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CONSTITUTION

1. TITLE

The Association shall be called "**THE EASTERN GAUTENG POOL ASSOCIATION**" henceforth referred to as

The "**Association**", or "**EGPA**".

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 Clubs

Will be hotels, private clubs and any residential or sporting body affiliated to the Association.

2.2 The Management Committee

Is the supreme authority of the Association and shall comprise of the Executive Committee and 5 Additional members from affiliated clubs appointed as decided at the AGM.

2.3 The Executive Committee

Shall comprise of President, Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations Officer and Development Officer all of whom will be elected by the delegates at The Annual General Meeting.

2.4 Delegates

Are those persons elected by their clubs to represent those clubs at the Annual General Meeting?

2.5 Jurisdictional Area

Municipal and surrounding areas of Ekurhuleni

2.6 Affiliation Fees

Are paid annually by clubs/members to the Association on application for affiliation.

2.7 Registration Fees

Fees are paid annually by clubs to the Association for application for registration of players and/or teams.

2.8 Financial Year

Shall be the period from one Annual General Meeting to the next Annual General Meeting.

2.9 Annual General Meeting

An Annual General Meeting shall be held which will consist of the Management Committee and any official or any registered players or intending players, but only 3 Delegates/proxies per affiliated club to have the power to vote.

2.10 Special General Meeting

A Special meeting convened by the Secretary and shall comprise of the Management Committee and any other registered players, but the Management Committee and three Delegates per club only having the power to vote.

2.11 Juniors

Players who don't exceed the age of 21 or 23 as prescribed by PSA.

2.12 Seniors

Players who are 39 years of age but not older than 49.

2.13 Masters

Players who are 50 years of age and up.

2.14 Men

Male players over the age of 21 / 23 but younger than 40.

2.15 Opens

All registered EGPA players.

3. HEADQUARTERS

The Headquarters of the Association will be announced at each AGM. The Headquarters will be in good standing with the Association, and may be changed by calling a Special General Meeting, or at the Annual

General Meeting.

4. OBJECTIVES

4.1 To promote, advance and control all pool games played competitively by affiliated members and clubs.

4.2 To foster and encourage the game of pool and to gain and maintain a feeling of goodwill amongst persons of all races and both sexes interested therein.

4.3 To hold tournaments and any form of entertainment to obtain funds for the Association.

4.4 To select and enter teams in Provincial and National Championships.

4.5 The Management Committee to be the sole judge as to whether or not the Province will be represented and how many players and teams shall partake?

4.6 To arrange for the staging of the following Provincial Tournaments, events and matches each year:

4.6.1 League matches

4.6.2 Club championship 1 matches

4.6.3 Men's singles & doubles championships

4.6.4 Ladies singles & doubles championships

4.6.5 Juniors singles & doubles championships

4.6.6 Mixed doubles championships

4.6.7 Seniors championships.

4.6.8 3 - Player championships.

4.6.9 Non-Provincial singles & doubles championships

4.6.10 Open singles & doubles championships

4.6.11 Masters Championships

4.7 To appoint an official/s to attend and monitor items 4.6.1 to 4.6.11 and to certify that the playing conditions are in order at such events. The said official to be appointed by the Management Committee.

4.8 To ensure that the game is played in accordance with the rules and regulations as decided by PSA, EGPA and SAPRA.

4.9 To consider and deal with all matters which may be submitted to the EGPA by its affiliated clubs and members with specific exclusion of all matters relating to the examination and certification of referees.

4.10 To establish a provincial referees association and to arrange in collaboration with it, the establishment of a referees examining board for the examination and certification of referees.

4.11 To do everything necessary or requisite for the implementation of any of the objectives set out herein.

5 MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the EGPA shall be confined to **bona fide** clubs within the area of jurisdiction. Any application for affiliation must be made to the Hon. Secretary of the Association and shall be accompanied by a list of the office-bearers, the number of proposed teams and members, and a remittance for the amount of the Annual Affiliation Fee.

5.1 Such application shall be considered by the Executive Committee at its next meeting and, if approved, shall be ratified.

5.2 It shall be presumed that all affiliated clubs/member including any clubs/members proposing to affiliate are fully acquainted with the contents of this constitution and it shall be a specific condition of their acceptance and/or continued affiliation that each respective club indemnify the EGPA against all and any actions, costs, charges, losses, damages and expenses incurred or sustained now or in the future, by virtue of the operation of and/or the affiliation of their respective club/members to the EGPA.. Such indemnification to be contained in the constitution of all respective clubs.

6 SUBSCRIPTIONS

6.1 Each Affiliated club shall pay to the EGPA:

6.1.1 An annual affiliation fee to be decided each year at the Annual General Meeting.

6.1.2 An annual capitation fee to be decided upon each year at the Annual General Meeting, in respect of each registered player.

6.2 The subscriptions shall be payable on receipt of an invoice from the Treasurer showing the amount due in each year. Failure to effect payment by due date and after receipt of written notice by the Hon. Secretary will render the defaulting club/player liable to suspension.

7. COMPOSITION

The Association shall comprise of those clubs within the jurisdictional area and duly accepted by the Management Committee.

8. MANAGEMENT

8.1 Shall be vested in the Management Committee.

8.2 Meetings to be held at least as often as called upon by the Executive Committee. 7 Days notice of such meetings shall be given to all delegates.

8.3 Selection Committee consisting of the Chairperson plus 4 members of the Committee, Unless otherwise agreed at the AGM.

8.4 The Committee may bestow Honorary Life Membership of the Association on any member, providing that no more than two shall be nominated in any one year. Such an

Honorary Membership shall be conferred at the Annual General Meeting.

8.5 A quorum of 50% (Fifty Percent) of the members will be required at all Management Committee Meetings.

8.6 All clubs shall, prior to the Annual General Meeting, be obliged to notify the Secretary of The Association in writing, the names of the delegates representing the clubs, and their Actions shall be binding on their clubs.

8.7 The Chairperson, or failing him, the Vice-Chairperson, shall chair all meetings. In their Absence, the Committee will be obliged to elect a Chairperson for that meeting. The elected Chairperson shall at all times have a casting vote.

8.8 Honorary Vice-Presidents will be elected in an advisory capacity only. These shall be elected by the delegates at the Annual general Meeting.

8.9 The affairs of the Association shall be administered by a Committee comprising of the six/seven Members, consisting of a President, Chairperson, Vice- Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, P.R.O, Development Officer. And the balance of the Committee shall be a maximum of five delegates elected at an Annual general meeting, who further shall be duly elected office bearers of their respective clubs.

8.10 That each affiliated club, be allowed to nominate candidates for the election to the Committee, stating also for which position or alternative position on the committee.

8.11 It will not be necessary for any affiliated club to nominate a candidate from their own club if they do not so desire.

8.12 All nominations must be forwarded in writing to the EGPA 7 days before the date of the forthcoming AGM.

8.13 The Committee shall be elected for a period of one year where-upon they shall retire, but shall be eligible for re-election.

8.14 In the event of any vacancy arising amongst the elected members, the Management Committee shall have the option of filling such vacancy by co-option.

8.15 Any member of the Management Committee who after having received proper and due notification of a forthcoming Management Committee meeting, absents himself/herself from more than two meetings, during any current term of office without an acceptable reason submitted in advance of such meeting, shall be adjudged to have resigned from the committee. The Management Committee members present shall determine the acceptability of the absentee's reasons should same have been submitted.

8.16 Meetings of the Management Committee shall be convened by the Hon. Secretary as and when deemed necessary for the competent execution of its duties.

9. POWERS/DUTIES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Management Committee is empowered to:

9.1 Act on behalf of the EGPA in all matters in the furtherance of its objectives.

9.2 To open and operate current or savings accounts on behalf of, and in the name of, EGPA and to Determine the manner in which such accounts shall be opened, operated and terminated.

9.3 To invest, realise or re-invest funds of the association not immediately required for its purposes.

9.4 To acquire, deal with, dispose of, pledge and mortgage moveable and immovable property, other than that required for the day to day running of the affairs of the association in the name of and on behalf of the

EGPA, by prior resolution of a general meeting.

9.5 To contract on behalf of the EGPA in regard to EGPA affairs and property.

9.6 To sue and be sued in the name of EGPA.

9.7 To assume all the administrative functions necessary or requisite for conducting of the affairs of the EGPA.

9.8 To engage and dismiss staff

9.9 To allocate monies received and pledge the credit of EGPA.

9.10 To cause true and proper books and accounts to be kept, showing under proper headings:

9.10.1 The total assets and liabilities of EGPA

9.10.2 The income and expenditure of EGPA.

9.10.3 To furnish an account of receipts and payments at every general meeting.

9.10.4 To present annual financial statements to the Annual General Meeting which statements shall? Have been certified by a registered public accountant and auditor, and to present a general report.

9.11 To dismiss any of its members serving on its committee.

9.12 To co-opt any delegate to fill any vacancy on temporary basis or for the unexpired term of office. Such co-opted delegate shall acquire voting rights.

9.13 To accept any gift of property, whether subject to any special trust or not, for any one or more of the objects of the association.

9.14 To borrow and raise monies in such a manner as may be allowed by prior resolution.

9.15 To justly enforce the rules, regulations, by-laws and resolutions of the EGPA. Upon each and every affiliated member.

9.16 To institute or promote the institution of any action the result of which may be conducive to the Competency of its office.

9.17 To consider proposals of whatsoever nature and from whatsoever source rejecting or passing resolutions on their implementation and subject only to such resolution not being in conflict with this constitution or any prior resolution of the committee, shall be binding on the EGPA and its members.

9.18 To add or supplement any by-laws conditionally upon such addition or supplementation not being in conflict with any clause in this constitution or with any prior resolution passed by Committee. Such by-laws shall forthwith become binding on the EGPA and all its members and shall be ratified by council at the next Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, whichever is the earlier.

9.19 To form sub-committees as and when circumstances dictate and to dissolve such sub-committees.

9.20 To acquire the services of any person or body whether same is done on a temporary basis provided that such shall be deemed necessary or appropriate to the function of the association.

9.21 To make disbursements out of the association funds in respect of purchases, the nature of which is deemed necessary for the proper and/or improved administration of the association?

9.22 To specify and, when necessary, revise the code of conduct of all affiliates, prescribe sanctions for the transgression of such code and enforce the sanctions prescribed.

10 COMMITTEE

10.1 The EGPA shall be governed by a committee consisting of the members of the Executive Committee and additional members comprising the Management Committee, which shall act as delegates of their respective clubs

10.2 Each member of the committee shall have one vote and the Chairperson shall have a casting vote additionally.

10.3 The committee shall at all Meetings, Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings, in the proper manner prescribed in this constitution participate in the deliberation on all issues pertaining to the policies and objects of the EGPA and in particular to participation in debating the merits of each item placed on the agenda and to exercise their voting rights.

10.4 The committee shall substantially be the policy makers of the association and the only medium through which any amendments to this constitution can be made.

10.5 All resolutions passed by the committee shall be recorded including the number of votes for and against, and the resolutions so passed shall forthwith become binding on all members of the association without exception. Where such resolutions are of such nature that its implementation is in conflict with the constitution or by-laws of any District Association then and in such event the association so affected shall forthwith upon its next Annual General meeting or Special general Meeting amend its constitution and/or by-laws so as to conform to that of the PSA.

10.6 The quorum for all Management meetings shall be a minimum of three members of the Executive.

11 EXECUTIVE

11.1 The executive committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall comprise the following officers of the association:

PRESIDENT, CHAIRPERSON, VICE CHAIRPERSON, SECRETARY, TREASURER, PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICER.

11.2 The executive members shall be elected for a period of one year where after they shall resign but shall be eligible for re-election.

11.3 The executive:

11.3.1 Shall carry on the general routine work of the association and shall have the power to deal with all cases of emergency;

11.3.2 Shall be responsible for the implementation of resolutions of the association;

11.3.3 Shall in the absence of the Eastern Gauteng Referees Association committee, perform their Duties;

11.3.4 Shall in the absence of a disciplinary committee, perform their duties;

11.3.5 Shall liaise and negotiate with all the prospective sponsors;

11.3.6 Shall act as the medium between all affiliated clubs

11.3.7 Shall monitor all aspects and progress of affiliated clubs and promote their advancement;

11.3.8 Shall oversee all aspects of championships played at National level.

11.3.9 The Chairperson, and in his/her absence, the vice Chairperson, shall act as chairperson at all Executive meetings. Should the Chairperson not be able to fulfil any of his/her other functions or Duties then and in such event the vice Chairperson shall act in his/her stead.

11.3.10 A quorum of the executive shall be three persons present.

11.3.11 Meetings of the executive shall be called by the Hon. Secretary.

11.3.12 Any executive member who after having received proper and due notification of a forthcoming Executive committee meeting, absents himself/herself from more than two meetings without an acceptable reason submitted in advance of such meeting, shall be adjudged to have resigned From the committee. The executive members shall at their sole discretion determine the acceptability of the absentee's reasons should same have been submitted.

12 PRESIDENT

The President shall attend meetings. He/she shall have the right to make suggestions and to speak on all subjects brought forward. He/she shall act in an advisory capacity only, and his/her actions shall be with the authority of the Chairperson.

13. CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Association. He/she shall have the right to make Suggestions and to speak on all subjects brought forward, and shall have one vote and a casting vote.

He/she shall also have the right to forbid any discussion which he/she considers out of order or Detrimental to the interest of the Association.

14. VICE - CHAIRPERSON

In the absence of the Chairperson, he/she shall preside, and shall have the same powers as the Chairperson. He/she shall have only one vote when not acting as Chairperson.

15. SECRETARY

This position may be held by either one or two persons.

15.1 The Secretary shall, on instructions of the Chairperson, convene all meetings in writing, giving 7 day's notice to all delegates. He/she shall attend all meetings, and lay before it, all communications received, enter all proceedings in a minute book, and do all correspondence for the Association.

He/she must also assist with the preparation of the Chairpersons' report. He/she will also act as Registrar or match Secretary and shall perform duties of keeping records of all league and club matches during the season, and any other duties that may be delegated to him/her.

He/she shall have one vote. Should this position be held by two people, they will each have a vote. Due to practical reasons his/her function may vary according to necessity.

15.2 TREASURER

He/she shall have charge of the funds of the Association; receive all moneys which shall be deposited to the credit of the Association at a bank to be decided upon by the Committee. He/she shall not pay any bill or account without the consent of the Chairperson. He/she shall announce the amount of cash on hand at every Committee meeting, and shall render a full and clear account at each audit of the books. Upon resolution of the Committee he/she shall render to the Committee, all documents and moneys. All cheques shall be signed by an appointed Executive Member and the Treasurer.

16 CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

16.1 All meetings shall be presided over by the Chairperson. In his/her absence, the vice Chairperson shall act in his/her stead.

16.2 All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the principles of natural justice and Common law and the accepted rules of procedure.

16.3 Only delegates whose credentials are in order shall be entitled to vote at any general Meeting

16.4 At general meetings the chairperson shall have a deliberate vote and a casting vote.

16.5 The detailed result of each vote on every resolution shall be announced by the Chairperson, who shall state how many votes were cast for and how many votes were cast Against each motion submitted for adoption.

16.6 Except where a secret ballot is specifically requested by any member eligible to vote, Decisions at any general meeting shall be based on a simple majority of those present and voting, Decided by show of hands. Where a secret ballot is held the chairperson shall appoint a minimum Of two scrutinisers.

16.7 An official delegate may appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his/her behalf at any General meeting. Proxies shall be authorised in writing in a form acceptable to the chairperson. No other vote by an absentee whether in writing or otherwise shall be valid. Proxy holders shall Themselves be a duly registered member of an affiliated association and shall not be eligible to Cast a vote other than that for which he holds proxy.

16.8 The chairperson is empowered to forbid any discussions which he/she considers Unrelated to the matter on hand, out of order, detrimental to the proceedings or the interest of the Association. The chairperson may call a recess during any stage of the proceedings and may Expel any person or persons whose behaviour or attitude is undesirable.

16.9 The secretary shall in sufficient detail record the proceedings and only minutes of the AGM and SGM shall be forwarded to each and every club within thirty days, whether that club Was represented at the meeting or not.

16.10 The chairperson may invite as a guest to any general meeting, any person whose Presence is, or be likely to be in the interest of the association or any of its affiliates.

16.11 General meetings shall be convened by the secretary on the instructions from the Executive who shall give thirty days' notice thereof in to all affiliated clubs.

16.12 If at any meeting of the committee no quorum is present within thirty minutes after the Time for which such meeting has been called, then and in such case:

16.12.1 Should such a meeting be the Annual General Meeting of the Association, the same shall be Adjourned, to be held at a time and place to be determined by the members of the committee then Present, and notice thereof shall be given to all clubs. Any number present at the reconvened Meeting shall constitute a quorum.

16.12.2 Should such meeting be a Special General Meeting convened upon requisition as set out in (23?)

Such meeting shall forthwith be cancelled and no further Special General Meeting for the purpose Of considering the same business as set out in the said requisition may be convened for a period Of three months after the date fixed for the holding of said Special General Meeting.

17 FINANCE

The funds of the Association shall be derived from the affiliation and registration fees from competitions, Admission charges to matches and by any other means that may be decided upon by the Management Committee.

17.1 The financial year of the association shall be from one Annual General Meeting to the next.

17.2 All matters pertaining to the income and expenditure of the association shall be administered by the Committee in a manner which can reasonably be regarded to be in the best interests of the association.

17.3 The latitude afforded them in respect of such financial administration is defined under "Power of Committee".

17.4 The income and property of the association whosoever derived shall be applied solely towards the Promotion of the objects of the association as set forth in the constitution.

17.5 No portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to any Member of the association.

17.6 Disbursements made in respect of capital purchases the nature of which is deemed to be necessary for

The proper or improved administration of the association shall constitute an application of funds in terms of Clause

17.5. Such disbursements shall require the majority approval of the members of the executive.

17.7 All assets, fixed or moveable shall be recorded in assets register and shall be reflected in the Annual Financial Statements.

17.8 The Executive Committee shall be the sole judge as to defraying the expenses of sending representatives

To compete in National matches or championships.

17.9 All funds of the association from whosoever derived which are not required for immediate use shall be

Deposited or invested with a recognised financial institution in the name of EGPA.

18 AUDITOR

The Committee shall determine if an Auditor shall be appointed, and his/her duties shall be to examine all

Accounts and vouchers and certify the Balance Sheet and Financial Statements submitted to the Annual General Meeting.

19 SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

All documents which are required to be executed on behalf of the EGPA shall be deemed to be properly and correctly executed if signed by at least two authorised members of the Executive Committee, one of which shall be the Chairperson.

20 INDEMNITY

20.1 Every respective individual member of the Committee together with the heirs, executors, administrators or assigns shall out of the funds and property of the EGPA be indemnified from and against all actions, costs, charges, losses, damages and expenses which they or any of them shall or may incur or sustain, by reason of any reasonable act committed, concluded in, or omitted, in or about the execution of their duties in their respective offices, except such as they or any of them shall incur or sustain by or through their own respective wilful act or default or lack of authority in terms of this constitution.

20.2 It shall be a condition of affiliation of any association and shall be contained in their specific constitutions that the EGPA shall be indemnified against any claims made against any affiliated club.

21. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All affiliated clubs and their registered members may partake in any discussions and may make Suggestions etc., but only the nominated delegates shall have the power to vote. 50% of delegates shall form a quorum. Prior to this meeting all Committee members shall resign, but shall be eligible for re-election.

21.1 The Annual General Meeting of the EGPA shall be held on the first Saturday of December each year.

21.2 Fourteen (14) day's notice of such meeting shall be given to all Affiliated and intending clubs.

21.3 The Hon. Secretary shall cause to be delivered to each affiliated and intending club at least twenty one days prior to the date of a proposed Annual General Meeting:

21.3.1 Notice of meeting

21.3.2 The agenda

21.3.3 The annual Financial Statements

21.3.4 A projected income and expenditure statement for the forthcoming year calculated on the fees as was applicable during that financial year

21.3.5 Proposed increased fees (if any)

21.3.6 New affiliations

21.3.7 Details of proposed constitutional amendments

21.4 Notices of motion, for inclusion in the agenda, shall be forwarded, in writing, to the Hon. Secretary two weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting in each year.

21.5 The business of the Annual general meeting shall be proceeded with, in the following order:

21.5.1 To read the Notice convening the Meeting

21.5.2 To receive the delegates credentials.

21.5.3 To read and confirm the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meeting, and to deal with the business arising there from.

21.5.4 To read and adopt the Annual Report and Financial Statements.

21.5.5 To deal with correspondence.

21.5.6 To elect the Management Committee for the ensuing year, and executive committee, if applicable.

21.5.7 To decide the dates of all Provincial tournaments for the ensuing year and to fix conditions of Entry and play.

21.5.8 Amendments to the Constitution (if any).

21.5.9 Honorary Life Members. (Maximum of two per year).

21.5.10 To fix annual registration and capitation fees.

21.5.11 General.

22 APPOINTED DELEGATE

Each club shall advise the Hon. Secretary of the name and address of three delegates appointed to Attend the Meeting, not less than seven days before the date of the Meeting.

23 SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

The Executive Committee may at any time convene a Special General Meeting of the Association.

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Executive shall also, upon receipt of a requisition from not less than three affiliated clubs, within thirty

Days after receipt of such requisition convene a Special General Meeting. Such requisition shall state the nature of the business to be discussed at the Special General Meeting and shall be lodged with the Hon.

Secretary of the Association.

23.1 At such Special General Meeting only the business for which the same has been convened shall be discussed.

23.2 Fourteen days' notice shall be given to all clubs of any Special General Meeting.

23.3 Each Affiliated club shall advise the Hon. Secretary of the Association of the name and address of the delegate appointed to attend the meeting, not less than seven days before the commencement of the meeting.

23.4 If no quorum is present at the meeting within 30 minutes after the stipulated time, the meeting shall be postponed. The postponed date to be not later than 10 days after the first appointed date. Three (3) days' notice to be given of such a postponed meeting, and those present at such meeting shall constitute a quorum.

24 SUB-COMMITTEES

The Committee shall have the power to appoint a sub - committee for any specific purpose. The Committee shall also have the power to define the power of, to increase or decrease the number of members, and to dissolve such a sub-committee. The Sub - Committee shall in all instances report the results of its deliberations to the Committee.

25. POWER OF SUSPENSION

25.1 The Committee shall be entitled to suspend or terminate the membership of any member, office bearer or club guilty of any conduct, action or statement, which in the opinion of the Committee is considered to be prejudicial to the interest of, or to bring into disrepute, the Association or any of its members. The period of suspension to be not more than 36 months, after which period such member or club shall be entitled to apply for re-instatement.

25.2 Any member of the Committee, who absents himself from more than 2 meetings without an acceptable reason, shall be adjudged to have resigned from the Committee. This vacancy may be filled immediately by the Management Committee.

25.3 The infringement of any rule of the Association shall render the offender liable either to suspension as 25.1 above or to the compulsory withdrawal from any match or competition.

26 DEFINITION OF STATUS

26a For the purpose of this clause any person shall be defined as an amateur if he or she is not, nor has been a registered member of any professional body practising:

26.1 Any sport or game which can be defined as being reasonably similar in nature to the basic principles of 8 Ball Pool or;

26.2 Any sport or game in which the instrument of play consists of a cue, chalk and cue ball;

26.3 Any sport or game in which the object is to pocket with the above instruments a ball or balls of Any description or size into a pocket set in a baize covered table being of no specific size or form.

26.4 Players may be sponsored for uniforms and cues. Players may also be sponsored financially Or play for prize money. The limit to the prize money shall be determined when a world pool Organisation is established.

26b The above clause does not apply to Provincial and League matches.

27 REINSTATEMENT TO STATUS

On receipt of an application form any affiliated club in respect of a proposed member who is a registered professional or has at any time in the past been a registered professional within the context of this clause, the EGPA shall be obliged to apply the same standards and conditions, consider the same criteria and impose the same restrictions upon the applicant as would reasonably be done by the relative body having control over such sport or game.

27.1 Clubs shall refer all such applications to the EGPA for approval.

28. AFFILIATION

28.1 The annual affiliation fees per club and registration fees per member will be decided at the AGM.

28.2 The granting or rejecting of applications will rest entirely with the Management Committee.

28.3 Any club/player that fails to pay its fees by the end of February shall cease to have any representation on the Management Committee, or vote at any meeting. The Executive Committee will have the power to extend this date.

28.4 Clubs or players who are not in good standing with the Association shall not be Permitted to take part in any fixture until such dues are paid.

28.5 Payment of fees shall be an acknowledgement on the part of any club or member, that He is bound by the rules of the Association and its bye-laws.

28.6 Clubs applying for affiliation who do not have the required amount of pool tables or the situation or state of their tables or environment are not proper or suitable for league or competitions, shall play all their games on an "away" basis.

29. MATCHES AND TOURNAMENTS

A Fixture Committee shall draw up fixture lists and arrange the dates and management of all matches and tournaments and any club/team/player failing to play on the specific date shall forfeit the match. This also applies to individual competitions where the players will be disqualified on default.

29.1 The Provincial Team Tournaments to be staged as a competition each year as appointed at the Annual General Meeting, subject to the supervision and approval of the Executive of the EGPA. Clubs May enter teams comprising of registered players for each event to be played on a Round-Robin Basis.

29.2 The Eastern Gauteng Pool Singles and Doubles Championships also to be staged and to be played on the format decided upon by the Management Committee.

29.3 Entry forms supplied by the EGPA will be distributed to all the affiliated clubs. The entry forms duly completed will be returned to the EGPA with the stipulated entry fee.

29.4 The Singles event will be the 8 best performances in the Singles eliminations. With no restrictions being placed on the number of entries.

29.5 Acceptance of entries is entirely at the discretion of the EGPA. All registered members of the Association are eligible to partake.

29.6 Entry fees for the Singles and Doubles Championships as well as any other Provincial Tournaments shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting in each year.

29.7 Entry fees for the Eastern Gauteng Singles and Doubles Championships and the Provincial Pool Team Tournaments shall accrue to the EGPA, but other income from these events shall accrue to the host club. Trophies and miniatures for these events shall be provided by the association.

29.8 The whole of clause 29 shall also be applicable to the Ladies, Seniors, Masters, Opens, Men's and Juniors Provincial Tournaments.

30 SELECTION COMMITTEE

30.1 To comprise of at least 4 members made up of the Management Committee. The Chairman also to preside at these meetings and to have a deliberate and a casting Vote

30.2 The Selection Committee to only be responsible for deciding on selection criteria and Selection of Provincial teams.

30.3 Selection Committee members must be present at all trials.

30.4 If a Selection Committee member does not attend 2 Selection Committee meetings, Without a valid reason, it will be deemed as a resignation.

30.5 Selection Committee members must have a minimum of 2 year national experience.

30.6 Selection Committee members have the power to invite an individual in an advisory Position. Such an individual does not have a vote.

31. DRESS

31.1 Club colours to be submitted to the Annual General Meeting with their nominated delegates. The Management Committee shall approve or reject such colours at the first meeting after the Annual General Meeting.

31.2 Eastern Gauteng 'code of dress' shall be determined by the Management Committee.

31.3 The Executive shall decide when Provincial colours are to be granted.

31.4 Provincial colours to be presented to Provincial players as well as appointed Referees, team Managers and Committee.

31.5 The Provincial emblem to be prescribed by the Ekurhuleni Sports Council.

32 BONA FIDE PLAYER

Is a player who must have played a minimum of 50% of league matches in the province where he/she is registered before that player is eligible to represent his/her province or to be selected for a Provincial side, except in the following circumstances:

32.1 Where a player was prohibited from doing so by virtue of his/her being called up for military or any other statutory services on orders from the state or any other authorised body.

32.2 Where a player has suffered prolonged illness.

32.3 Where a player has been living abroad for a prolonged period.

32.4 For any other reason beyond his/her control subject to special application to the EGPA who shall rule on the players' admission at their sole discretion. Such ruling shall be binding on the applicant and all members of the association. The applicant shall be registered with an association and Capitation/registration fees submitted.

33 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

33.1 Proposed amendments to the constitution shall be submitted in writing by either an affiliated Club/member or the executive and shall be lodged with the Hon. Secretary not later than thirty days Prior to an Annual General Meeting or a Special General meeting. Amendments may only be made at Either of the aforesaid meetings.

33.2 No amendments shall be effective unless carried by 85% majority vote of all members present and entitled to vote at the meeting.

33.3 The Hon. Secretary shall advise the secretary/club captain of each affiliated club of such amendments and whereas the effect of such amendments may result in constitutions of some affiliated clubs no longer conforming to that of the EGPA, then and in such event each affiliated club so affected shall at its next Special General Meeting or Annual General Meeting, whichever is the earlier, cause their constitutions to be amended so as to conform with that of the EGPA.

34. TRAVELLING AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE

The travelling expenses and accommodation of players and officials taking part in competitions shall Be borne by themselves or their clubs, unless otherwise ruled by the Management Committee. The Same applies to delegates.

35. INTERPRETATION

In the event of any doubt as to the meaning of any one of these clauses the interpretation placed Thereon by the Committee shall be final and binding upon all members of the Association.

36 ENQUIRY INTO CHARGES OF MISCONDUCT

36.1 A disciplinary committee or in the absence of such committee, the Executive Committee, shall deal with all matters pertaining to misconduct on the part of any committee member, club or player.

36.2 Notwithstanding that each affiliated clubs committee shall take appropriate disciplinary action against a transgressor registered within its jurisdiction, the EGPA disciplinary committee has the power to conduct its own enquiry into allegations of misconduct brought to its attention and further to intercede on behalf of the alleged transgressor or impose its own penalties which it deems appropriate to the offence. Such penalties shall be binding on all parties concerned.

36.3 Upon receipt of a written complaint, charge or allegation of misconduct whether by action, omission or statement which has the potential of bringing into disrepute, the club, any of its members or the sponsor, the disciplinary committee shall, in the manner prescribed conduct an enquiry into the matter.

37 PROCEDURE AT ENQUIRIES

37.1 All enquiries shall be held in accordance with the rules of natural justice and the person in respect of whom the enquiry is held, may be represented by council or attorney.

37.2 For the purpose of an enquiry the disciplinary committee may hear evidence and may, under the hand of the disciplinary committee summon witnesses and require the production of any book, record, Document or thing from the alleged transgressor and/or witnesses for examination.

37.3 A summons for the appearance of the person in respect of whom an enquiry is held, or a witness to attend the enquiry, or for the production of any book, record, document or thing, shall be served by Personal delivery or by registered post.

37.4 Failure to appear before a committee of enquiry in response to each summons shall entitle the Committee to proceed with the enquiry and to give ruling in the absence of the person summoned.

37.5 The committee may appoint a legal assessor to be present at any enquiry to advise it on matters of law, procedure and evidence.

37.6 All costs relating to the appearance and defence of the person in respect of whom an enquiry is held including that of any witness appearing on his/her behalf shall be for his/her own account. All costs incurred by the disciplinary committee or any person summonsed to witness on behalf of the Committee shall be borne by the EGPA.

38 DISCIPLINARY POWERS

38.1 The disciplinary committee shall be empowered to impose one or more of the following:

38.2 A caution or reprimand

38.3 Suspension for a specific period from practising in any capacity as a registered pool player in the District in which he is registered, enrolled or elected and/or in any area under the jurisdiction of the EGPA.

38.4 Summary removal from any office held.

38.5 Removal of his/her name from any register or roll of 8 Ball Pool of the association for a period which shall not exceed three years.

38.6 Suspension from participation in a specific or all national events whilst retaining registration with His/her club.

38.7 In extreme circumstances the disciplinary may, subject to confirmation of the council at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting, ban any player from registration with any District Association for an unlimited period.

38.8 Where an enquiry is held regarding dishonesty or misuse or unauthorised appropriation of funds from any affiliated association or any member club of such association, the disciplinary committee may order the person found guilty of such offence to make restitution to the entire satisfaction of the Aggrieved association or club and may order that such person remain under full suspension until Satisfactory restitution has been effected, whereupon the committee may order the removal of the full Suspension and impose any other penalty set out forth herein

38.9 Where an enquiry is held in respect of any club registered with an affiliated association and the Committee finds that such club by virtue of its activities, statements or racial disposition represents a Threat to the harmony of the association with which it is registered, or is likely to bring disrepute to that association, the game, any sponsor or the EGPA or PSA. The disciplinary committee shall, if brought to its attention, and subject to the affected club not taking appropriate action, take action on its behalf. Any costs the EGPA may incur by or through such intervention shall be for the account of the club so affected and shall be due and payable on demand.

38.10 Should an affiliated club under its jurisdiction wilfully and knowingly, together or independently be in breach of the EGPA constitution and remain so in breach after same has been brought to the attention of the specific committee, the disciplinary committee may impose any of the aforesaid penalties upon such club.

38.11 Whilst the EGPA shall respect the autonomy of its respective affiliated clubs and more specifically to the disciplinary action taken and penalties which it may impose upon any of its members, the EGPA disciplinary committee may, under special circumstances, and only on receipt of all relevant and pertinent details from the aggrieved party, investigate the matter and if the penalty is found to have been unjustly imposed or if the offence does not warrant the penalty, the disciplinary committee may intercede on behalf of the aggrieved party. In all such cases the relevant clubs committee shall be requested to state its case. The findings of the EGPA disciplinary committee shall be binding on all parties concerned.

38.12 If any person has been convicted at an enquiry, the disciplinary committee may postpone or suspend the imposition of a penalty for such period and on such conditions as it may determine.

38.13 In the event of any player or club having been found guilty of any serious breach of conduct, by any clubs disciplinary committee and as a result thereof has been suspended or banned for period Exceeding one month, from exercising any rights normally acquired in terms of registration, then and in such event the club concerned shall forthwith submit a report thereof to the EGPA stating the name of the club or person concerned, the nature of the offence and the duration of the suspension or banning.

39 REINSTATEMENT

The disciplinary committee may, if it deems fit, and subject to such conditions as it may determine, reinstate or restore to a register or roll any club or name which has been removed there from.

40 DISSOLUTION

40.1 The association may be dissolved if at least two-thirds of the members present and voting at a general meeting of council convened for the purpose of considering such matters are in favour of dissolution. Not less than twenty one days' notice shall be given of such meeting and the notice convening the Meeting shall clearly state that the question of dissolution of the Association and

disposal of its assets will be considered. If there is no quorum at such a general meeting, the meeting shall stand adjourned

For not less than one week and the members attending such reconvened meeting shall constitute a Quorum.

40.2 If upon dissolution there remain any assets whatsoever after the satisfaction of all its liabilities, such assets shall be given or transferred to each and every currently registered club in proportion to their numbers of registered and paid up members as at the date of dissolution. The period of membership shall not be a determining factor.

41 CONDITION OF MEMBERSHIP

It is a condition of membership to the EGPA that the rules and regulations contained in this constitution shall be binding on all members notwithstanding the same may hereafter be amended or supplemented in terms of clause 24 hereof.

41.1 No member shall be absolved from the effects of this constitution by virtue of not having received a copy thereof or misinterpretation thereof.

42 ANNULMENT OF PREVIOUS CONSTITUTION

This constitution as amended was ratified at the Special General Meeting held at Pomona on the 16th day of May 2009 and any constitution hereto before in existence is hereby repealed and annulled.

BYE – LAWS

LEAGUE

1. All league matches, as well as competitions will be arranged by the fixture Committee and will be played according to the rules and regulations decided upon at the Annual General Meeting and as laid down by Pool South Africa.

2. Players are to be punctual at all league matches. Starting time to be 20h00. Grace of 15 minutes will be given by the opposing captain; every 5 minutes thereafter, 1 frame will be claimed. There must also be 3 players or more present in order to commence with the league game.

3. If for some reason a match cannot be played on the league night scheduled, the "Match Registrar" must be advised immediately that the two teams/clubs have made an alternative arrangement, suitable to both sides.

Postponements are to be arranged before 1:00 pm on the day of the scheduled match, failing which; the no postponing team will be awarded the points.

4. A team will consist of minimum of 3 players and a maximum of 6 including 1 substitute, if necessary. The 6th player (substitute) will only be allowed to play in the following two formats:
A 3-2 format: session 1 and 2 or session 3, 4 and 5. Players must play consecutive games. You may only substitute 1 player.

B 4-5 format: In no particular order, 5 players play 4 frames and 1 player plays 5 frames.

5. Captains of each team will list their players, in order of play and exchange these lists with each other before the match commences. These games will then be played strictly in that order. These score sheets will then be forwarded to the Match Registrar/Secretary by the same Friday, midnight latest 6. The dress code of players during league matches and trials shall be smart elegant. No denims, "takkies", t-shirts or track suits, at all. Preferably Club colours. Any shirt referred to herein must have a full collar. Should players not adhere, all the points for the offending player will be awarded to the opposing team prior to the start of the match. Any captain allowing the opponent to play in any dress other than what is approved by the association shall be liable for losing all of his points for the match. No complaints about dress can be given after the commencement of the match.

7. Registered league referees are to be appointed at each league match. Each team shall have at least one (1) registered league referee. Any disputes regarding the rules will be resolved by the appointed referees.

Should a team fail to have a registered referee; the opposing team's referee's ruling will be final. The two captains can also appoint a head referee for the evening.

8. Each Captain will fill in the score sheet and after completion of the match, sign the score sheet and Exchange same with the opposing Captain for signature. These score sheets will then be forwarded to the Match Registrar of EGPA by noon on the day following the match. Teams not adhering to this By-law will make themselves liable to lose their points for the said match.

9. The "Executive" reserves the right to refuse the affiliation or registration from any Club or Player whom they feel will bring the reputation of EGPA into disrepute.

10. Any team playing out of a specified venue will be registered under that club's name. Any club not having a suitable venue will play all matches on an away basis. No team/player may play out of more than one venue.

Should a team/player find anything about a venue to be unsuitable, this is to be reported (in writing) to the Committee, and the matter will be looked into.

11. Tables to be in good playing condition and an acceptable space between the edge of the table and walls or obstructions must be allowed. The lighting over the table must be adequate.
12. If a player pays his registration fee to his club owner/club captain, he must receive a receipt (signed and stamped) from the club. If the club pays on the player's behalf, the Committee cannot involve themselves with private deals made between owners/players. The player ultimately stays the responsible person for any fees payable to EGPA.
13. Players resigning from one club to join another will have no waiting period before being able to play for his/her new club, on condition that his/her release/clearance is signed by an official from the outgoing club and that such transfer papers have been received and approved by the owner / Manager. The release form to also be forwarded to the Secretary.
14. Any player who transfers from one Province to another must submit a "clearance" from the old Province prior to affiliating with the new Province.
15. No player can be registered with more than one Province. Only players who are registered with EGPA can play EGPA league. In the case of using a 'casual' player for a match, this player may not currently be registered with any other team/province in the EGPA league.
16. If a Club/Team closes/dissolves, the players may then join any other Club as long as their fees are up to date. They can begin to play for their new Club immediately. If they have already played a Cup Match for their previous Club, they are automatically cup-tied and are not eligible to play for another team/club in the said Cup Match.
17. If a player plays in his league/division cup match and that team loses, he cannot play for another team in his club or any other club in the said cup competition; as he is cup-tied.
18. If a club has more than one (1) team in a division, players may not interchange from one team to the other.
19. Players may move up or down divisions, however, should they move down a division, they will be tied to that division/team for two (2) consecutive matches before they can move back to their original division. You are not allowed to use players playing in the same division, as substitutes.
20. The venues for provincial trials will be decided by the "Executive" and their decision will be final. Any player who does not arrive at his stipulated venue will not be allowed to play at any other trials event, unless otherwise agreed to by the "Executive". Any player, who cannot make it for the scheduled time, needs to inform and make arrangements with the Executive Committee in writing.
22. Any player starting a session of trials and not completing that session, shall not be allowed to play in any trials event for the next 3 (three) years.
23. One bonus point will be given to teams who attend the Captains meetings, as long as there is at least one representative from that team. Teams who's not able to have a representative at any specific meeting, must notify the Secretary in writing before the meeting.
24. The league winners at the end of each season shall be determined as follows:
The Semi-Final shoot out will take place. The team finishing with the highest points shall play against the team finishing fourth, and the team finishing 2nd will play the team finishing 3rd. The two winners will play each other in the final. Should any of these matches be drawn at the end of the match, then the complete 1st Session is replayed, and should there still be no winner the complete next session is replayed, and so on until there is a winner at the end of one of the sessions.
25. Only paid up registered players will be permitted to participate in these competitions. Each player, Upon registration, will be issued with a number/receipt number which he must produce in the event of There being any doubt as to his/her identity.
26. Clubs are to notify the appropriate committee for the absence of any team or member from an official game.
27. Any complaints or non-agreement of referee's decisions arising in these games, must be forwarded to the Committee in writing, and signed by the captain and the club secretary of that club. The Committee's decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into. The referees' decision is final – refer to the rule book.
28. Rules, as passed by the Annual General Meeting, will be strictly adhered to during all official games. The Executive Committee will have the power to make allowance where problems should arise. All clubs will be notified of any such allowance made.
29. The dress of members during all official events will be determined at the first meeting after the Annual General Meeting and will thereafter be strictly adhered to.
30. League games will be played at a venue with not less than 2 tables and provincial games not less than 4 tables.
31. The Association reserves the right to refuse the registration of any player or club whom they feel will bring the reputation of the Eastern Gauteng Association into disrepute.
32. Inter-Provincial matches will be played at selected venues as determined by the "Executive".

DRESS CODE

LEAGUE

Long or short sleeve shirt (with collar),
Or golf shirt (with collar) with club colours
Proper trousers (no jeans)

Leather shoes

No caps or hats may be worn

Or full Provincial colours

24. SEMI FINALS AND FINALS – ALL PLAYERS PLAYING IN THESE EVENTS MUST'VE PLAYED A MINIMUM OF 40% OF LEAGUE FOR THAT PARTICULAR TEAM.

PROVINCIAL COLOURS AS PER THE EKHURHULENI SPORTS COUNCIL

The A team will be awarded with the red rose as per the sports council's prescribed emblem. This will also be according to category, e.g. whether it is Juniors (who will have the closed red rose), Ladies, Opens, Seniors and Masters. In the case of there being more than one team in the A division, the A2 side will then also be awarded the white rose. This is a decision made by the EGPA Management Committee. The B side will be awarded with the white rose as per the sports councils prescribed emblem. This will also be according to category, e.g. whether it is Juniors (who will have the closed white rose), Ladies, Opens, Seniors and Masters.

Players will be allowed to wear their highest colours achieved.

Amendments to the Constitution:

Selection Criteria

Selection Committee established

There duties will be to run all trials and selection of players for provincial side/s.

League Winners:

The winner of each division will remain the overall winner.

Cup Play-offs – Top 8 teams of each division, this format will remain the same for 2011.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

A special resolution was passed at the 1991 A.G.M. to allow the Executive Committee to suspend any associate who negligently or deliberately delays or fails to submit the returns of any affiliation or registration form/s or monies due to the Association by their due dates.