

GREEN MOUNTAIN TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Constitution

I. NAME

The name of this club shall be hereafter referred to as the Green Mountain Table Tennis Club.

II. PURPOSE

- A.) To promote and further the sport of table tennis throughout our area of influence;
- B.) To provide an athletic and recreational activity for club members;
- C.) To help develop sportsmanship and responsibility;
- D.) To provide table tennis instruction to club members;
- E.) To provide the opportunity for tournament level competition.

III. SCOPE

These concepts, rules and by-laws so incorporating the constitution shall apply without exception to all club members while participating in any activity relating to, sponsored by, or representing the Green Mountain Table Tennis Club in any way, whether at home or away. Applicable concepts, rules and by-laws shall also apply to prospective members, guests and visitors when at the Green Mountain Table Tennis Club's facilities.

IV. ORGANIZATION

Active members of the Green Mountain Table Tennis Club, elected and accepting or appointed and accepting the duties of the following positions are considered officers of the Green Mountain Table Tennis Club: President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Tournament Director. These officers are to be elected annually by a majority vote of all regular members present and entitled to vote at the annual meeting of the club, and they shall hold office until the next annual meeting, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Election/appointment of officers shall be for a one year term at the annual general membership meeting. All candidates must be nominated, seconded and approved by majority vote of those current members entitled to vote who are present at the meeting.

Resignation/termination of office shall be so indicated in writing to the Secretary/Treasurer or President. In the even of the resignation/termination of office by the President, the Vice-President will automatically become President, and will continue to hold this office until the normal term of the President is terminated. Upon resignation of office, the resignee/

terminee will, within seven days of resignation/termination, turn over to the Secretary/ Treasurer or President, all correspondence and other materials pertaining to the Green Mountain Table Tennis Club.

V. OFFICERS

A.) President

- 1.) Chairs and conducts general membership and other meetings, as appropriate.
- 2.) Responsible for the proper operation and conduct of the Green Mountain Table Tennis Club.
- 3.) Administers necessary action to uphold and implement the concepts and rules governing the Green Mountain Table Tennis Club, as set forth in the constitution, by-laws and/or other documents of the Green Mountain Table Tennis Club, as appropriate by the club's general membership.
- 4.) Shall, with the approval of a majority vote of current, eligible voters establish committees and set their scope and financial limitations.
- 5.) Acts as trustee of club funds, in the best interests of the Green Mountain Table Tennis Club, which includes being entrusted to committ club to financial arrangements with outside vendors and for possible financing with banking institutions.
- 6.) Coordinates activities of the Green Mountain Table Tennis Club officers and committees and assists them in the performance of their duties.
- 7.) Shall make committee and officer appointments with the approval of a majority vote of current, eligible members.
- 8.) Coordinates scheduling of matches, tournaments, practices, clinics and meetings with facility officials, Green Mountain Table Tennis Club officers and/or other persons concerned.
- 9.) Shall prescribe disciplinary action and execute same.
- 10.) Submits agenda items to Secretary/Treasurer prior to general membership meetings.

B.) Vice-President

- 1.) Administers necessary action to uphold and implement the concepts and rules governing the Green Mountain Table Tennis Club, as set forth in the constitution, by-laws and/or other documents of the Green Mountain Table Tennis Club, as appropriate by the club's general membership.
- 2.) Shall act as President in the absence of the President or at the President's direction.
- 3.) Attends general membership meetings and other meetings, as required.
- 4.) Prepares correspondence in communication with other agencies or persons, locally or nationally, in the best interests of the Green Mountain Table Tennis Club.

C.) Secretary

- 1.) Administers necessary action to uphold and implement the concepts and rules

governing the Green Mountain Table Tennis Club, as set forth in the constitution, by-laws and/or other documents of the Green Mountain Table Tennis Club, as appropriate by the club's general membership.

2.) Records and prepares written minutes of meetings.

3.) Shall prepare and distribute correspondence, notices, minutes, agendas, schedule regulations, etc., that are not specifically assigned to others.

D.) Treasurer

1.) Act as custodian of all dues, fees and other income, maintaining proper records of same and reporting such for meetings.

2.) Forwards warning notices to members 45 days in arrears in dues and terminates their membership at 60 days in arrears.

E.) Tournament Director

1.) Participates with other Green Mountain Table Tennis Club officers and other individuals and organizations in establishing tournament locations, dates and times.

2.) Plans, schedules and coordinates execution of all activities in preparation for each tournament. This includes tournament publicity, event selection and scheduling, trophy selection and acquisition, application preparation, distribution, receipt and processing and all arrangements for equipment, facilities, forms, food, finances and staffing.

3.) Coordinates all activities on tournament day. This includes participant registration, match scheduling and control, trophy custody and presentation, food handling and sales, custody of finances and facility clean-up as well as overall tournament supervision and control.

4.) Coordinates post-tournament summary and analysis to assure a meaningful critique is made of the planning, scheduling, execution and financial aspects of each tournament.

5.) Participates actively in all general club meetings and club officer meetings. Provides assistance, advice and counsel as appropriate in all club activities especially as these relate to tournaments.

VI. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Green Mountain Table Tennis Club shall be classified into three types:

A.) Active membership - Available to any person 17 years old or older. Application and payment of dues shall be made to the Secretary/Treasurer. Active Members have full privileges of the Green Mountain Table Tennis Club.

B.) Junior Active Membership - Available to any person under the age of 17. Application,

payment and privileges are the same as those of “Active Members”.

C.) Honorary Membership - A membership status given to a person who, by the judgment and approval of the general membership, has made unusual contributions to table tennis, the Green Mountain Table Tennis Club or the community. Full privileges except those of office or voting.

VII. MEETINGS

Annual meetings will be held each fall for the purpose of electing officers and committee members; acting on any suggested changes in the constitution, by-laws or rules and regulations, as well as to conduct any other business in the interest of the Green Mountain Table Tennis Club. A seven day prior notice is required.

General membership meetings may be called at any time the President deems it advisable, to be held in conjunction with the regular weekly evening member play.

Special committee meetings may be called as necessary by the President or Committee Chairperson, with a twenty-four hour prior notice required.

VIII. VOTING

Normally, decisions made at a general membership meeting will be made by majority vote of those current, eligible members present at the meeting. Proxy votes will, however, be accepted from current, eligible members in their absence, providing the absent member makes themselves aware of the issues and records a vote(s) with the Secretary/Treasurer prior to the meeting. Officers of the Green Mountain Table Tennis Club are exempt from the responsibility of initiating proxy votes.

IX. DUES AND OTHER FEES

Membership dues for Active Membership: \$30 per season.

Membership dues for Junior Active Membership: \$10 per season.

Family memberships are available, the dues for which are to be determined under the following structure: 1st person, full-rate; half-rate for each person beyond the initial full-rate individual.

A prospective member will be allowed a maximum of two visits as a guest. If the dues are not paid by the third visit, the prospective member will no longer be able to participate.

Any prospective member desiring to become a full member in the Green Mountain Table Tennis Club may do so by indicating their desire to the Secretary/Treasurer and by payment

of dues.

Waiver of dues will be extended to all officers of the club, earned on a month for month basis.

Honorary membership will not be assessed dues.

Active membership entitles waiver of dues for each participating member of the active member's immediate family.

Hardship cases shall be forwarded in confidentiality to the club's officers, whereby determination shall be judged on its merit.

Restructuring of dues will be established at the club's annual meeting.

Dues for an entire season are to be paid in full upon commencement of the membership, prorated if need be. Proration of seasonal dues will only occur after a membership becomes effective after February 1st. Subsequent to February 1st, membership dues will be payable at \$5.00 off the regular season rate.

Any member of the Green Mountain Table Tennis Club wishing to terminate membership may do so by notifying the Secretary/Treasurer. Dues for fees paid through the season will not be refunded. Dues paid in advance, i.e., the following season, will be refunded in full following termination.

Any member assisting with tournament preparations the day before each tournament will be entitled to enter as many events as they wish toward that tournament for a nominal \$5.00 fee.

There will be a waiver of all tournament fees for officers of the Green Mountain Table Tennis Club as well as for major contributors to tournament proceedings, which will be determined by vote of the officers.

An additional mandatory payment of \$5 is payable for first-time members, who will receive a "Green Mountain Table Tennis" colored patch; this payment is considered a contributory payment toward club activities. If by chance this patch had been won by the new member at a tournament previously offered by the club, the fee is waived. Patches can also be separately purchased for the \$5 fee.

X. TERMINATION

Any previous member of the Green Mountain Table Tennis Club whose dues for a new season are in arrears 60 days will have that membership terminated from that point on. Reinstatement as a member will require an additional 60 day waiting period.

A membership may be considered for termination for cause, upon presentation of a substantiated complaint. submitted by anyone, to the President. Any such event will be treated with strict confidence. Termination will be executed only by a unanimous vote of club officers, after which the member in question will be notified in writing of their termination.

Players exhibiting unacceptable behavior at practice sessions or club sponsored activities will be subject to disciplinary action as the club officers see fit. Unacceptable behavior would include, but not be limited to behavior detrimental to the welfare of the Green Mountain Table Tennis Club or the spirit of the sport of table tennis (e.g., damaging of club or school equipment, acting in a manner that would endanger others present, use of profane language, etc.).

Smoking nor alcoholic beverages will be allowed in or near the playing area of any practice session, clinic, match or tournament.

XI. PROPER EQUIPMENT AND ATTIRE

Equipment used and clothing worn by members of the Green Mountain Table Tennis Club, while participating in sanctioned matches or tournaments, will be of legal type as approved by the United States Table Tennis Association. In other than sanctioned matches, practices or clinics, the equipment and clothing will, as nearly as possible, meet USTTA standards.

XII. EQUIPMENT USAGE LIMITATIONS

Any equipment belonging to the club will be for use by members, prospective members and club guests. Equipment may be loaned to the Neshobe School, which houses the equipment, for use only in school sponsored and supervised programs. Other groups wishing to use the equipment must seek approval of the club, as determined by the officers on the merit of the request.

XIII. USTTA AFFILIATION

The Green Mountain Table Tennis Club will, as deemed appropriate, maintain association with the USTTA. The USTTA provides club, team, tournament and equipment guidance for affiliated clubs and members.

XIV. BROKEN BAT AWARD

A tongue-in-cheek presentation award depicting a broken table tennis paddle (bat) shall be given at irregular intervals in time as a symbolic gesture of local community interest as the membership sees fit.

XV. DISSOLUTION

Dissolution of the Green Mountain Table Tennis Club will be initiated by a two-thirds majority vote of the Active and Junior Active membership, after proper notification. Upon dissolution, the Secretary/Treasurer will prepare an inventory of all equipment and statement of funds belonging to the club. The equipment and monies owned by the club will be transferred by vote of all regular members present and entitled to vote at the final meeting.