individual may serve as President shall be eight years regardless of the number of years as a non-presiding member in the Committee. The Treasurer may not hold office for more than two terms (4 Years). Candidates for election as members of the Committee shall be nominated by members of the Association. The nomination paper shall be made available to Life, Ordinary Individual and Organisation members 14 days in advance of the Annual General Meeting. Only nominations submitted on the official nomination form shall be accepted. The nomination shall be	9e	The term of office of the Committee shall be for a period of two years and members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election. The maximum consecutive tenure an individual may serve as President shall be eight years regardless of the number of years as a non-presiding member in the Committee. The Treasurer may not hold office for more than two terms (4 <u>y</u> ears). Candidates for election as members of the Committee shall be nominated by members of the Association. The nomination paper shall be made available to Life, Ordinary Individual and Organisation members 14 days in advance of the Annual General Meeting. Only nominations submitted on the official nomination form shall be accepted. The nomination shall be delivered in writing to the Secretary not later than 7 days before the Annual	Minor grammar change.

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	delivered in writing to the Secretary not later than 7 days before the Annual General Meeting		General Meeting	
9g	All Committee members must attend at least 50 percent of Committee meetings convened. In the event that a committee member has failed to attend the required number of meetings then such member shall be required to offer his resignation as a committee member. In cases of resignations the Committee shall have the power to co-opt up to three members of the Association to sit in place of the resigning members.		All Committee members must attend at least 50 percent of Committee meetings convened. In the event that a <u>Committee</u> member has failed to attend the required number of meetings then such member shall be required to offer his resignation as a <u>Committee</u> member. <i><u>The Committee shall also have the power to remove a Committee member before the expiration of his period of office and may appoint another person in his stead.</u></i> In cases of resignations <i><u>or removals</u></i> , the Committee shall have the power to co-opt up to three members of the Association to sit in place of the <i><u>outgoing Committee</u></i> members.	Added SportSG standard clause (see 3 rd sentence). Consequential amendments made to final sentence as a result of adding SportSG standard clause.
9j	The Committee member has the duty to declare any business, commercial and / or personal interests that may directly relate to the Sport or management of the Association at the earliest possible opportunity to the Committee		The Committee member has the duty to declare any business, commercial and / or personal interests that may directly relate to the <i><u>game of squash</u></i> or management of the Association at the earliest possible opportunity to the Committee upon his appointment and subsequently as and	Added SportSG standard clause. Also, for the sake of consistency, references to “sport”, “sport of squash” etc. have been changed to “game”, “game of squash”

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	upon his appointment and subsequently as and when they arise.		when they arise. <u>Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, whenever a Committee member has an interest (whether direct or indirect) in a transaction or project or other matter to be discussed at a Committee meeting, the member shall disclose the nature of his interest before the discussion on the matter begins and should offer to withdraw from the meeting and not participate in the discussion or vote on the matter. The Committee shall decide if this should be accepted. These shall be documented.</u>	
13b	An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called by the Committee upon receipt by the Secretary of the Association of a requisition in writing, signed by not fewer than twenty members of the Association not being classified under Categories, (4) and (5) of Sub Clause 7b.		An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called by the Committee upon receipt by the Secretary of the Association of a requisition in writing, signed by not fewer than twenty <u>Members</u> of the Association not being classified under <u>Category (4)</u> of Sub Clause 7b.	<p>The existing wording contains a typo error, namely, that there is no clause 7b(5). There are therefore 2 possible interpretations of the existing wording arising out of this situation:</p> <p>(1) The existing wording may have intended to refer to clause 7b(3) and 7b(4). This in turn suggests that Life Individual and Honorary Individual Members could not call for an EOGM; or</p>

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				<p>(2) The intention behind the existing wording may have been to only exclude Honorary Individual Members from calling for an EOGM, i.e. the wording should have just referred to clause 7b(4).</p> <p>Unfortunately, it is unclear from the existing wording which of the 2 scenarios (or even other scenarios) the wording was meant to address.</p> <p>Nevertheless, we have decided to go with Scenario 2 on the basis of the following reasoning: Clause 15a deals with quorum and voting at general meetings and contemplates that Individual Members (which includes both Ordinary Individual and Life Individual Members) can constitute a quorum and vote. Logically, if Life Individual Members have the right to constitute a quorum and vote, then they should also logically have the right to call for an EOGM.</p> <p>Clause 13b has therefore been amended such that all Members except Honorary Individual Members can call</p>

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				for an EOGM.
15	<p>VOTING AT GENERAL MEETING</p> <p>a. Thirty members (Individual and Organizational Members) present shall form a quorum. A person is allowed dual representation (i.e. as an individual as well as a representative of an organization affiliated to the SSRA) at a General Meeting.</p> <p>b. Every approved member whose subscription has been paid not later than the 31st of March preceding the June Meeting shall be entitled to one vote except those in Categories (4) and (5) of Sub-Clause 7b. Besides, a member club is also entitled to one vote.</p>		<p><u>QUORUM AND VOTING AT GENERAL MEETING</u></p> <p>a. <u>At least 25% of the total number of Members (Individual and Organizational Members) entitled to vote or thirty (30) Members (Individual and Organizational Members) entitled to vote, whichever is the lesser, present at a General Meeting shall form a quorum. In the event of there being no quorum at the commencement of a General Meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned for half an hour. Should the number then present be insufficient to form a quorum, the Members then present at the meeting who are entitled to vote shall be considered a quorum but they shall have no power to amend</u></p>	<p>Heading: Added “QUORUM AND” to better reflect subject matter of clause.</p> <p>Clause 15a: Added SportSG standard clause.</p>

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	<p>c. In the event of an equality of votes on any question upon which a vote is taken, the Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote. The President, or failing him, either Vice-President or failing them a member of the Committee shall be Chairman of all General Meetings.</p>		<p><u>any part of the Constitution.</u> A person is allowed dual representation (i.e. as an individual as well as a representative of an organization affiliated to the SSRA) at a General Meeting.</p> <p>b. Every approved member whose subscription has been paid not later than the 31st of March preceding the June Meeting shall be entitled to one vote except those in <u>Category (4)</u> of Sub-Clause 7b. Besides, a member club is also entitled to one vote.</p> <p>c. In the event of an equality of votes on any question upon which a vote is taken, the Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote. The President, or failing him, either Vice-President or failing them a member of the Committee shall be Chairman of all General Meetings.</p>	<p>Clause 15b: See comment above on clause</p>

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				13b.
16	<p>AMENDMENT TO RULES</p> <p>a. No addition, alteration or amendments to these rules sanctioned by a majority of members present at any General Meeting shall take effect unless approved by the Registrar of Societies and the Commissioner of Charities.</p>		<p>AMENDMENT TO <u>CONSTITUTION</u></p> <p>a. No addition, alteration or amendments <i>to this Constitution shall be made except at a General Meeting and with the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting Members</i> present at <i>the</i> General Meeting, <i>and they shall not come into force without the prior sanction of</i> the Registrar of Societies and the Commissioner of Charities.</p>	Replaced “RULES” with “ <i>CONSTITUTION</i> ” and amended clause 16 in line with suggested SportSG standard clause.
26	<p>DISSOLUTION</p> <p>a. The Association shall not be dissolved except with the consent of not less than two-thirds of the total number of persons eligible to vote for the time being resident in</p>		<p>DISSOLUTION</p> <p>a. The Association shall not be dissolved except with the consent of not less than two-thirds of the total number of <i>Members</i> eligible to vote for the time being resident in Singapore expressed (either in</p>	Amended as per SportSG standard clause.

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	<p>Singapore expressed either in person at a General Meeting, or by postal vote.</p> <p>b. In the event of the Association being dissolved as provided above, all debts and liabilities having been legally discharged, the remaining funds shall be distributed to other charities or Institutions of a Public Character (IPCs) approved under the Charities Act.</p> <p>c. Notice of dissolution shall be given within 7 days of the resolution for dissolution having been passed to the Registrar of Societies and the Commissioner of Charities.</p>		<p>person <u>or by proxy</u>) at a General Meeting <u>convened for the purpose</u>.</p> <p>b. In the event of the Association being dissolved as provided above, all debts and liabilities legally <u>incurred on behalf of the Association shall be fully</u> discharged, <u>and</u> the remaining funds shall be distributed to other charities or Institutions of a Public Character (IPCs) approved under the Charities Act (<u>Cap. 37</u>).</p> <p>c. <u>A Certificate of Dissolution shall be given within seven (7) days of the dissolution</u> to the Registrar of Societies and the Commissioner of Charities.</p>	
27	Should a dispute arise amongst its members, and cannot be resolved	27	<u>Any dispute arising amongst Members or between any Member and the Association</u>	As recommended by SportSG to be replaced

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	<p>by the Management Committee with the member(s) concerned, the Management Committee shall table the matter for resolution at an Extraordinary General Meeting, to be convened in accordance with the Constitution. In the matter cannot be resolved at the Extraordinary General Meeting, the Committee shall bring the matter before a court of law for resolution.</p>		<p><i>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 Sports Singapore, the Singapore Mediation Centre and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators.</i></p>	<p>/ inserted.</p>
	<p>Non existent</p>	<p>28</p>	<p><u>ANTI DOPING</u></p> <p><i>The Association shall recognise the right of all its athletes to participate in clean sport and is committed to ensuring the game is doping-free. All affiliates, members, athletes, participants, staff and other individuals, who are subject to the jurisdiction of the Association are bound by and agree to abide by all World Anti-Doping Code-compliant anti-doping rules applicable to the game.</i></p>	<p>As recommended by SportSG to be inserted.</p>

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	Non existent	29	<p><u>IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES</u></p> <p><i>a. Any immovable property of the Association shall be vested in three (3) trustees elected by the General Meeting and the power of removing and appointing trustees shall be vested in the General Meeting.</i></p> <p><i>b. The trustees of the Association shall not effect any sale or mortgage of property without the prior approval of the General Meeting.</i></p> <p><i>c. Notice of any proposal to remove a trustee from his trusteeship or to appoint a new trustee to fill a vacancy must be given by posting it on the notice board in the Association's premises at least two (2) weeks before the General Meeting at which the proposal is to be discussed. The result of such General Meeting shall then be notified to the Registrar of Societies and Commissioner of Charities</i></p>	Added SportSG standard clause.

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			<p><u>within two (2) weeks of the change.</u></p> <p><u>d. The address of each immovable property, name of each trustee and any subsequent change must be notified to the Registrar of Societies and Commissioner of Charities within two (2) weeks of the change.</u></p>	
	Non existent	30	<p><u>PROHIBITIONS</u></p> <p><u>a. Gambling of any kind, excluding the promotion or conduct of a private lottery (which has been permitted under the Private Lotteries Act, Cap 250), is forbidden on the Association's premises. The introduction of materials for gambling or drug taking and of bad characters into the premises is prohibited.</u></p> <p><u>b. The funds of the Association shall not be used to pay the fines of Members who have been convicted</u></p>	<p>It is compulsory to include the entire list of 6-7 prohibitions contained in the Registry of Societies' Guidelines on drawing up a Constitution. Other NSAs also have this wording, e.g. SSA (Article 14), STTA (Article 18.5-18.11) and Netball SG (Article 23).</p>

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			<p><u>in a court of law.</u></p> <p>c. <u>The Association shall not engage in any trade union activity as defined in any written law relating to trade unions for the time being in force in Singapore.</u></p> <p>d. <u>The Association shall not attempt to restrict or interfere with trade or make directly or indirectly any recommendation to, any arrangement with its Members which has the purpose or is likely to have the effect of fixing or controlling the price or any discount, allowance or rebate relating to any goods or services which adversely affect consumer interests.</u></p> <p>e. <u>The Association shall not organize or conduct any lottery, whether confined to its Members or not, in the name of the Association or its office-bearers, without the prior approval of the relevant authorities.</u></p>	

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			<p>f. <u>The Association shall not indulge in any political activity or allow its funds and/or premises to be used for political purposes.</u></p> <p>g. <u>The Association shall not raise funds from the public for whatever purposes without the prior approval in writing of the Head, Licensing Division, Singapore Police Force and other relevant authorities.</u></p>	

