



**CENTENARY TENNIS CLUBS ASSOCIATION
CLUBS CENTENAIRES DE TENNIS**

(Centenary Tennis Clubs)
Association based in Lausanne

RULES AND REGULATIONS

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The present Rules and Regulations established pursuant to the provisions of Article 3.10, 3rd paragraph of the Articles of Association adopted by the Constituent General Assembly of Founder Clubs on June 11, 1996 (as amended by the Annual General Meeting of November 22th, 2014) are intended to supplement and clarify certain provisions of the said Articles

RULE 1 – MEMBERS

In addition to the Founder Members who participated in the Constituent Assembly of June 11, 1996, all tennis clubs worldwide which were founded one hundred years ago or more are entitled to apply to become members of the Association provided they also fulfil the requirements of Article 2 hereafter concerning their admission.

Those who will become 100 years old at a later stage may apply for membership as from January 1 of the year when the event takes place.

RULE 2 – ADMISSION

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 2.1. of the Articles of Association, the Chairmen of these clubs shall address a letter of candidacy to the President of the Committee of Management giving the following details:

- a) the date of foundation of their Club,
- b) the date of affiliation to its National Federation,
- c) the number of members
- d) the number of tennis courts and, if applicable, the other sports practiced.
- e) the details of the competitions organized for its own members and, if applicable, any international events organized on the premises
- f) the number of years during which the club has held such tennis activities,

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The President of the Committee of Management will then submit the candidacies accepted by the Committee of Management to the General Assembly for ratification. In this respect, it is reminded that only those candidates having had regular tennis activities for the last 25 years may be considered by the Committee of Management.

RULE 3 – GENERAL MEETINGS

In accordance with the provisions of Articles 3.3 and following of the Articles of Association, only the President of the Club which has joined the Association or his representative may participate in General Meetings.

A representative of the I.O.C. may also attend in an advisory capacity. The President of the Committee of Management may invite other guests to General Meetings. Any change which may take place within a given Club, particularly following an election of its Committee shall be notified immediately to the President of the Committee of Management of the Association and the new Chairman or his representative will substitute his predecessor.

Each Member Club shall have one vote but its representative may represent other Member Clubs of the Association provided it has been given proxies to do so. Each Member Club cannot bear more than 2 proxies.

RULE 4 – COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT (CofM)

Pursuant to Article 3.8 of the Articles of Association, the Committee of Management is composed of nine personal members nominated for three years and re-eligible.

The CofM appoints a President amongst its Members, and one or more Vice Presidents.

The club which the President of the Committee of Management chairs or represents shall ideally accommodate the administrative office of the Association during the term of his mandate.

The Committee of Management is called by the President by his initiative or whenever at least 3 of its members so require. The Committee of Management decides by majority vote. The meetings of the CofM can be held although the participants are in different places connected by audio/video conference (Skype or Conference Calls) provided that:

- The President and the Person in charge to write down the minutes of the meeting are in the same place;
- The President is able to :
 - *verify the identity of the participants
 - *chair the meeting
 - *check and announce the results of the votes
- All the participants have the possibility to take part simultaneously to the discussion and express their opinions and votes

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- The Person in charge to write down the minutes is able to adequately listen and understand the discussion and the votes.

The CofM has the right to appoint an executive Director who will administrate the budget according to its decision, suggestions or resolutions.

RULE 5 – EXCLUSION

Any club having joined the Association may lose its position of Member pursuant to a decision of the Committee of Management ratified by the Assembly in case it ceases its affiliation with the National Federation of its country or if it has ceased to organize tennis events and competitions during a period of more than five years, except in a case of force majeure or for circumstances outside its control. Any club not up to date with its annual fee is not allowed to vote in the AGM or any Extraordinary General Meeting or take part in any competition. Such club may be expelled after two years of non-payment of the annual fee by vote of the CofM.

RULE 6 – SPORT ACTIVITY OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Association supports tournaments among Members. These events cover young tennis players as well as seniors, boys and girls as well as men and women. Generally, each club shall include their basic players rather than their elite into the tournaments.

The main event of the CTC is an inter-club event organized in regional competitions with a final challenge.

This event, endowed with a Challenge Cup donated by the President of the I.O.C., H.E. Juan-Antonio SAMARANCH, took place for the first time at the Rot-Weiss Club in Berlin during the Whit Weekend 1997. The future organizers should do their best to provide hospitality for the members of the teams participating and to put at their disposal a minimum of 4 courts. Each club organizing a match has to submit to the Association a full report of sport and social events and possibly pictures to be shown on the Association's web site.

RULE 7 – RESOURCES

The Committee of Management recommends the annual subscription fee for the Member Clubs of the Association. An admission fee for the welcome pack of new clubs may be set, too. The Annual General Meeting decides on the fees.

Any new members starting their membership after September 30, will not have to pay the annual fee for the year of entry.

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