

# Constitution of the Yorkshire Squash Rackets Association

## 1. Name:

The Association shall be called the 'Yorkshire Squash Rackets Association'.

## 2. Objects:

2.1 To represent England Squash Ltd and act on its behalf within the geographical boundaries of the County of Yorkshire and its surrounding areas. Applications to enter teams in the Yorkshire League will be at the discretion of the Senior Yorkshire Management Committee.

2.2 To promote and encourage the game of Squash Rackets and to further its growth and development at all levels in the County.

2.3 To maintain and uphold the rules and objectives of the National Governing Body.

2.4 To provide local administration and liaison with County membership on behalf of the National Governing Body when required.

2.5 To train, select and manage County teams for Inter County matches, arrange individual County Championships and other competitions as it shall from time to time deem necessary for fulfilment of objectives.

## 3. Members:

Membership shall comprise the following:

3.1 Clubs and organisations who are affiliated to the ENGLAND SQUASH and who are within the geographical boundaries defined in paragraph 2.1.

3.2 Individual members of the ENGLAND SQUASH who are qualified to represent Yorkshire in the Inter County Championships.

3.3 Honorary Life Members

## 4. Subscriptions:

Members shall pay to the ENGLAND SQUASH Ltd subscriptions determined by its Executive Committee from time to time and published as a Bye Law of the Association.

## 5. Management:

5.1 The Management Committee shall consist of members elected annually to the following positions. The Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer of the Committee plus the President who may or may not be one of the above officers.

5.2 At the first Management Committee meeting following the Annual General Meeting, a Chairman shall be elected for the following 12 months. In the event of a ballot and of a tie on votes, the President shall have the casting vote.

5.3 Additional (non-voting) members may be co-opted by the Management Committee as deemed appropriate.

5.4 A quorum for Management Committee shall be three voting members.

5.5 Each member of the Management Committee has one vote but in the event of a tie on votes the Chairman shall have the casting vote.

5.6 A voting member may appoint an alternate to attend on their behalf and such alternative member shall have the voting rights of that member at such meeting.

## 6. Powers:

The powers vested in the Management Committee relate generally to the requirements that are necessary to enable the fulfilment of the objectives of the Association. The Management Committee has the power to:

6.1 determine policies in harmony with those of the National Governing Body;

6.2 create a committee and such subcommittees as deemed necessary;

6.3 ensure that day to day running of the Association is competent and that decision of sub-committees are ratified;

6.4 act in all matters an employ County funds in such manner as deemed most effective and in the best interests of the County Association;

6.5 co-opt members to fill vacant positions on the Management Committee;

6.6 appoint an ENGLAND SQUASH Council delegate;

6.7 decide on matters referred to by the ENGLAND SQUASH and seek guidance from the ENGLAND SQUASH if necessary for legal matters;

6.8 decide on awards for County team players and to invoke disciplinary procedures within the County as required.

6.9 nominate authorised cheque signatories.

## **7. Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

7.1 The AGM of the Association shall be held during July each year.

7.2 Not less than 21 days written notice shall be given to members stating the business to be transacted.

7.3 Copies of the current Annual Report and current year's Accounts should be handed to members at the meeting if not available previously.

7.4 Any other business items should reach the Secretary in writing at least twenty eight days before the meeting.

7.5 Each individual over the age of eighteen years, member club and organisation shall have one vote.

7.6 All nominations for President, Honorary Life Members and elections to Committee and Management Committee shall be proposed and seconded by persons, clubs or organisations able to vote at an AGM and shall be made in writing to the Secretary at least seven days before the meeting.

7.7 Not less than 10 members in aggregate for those individuals, clubs and organisations entitled to vote at an AGM are required to be present in order to constitute a quorum.

## **8. Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)**

8.1 An EGM can be called by the Management Committee at any time stating the business and giving at least 21 days notice to the membership.

8.2 Alternatively, an EGM can also be called by four affiliated clubs (or organisations) entitled to vote or 10 individual members entitled to vote, at an EGM. A letter signed by either of these qualifying groups must be lodged with the Secretary of the Association and the EGM must be held within 28 days of the receipt for such a letter.

8.3 A representative from each affiliated club or organisation calling the EGM must attend.

8.4 Voting entitlement and quorum requirement shall be the same as for an AGM.

## **9. Voting Procedure – AGM/EGM**

9.1 Voting may be by a show of hands or pre-distributed voting cards.

9.2 Where an individual is voting in more than one capacity then his or her separate voting entitlement must be clearly identified.

## **10. Alterations:**

Alterations to this constitution require the agreement of not less than 75% of those present and entitled to vote at any AGM and EGM and can only be changed at an AGM or EGM.

## **11. Dissolution**

In the event that dissolution of the Association is necessary, then the assets of the Association should be converted into cash in order to discharge any liabilities. Any balance remaining must be transferred to the ENGLAND SQUASH as the National Governing Body with a closing balance sheet and report.

## **12. Other Items**

12.1 No affiliated club or organisation may organise any open tournament, championship or be involved or organise any squash team or event which may otherwise give the impression that such competition, team or event is organised by or represents the Association without prior approval.

12.2 Reference to ENGLAND SQUASH is deemed to be ENGLAND SQUASH Limited or whichever operating company is designated as the National Governing Body by the Sports Council.