

Constitution of Asian Soft Tennis Federation

(Aim of revision of the Constitution)

In order to promote spread and development of Soft Tennis, It is the most important that management and operation of Asian Soft Tennis Federation (ASTF) gets more organizing, practical, functional and transparent and it is indispensable that the Constitution of ASTF shall be reviewed and revised for that purpose. Review of composition of the officials of the ASTF shall be also made and regulation about affiliation fee, securing other fund than the affiliation fee etc. shall be reviewed in order to establish development plans and to realize them.

CHAPTER I NAME

Article 1

This Federation shall be known as Asian Soft Tennis Federation (hereinafter; ASTF).

CHAPTER II OBJECTIVES

Article 2

The objectives of ASTF are to establish friendly relations and foster goodwill and understanding among members in accordance with the basic principles of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) and thereby to develop, improve and propagate soft tennis in Asia.

CHAPTER III BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

Article 3

To accomplish the objectives stated in Article 2 above, ASTF shall be committed to do the following:

1. To enhance the close cooperation among members and hereby to promote the propagation of soft tennis in Asia;
2. To hold the Asian Soft Tennis Championship series and the Junior Asian Soft Tennis Championship series ;
3. To encourage the affiliation of new members;

4. To recommend to the OCA inclusion of soft tennis competition in the OCA-Hosted Asian Games; and
5. To encourage the organization of courses and clinics on soft tennis for the improvement of technical and refereeing skills
6. To conduct other business necessary for the accomplishment of ASTF.

CHAPTER IV MEMBERSHIP

Article 4

Membership in ASTF shall be open to any association recognized as the governing body controlling soft tennis in the country (region) and duly recognized by their National Olympic Committee (NOC) and approved by ASTF Congress.

Article 5

An applicant for membership shall signify its intention in writing.

CHAPTER V OFFICERS

Article 6

ASTF shall have the following officers:

- President --- one person
- Vice President--- several persons
- Secretary General cum Treasurer--- one person
- Executive Council Member--- several persons
- Council Member--- within 12 persons
- Auditor--- within 3 persons

The President, Vice President, Secretary General cum Treasurer, Executive Council Member and Council Members shall form the Council.

Article 7

ASTF may have Honorary President(s), Special Adviser(s) and /or Adviser(s) to assist the activities of the Federation based on the President's request.

Article 8

The President, the Vice Presidents, the Secretary General cum Treasurer, the Executive Council Members ,the Council Members, the Auditors, and Honorary President(s)/the Special Adviser(s)/Adviser(s) shall be elected at the Congress of ASTF.

Article 9

If an election for a single appointment is contested, a ballot shall be taken in which each ASTF Members shall be entitled to cast only one vote in the Congress and the candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.

No candidate shall be considered elected to any office unless he polls a majority of the votes cast. A fresh ballat shall be taken until a majority is achieved.

Article 10

The President shall represent ASTF and shall exercise control over the operations of ASTF. The Vice Presidents shall assist the President, and in the event of the incapacity of the President, one of the Vice Presidents shall act for the President.

The Secretary General shall perform his/her duties under the orders of the President and in accordance with the decision of the Council Meeting.

The Executive Council Members and the Council Members shall attend the Council Meeting, discuss and deal with the various operations of ASTF and share actual management and administrative activities of ASTF.

The Auditors shall audit and report to the President and the Congress on the proper accounting.

Article 11

The election of the officers shall be conducted at the quadrennial Congress Meeting, and the elected officers are eligible for reelection. The officers shall continue to hold office

until their successors have been elected.

CHAPTER VI MEETINGS

Article 12

1. The supreme authority of ASTF shall be the Congress; and
2. The Congress shall be held quadrennially during the period of the Asian Championships or just prior to or after the Asian Championships as the ordinary Congress. In addition to the ordinary Congress, extraordinary Congress may be held according to its necessity and/or when written requisition has been made by over fifty percent of the member associations. Meetings shall be called and presided over the President. If President is absent, or President has some accident, Vice President appointed by President in advance shall call and preside over the Meeting.
3. Each associations may send two representatives to the Congress but only one vote is entitled to each association.
4. The legal attendance of the Congress shall be over fifty percent of the members.

Article 13

The agenda of the Congress Meeting shall be as follows:

1. Roll call
2. Adoption of the minutes of the last meeting
3. President's work report
4. Work report by the Secretary General cum Treasurer
5. Admission of new membership
6. Decision on the time and place of the next Asian Championships

7. Discussion on the enactment of the amendments of the Constitution
8. Discussing of any issues that may be raised by the member associations
9. Election of the new officers
10. Other businesses

Article 14

The Council Meeting shall be presided over by the President of ASTF and shall be held every year or every two years. The Council, entrusted by the Congress, shall exercise the resolutions of the Congress Meeting, deal with the matters of importance and urgency for making management and administration of the business activities of ASTF and submit report to the Congress Meeting. Through resolution by the Council Meeting, working committee may be formed to assist the Council's activities.

Article 15 Voting

1. All affiliated associations of ASTF who attend the Congress are entitled to one vote each. If the President accepts, a resolution or a decision may be submitted to a vote by correspondence including by fax or electronic mail of the members of ASTF.
2. Resolution by the Congress concerning the ordinary matters (i.e., adoption of new member, decision of the place of the Asian Championships, etc) shall be adopted with the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast.
3. Amendments to the Constitution, dismissal of the Auditor and disposal of the basic property of ASTF or exclusion of the property from the basic property of ASTF shall be adopted with the affirmative vote of two-thirds majority of the votes cast.
4. Expulsion of a member shall be adopted with the affirmative vote of three-fourths majority of the votes cast.

5. Disabandonment of ASTF shall be adopted with the affirmative vote of four-fifths of the votes cast.

Article 16

The President presiding over the Congress Meeting or the Council Meeting shall prepare minutes and immediately report the results of the meeting to concerning member associations.

CHAPTER VII MANAGEMENT

Article 17

ASTF shall have its secretariat at the country (region) where Secretary General cum Treasurer resides. The Secretary General may have secretaries at the expenses of the member country (region) where the secretariat is located.

Article 18

The official language shall be English. All the other languages of the members of ASTF are auxiliary languages.

CHAPTER VIII DUES

Article 19

Each member shall pay an affiliation fee and an annual membership fee according to the Provision which is separately regulated from this Constitution.

CHAPTER IX AMENDMENTS AND INTERPRETATION

Article 20

This Constitution can only be amended by the Congress.

Article 21

The English version of the Constitution of ASTF shall be the standard text.

CHAPTER X SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION

Article 22

This Constitution was originally enacted on February 6, 1988 and was amended on November 3, 1996 and on November 17, 2016.