



CONSTITUTION

Correct as at 5 October 2021

CONSTITUTION OF THE SEMBAWANG COUNTRY CLUB

1 NAME

This Club shall be known as the “Sembawang Country Club” and is hereinafter referred to as “the Club”.

2 PLACE OF BUSINESS

Its place of business shall be at “No. 249 Sembawang Road (Next to Sembawang Air Base), Singapore 758352” or such other address as may subsequently be decided upon by the Board of Governors and approved by the Registrar of Societies. The Club shall carry out its activities only in places and premises, which have the prior written approval from the relevant authorities, where necessary.

3 DEFINITIONS

In this Constitution, the words used shall have an ordinary meaning, except the following:

- “Armed Forces Council” has the same meaning as under the Singapore Armed Forces Act;
- “Full Member” means persons having the status of a Full Member of the Club as defined in the Club’s Constitution as at 31 December 1992;
- “Nominee” means a nominee of a Corporate Member;
- “Non-pensionable service” means regular service in the SAF which is neither pensionable service nor contract service;
- “Retiree” means any SAF serviceman who has retired pursuant to the SAF Pensions Regulations or any regular serviceman who is permitted to cease his employment with the SAF pursuant to a scheme established by the SAF for early release from service. The terms “retired” and “retirement” have corresponding meaning;
- “SAF” means the Singapore Armed Forces as defined in the Singapore Armed Forces Act;
- “SAF Member” means either an SAF Member (continuing) or an SAF Member (Term) as defined in this Constitution;
- “Service” means regular service in the SAF and the term “regular serviceman” has a corresponding meaning
- “The Board” means the Board of Governors of the Club.
- “The Club” means Sembawang Country Club.
- “The Committee” means the Management Committee (MC) of the Club.
- “The Management” means the Club Management.
- “The President” means the Club President.

4 OBJECTS

The object of the Club is to provide golfing and other recreational facilities and activities for the regular servicemen of the SAF and other persons admitted by the Club as members.

5 MEMBERSHIP

(A) Categories of Membership

1. There shall be the following categories of Membership:
 - Patron;
 - SAF Members (Continuing);

- SAF Members (Term);
- Civilian Members;
- Social Members;
- Special Members;
- Corporate Members;
- Restricted Members;
- Honorary Members;
- Honorary Life Members;
- Family Members;
- Junior Members.

(B) Patron.

The Minister for Defence of the Republic of Singapore shall be honoured as the Patron of the Club.

(C) SAF Members (Continuing)

(1) SAF Members (Continuing) are:

- regular servicemen who were members of the Club as at 31 December 1992, for so long as they can remain in regular service;
- retirees who were members of the Club as at 31 December 1992;
- regular servicemen on the pensionable or non-pensionable establishment of the SAF or SAF Members (Term) who are admitted as SAF Members (Continuing) after 1 January 1993, for as long as they remain in regular service.
- Members of the Club who were SAF Continuing Members as at 31 December 2009.

(2) An SAF Member (Continuing) shall upon retirement be eligible to continue as an SAF Member (Continuing) if on the last day of his regular service he has rendered not less than six (6) years' continuous regular service and has been a member of the Club for a continuous period of not less than three (3) of the six (6) years.

(D) SAF Members (Term)

(1) SAF Members (Term) are:

- regular servicemen admitted as members after 1 January 1993;
and
- regular servicemen who were members as at 31 December 1992 who elect to be SAF Members (Term) pursuant to a once-off option given to them by the Club

(2) An SAF Member (Term) shall be a member for a stipulated period from the day of his admission as member and may renew his membership at a time in accordance with term prescribed by the Management Committee.

(3) An SAF Member (Term) shall cease to be a member when he ceases to be in regular service.

(E) Civilian Members

(1) Civilian Members are:

- persons who were Civilian Members of the Club as at 31 December 2009;
- persons who as at 31 December 2009 were Full or Special Members of the Club and who do not qualify for any other category of golfing membership under this constitution;
- any regular servicemen who was a member of the Club as at 31 December 2009 and who after becoming a SAF Member (Continuing) under this Constitution leaves the SAF on non-retirement grounds having rendered not less than twelve (12) years of continuous service and has been a member of the Club for a continuous period of not less than three (3) of the twelve (12) years.
- persons admitted to membership of the Club after 1 January 1993 as Civilian Members.

A Civilian Member may be appointed to the Management Committee by the President to represent the views of the Civilian Members.

(F) Social Members

(1) The Management Committee of the Club may admit regular servicemen as Social Members of the Club. Members of Club may, with the Management Committee's approval, elect to be a Social Member.

(2) Social Members shall be entitled to the use of all the facilities of the Club, except the golf course.

(3) Persons admitted as Social Members shall be a member of the Club for a period of ten (10) years from the date of their admission and may renew their membership for periods of ten (10) years at a time in accordance with terms prescribed by the Management Committee.

(4) Members who are Social Members shall continue as Social Members for the remainder of the term of their membership category.

(G) Special Members

(1) Special Members are persons who:

(a) are Special Members of the Club as at 1 January 1993 holding appointments specified by the Management Committee; or

(b) who are invited by the Management Committee, with the approval of the President of the Club, to be admitted as a Special Member of the Club.

(2) A Special Member shall be a member of the Club commencing from the date of his admission. Special Members may not vote at general meetings and are not eligible to hold office.

(H) Corporate Members

(1) The Management Committee may admit a body corporate as a Corporate Member on such terms as the Management Committee may specify.

(2) A Corporate Member shall be entitled to nominate nominees as the Management Committee may specify. Nominees shall be entitled to enjoy all the facilities of the Club and shall be bound by this Constitution and all Club rules as if they are a member.

(3) The Management Committee may, upon the application of the Corporate Member, permit substitution of nominees on such terms as the Management Committee may specify.

(4) The Management Committee may, by notice in writing, require a Corporate Member to substitute a nominee and upon receipt of the notification, all privileges of the Corporate Member and its nominees shall be suspended until the notification is complied with.

(5) A Corporate Member shall be responsible for the conduct of its nominee/s and their Family and Junior Members and shall be liable for all amounts due from them to the Club.

(I) Restricted Members

(1) A member other than a Social Member may at any time elect to be a Restricted Member. Restricted Members may utilize all the facilities of the Club but shall not exercise membership privileges in the use of the golf course except at such time as may be prescribed by the Management Committee. Restricted member can only golf during weekdays.

(2) A Restricted Member shall be a member for the remainder of the term of his membership category.

(J) Honorary Members

(1) The following shall be Honorary Members of the Club;

- (a) Ministers and Ministers of State having responsibility for the Ministry of Defence;
- (b) Parliamentary Secretaries assigned to the Ministry of Defence;
- (c) Permanent Secretaries of the Ministry of Defence; and
- (d) The Chief of the Defence Force of the SAF.

(K) Honorary Life Members

(1) The Management Committee may, with the approval of the Armed Forces Council, admit a member who has made outstanding contributions of personal time and effort towards achieving the mission of the SAF and the well-being and advancement of the Club as an Honorary Life Member.

(2) In considering the conferment of Honorary Life Membership, the Management Committee shall disregard monetary contributions to the Club made by the person.

(L) Family Members

The spouse and children under twenty-one (21) years of age of a member are automatically admitted as Family Members. However, Family Members are not allowed to play golf unless the stipulated golfing

fees are paid. Family Members may not vote at general meetings and may not hold office in the Club. Family membership shall cease or be suspended when the member ceases to be or is suspended as a member of the Club.

(M) Junior Members

Any child of a member under twenty-one (21) years is eligible for junior membership. Junior membership shall lapse:

- (1) when the Junior Member reaches twenty-one (21) years old; or
- (2) in the case of a child of a member, when the member ceases to be a member of the Club

(N) Privileges of Membership

(1) Except as restricted by the terms of their category of membership or rules made by the Management Committee for a particular facility or activity, all members may use the facilities of the Club and be eligible to participate in activities organized by the Club.

(2) Only SAF Members (Continuing) and SAF Members (Term) shall be entitled to attend and vote at general meetings and to hold office in the Club.

(O) Application for Membership

(1) All applications for membership shall be made on an application form prescribed by the Management Committee and shall state clearly the name and particulars of the applicant and the names and particulars of the applicant's proposer and seconder, both of whom must be SAF Members.

(2) Properly completed application forms shall be displayed on a notice board at the Club's premises for a period of not less than one (1) week. If no objection is received from any SAF Member during the week, the application shall be considered by the Management Committee at its next meeting. The decision of the Management Committee shall be final.

(P) Absent Members

(1) Any Member who is away from Singapore for a period of not less than six (6) months may apply to the Club Manager to be placed on the Absent Members' List. A member placed on the Absent Members' List shall pay in advance a reduced rate of subscription to be determined by the Management Committee. This reduced rate shall not apply for the month in which he departs and the month in which he returns.

(2) No member shall be placed on the Absent Members' List until he has satisfied all amounts due from him to the Club.

(3) A member placed on the Absent Members' List shall inform the Club immediately upon his return to Singapore.

(4) An Absent Member's family and junior members shall also be on Absent Member status accordingly.

6 FEES AND DUES

(A) The entrance fees, levies, subscriptions, additional fees or charges for each category of membership shall be prescribed from time to time by the Management Committee.

(B) The Management Committee shall determine the policies and process to recover any late payments and/or interests thereof owed by members to the Club and any deduction or refunds upon resignation or termination of membership.

(C) Payment

All monies due to the Club from a member shall be due on the date of the bill or invoice showing the monies due. If a member defaults in making payment, the Club has the right to freeze, suspend or terminate their membership.

(D) The income and property of the Society whensoever derived shall be applied towards the promotion of the objects of the Society as set forth in this Constitution and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend or bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Society or to any of them or to any person claiming through any of them.

7 BOARD OF GOVERNORS

(A) Composition

The Board of Governors ("the Board") shall consist of:-

- (1) The Chairman of the Board, who shall be the President of the Club, shall be appointed by the Armed Forces Council for such term as may be specified by the Armed Forces Council.
- (2) Other senior officers from MINDEF who shall from time to time be appointed by Chairman of the Board.
Each appointed member of the Board shall remain in the Board for as long as he/she continues to hold the senior appointment in MIDEF which he/she held at the time he/she was appointed as a member of the Board unless otherwise decided by the Chairman of the Board.

(B) The Board reports to the Armed Forces Council. The Board supervises the Management Committee.

(C) Responsibility

The Board shall be responsible for laying down the policies of the Club in consonance with and in furtherance of the objectives of the Club.

(D) Powers

- (1) Appoint the specific members of the Management Committee of the Club for such period or periods as it deems fit.
- (2) Co-opt persons to attend the Board's or Management Committee's meetings. Such persons may take part in the proceedings but shall not be entitled to vote.
- (3) Dismiss or discipline any appointed member of the Management Committee (except those elected by the General Meeting of members) and appoint any person to fill any vacancy arising from such dismissal or resignation.
- (4) Approve with or without amendment the Annual Estimates of Income and Expenditure of the Club.
- (5) Exercise supervision and control over the Management Committee.
- (6) Delegate such powers, functions and duties to the Management Committee or any member as it deem fit.
- (7) Amend or approve any amendments to the Constitution except for Article 4 (Objects), Article 5 (Membership), Article 7 (Board of Governors), Article 19 (Trustees) and Article 20 (Dissolution).
- (8) Issue such directives or orders pertaining to the conduct of the affairs of the Club from time to time and as may be necessary or expedient to do so.
- (9) Decide upon any matter not provided for in this Constitution.

(E) Meetings of the Board of Governors

- (1) The Board shall meet at least twice a year and at least half of the Board shall be present to constitute a quorum.
- (2) The Secretary of the Board meeting shall give at least seven (7) days' notice in writing for any Board Meeting, unless directed otherwise by the Chairman of the Board.
- (3) At least half of the members of the Board shall be present to constitute a quorum.
- (4) The Chairman or the Acting Chairman of the Board shall assume the Chair at all meetings of the Board. If both are absent, one of the other members of the Board shall be elected to the Chair.

8 **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Composition

The Management Committee shall consist of:

- (1) Chairman (Appointed by the Board).
- (2) Vice-Chairman (Appointed by the Board).
- (3) Secretary (Appointed by the Board).
- (4) Treasurer (Appointed by the Board).
- (5) Assistant Treasurer (Appointed by the Board).
- (6) Club Captain (Appointed by the Board).
- (7) Club Vice-Captain (Appointed by the Board).
- (8) Lady Captain (Appointed by the Board).
- (9) House Member (Appointed by the Board).
- (10) Assistant House Member (Appointed by the Board).
- (11) Engagement Committee Chairman (Appointed by the Board)
- (12) Civilian Member (Appointed by the Board).
- (13) Ex-Officios (Appointed by the Board).
- (14) Disciplinary Committee Chairman (Appointed by the Board).
- (15) Internal Audit Committee Chairman (Appointed by the Board).
- (16) Chairman Sub-Committees (Elected at an Annual General Meeting).
- (17) Additional Committee Members (Elected at an Annual General Meeting).

(B) Election of Committee Members

Names of the post of Committee Members above shall be proposed and seconded on prescribed forms at least seven days prior to the Annual General Meeting and election will follow on a simple majority vote of the members.

(C) Terms of Officer Bearers

The Management Committee shall be appointed on a yearly basis. The President may, at any time, make appointments to fill any vacancy, which may arise during the term of the Management Committee. Any changes in the Management Committee shall be

notified to the Registrar of Societies within two (2) weeks of the change.

(D) **Responsibility**

The Management Committee is responsible for the overall management of the Club, its advancement and the well being of its members. It is assisted on a day-to-day basis and during its meetings by an employed General Manager.

(E) **Powers**

(1) The Management Committee shall have the power to take disciplinary action against any member of the Club who has acted in a manner derogatory to the Club, or who has violated any of the Articles of the Constitution or Rules, Regulations and By-laws of the Club.

(2) The Management Committee shall have the power to delegate various functions to the various Committees. The power and function of the various Committees shall be spelt out in the By-laws of the respective committees. The By Laws shall be approved by the Management Committee.

(3) The Management Committee shall, whether on its own or with the assistance of the Committees, have the power to enact By Laws, Rules and Regulations to fulfill its functions and duties.

(4) Once approved by the Management Committee, all By Laws, Rules and Regulations shall be binding on all Members. Any amendment to any By Law, Rules and regulations shall only be effective if approved by the Management Committee.

(F) **Meetings of the Management Committee**

The Management Committee shall meet at least 6 times a year or as frequently as required. A member of an Activity Committee may attend a meeting of the Management Committee, but shall not be entitled to vote.

(G) **Quorum**

At least one-half of the Management Committee members must be present for its proceedings to be valid.

(H) **Co-Opted Members**

The Management Committee may co-opt any SAF Member (Continuing) or SAF Member (Term) to be a member of the Management Committee for a specific task.

(I) **Ex-Officio Members**

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Club Captain shall be ex-officio members to all Activity Committees of the Club.

(J) **Financial Delegation**

The Management Committee is the approving body for the expenditure of the Club's monies. Routine expenditure levels for each of the Club's Activity Committee shall be set from time to time

by the Management Committee, but not less than once annually. Urgent maintenance costs may be approved by not less than two (2) Management Committee Members. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Club Captain, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and the General Manager shall be the authorized signatories of the Club's bank account(s), any two (2) of whom may issue cheques on behalf of the Club.

9 GENERAL MEETINGS

The supreme authority of the Society is vested in a General Meeting of the members.

(A) Annual General Meetings

The Annual General Meeting shall be held by 31st December annually.

The agenda shall consist of the following:

- To receive the previous financial year's accounts and annual report of the committee.
- To receive the Chairman's Report.
- To receive the Captain's and Lady Captain's Report.
- To receive the Treasurer's Report.
- To receive the Engagement Committee Chairman's Report.
- To announce the members of the Management Committee.
- To conduct elections for office bearers, where applicable.
- To discuss any other business of the Club which notice has been given to the Club in writing seven (7) clear days before the Annual General Meeting.

(B) Extra-ordinary General Meetings

The Management Committee may call an Extra-Ordinary General Meetings when any question of importance to the Club arises, and shall be bound to do so on receiving any notice for an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting signed by at least fifty (50) SAF Members. If the Management Committee does not within two (2) months after the date of receipt of the written request proceed to convene an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting, the members who requested for the Extra-Ordinary General Meeting shall convene the Extra-Ordinary General Meeting by giving ten (10) days' notice to voting members setting forth the business to be transacted and simultaneously posting the agenda on the Club's notice board.

(C) Notice of Meeting

The Management Committee shall give fourteen (14) days' notice in writing to all voting members for a General Meeting and not less than fourteen (14) days' notice in writing for an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting. The particulars of the agenda shall be posted on the Club's notice board four (4) days in advance of the meeting. Any member who wishes to place an item on the agenda of a general meeting may do so provided he gives notice to the Secretary seven (7) days before the meeting is due to be held.

(D) Quorum at General Meeting

The Chairman plus fifty (50) SAF Members shall form a quorum. In the event of there being no quorum at the commencement of a general

meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned for one hour and should the number then present be insufficient to form a quorum, those in attendance after this time shall be considered a quorum, but they shall have no power to amend any of the existing rules.

10 DUTIES AND POWERS OF OFFICE BEARERS

(A) The Management Committee Chairman

The Management Committee Chairman shall chair all General and Management Committee meetings. He shall also represent the Club in its dealings with outside persons.

(B) The Management Committee Vice-Chairman

The Management Committee Vice-Chairman shall assist the Chairman and deputise for him in his absence.

(C) The Secretary

The Secretary shall keep all records, except financial, of the Club and shall be responsible for their corrections. He will keep minutes of all general and committee meetings. He shall maintain an up-to-date Register of Members at all times.

(D) The Club Captain

The Club Captain shall oversee all golfing administration, activities and facilities of the Club. He shall chair all the meetings of the Greens Committee.

(E) The Club Vice-Captain

The Club Vice-Captain shall assist the Club Captain and deputise for him in his absence.

(F) The Treasurer

The Treasurer shall monitor and manage the funds of the Club. He shall be assisted by the General Manager and he shall keep an account of all monetary transactions and shall be responsible for their correctness.

(G) The Assistant Treasurer

The Assistant Treasurer shall assist the Treasurer and deputise for him in his absence.

(H) The Lady Captain

The Lady Captain shall oversee the Ladies Section of the Club and shall chair all the meetings of the Ladies Committee.

(I) The House Member

The House Member shall be responsible for the supervision, administration and maintenance of the Clubhouse including the Food & Beverage department. He shall chair all meetings of the House Committee.

(J) The Assistant House Member

The Assistant House Member shall assist the House Member and deputise for him in his absence.

(K) The Engagement Committee (EC) Chairman

The EC Chairman shall be responsible for engaging members' feedback on all Club matters. He shall chair all meetings of the Engagement Committee.

(L) The Civilian Member

The Civilian Member shall be responsible to act as a representative for all the Civilian Members in Management Committee Meetings.

(M) The Ex-Officios Members

The Ex-Officios members shall be responsible to serve their respective functions as appointed by the Board in Management Committee Meetings.

(N) The Disciplinary Committee Chairman

The Disciplinary Committee Chairman shall be responsible for the complaints, investigations and hold hearings to make disciplinary decisions related to the findings on behalf of the MC. He shall chair all meetings of the Disciplinary Committee.

(O) The Internal Audit Committee Chairman

The Internal Audit Committee Chairman shall be responsible for oversight of the corporate governance and overseeing responsibilities in relation to the Club's internal control system, risk management system and internal audit functions. He shall chair all meetings of the Internal Audit Committee.

11 ACTIVITY COMMITTEES

(A) Activity Committees

To manage specific activities for the benefit of members, the Management Committee shall be assisted by the following Activity Committees, the powers, responsibilities, composition, and activities of which shall be spelled out in the respective By-laws with the concurrence of the Management Committee:

- Greens Committee;
- House Committee;
- Publications Committee;
- Ladies Committee.

12 ADMINISTRATION

(A) Administration, Accounts, Auditing and Financial Year

The administration, accounting and auditing of the Club's finances shall be in accordance with the requirements laid down by the Management Committee. The financial year shall be 1 April to 31 March each year. The Management Committee shall appoint a firm of certified Public Auditors at each Annual General Meeting to be Auditors of the Club who will serve one (1) year only and shall be eligible for reappointment. The auditors will be required to audit each year's accounts and present and report upon them to the Annual General Meeting. The auditors may also be required by the President to audit the Club's accounts for any period within their

tenure of office at any date and make a report to the Management Committee.

(B) Discipline

(1) The Management Committee may, after due inquiry, suspend, fine or expel a member or nominee for breach of the Constitution of the Club, its rules, or for conduct unbecoming of a member. Suspension may be limited to suspension of the use of specific facilities of the Club and shall be for a period to be specified by the Management Committee. The fine imposed shall not exceed two thousand dollars (\$2000.00).

(2) The Management Committee may delegate its disciplinary powers to a Disciplinary Committee, comprising a Management Committee member as Chairman and two other members of the Management Committee, nominated by the Management Committee.

(3) Any member dissatisfied with the decision of the Disciplinary Committee may appeal to the President within seven (7) days of being informed of the decision of the Disciplinary Committee. The President may appoint other members to assist him in considering the appeal. The President's decision as to such matters raised on appeal shall be final.

(C) Membership Matters

The Management Committee shall determine the policies and processes by way of Membership By-laws upon which members may be ceased, reinstated, resigned, terminated and the refunds or repayments upon such cessation, reinstatement, resignation, or termination.

13 RESPONSIBILITY

(A) Liability for Loss, Damage or Injury

The Club shall not be liable for loss or damage to the property or injury to the person of any member, nominees or invitees occurring within the Club's premises.

(B) Member's Responsibility

Members shall be responsible to the Club for the cost of replacing or repairing any Club property loss or damaged by them, their family or guests, and any debt or liability to the Club incurred by their family or guests. The cost of replacement or repair shall be assessed by the Management Committee whose decision in the matter shall be final.

(C) Insurance Coverage

The Management Committee shall ensure that the Club is adequately insured against foreseeable legal liabilities, in particular, that there is at all times adequate insurance cover to protect:

(1) The SAF and the Club against claims for personal injuries suffered as a result of negligence on the part of the officials, servants or agents of the Club.

(2) The SAF and the Club against claims for loss or damage to property arising from the negligence on the part of officials, servants or agents of the Club.

(3) The Club's buildings, equipment and property against fire and theft.

14 VISTORS AND GUESTS

(1) The Management Committee may at any time withdraw the privileges for the use of facilities of the Club from any guest without assigning any reason therefore.

(2) Unless the approval of the Management Committee is obtained, no person from whom the privileges of the Club have been withdrawn may be introduced as a guest.

(3) Visitors (walk-in members and the public) may be admitted into the Club's premises. However, they are allowed to use only golfing facilities, ie. golf course and driving range and only on such days or times as stipulated by the Greens Committee.

(4) Visitors shall pay the appropriate fees as laid out by the respective By-laws.

(5) Visitors and guests may be asked to leave the Club's premises by a Management Committee member or manager if their behavior and conduct cause annoyance to other members.

(6) Visitors who damage Club property shall be required to pay the cost of replacement or repair of such damage. The cost of the replacement or repair shall be assessed by the Management Committee whose decision shall be final.

15 PROHIBITION

(1) The Club shall not indulge in any political activity or allow its funds and/or premises to be used for political purposes. The Club shall not be involved in any activities or trade that are not in furtherance of the purpose and business of the Club which the Management Committee may determine from time to time.

(2) Gambling of any kind, excluding the promotion or conduct of a private lottery which has been permitted under the Private Lotteries Act Cap 250, is forbidden on the Society's premises. The introduction of materials for gambling or drug taking and of bad characters into the premises is prohibited.

(3) The funds of the Society shall not be used to pay the fines of members who have been convicted in court of law.

(4) The Society shall not engage in any trade union activity as defined in any written law relating to trade unions for the time being in force in Singapore.

(5) The Society shall not indulge in any political activity or allow its funds and/or premises to be used for political purposes.

(6) The Society shall not hold any lottery, whether confined to its members or not, in the name of the Society or its office-bearers, Committee or

members unless with the prior approval of the relevant authorities.

(7) The Society shall not raise funds from the public for whatever purposes without the prior approval in writing of the Assistant Director Operations, Licensing Division, Singapore Police Force and other relevant authorities.

16 CONSTITUTION

The Constitution of the Club (including the By Laws, Rules and Regulations) shall be binding on all members of the Club, Corporate Members and nominees.

17 AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION

(A) All amendments to the Constitution, other than Article 4 (Objects), Article 5 (Membership), Article 7 (Board of Governors), Article 19 (Trustees) and Article 20 (Dissolution) shall be initiated and approved by the Board.

(B) Amendments to Article 4 (Objects), Article 5 (Membership), Article 7 (Board of Governors), Article 19 (Trustees) and Article 20 (Dissolution) of the Constitution shall be initiated by the Board and approved by the Armed Forces Council.

(C) The Club shall not amend its Constitution without the prior approval in writing of the Registrar of Societies, and, where the Society is a registered charity, the Commissioner of Charities. No alteration or addition/deletion to this Constitution shall be passed except at a general meeting and with the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members present at the General Meeting.

18 INTERPRETATION OF THE CONSTITUTION AND RULES

(A) The Board shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of this Constitution. The Management Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of the Club's Rules, Regulations and By-laws. In the event there is a conflict between the decision of Board and the Management Committee affecting the interpretation of the Constitution and Club's Rules, Regulations and By-laws, the decision of the Board shall prevail. The decision of the Board or the Management Committee upon any question of interpretation shall be final and binding on the members.

(B) The decision of the Board upon any matter affecting the Club and not provided for by this Constitution or by the Club's Rules, Regulations and By-laws shall be final and binding on the members.

19 TRUSTEES

(A) If the Club at any time acquires any immovable property, such property shall be vested in trustees subject to a declaration of trust.

(B) The trustees of the Club shall:

- (1) Not be more than four and not less than two in number.
 - (2) Be appointed by the Armed Forces Council.
 - (3) Not effect any sale or mortgage of property without proper approval of Armed Forces Council.
- (C) The office of the trustee shall be vacated :
- (1) If the trustee dies or become a lunatic of unsound mind; or
 - (2) If the trustee is absent from the Republic of Singapore for a period of more than one year; or
 - (3) If the trustee is guilty of misconduct of such kind as to render it undesirable that he continues as a trustee; or
 - (4) If the trustee submits notice of resignation from his trusteeship.
- (D) The addresses of immovable properties, names of trustees and any subsequent changes must be notified to the Registrar of Societies.

20 DISSOLUTION

- (A) The Club shall not dissolve itself or cease to provide the premises and facilities to members except:
- (1) when the club ceases to be licensee of the land on which the club's premises and facilities are situated, or such substantial part thereof as would render it impracticable to continue to provide social, sporting and other recreational activities for the membership as a whole; or
 - (2) with the Board's approval and when express consent of the Armed Forces Council has been obtained.
- (B) In the event the Club is dissolved, all the liabilities legally incurred by or on behalf of the Club shall be fully discharged and the remaining funds or proceeds of the disposal shall be donated to such charitable organizations as may be approved by the Board.
- (C) Notice of dissolution of the Club shall be given to the Registrar of Societies within seven days of the dissolution.