

# BYLAWS



The Constitution  
And  
Rules  
Of  
Newport News  
Table Tennis Club



## **The Article 1 - Name and Organization**

1.1 The name of this organization shall be **Newport News Table Tennis Club** (NNTTC), hereinafter referred to as "Club".

1.2 The Club shall be a non-profit organization, and the Club is sponsored by the City of Newport News.

1.3 The Club shall be affiliated with the **USA Table Tennis** and shall be subject to the rules and by-laws of that organization.

1.4 Constitution and By-Laws of the Club, hereinafter referred to as "Constitution" and "By-Laws". Changes or amendments to those documents may be made only by means of the procedures described therein for such changes.

## **The Article 2 - Purpose**

2.1 The purpose of the Club shall be the encouragement, promotion, and maintenance of the sport of table tennis in the Hampton Roads area as a wholesome form of physical recreation and competition.

2.2 The Club shall actively seek to develop participation in the sport of table tennis by persons of every age, sex, race, color, and creed and by persons with physical and/or mental disabilities and shall seek to associate itself with those local, regional, and/or national organizations or entities which may provide opportunities for such development.

2.3 The Club shall encourage, promote, and support endeavor for excellence in both play and in coaching.

2.4 As a part of the USATT, the Club shall organize and run annual sanctioned open tournaments.

2.5 The Club shall organize and run annual Virginia closed tournaments.

2.6 The Club seek grant aid and sponsorship actively from industry, commerce and any other supportive agency in order to develop table tennis in the area covered by **NNTTC** and in order to undertake the above activities.

### **The Article 3 - NNTTC Club Membership**

3.1 Any person living in Virginia who is willing to uphold the Constitution and By-Laws of the Club and the USATT and the applicable laws of the state of Virginia shall be eligible for membership in the Club as provided in the By-Laws.

3.2 A **current** member shall be any person whose membership is in good standing according to the provisions of the By-Laws.

3.3 New members must complete and return the membership application to the Director of Public Relations of the NNTTC.

3.4 Without NNTTC membership, no one can participate in any training or practice sessions at NNTTC, unless you are a visitor, who plays only once every two

3.5 The club officials reserve the rights to ask any disruptive player or players to leave the Club, and if this type of behavior becomes repetitive, then the membership can and will be revoked without any refunds.

### **The Article 4 - The Executive Committee**

4.1 The titles, responsibilities, and duties of all officers of the Club shall be as described in the By-Laws.

4.2 All officers of the Club shall be elected or appointed in accordance with procedures described in the By-Laws

4.3 The Club shall be governed by an Executive Committee, hereinafter referred to as "EC" comprising the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Tournaments, and Director of Public Relations.

### **The Article 5 - Meetings**

5.1 The Club shall hold at least one annual planning meeting per year. The time and place of said meeting shall be selected by the EC in accordance with provisions in - the By-Laws. All current members of the Club shall be eligible to attend said meeting and shall be sent notification by email not less than two weeks before the date of said meeting.

5.2 The EC may call special meetings at any time. All current members of the Club shall be eligible to attend such meetings and shall be sent notification by email the not less than two weeks before the date of such meetings.

5.3 The Club executive board meetings shall hold quarterly in accordance with provisions in the By-Laws.

## **The Article 6 - Amendments to the Constitution**

6.1 Amendments to this Constitution may be made only by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at any annual, general, or special meeting. A quorum must be obtained as described in the By-Laws. Detailed notification of such amendment(s) must be sent by email to all current members not less than 14 days before the date of said meeting.

6.2 The procedure for submission of proposed amendments to this Constitution shall as described in the By-Laws.

## **The Article 7 - Dissolution**

7.1 A vote to dissolve the Club may be taken only at an annual, general, or special meeting. Such dissolution shall require a two-thirds majority vote of the current members present. A quorum must be obtained as described in the By-Laws. Notification of the proposed vote for dissolution must be sent by email to all current members not less than 14 days before the date of said meeting.

7.2 The procedure for submission of a proposal of dissolution shall be described in the By-Laws.

7.3 In the event that a quorum is not obtained under the procedures described in Section 7-1. the EC may subsequently dissolve the club by a vote of its members at a special meeting. A three-fourths majority vote of all current members of the EC shall be required.

7.4 Upon dissolution of the club, any funds remaining in club accounts shall be disbursed to one or more regularly organized and charitable, educational, scientific, or philanthropic organizations to be selected by the EC.

## **The Article 8 - Ratification**

8.1 This Constitution shall become effective immediately upon approval by a two-thirds majority vote of all current members of the Club taken at any meeting.

## **The Article 9 — Management of NNTTC**

9.1 Management of ADTTA and all its business will be carried out under the control of

9.2 The EC shall meet as often as is necessary to bring about the effective and efficient discharge of the business of the Club.

9.3 All meetings of the EC shall be called by the Secretary of NNTTC.

9.4 Meetings will be presided over by the President. In the absence of the President the Vice President will deputize in this capacity. In the absence of both the President and the Vice President the Secretary will be deputize in this capacity.

9.5 The club executive board meetings must have all club officers.

## **The Article 10 — Financial Management**

10.1 The EC has full powers of disbursement on the monies held in the name of NNTTC.

10.2 Proper books of account shall be kept by the Treasurer of NNTTC.

10.3 All monies received on behalf of NNTCC shall be paid into a Bank Account in the name of Newport News Table Tennis Club at a Bank approved by the EC.

10.4 An accurate statement of the current financial position of the Club should be

10.5 No one has the authority to incur expenditure on the behalf of the Club without obtaining prior consent from the EC.

10.6 The EC may allocate a budget to an EC Member to cover planned expenses in advance of the expenses being incurred.

10.7 All monies spent by NNTTC must be for the Club expenses (such as, equipment, advertisements, tournaments, leagues, etc...). These expenses must be approved by the EC in advance.

## **The Article 11 - Club Rules**

### **11.1 Practice and Training**

11.1.1 Players will conduct themselves in a sportsman-like manner.

11.1.2 Willful damage to the club's equipment or the facility will not be tolerated

11.1.3 Members will cooperate in setting up and taking down the equipment and in cleaning up the area before leaving.

11.1.4 A let will be called when a stray ball enters your playing area.

11.1.5 No one will unnecessarily pass through a playing area in use.

11.1.6 40% of the available tables will be used for practice at all times, unless otherwise instructed by the club officers. The other 60% of the available tables will be for games and matches.

11.1.7 On the designated practice tables a pair will be allowed to practice for 1 hour

11.1.8 If a player wishes to play next on a table, he/she must notify the players who are playing on that table that he/she would like to be next.

11.1.9 If a player is next on a table and is playing on a practice table, this player must relinquish his/her table if anyone wishes to practice on that particular table. He/she should rest and wait to play on the table he/she called next on.

11.1.10 A player cannot call next on 2 tables at the same time.

11.1.11 If a player called next and left and did not return before his/her time to play, then he/she loses his/her spot completely. It does not slide back to next after that person who took his/her spot.

11.1.12 If 2 players are on a match table but do not wish to play a match and want to practice, then they can practice for 15 minutes. Then they will decide who will stay on.

11.1.13 On the match table, the players are allowed up to 2 minutes to warm up prior to their match.

11.1.14 If there is any dispute during a match or practice, players should solve the problem(s) among themselves first. However, players can always request for a club umpire or a club officer to solve the problem(s).

11.1.15 The Laws of Table Tennis published by USATT will govern all games.

## 11.2 Tournaments

11.2.1 Players will conduct themselves in a sportsman-like manner.

11.2.2 Players are allowed up to 2 minutes warm-up prior to their match.

11.2.3 All USATT sanctioned tournaments will be overseen by USATT certified referee. Only USATT certified umpires can umpire these matches.

11.2.4 For Virginia Closed Tournaments, only Virginia residents and Virginia students with proved documents can participate. Copies of these documents must submitted along with the tournament application. These documents will be evaluated and approved by the NNTTC Tournament Director.

11.2.5 All tournament fees must be submitted along with the tournament application.

11.2.6 No refunds of tournament entry fees will be recognized **after** entry deadline of 5:00pm(EST) for any reasons, **no exceptions**. If you have unusual circumstances, please **call** the NNTTC tournament director before entry deadline to discuss.

11.2.7 All players must sign a waiver to enter. If player is under 18-years of age, parent or legal guardian must sign on his/her behalf.

## 11.3 Playing Conditions

11.3.1 Only USATT approved tables, nets, and balls will be used at NNTTC.

11.3.2 For competition the required playing area for each match is 40 feet long by 20 feet wide with lights at least 13 feet high. Tables placed side by side must have at least 10 feet between tables, preferably 12-14 feet.

11.3.3 Playing area must be separated from adjacent playing areas and

11.3.4 No gluing or re-gluing in/near the playing areas or in the gym.

## **The Article 12 – Disclaimer**

12.1 The executive committee and the officers of the Club shall not be responsible or liable for any damages or injuries to any members, spectators, staff, or any other parties.

12.2 The executive committee and the officers of the club shall not be responsible or liable for any monies disbursed or misappropriated on behalf of the NNNTC.



## **NNTTC Committees**

### **President**

Alexandre Camsonne

### **Vice President**

Bill Boxer

### **Secretary**

Tan Nguyen

### **Treasurer**

Tim Garney

### **Umpire**

Dave Jung

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