

**UITSIG SQUASH CLUB  
CONSTITUTION  
18/01/2012  
Amended 01/03/2014**

**NAME**

The Club shall be called 'Uitsig Squash Club' and shall in this constitution and by-laws be referred to as 'the Club'.

**DEFINITIONS, INTERPRETATION AND AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION**

In this constitution, unless the context shall otherwise require:

The word 'Club' shall include its members, the building, premises and grounds.

The word 'Member' shall apply to both genders in good standing with the Club.

The masculine shall include the feminine gender.

The word 'Committee' shall mean the main committee of the Club.

The provisions of this constitution may be amended only at an annual general meeting or a special general meeting of members where 80% of the current committee members and fifteen (15) senior members present will form the quorum.

**OBJECTS AND POWERS**

The club is primarily a sporting and recreational club with such facilities as may be necessary to further its interests.

**Powers**

The Club shall have all such powers as may be necessary to the attainment of its objectives for playing and promoting squash in Centurion.

**DISSOLUTION**

The Club may be dissolved if at least two-thirds (2/3) of all members vote in favour thereof by means of a ballot.

**INCOME, AND MONIES**

The income and monies of the Club, from whatsoever source derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objectives of the Club as set out in this constitution. Nothing herein shall prevent the payment, authorised by the committee in good faith, to any member of the Club or to any other person (whether a member of the Club or not) for any services actually rendered to the Club. The members shall have no rights in the property or the assets of the Club solely by virtue of being members.

The Committee shall incur no expenditure unless it has been approved by a majority of those present and voting at a meeting of the Committee duly called and constituted. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to the ordinary trading accounts necessary for the everyday running of the Club, which shall be controlled by the Club financial manager who shall account to the Committee for all such expenditure monthly. In the event of the dissolution of the Club, any surplus assets, after satisfying all liabilities, shall be given or transferred to an association or institution with objects similar to those of the Club, as decided by the members at a general meeting.

**LEGAL PERSONALITY AND LIABILITY OF MEMBERS**

All assets and monies shall be registered or held in the name of the Club. The individual members and committee members shall not be liable to meet the debts, engagements or liabilities of the Club and their liability shall be limited solely to the amounts due by them in

respect of their subscription or other monies payable by them in terms of this constitution or the by-laws

## MEMBERSHIP

The members of the Club shall consist of:

### LIFE MEMBERS

Any ordinary member, in good standing, may qualify for life membership after completing a total of twenty (20) years of normal membership. The committee reserves the right not to award life membership for any just reason as seen fit by the committee.

### ORDINARY MEMBER

Ordinary Members shall be those members who are resident within the boundaries of the City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality.

### OUTSIDE MEMBER

Outside Members shall be those members who are resident outside the boundaries of the City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality.

### STUDENT MEMBERS

Student Members shall be those members under the age of twenty-five (25) years and a registered full-time student at a recognised university / college / technical institution. Student Members shall also be classified as ordinary and outside members as above.

### JUNIOR MEMBERS

Junior Members shall be those members under the age of eighteen (18) years and / or attending school. Junior Members shall also be classified as ordinary and outside members as above.

### BUSINESS MEMBER

Business Members shall be those members that become members under the name of a registered Company, Society, Association or Institution.

### ABSENTEE MEMBERS

Any Member absent from the normal Club activities for a continuous period of not less than six (6) months but not for longer than twelve (12) months that applies in writing for absentee membership and be exempted from payment of the applicable subscriptions.

### VISITOR

A Visitor is any person that makes use of the Club on an ad hoc basis under the rules and conditions of this constitution.

### LIMITATION OF MEMBERS

The number of members shall not exceed the number that the Committee may from time to time decide upon, provided that, in the election of new members, the following order of priority shall be adhere to:

- The spouse of a member
- The child or children of a member
- A person already admitted to junior membership.

The Committee shall be entitled to elect members subject to a limitation determined by the Committee. This limitation may be total or may be restricted in time to any days of the week or to any times of specified days.

The entrance fee and the relevant subscription shall be paid upon application and in the event of the candidate not being elected, he/she shall be advised in writing accordingly, and the monies will be repaid to the candidate.

### RESIGNATION

Resignation as a member must be in writing providing 1 calendar month notice. The Committee may, however, at its absolute discretion, release that member from the obligation to pay subscription on good cause shown.

Any monies owing for membership and other events will become payable upon resignation and lights and point of sale account balances on the last day of the resignation period is non-refundable.

Should a member who has previously resigned apply to re-join the Club, he/she shall be liable for the ruling entrance fee unless in the view of the Committee there are extraordinary circumstances, in which case the Committee shall have the right to waive all or part of the said fee.

#### UNBECOMING CONDUCT

If the conduct of any member, either in or out of the Club, is in the opinion of the Committee unbecoming of a member of the Club, the Committee may, after giving him/her the opportunity to state his/her case, suspend him/her for such a period as it deems fit or may request that member in writing to resign and if he/she does not resign from the Club within fourteen (14) days from the date of the request, the Committee may terminate his/her membership and erase his/her name from the list of members, provided always that the Committee shall give such member full reasons for its decision.

No member whose membership has been terminated in terms of this section shall be entitled to any refund whatsoever in respect of any subscription or other sums previously paid by the member to the Club.

Any infraction of this constitution or the by-laws of the Club shall be dealt with by the Committee.

#### ENTRANCE FEES AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FEES

Entrance and subscription fees payable by members shall be determined and may, at its discretion, be waived by the Committee.

Committee members shall not be liable for payment of subscription fees but be liable for all other fees such as league fees, lights and tournaments.

All fees and other moneys due are payable in advance unless a member has applied in writing and in good time for a concession to pay the fees in instalments acceptable to the Committee. Any member who fails to discharge his/her liability to the Club in respect of the payments of his/her subscription fees or monies due to the Club will not be allowed to continue as a member or make use of the Club facilities while his/her liabilities remain unpaid.

A member not in good standing with the Club shall not be allowed to vote at any Club meeting. Should a defaulter, however, advance satisfactory reasons in writing for his/her default, the Committee may grant the defaulter an extension of time within which to fulfil his/her obligations and, on fulfilment, the defaulter's membership may be restored. The financial year of the Club will end on the last day of December of each year.

#### VISITORS/GUESTS

Members may introduce guests to the Club subject to the by-laws relating to visitors, which may be in force from time to time, provided always those visitors/guests must be in the company of the member and have signed/booked as a visitor.

The Committee may limit the admission of guests and visitors on special times or days or in connection with any specified Club leagues or functions.

#### COMMITTEE

The Committee shall manage the affairs of the Club.

The Committee shall consist of at least eight (8) members whom shall be elected by the annual general meeting. At the first Committee meeting following the election of the

Committee, the Committee shall elect from amongst its members a chairman, a vice-chairman, treasurer, league night club-captains, maintenance manager, social representative and any other portfolio needed by the Committee.

In the event of a vacancy occurring on the Committee, the Committee shall have the power to fill that vacancy by co-option. The members elected shall hold office for one (1) year, with effect from the date of the Club's annual general meeting.

The Committee shall meet at least six (6) times per year. The majority of votes shall decide questions arising at any meeting. In the event of an equality of votes, the chairman shall in addition to his deliberative vote, have a casting vote. A majority of members shall form a quorum. The Committee shall ensure that minutes of proceedings be kept of all meetings.

#### BOOKS OF ACCOUNT

Proper books of account of the affairs of the Club shall be kept together with all other documents connected with or relating to the Club's business or its affairs and shall at all reasonable times be accessible to the members of the Committee. No member of the Club who is not a member of the Committee shall have the right to inspect any account or document of the Club except as authorized by the Committee or by the Club in a general meeting.

All moneys paid to the Club shall as soon as possible after receipt be deposited with the Club's bank in such banking or investment account as the Committee may decide and shall be withdrawn from time to time as may be authorized.

A registered accountant, not being a member of the Committee, shall audit the accounts of the Club at least annually.

#### ANNUAL AND SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Annual and special general meetings shall be convened by notice posted by the Club Chairman on the Club's notice board and by notice in writing to each member at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the meeting.

The business of the meeting shall be:

- to approve the previous year's AGM minutes and consider matters arising from these minutes
- to receive the report of the chairman
- to consider the financial statements of the affairs of the club for the previous year and the budget for the next year
- to elect the required number of members to the Committee
- to transact any other business of which in writing at least 7 days prior to the meeting was mailed to the secretary.

A quorum for a AGM will consist of 15 (fifteen) senior members in good standing

A signed proxy will be accepted as a counting vote

In case of an equal vote the chairman will have the conclusive vote over and above his normal vote

If a quorum is not present within half an hour of the time appointed, the meeting, if convened upon a requisition of members, shall be dissolved. A new meeting shall be held 7 days later and those members present shall then form a quorum and may transact by the business for which the meeting was called.

A special general meeting of the Club may be called at any time by the Committee or shall at any time be called by the Committee upon a requisition to that effect signed by not less than thirty (30) members in good standing, which requisition shall state the object of the meeting.

## SAFETY AND RESPONSIBILITY

Any member or visitor that enters the Uitsig Squash Club does so at his/her own risk and the Club cannot be held responsible for any injuries, damage or loss of property.

## GENERAL BY-LAWS

### SUB-COMMITTEES

At least one main committee member shall be part of all sub-committees which may be established by the Committee. The Committee may in their discretion invite a guest or guests to participate in the activities of the Club.

### JUNIORS

For the purpose of this by-law, the word 'junior' shall mean and include all persons under the age of 18 years and / or still attending school.

Members shall be responsible for the actions and behaviour of their children whilst the latter are on the Club premises.

### ANIMALS

Animals shall not be allowed in the Club. Dogs shall not be taken into the Club grounds unless under immediate control of their owners.

### BREAKAGES

All damage to the Club property caused by any member or his guest must be paid for by such member who shall pay for or acknowledge his liability in respect of the damage before leaving the Club.

Only non-marking squash shoes are allowed on the courts. The dress in the Club shall compliment the game of squash and shall be as prescribed by the Committee from time to time.

No notice of any description shall be posted in the Club on the notice boards except by order or approval of the Committee.

The removal of plants, bulbs or shrubs from the Club's premises is prohibited.

### BOOKINGS

Court bookings can be done seven (7) days in advance. The Committee can wave or change court bookings in the event of Club commitments such as league, championships tournaments or maintenance.

### RANKINGS

The Club ladder of players will be used to guide the order of players in the various leagues, tournaments and championships.