

# The By-Laws of Lake/Geauga Table Tennis Club

## Section 1 - Membership

- 1.1 Any person who meets the requirements set forth in Article 3 of the Club Constitution may become a member of the Club upon completion of the proper application.
- 1.2 There will be two categories of members in the Club as follows:
  - a. Adult - Adults are defined as those individuals who are 17 years of age or older as of the last July 1. Adult members will be subcategorized as Willoughby-Hills residents or non-residents.
  - b. Students - Student members are defined as those individuals who are under 17 years of age as of the last July 1 or are currently attending an institution of education on a full-time basis.
- 1.3 Privileges of membership will be as follows:
  - a. Adult members
    - 1) Participation in any Club-sponsored intra-club, inter-club, or no-star tournament, practice or competition.
    - 2) Voting privileges as set forth in these By-Laws.
  - b. Junior members
    - 1) Participation in any Club-sponsored intra-club, inter-club, or no-star tournament, practice or competition.
    - 2) Voting privileges as set forth in these By-Laws.
- 1.4 A “member in good standing” is defined as any member who has participated in a Club sponsored event or meeting in the previous 12 months and who is not in violation of regulations described in Section 1.5 of these By-Laws. Any membership may be terminated either voluntarily by any member of good standing, or in accordance with the procedures detailed in Section 1.6. Membership may be reinstated upon application to the Club following the procedures detailed in section 1.7.

## 1.5 Club Regulations

- a) Players will conduct themselves in a sportsman-like manner.
- b) Loud and offensive language will not be tolerated.
- c) Willful damage to equipment or the facilities will not be tolerated.
- d) Members will cooperate in setting-up and taking down the equipment and in keeping the area clean.
- e) There will be no smoking, or alcohol or drugs of any sort at the playing area.
- f) All re-gluing will be done outside of the building.
- g) Table Tennis laws as published by the USATT, and all table tennis courtesies will be observed.
- h) Lets may be called for stray balls or distractions by other players. Requests for lets shall be honored.
- i) Players will play a match of two games out of three and for the first match of the night, the winner will remain at the table for a second match of two games out of three. Thereafter, for the remainder of the playing time, players who have played two matches will leave the table and place their name on the waiting list for another two matches when a table becomes available.
- j) All players will play whomever happens to be at a table when a table opening coincides with the player's name on the waiting list. An exception to this rule would be allowed if both players had already competed during the current session of play. The player at the top of the waiting list may then forfeit his/her right to play at the opening at the table and allow the next player on the waiting list to play his/her place and wait for the next available opening at the tables.

1.6 Any member violating club regulations as listed in Section 1.5 may have his/her membership terminated. If any member violates club regulations, he/she shall be given a warning by an executive committee member present at that day's activities. If the offending member fails to heed the warning and continues to violate club regulations, any executive committee member may then give a second warning or ask the offending member to leave the premises. Any club member who has been given a second warning or has been asked to leave the premises will be scheduled for a hearing before the members of the EC. After the hearing, the member's membership will be revoked by a 2/3 voting majority of the executive committee.

1.7 Members who have had their membership terminated for cause, by a 2/3 majority vote of the EC, may petition for reinstatement by requiring such reinstatement from any member of the EC. After due consideration, the EC may reinstate the member by a 2/3 majority vote. Assurance must be offered by the terminated member that the offense which caused the termination shall not be repeated. Repeated violations of the same regulation shall be cause for permanent termination of membership.

## Section 2 - Officers

- 2.1 The officers of the Club shall consist of a triumvirate executive committee who shall split the operational responsibilities of the Club between themselves as they deem necessary.
- 2.2 The triumvirate executive committee consists of the founding members of the club.
- 2.3 Replacement members of the executive committee shall be co-opted by a two-thirds majority of the existing executive committee.
- 2.4 Any executive committee member may be recalled and replaced by the submission of a petition to any of the executive committee members. This petition must be signed by three-fourths of the current club members in good standing who have attended any club meeting in any one-month period.

## Section 3 - Membership Call for Vote

- 3.1 Any current member of the Club in good standing can petition for a vote on the following issues:
  - a) Constitutional Amendments
  - b) By-Law Amendments
  - c) Call for dissolution of the Club
- 3.2 To institute a vote on any of the above issues shall require a written petition which clearly states the issue to be voted upon. This petition must be signed by at least 50% of the Club members attending all club functions during a one-month period starting at the first day of the month, continuing until the end of the last day of the month. The petition must be submitted to a member of the executive committee within the next 14 days.
- 3.3 The executive committee will have ballots printed and submitted to the membership starting the first day of the next month and voting will continue until the end of the last day of that month.