

BYLAWS OF TENNIS COMPETITORS OF DALLAS

THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN RED PERTAIN TO THE CREATION OF A PURCHASING TASK FORCE CHAIR AND THE DIVISION OF PICKLEBALL AND TENNIS, ALL OF WHICH WILL TAKE EFFECT JANUARY 1, 2025

THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN PURPLE PERTAIN TO TERM LIMITS, NOMINATING COMMITTEE COMMITMENTS REGARDING PICKLEBALL, AND HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS (grammar & spelling corrections), AND ARE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be Tennis Competitors of Dallas (TCD), a part of the Maureen Connolly Brinker Tennis Foundation, Inc. (MCB).

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of TCD, a not-for-profit organization, is to promote competitive tennis, ~~and pickleball~~, good fellowship, and sportsmanship in accordance with these bylaws and the official rules of the USTA. ~~and USA Pickleball.~~

Rationale: The Board approved the division of “TCD” Pickleball to become “PCD Pickleball Competitors of Dallas” effective January 1, 2025.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any player interested in the purpose of TCD and who is past his/her 21st birthday is eligible for membership. A TCD “member” is defined as an individual currently registered on a TCD tennis ~~or TCD pickleball~~ roster. A player registered during the spring season is a TCD member through the last day of registration for the fall season. A player registered during the fall season is a TCD member through the last day of registration for the spring season of the next year.

Section 2. The boundary of TCD is a circle with a 25-mile radius with the center point being the North Dallas Tollway and Northwest Highway. Walnut Creek Country Club is the only exception to this boundary.

Section 3. Any facility that chooses to participate in TCD may not refuse a TCD member from TCD match play at its facility.

Section 4. Acceptance of a player’s application to play in TCD relieves the following entities of liability of any kind: the Maureen Connolly Brinker Tennis Foundation (MCB), TCD (its directors, officers and representatives of both), all public and private tennis ~~and pickleball~~ facilities and any other entity sponsoring TCD.

Section 5. By making application to play in TCD, each person, on behalf of himself/herself and his/her heirs and legal representatives, releases and forever discharges MCB and TCD (its directors, officers and representatives of both), all public and private tennis ~~and pickleball~~ facilities, and sponsors, from any and all claims, demands, and injuries, however arising, whether caused by the negligent or intentional acts of MCB and TCD and its representatives or other sponsoring entities, or by third parties, which injuries may be in any way related to his/her activities while participating in TCD matches and any period traveling to and from TCD matches, and all such claims are hereby waived and released, and such persons covenant not to sue therefore. By making application to play in TCD, such persons thereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless MCB and TCD.

Section 6. The TCD membership list and online directory are the sole property of the organization and shall remain private. The list of members and their contact information may not be sold or distributed for any purpose, nor can TCD members use the list to solicit other members for any purpose. Violations are subject to sanctions by the TCD Board.

Section 7. The Board may choose to provide information about non-TCD events and activities in TCD publications, on its website, or in other communications, provided the event or activity is in line with the purpose of the TCD organization.

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Rationale: The Board approved the division of "TCD" Pickleball to become PICKLEBALL COMPETITORS OF DALLAS, effective January 1, 2025.

ARTICLE IV – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected Directors, the Past Presiding Director, and the President of MCB who serves as a nonvoting advisory member. Any person receiving compensation from TCD shall be ineligible for any position on the Board.

Section 2. The Board shall have responsibility for the overall management of TCD. By the last regularly scheduled Board meeting of the calendar year, the outgoing Board will have established all major operating policies for the following spring league. The newly elected Board will carry out those policies and then establish policies for the next fall and spring leagues. All committees, subcommittees and task forces, with the exclusion of Nominating, shall be subordinate to and under the general supervision of the Board.

Section 3. The Board must approve any projects sponsored by TCD.

Section 4. The Board may hire or appoint an executive secretary and others as determined by the Board. The duties and salaries of those hired or appointed shall be as prescribed by the Board each year.

Section 5. Directors are expected to attend all monthly Board meetings in person. If a Director is unable to attend in person, they may attend virtually two (2) meetings during the year and be considered present. A Director failing to attend more than two (2) monthly Board meetings, during the year shall be subject to review by the Board. Special Board Meetings are excluded from this requirement.

Section 6. A Director shall be subject to removal from the Board by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the remaining Directors for failure or malfeasance in the performance of his/her duties.

Rationale: Housekeeping

ARTICLE V – DIRECTORS

Section 1. ELECTED DIRECTORS

The elected Directors of TCD shall be the following: Presiding Director, Financial Director, Ladies Doubles Director, Love-50/60 Doubles Director, Membership Director, Mixed Doubles Director, ~~Pickleball Director~~, Rules Director.

Rationale: The Board approved the division of "TCD" Pickleball to become PICKLEBALL COMPETITORS OF DALLAS, effective January 1, 2025.

Section 2. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

A. NOMINATING/ELECTION PROCESS

1. All candidates seeking election to the Board of Directors shall meet the following requirements:
 - a. Be a current member of TCD in good standing with the organization.
 - b. Submit all required candidate documents to the Nominating Committee Chairman.
 - c. Attend a pre-scheduled interview session with the Nominating Committee.
2. Only candidates who have completed the requirements of the Nominating Process as detailed in item 1 are eligible to submit their names for the election ballot IF not slated to a position by the Nominating Committee.
3. Election of the TCD Board of Directors shall be held by internet balloting as per the procedures outlined in the Nominating/Election Process Procedures.
4. Directors shall be elected by majority vote of the completed ballots returned.
5. Directors shall take office at the end of the last regularly scheduled Board meeting of the calendar year in which they were elected.

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6. *For existing 2024 Board members in their first term, he/she, are eligible to serve one additional two (2) year term.*

Rationale: The Board voted to increase term limits to two (2) years, to maintain continuity of Board positions to allow Directors to gain more experience and have more and opportunity for greater contribution to the organization.

B. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1. A Nominating Committee of seven (7), plus 2 alternates shall be selected before the Fall Season of each year and approved by the Board at or before the September Board Meeting;
2. The ~~existing~~ Past Presiding Director shall serve as the nonvoting chairman of the Nominating Committee along with the Administrative Assistant.
 - a. All TCD leagues must be represented on the Nominating Committee with a minimum of two (2) members from the Ladies Doubles and one (1) each from the Mixed Doubles, Love-50 Doubles and Love-60 Doubles. ~~Ladies Pickleball, and Mixed Pickleball leagues.~~
 - b. Nominating Committee members should represent a cross section of TCD's levels and geography, with at least one (1) member from each league. Ladies Doubles will be represented by at least two (2) members, one (1) from the top 50% of flights and one (1) from the bottom 50% of flights. At least one (1) member must be drawn from each geographic area (southwest, southeast, northwest, northeast quadrants).
 - c. No playing facility (public or private) shall provide more than two (2) members to the Nominating Committee.
 - d. A committee member may not serve on the Nominating Committee more than two (2) consecutive sessions.
 - e. The ~~Past~~ Presiding Director shall solicit the General Membership and Board Committees for volunteers.
3. No member of the Nominating Committee can be selected for a Director position.
4. The Nominating Committee shall present the slate of Director nominees to the General Membership via broadcast email on the first day of the balloting period.
5. Any Director position that is left vacant on the proposed slate shall be filled by the current Board of Directors following the procedure outlined in Article V, Section 3 "Director Vacancies".

Rationale: The Board voted to increase term limits to two (2) years to maintain continuity of Board positions and allow Directors to gain more experience and have more time and opportunity for greater contribution to the organization.

Rationale: The Board approved the division of "TCD" Pickleball to become PICKLEBALL COMPETITORS OF DALLAS, effective January 1, 2025.

Rationale: Housekeeping

Section 3. DIRECTOR VACANCIES

Vacancies in the Board due to resignation or removal shall be filled by the Board for the balance of the term of the Director being replaced. In filling vacancies for unexpired terms, a Director who served more than half a term in an office is considered to have served a full term. A Director who has served less than half a term in an office is not considered to have served a full term and not subject to limitation of Article V., Section 4., D.

- A. The Past Presiding Director shall solicit candidate nominees from either Board recommendations or published or electronically distributed notification to membership.
- B. The Past Presiding Director shall conduct interviews with candidates and present a recommendation to the Board for approval.
- C. The Board shall appoint a candidate by majority vote.
- D. In filling the vacancy of Presiding Director, the same procedure will be followed as above, except, the Past Presiding Director and a Board designated Director shall conduct interviews. The designated Director must have served on the Board for one (1) fiscal year.

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Section 4. TERM OF OFFICE

- A. A Director's term is defined as ~~one (1)~~ two (2) fiscal years or until the Director's successor has been elected or appointed by the Board, with the exception of the Past Presiding Director whose term is defined as one (1) fiscal year. ~~The fiscal year begins after the December joint Board meeting and continues until the next year's December joint Board meeting.~~ The term begins following the December Board meeting of the election year.
- B. No Director shall hold more than one (1) office at a time, nor serve more than two (2), consecutive terms in any office except if elected Presiding Director.
- C. To serve as Presiding Director, the nominee must have served on the Board for one (1) fiscal year.
- D. The Presiding Director is limited to serve one (1) two (2) year term.
- E. A Director who has completed two (2) consecutive terms or a Director who is rotating off of the Board after one (1) term is not eligible for nomination to the Board for a period of ~~two (2)~~ one (1) year, except if elected Presiding Director.
- ~~E. After serving as Past Presiding Director, the Presiding Director is not eligible for nomination to the Board for a period of two (2) years.~~

Rationale: The Board voted to increase term limits to two (2) years to maintain continuity of Board positions and allow Directors to gain more experience and have more time and opportunity for greater contribution to the organization.

Section 5. DUTIES OF THE DIRECTORS AND THEIR COMMITTEES

All Board Directors, purchasing items or services costing more than \$5,000, must secure at least two (2) competitive bids from a list of approved vendors.

- A. PRESIDING DIRECTOR
 - 1. The Presiding Director shall preside in person at all TCD Board and General Membership meetings and may choose to attend and observe any Committee meetings. The Presiding Director shall coordinate the activities of the Board.
 - 2. Shall appoint, with the approval of the Board, chairmen for all special committees;
 - 3. Shall oversee the Task Forces and ensure that the Task Force Chairs report to the Board;
 - 4. Shall represent TCD at meetings of other tennis ~~and pickleball~~ associations whenever necessary;
 - 5. Shall serve as Past Presiding Director for the year immediately following his/her term as Presiding Director. ~~In the absence of the Past Presiding, the Presiding Director shall fulfill the duties of the Past Presiding Director.~~
 - 6. Shall, in December prior to the first Board Meeting in January, in conjunction with the incoming Presiding Director, determine sites and handle all contractual obligations for Board of Directors' Meetings and General Membership meetings for the following calendar year.
 - 7. Shall be the authorized check signer along with the Financial Director.
 - 8. Shall, together with the Rules Director, keep the TCD Bylaws updated. (Moved from Past Presiding Director)

Rationale: The Board voted to increase term limits to two (2) years to maintain continuity of Board positions and allow Directors to gain more experience and have more time and opportunity for greater contribution to the organization.

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B. FINANCIAL DIRECTOR

1. The Financial Director shall serve as Treasurer;
2. Shall receive all monies of TCD and deposit in the name of TCD with such banks or financial institutions that the Board shall designate;
3. Shall disburse funds with approval of the Board and keep itemized accounts of the receipts and disbursements;
4. Shall prepare monthly financial reports for Board and CPA review;
5. Shall ensure all insurance policies and professional dues are kept current and in good standing;
6. Shall be the authorized check signer along with the Presiding Director;
7. Shall solicit budget proposals from other Board members to prepare and present a proposed budget to the Board for approval. The Board approved budget will be presented to the membership at the first general membership meeting of the fiscal year for approval;
8. Shall review and consider any special request from the Board for distribution of TCD funds to charitable organizations, scholarship programs, sponsorship of deserving junior players, purchase of equipment, or any other financial matter;
9. Shall ensure a minimum of \$2.00 per TCD tennis member be paid to MCB at the end of each year after all TCD expenses and charitable obligations have been paid;
10. Shall facilitate the grant application process.

C. LADIES DOUBLES DIRECTOR

1. The Ladies Doubles Director shall be responsible for the coordination of all activities involving the TCD Ladies Doubles League;
2. Shall coordinate and manage the Ladies Doubles Flight Coordinators (the Committee) who will assist the captains with questions/problems within their assigned flight. Flight Coordinators will also be responsible for correcting any score discrepancies in their flight;
3. Shall communicate with the Flight Coordinators and Captains regarding important dates and information before and during the season;
4. Shall oversee score corrections on a weekly basis and confirm that all information is correct at the end of the season;
5. Shall be responsible for assessing penalties to teams posting late Home Match Times, Match Scores, Match Reschedule Reports and teams playing illegal players;
6. Shall inform Rules Director of all match penalties;
7. Shall be responsible for answering all placement related questions from players after placement is final.

D. LOVE-50/60 DOUBLES DIRECTOR

1. The Love-50/60 Doubles Director shall be responsible for the coordination of all activities involving the TCD Love-50 Doubles League and Love-60 Doubles League;
2. Shall coordinate and manage the Love-50 Doubles and Love-60 Doubles Flight Coordinators (the Committee) who will assist the captains with questions/problems within their assigned flight. Flight Coordinators will also be responsible for correcting any score discrepancies in their flight;
3. Shall communicate with the Flight Coordinators and Captains regarding important dates and information before and during the season;
4. Shall oversee score corrections on a weekly basis and confirm that all information is correct at the end of the season;
5. Shall be responsible for assessing penalties to teams posting late Home Match Times, Match Scores, Match Reschedule Reports and teams playing illegal players;
6. Shall inform Rules Director of all match penalties;
7. Shall be responsible for answering all placement related questions from players after placement is final.

E. MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

1. Shall be responsible for the electronic distribution of the Handbook before the beginning of each spring league season;
2. Shall select, purchase and distribute all end of season league awards;
3. Shall coordinate team Captains' gifts as directed and approved by the Board of Directors;
4. Shall coordinate the selection of the annual recipients of the Cindy Brinker Simmons Sportsmanship

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- Award, the Phyllis Brennan Volunteer of the Year Award and the Founders Award;
5. Shall make arrangements for all TCD social events, including but not limited to:
 - a. Events held after the conclusion of each season;
 - b. Volunteer Luncheon held in October;
 - c. ~~Joint~~ Board Meeting/Luncheon held in December;
 - d. Captains' Event.

Rationale: Housekeeping

F. MIXED DOUBLES DIRECTOR

1. The Mixed Doubles Director shall be responsible for the coordination of all activities involving the TCD Mixed Doubles League;
2. Shall coordinate and manage the Mixed Doubles Flight Coordinators (the Committee) who will assist the captains with questions/problems within their assigned flight. Flight Coordinators will also be responsible for correcting any score discrepancies in their flight;
3. Shall communicate with the Flight Coordinators and Captains regarding important dates and information before and during the season;
4. Shall oversee score corrections on a weekly basis and confirm that all information is correct at the end of the season;
5. Shall be responsible for assessing penalties to teams posting late Home Match Times, Match Scores, Match Reschedule Reports and teams playing illegal players;
6. Shall inform Rules Director of all match penalties;
7. Shall be responsible for answering all placement related questions from players after placement is final.

G. PAST PRESIDING DIRECTOR

1. Shall serve as Parliamentarian, ~~a nonvoting member of the Board~~, and shall see that the *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* are followed at all meetings.
2. ~~Shall create the TCD Calendar, making every effort not to conflict with USTA or any other tennis league; (move to Administrative Assistant)~~
3. ~~Shall keep current "Position Description" documents for each Director position; (move to Administrative Assistant)~~
2. ~~Shall facilitate the Nominating process and present the proposed Slate of Directors to the General Membership via broadcast email on the first day of the balloting period;~~
3. Shall conduct a search for candidates for task force chair(s) from the general membership to be presented to the Board for selection and approval if there are no current members of the task force(s) willing and able to serve as Chair(s) for the following fiscal year.
4. Shall be available to substitute for Presiding Director in his/her absence.
5. ~~Shall, together with the Rules Director, keep the TCD Bylaws updated. (Moved to the Presiding Director)~~

Rationale: The Board voted to increase term limits to two (2) years to maintain continuity of Board positions and allow Directors to gain more experience and have more time and opportunity for greater contribution to the organization.

~~H. PICKLEBALL DIRECTOR~~

1. ~~Shall be responsible for the coordination of all activities involving the TCD Ladies Pickleball League and the TCD Mixed Pickleball League;~~
2. ~~Shall coordinate and manage the Pickleball Flight Coordinators (the Committee) who will assist the captains with questions/problems within their assigned flight. Flight Coordinators will also be responsible for correcting any score discrepancies in their flight;~~
3. ~~Shall communicate with the Flight Coordinators and Captains regarding important dates and information before and during the season;~~
4. ~~Shall oversee score corrections on a weekly basis and confirm that all information is correct at the end of the season;~~
5. ~~Shall be responsible for assessing penalties to teams posting late Home Match Times, Match Scores, Match Reschedule Reports and teams playing illegal players;~~

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- ~~6. Shall inform Rules Director of all match penalties.~~
- ~~7. Shall be responsible for determining and coordinating all aspects of a Pickleball Event;~~
- ~~8. Shall be responsible for answering all placement related questions from players after placement is final.~~

Rationale: The Board approved the division of "TCD" Pickleball to become PICKLEBALL COMPETITORS OF DALLAS, effective January 1, 2025.

I. RULES DIRECTOR

1. The Rules Director and Committee shall be responsible for formulating and updating the TCD League Rules with Board approval;
2. Shall determine if the TCD Rules, USTA Rules, ~~USAPickleball Rules~~ or "The Code" (a handbook of ethics and fair play) have been violated and shall ensure penalties have been assessed upon violators;
3. Shall be certain league rules are updated on the TCD website;
4. Shall act accordingly to complaints regarding facilities and approval of playing sites;
5. Shall keep an up-to-date list of any rule or suggested amendment changes made by the Board;
6. Shall, with the ~~Past Presiding Director~~, ~~Presiding Director~~, keep the TCD Bylaws updated.

Rationale: The Board voted to increase term limits to two (2) years to maintain continuity of Board positions and allow Directors to gain more experience and have more time and opportunity for greater contribution to the organization.

Rationale: The Board approved the division of "TCD" Pickleball to become PICKLEBALL COMPETITORS OF DALLAS, effective January 1, 2025.

ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES

Section 1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the following five (5) Board Members: Presiding Director, Ladies League Director, ~~Mixed Doubles Director Pickleball League Director~~, Rules Director and Financial Director. The role of the Executive Committee is to act in place of the full Board of Directors when the Board is not in session in order to address emergency or time-sensitive business on behalf of the organization to the extent permitted by law. Official actions taken at Executive Committee meetings will be recorded as Minutes and will be distributed to all members of the Board of Directors at their next meeting held in the month following the taking of such action. All such actions taken by the Executive Committee shall be subject to revision or alteration by the Board, provided that no acts or rights of third parties shall be affected by any such revision or alteration. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall take place via virtual or electronic means as deemed necessary by the Presiding Director.

Rationale: The Board approved the division of "TCD" Pickleball to become PICKLEBALL COMPETITORS OF DALLAS, effective January 1, 2025.

Section 2. STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. The Ladies Doubles, Love-50/60 Doubles, and Mixed Doubles, ~~and Pickleball~~ Directors shall select Flight Coordinators as committee members. Directors shall determine number of Flight Coordinators needed.
- B. The Membership Director may have a committee with up to ten (10) members.
- C. The Rules Committee may have no more than two (2) persons, including the Director, from any one facility serving on the same committee.
- D. The Financial Director does not require committee members.
- ~~E. The Pickleball Director may have a committee with up to five (5) members for the Pickleball Event.~~

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- E. Committee Members
 - 1. All Committee Members must be TCD members in good standing with the organization.
 - 2. Committee membership shall consist of persons who have volunteered or have been recommended to the Director.
 - 3. These members shall be drawn from a variety of geographical areas and levels of play.
 - 4. Members may serve on a total maximum of two (2) Standing Committees/Task Forces.
 - 5. No current Board member may serve as a Standing Committee member.
- F. The Board shall approve the composition of these committees.

Rationale: The Board approved the division of "TCD" Pickleball to become PICKLEBALL COMPETITORS OF DALLAS, effective January 1, 2025.

Section 3. STANDING COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

- A. A majority of the members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.
- B. Each committee may fix its own rules of procedure, including provision for notice of its meetings.
- C. Each committee shall act by majority vote of the quorum present at the meetings.
- D. The action taken by each committee shall be recorded, permanently filed, and passed to the newly elected Director.
- E. All proposed committee action is subject to approval by the Board.

ARTICLE VII - TASK FORCES

Section 1. APPOINTED TASK FORCE CHAIRS

The appointed Task Force Chairs of TCD shall be the following: Tournaments Task Force Chair, Tennis Placement Task Force Chair, ~~Pickleball Placement Task Force Chair~~ and ~~Purchasing Task Force Chair~~.

Rationale: The Board approved the addition of a Purchasing Task Force Chair who shall be responsible for coordinating with all Board Directors and Task Force Chairs to procure and distribute all gifts and items for purchase needed.

Section 2. APPOINTMENT OF TASK FORCE CHAIRS

The TCD Board of Directors will appoint the Task Force Chairs at the November Board Meeting for the next year. The candidates for the Task Force Chairs are all members currently serving on the Task Force for a minimum of one (1) year including the current Chair. There is no limit as to the number of consecutive terms a Task Force Chair serves. If there are no current members of the task force willing and able to serve as Chair for the next year, the Past Presiding Director will conduct a search for candidates from the general membership to be presented to the Board for selection and approval.

Section 3. TASK FORCE CHAIR VACANCIES

- A. Task Force Chair shall be subject to removal from the Task Force by a two-third (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors for failure or malfeasance in the performance of his/her duties.
- B. Vacancies of Task Force Chairs due to resignation or removal shall be filled by the Board for the balance of the term of the Chair being replaced.

Section 4. TERM OF OFFICE

- A. A Task Force Chair's term is defined as one (1) fiscal year or until the Chair's successor has been appointed by the Board. The fiscal year begins after the December ~~joint~~ Board meeting and continues until the next year's December ~~joint~~ Board meeting.

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- B. No Task Force Chair can serve as a Board Director ~~or Chair another Task Force, any Standing Committee, or another Task Force.~~

Rationale: The Board approved to amend the previous limitation which prohibited Task Force Chairs from participating in other capacities.

Section 5. SELECTION OF TASK FORCE MEMBERS

- A. The Task Force Chair selects the members of the Task Force, subject to Board approval.
- B. Each Task Force can have up to eight (8) members, including the Chair.
- C. All Task Force Members must be TCD members in good standing with the organization.
- D. These members shall be drawn from a variety of geographical areas and levels of play.
- E. The Tennis ~~and Pickleball~~ Placement Task Force may have no more than two (2) persons, including the Chair, from any one facility or flight serving on the same Task Force.
- F. No Task Force Member can serve on the Board of Directors. ~~or on more than one other Standing Committee or Task Force.~~

Rationale: The Board approved the division of "TCD" Pickleball to become PICKLEBALL COMPETITORS OF DALLAS, effective January 1, 2025.

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Section 6. DUTIES OF THE CHAIRS AND THEIR TASK FORCES

- A. TENNIS PLACEMENT TASK FORCE CHAIR
 1. The Tennis Placement Task Force Chair shall schedule and conduct the Tennis Placement Task Force meetings;
 2. Shall update new tennis team Registration Forms and provide new tennis teams with the information/forms to join a TCD league;
 3. Shall, with Task Force, follow the TCD Rules for existing team movement, determine placement for new teams, and provide accurate information on the TCD website;
 4. Brief all Tennis League Directors on placement rationale immediately following final placement so that they can field all related inquiries.
- ~~B. PICKLEBALL PLACEMENT TASK FORCE CHAIR
 1. The Pickleball Placement Task Force Chair shall schedule and conduct the Pickleball Placement Task Force meetings;
 2. Shall update new pickleball team Registration Forms and provide new tennis teams with the information/forms to join a TCD league;
 3. Shall, with Task Force, follow the TCD Rules for existing team movement, determine placement for new teams, and provide accurate information on the TCD website;
 4. Brief the Pickleball Director on placement rationale immediately following final placement so that they can field all related inquiries.~~

Rationale: The Board approved the division of "TCD" Pickleball to become PICKLEBALL COMPETITORS OF DALLAS, effective January 1, 2025.

- C. TOURNAMENT TASK FORCE CHAIR

The Tournament Task Force Chair and the Task Force shall be responsible for the arrangements for advertising, promoting, securing favors/winner's awards, receiving the entries, reserving courts, obtaining balls, and manning the playing sites for all Tennis League tournaments sponsored by TCD.
- ~~D. PURCHASING TASK FORCE CHAIR

The Purchasing Task Force Chair shall be responsible for coordinating with all Board Directors and Task Force Chairs to procure and distribute all gifts and items for purchase as needed.~~

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Rationale: The Board approved adding the addition of a Purchasing Task Force Chair who shall be responsible for coordinating with all Board Directors and Task Force Chairs to procure and distribute all gifts and items for purchase as needed.

Section 7. TASK FORCE PROCEDURES

- A. A majority of the members of the task force shall constitute a quorum.
- B. Each task force creates its own rules of procedure, including provision for notice of its meetings. The procedures must be documented and approved by the Board. Any changes or additions to the procedures must be approved by the Board.
- C. Each task force shall act by majority vote of the quorum present at the meetings.

- D. The action taken by each task force shall be recorded, permanently filed, and passed to the newly appointed task force chair.
- E. All proposed committee action is subject to approval by the Board. The Task Force Chairs will report regularly to the Board by submitting reports to the Presiding Director.

ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS AND QUORUMS

Section 1. MEETINGS AND QUORUM OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

- A. A minimum of two (2) regular General Membership meetings shall be held each fiscal year.
- B. The Presiding Director shall call special General Membership meetings, if needed.
- C. Notification of any General Membership meeting will be published and/or electronically distributed to all members at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting.
- D. Those present at a duly called General Membership meeting shall constitute a quorum.
- E. At the discretion of the Presiding Director, General Membership meetings and all business of such meetings may be held by virtual or electronic means.

Section 2. REGULAR MEETINGS AND QUORUM OF THE BOARD

- A. The Board shall meet at least nine (9) times during the fiscal year. These meeting dates will be published on the TCD Calendar. At the discretion of the Presiding Director, video conferencing may be used.
- B. A quorum of the Board shall consist of two thirds (2/3) of the Directors which shall be determined by the Administrative Assistant.

ARTICLE IX – VOTING

Section 1. Each TCD member shall be entitled to one (1) vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a General Membership meeting or via electronic balloting. A majority vote of those present and/or voting electronically shall control. Proxies shall not be permitted.

Section 2. Each Director ~~except the Past Presiding Director,~~ shall be entitled to one (1) vote on matters decided by the Board. A majority vote shall control. Proxies shall not be permitted.

Rationale: The Board approved removing the exception because the Past Presiding Director will no longer run the Nominating Committee and therefore should have a vote for the year he/she is on the board.

ARTICLE X – LEAGUE FEES, OTHER INCOME AND LOGO

Section 1. League fees shall be determined by the Financial Director and approved by the Board.

Section 2. All TCD sponsored events, unless otherwise published, are exclusive to members only. The TCD Board of Directors will determine whether guests may attend an event and will approve any guest fees.

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[Section 3.](#) No special assessments upon members may be made by this organization, but special projects may be undertaken to raise extra funds.

[Section 4.](#) The Board may choose to accept sponsorships for TCD events and activities. The Board must approve potential sponsorships prior to the event or activity.

[Section 5.](#) The TCD Logo is the sole property of TCD. Its use by anyone other than the TCD Board of Directors is strictly forbidden without prior permission from said Board.

ARTICLE XI – EMERGENCIES

A. This Emergency Bylaw shall automatically become effective and operative upon an Emergency and shall remain in effect until it is practical for a normally constituted Board to resume governing and directing, and of overseeing the management of the business and affairs of the Organization.

B. In the event this Emergency Bylaw shall become effective, the business of the organization shall continue to be governed and directed, and the management of the business and affairs of the organization shall continue to be overseen by those members of the Board who are available to act during the Emergency.

C. The Board shall be governed by the following basic procedures and shall have the following specific powers and authority in addition to all other powers and authority which it would otherwise have:

1. If the Presiding Director is unavailable, meetings of the Board may be called by any director by emailing to all members of the Board written notice thereof at least two days before the meeting and by using other reasonably available means of communication in an effort to contact each member of the Board;
2. In all cases, three directors shall constitute a quorum, which may act by majority vote;
3. The Board may establish any additional procedures and may amend any of the provisions of the Bylaws concerning the interim governance and directing, and oversight of the management and affairs of the Organization in an Emergency if it considers it to be in the best interests of the Organization to do so;
4. This Emergency Bylaw is intended to empower and hereby empowers the Presiding Director and/or the Board with the maximum authority possible under all applicable laws, to conduct the interim governance and directing and oversight of the management and affairs of the Organization in an Emergency in what the Presiding Director and the Board consider to be in the best interests of the Organization.

Definition: “Emergency” means an attack on the United States of America or on a locality in which the Organization conducts its business or customarily holds meetings of the Board, any nuclear or atomic disaster, any catastrophe, any pandemic or widespread epidemic, any Presidentially or local declared emergency, or other similar event, occurrence or condition, as a result of which a quorum of the Board cannot be practically achieved.

ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These bylaws can be amended at any regular General Membership meeting of TCD by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those members present and voting, provided such proposed amendments have been published and/or electronically distributed to all members at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE XIII – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall govern TCD in all cases to which they are applicable and to which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order TCD may adopt.

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ARTICLE XIV – CONSTRUCTION OF BYLAWS

In constructing these bylaws, whenever the context so requires, the masculine shall include the feminine, and the singular shall include the plural, and conversely.

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