



# WORLD DEAF SQUASH INCORPORATED CONSTITUTION

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THIS DOCUMENT IS DRAFTED AS A STANDARD  
CONSTITUTION WHERE WDSI IS ENCOURAGED TO  
BECOME AN ASSOCIATED MEMBER FOR  
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF SPORTS FOR THE DEAF (ICSD)  
and WORLD SQUASH FEDERATION (WSF).



## World Deaf Squash Incorporated (WDSI) Constitution

1. **Title:**
  - 1.1 The Association shall be called "World Deaf Squash Incorporated" and shall be affiliated to Deaflympic (also known as ICSD - International Committee of Sports for the Deaf) and WSF (World Squash Federation).
  
2. **Object:**
  - 2.1 To develop opportunities for deaf people to participate into a game of squash, including participation, coaching, officials and spectators.
  - 2.2 To co-ordinate WDSC (World Deaf Squash Championships), with support from both Deaflympic and WSF.
  - 2.3 To support Deaf Squash nations with their national development and needs.
  
3. **Membership:**
  - 3.1 Membership of the Association shall be open to all interested deaf squash nations and individuals where there is no deaf squash nation.
  - 3.2 Membership Fee and Policy shall be governed by the Appendix 1 (WDSA Membership).
  
4. **Officers:**
  - 4.1 The Officers of the Incorporated shall be as follows: -

President:	Vacant
Technical Director:	Dominic Everett (England)
Finance Director:	Angus McDonald (New Zealand)
Media / Public Relation Director:	Claire Sternberg (South Africa)
  - 4.2 The additional officers of the Association that are at fixed term (WDSC Host nation): -

Championship Director:	
Championship Referee:	
Championship Committee Members:	
Championship Disciplinary and Appeals Committee Members:	
  - 4.3 All Officers must be deaf / hard of Hearing.
  
5. **Election of Officers:**
  - 5.1 All Officers shall be elected at the WDSC Delegate Meeting of the Association.
  - 5.2 All Officers are elected for a minimum period of two (2) years, but may be re-elected to the same office or any office the following year.
  - 5.3 The additional officers shall be elected by the Deaf Squash Nation hosting the WDSC at least 2 years prior to the WDSC (immediately after the previous WDSC).
  - 5.4 The additional officers can only be in the office for up to 2 years, i.e. during the organisation of the WDSC.
  - 5.5 Any additional officer can automatically be elected to the WDSI's Officer's post.



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## 6. Directors:

- 6.1 The affairs of the Association shall be controlled by WDSI's Directors comprising of the Directors of the Association, as stated in 4.1 above, elected from, and by, the Full members of the Association.
- 6.2 The Directors shall meet at agreed intervals and not less than 1 time per year.
- 6.3 The duties of the Directors shall be: -
  - 6.3.1 To control the affair of the Association on behalf of the members.
  - 6.3.2 To keep accurate accounts of the finances of the Association through the Finance Director. These should be available for reasonable inspection by Members and should be audited before every Delegate Meeting. The Association shall maintain a Bank Account and the following Directors, as stated in 4.1 above, shall be authorised to sign Association's cheques.
  - 6.3.3 To co-opt additional member of the Directors as the Director if and when the Director feels this is necessary. Co-opt Director may not be entitled to a vote on the Directors.
  - 6.3.4 To make decisions on the basis of a simple majority vote. In the case of equal votes, the President shall be entitled to an additional casting vote.

## 7. Delegates Meeting:

- 7.1 The Delegate Meeting of the Association shall be held during the WDSC (World Deaf Squash Championships) which shall be held in October.
- 7.2 Twenty Eight (28) days written notice shall be given to Members of the Association by circulating a copy of the report at their address (as stated in Appendix 2 – World Deaf Squash Directory).
- 7.3 Members of the Association must advise the Technical Director in writing of any business to be moved at the Delegate Meeting at least Fourteen (14) days before the meeting. The Technical Director shall circulate or give notice of the Agenda for the meeting at least seven (7) days before the meeting.
- 7.4 The business of the Delegate Meeting shall be: -
  - 7.4.1 Confirm the minutes of the previous Delegate Meeting and any other general meetings held since the last Delegate Meeting.
  - 7.4.2 Receive the audited accounts for the year from the Finance Director.
  - 7.4.3 Receive the Two (2) years Report of the Members from the Associated Members.
  - 7.4.4 Receive the Two (2) years Report of the WDSI from the WDSI Directors, including Technical / Administration, Finance and Media / Marketing reports.
  - 7.4.5 Elect an Auditor.
  - 7.4.6 Elect the Directors of the Association.
  - 7.4.7 Review Association Membership rates and agree them for the forthcoming 2 years.
  - 7.4.8 Transact such other business received in writing by the Technical Director from the members 14 days prior to the meeting and included on the agenda.

*NOTE: The Agenda could provide for "Any Other Business" but members should be encouraged to refer other items to the General Committee and give the required notice for important Delegate Meeting business.*



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- 7.5 Special General Meeting shall be convened by the President or on receipt of the Directors (*i.e. 1/3 of the Memberships*) of a request in writing. At least thirty (30) days notice of the meeting shall be given.
- 7.6 Nomination of candidates for election of Directors shall be made in writing to the President at least thirty (30) days in advance of the Delegate Meeting. Nominations can only be made by Full Members and must be seconded by another full member. Please refer to Appendix 3 – Director's Nomination Form, which members must use to submit nomination.
- 7.7 At all Delegate or General Meetings, the chair will be taken by the President or, in their absence, by a deputy appointed by the Directors attending the meeting.
- 7.8 Decisions made at a General Meeting shall be by a simple majority of votes from those full members attending the meeting. In the event of equal votes, the President or the Chairperson shall be entitled to an additional casting vote.
- 7.9 A quorum for a General Meeting shall be a third Full Members and Directors of the WDSI.
- 7.10 Each full member of the Association shall be entitled to one vote at General Meetings.
- 8. Alterations to the Constitution**
- 8.1 Any proposed alterations to the Association Constitution may only be considered at a Delegate Meeting, convened with the written notice of the proposal.
- 8.2 Any alteration or amendment must be proposed by a full member of the Association and seconded by another full member.
- 8.3 Such alteration or amendment shall be passed assuming that a quorum, as stated in 7.9 above, has been achieved.
- 8.4 Any proposed alteration or amendment must be in writing at least thirty (30) days before the Delegate Meeting.
- 9. Dissolution**
- 9.1 If at any General Meeting of the Association, a resolution be passed calling for the dissolution of the Association, the President shall immediately convene a Special General Meeting of the Association to be held not less than thirty (30) days to discuss and vote on the resolution.
- 9.2 If at that Special General Meeting, the resolution is carried by at least a third of the Full Members present at the meeting, the Directors shall thereupon, or at such date as shall have been specified in the resolution, proceed to release the assets of the Association and discharge all debts and liabilities of the Association.
- 9.3 After discharging all debts and liabilities of the Association, the remaining assets shall not be paid or distributed amongst the Full members of the Association, but shall be given or transferred to either ICSD or WSF supporting the Association.