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Articles of Association***

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**THE COMPANIES ACTS 1948 TO 1980**

**and**

**THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

**COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE  
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**MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION OF  
THE WORLD PROFESSIONAL BILLIARDS  
AND SNOOKER ASSOCIATION LIMITED**

1. The name of the Company is "THE WORLD PROFESSIONAL BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER ASSOCIATION LIMITED".
2. The registered office of the Company will be situated in England.
3. The objects for which the Company is established are:
  - 3.1 To promote, encourage and popularise the games of snooker and billiards generally and in particular for the benefit of Members of the Company thereof.
  - 3.2 To acquire and undertake the rights and liabilities of The World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association with regard to the organisation in each calendar year of the World Professional Snooker Championship and other championships and tournaments under its control and to effectuate and carry into execution the powers, obligations, duties and general objects of the present World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association as presently constituted.
  - 3.3 To carry on business as:- (i) negotiator of sponsorship patronage subsidies and support of all kinds (whether financial or otherwise) for the advancement of professional snooker and billiards; (ii) promoters, sponsors and managers of tournaments, competitions, contests, matches and exhibitions of professional snooker and billiards both in the United Kingdom and overseas and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing to organise in each calendar year the World Professional Snooker Championship amongst all the Members of the Company.

- 3.4 To do or provide such matters and things as may be considered necessary for or ancillary to the comfort, conduct, conveyance, convenience or benefit, of Members of the Company of snooker or billiards and of the general public or of any other persons concerned or in the contracts, obligations and engagements of the Company.
- 3.5 To adopt such means of advertising and making known the activities, tournaments, competitions and exhibitions of the Company as may seem necessary or advisable.
- 3.6 To preserve the prestige and dignity of professional snooker and billiards and of the Company by the provision, passing and variation of all such Rules, Regulations and Bye-Laws as to Members of the Company as the Company or Board of Directors of the Company shall from time to time determine.
- 3.7 To provide by Rules, Regulations and Bye-Laws or otherwise for deciding and settling all differences that may arise between Members of the Company in reference to due compliance with the Laws of the games of snooker and billiards or the Rules, Regulations or Bye-Laws of the Company or in reference to contracts or to any other matter of dispute or difference arising between Members of the Company whether the Company itself is concerned in such dispute or difference or not and to make such provisions for enforcing any award or decision as the Company or Board of Directors of the Company shall deem proper.
- 3.8 To co-operate with or assist any snooker or billiards association or club in any way which the Company or Board of Directors of the Company shall think proper and to enter into or adopt any agreement or arrangement with such association or club.
- 3.9 To co-operate as and when the Company or Board of Directors of the Company shall think proper with the Billiards and Snooker Control Council in all matters relating to the games of snooker and billiards or the Rules and Regulations affecting the same.
- 3.10 To carry on any other trade or business whatever which can in the opinion of the Board of Directors of the Company be advantageously carried on in connection with or ancillary to any of the business of the Company.
- 3.11 To purchase or by any other means acquire and take options over any property whatever, and any rights or privileges of any kind over or in respect of any property.

- 3.12 To take such steps by personal or written appeals, public meetings or otherwise, as may from time to time be deemed expedient for the purpose of procuring contributions to the funds of the Company in the form of donations, annual subscriptions or otherwise.
- 3.13 To apply for, register, purchase or by other means acquire and protect, prolong and renew, whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, any patents, patent rights, brevets d'invention, licences, secret processes, trade marks, designs, protections and concessions and to disclaim, alter, modify, use and turn to account and to manufacture under or grant licences or privileges in respect of the same, and to expend money in experimenting upon, testing and improving any patents, inventions or rights which the company may acquire or propose to acquire.
- 3.14 To acquire or undertake the whole or any part of the business, goodwill, and assets of any person, firm, or company carrying on or proposing to carry on any of the businesses which the Company is authorised to carry on and as part of the consideration for such acquisition, to undertake all or any of the liabilities of such person, firm or company, or to acquire an interest in, amalgamate with, or enter into partnership or into any arrangements for sharing profits, or for co-operation, or for mutual assistance with any such person, firm or company, or for subsidising or otherwise assisting any such person, firm or company and to accept, by way of consideration for any of the acts or things aforesaid or property acquired, any shares, debentures, debenture stock or securities that may be agreed upon, and to hold and retain or sell, mortgage and deal with any shares, debentures, debenture stock or securities so received.
- 3.15 To improve, manage, construct, repair, develop, exchange, let on lease or otherwise, mortgage, charge, sell, dispose of, turn to account, grant licences, options, rights and privileges in respect of, or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property and rights of the Company.
- 3.16 To invest and deal with the moneys of the Company not immediately required in such manner as may from time to time be determined and to hold or otherwise deal with any investments made.
- 3.17 To lend and advance money or give credit on such terms as may seem expedient and with or without security to contractors and others, to enter into guarantees, contracts of indemnity and suretyships of all kinds, to receive money on deposit or loan upon any terms and to secure or guarantee the payment of any sums of money or the performance of any obligation by any company, firm or

person including any holding company, subsidiary or fellow subsidiary company, in any manner.

- 3.18 To borrow and raise money in any manner and to secure the repayment of any money borrowed, raised or owing by mortgage, charge, standard security, lien or other security upon the whole or any part of the Company's property or assets (whether present or future), and also by a similar mortgage, charge standard security, lien or security to secure and guarantee the performance by the Company of any obligation or liability it may undertake or which may become binding on it.
- 3.19 To draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, negotiate, execute and issue cheques, bills of exchange, promissory notes, bills of lading, warrants, debentures, and other negotiable or transferable instruments.
- 3.20 To apply for, promote and obtain any Act of Parliament, order, or licence of the Department of Trade or other authority for enabling the Company to carry any of its objects into effect, or for effecting any modification of the Company's constitution, or for any other purpose which may seem calculated directly or indirectly to promote the Company's interests, and to oppose any proceedings or applications which may seem calculated directly or indirectly to prejudice the Company's interests.
- 3.21 To enter into any arrangements with any government or authority (supreme, municipal, local or otherwise) that may seem conducive to the attainment of the Company's objects or any of them, and to obtain from any such government or authority any charters, decrees, rights, privileges or concessions which the Company may think desirable and to carry out, exercise and comply with any such charters, decrees, rights, privileges and concessions.
- 3.22 To subscribe for, take, purchase or otherwise acquire and hold shares or other interests in or securities of any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of the Company or carrying on any business capable of being carried on so as directly or indirectly to benefit the Company or enhance the value of any of its property and to co-ordinate, finance and manage the businesses and operations of any company in which the Company holds any such interest.
- 3.23 To promote any other company for the purpose of acquiring the whole or any part of the business or property or undertaking or any

of the liabilities of the Company, or of undertaking any business or operations which may appear likely to assist or benefit the Company or to enhance the value of any property or business of the Company, and to place or guarantee the placing of, underwrite, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire all or any part of the shares or securities of any such company as aforesaid.

- 3.24 To sell or otherwise dispose of the whole or any part of the business or property of the Company, either together or in portions, for such consideration as the Company may think fit, and in particular for shares, debentures, or securities of any company purchasing the same.
- 3.25 To act as agents or brokers and as trustees for any person, firm or company and to undertake and perform sub-contracts.
- 3.26 To amalgamate with any companies, institutions, societies or associations having objects altogether or in part similar to those of the Company.
- 3.27 To remunerate any person, firm or company rendering services to the Company.
- 3.28 To pay all or any expenses incurred in connection with the promotion, formation and incorporation of the Company, or to contract with any person, firm or company to pay the same, and to pay commissions to brokers and others for underwriting, placing, selling or guaranteeing the subscription of any shares or other securities of the Company.
- 3.29 To support and subscribe to any charitable or public object and to support and subscribe to any institution, society or club which may be for the benefit of the Company or its employees or which may be connected with any town or place where the Company carries on business.
- 3.30 To give or award pensions, annuities, gratuities and superannuation or other allowances or benefits or charitable aid and generally to provide advantages, facilities and services for any persons who are or have been employed by, or who are serving or have served the Company, and to the wives, widows, children and other relatives and dependants of such persons; to make payments towards insurance; and to set up, establish, support and maintain superannuation and other funds or schemes (whether contributory or non-contributory) for the benefit of any of such persons and of their wives, widows, children and other relatives and dependants.

- 3.31 To take over, set aside, or provide for a Benevolent Fund to grant or continue pensions, annuities, compensations or other awards or benefits in money or otherwise to Members of the Company, disabled or superannuated or otherwise requiring assistance, or to widows or orphans of other persons dependent wholly or partially on any such Members of the Company who may die or be disabled or be otherwise incapacitated from earning a living, or who may be, in the opinion of the Board of Directors of the Company, deserving of having such assistance rendered and to make payments towards insurance and other funds and schemes for that purpose.
- 3.32 To procure the Company to be registered or recognised in any part of the world and to do all or any of the things or matters aforesaid in any part of the world and either as principals, agents, contractors or otherwise, and by or through agents, brokers, sub-contractors or otherwise and either alone or in conjunction with others.
- 3.33 To do all such other things as may be deemed incidental or conducive to the attainment of the Company's objects or any of them.

The objects set forth in each sub-clause of this Clause shall not be restrictively construed but the widest interpretation shall be given thereto, and they shall not, except where the context expressly so requires, be in any way limited or restricted by reference to or inference from any other object or objects set forth in such sub-clause or from the terms of any other sub-clause or from the name of the Company. None of such sub-clauses or the object or objects therein specified or the powers thereby conferred shall be deemed subsidiary or ancillary to the objects or powers mentioned in any other sub-clause, but the Company shall have as full a power to exercise all or any of the objects conferred by and provided in each of the said sub-clauses as if each sub-clause contained the objects of a separate company.

The word "company" in this Clause, except where used in reference to the Company, shall be deemed to include any partnership or other body of persons, whether incorporated or unincorporated and whether domiciled in the United Kingdom or elsewhere.

4. The income and property of the Company shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its objects as set forth in this Memorandum of Association and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever, by way of profit, to Members of the Company except as expressly provided by the Memorandum of Association.

Provided that nothing herein shall prevent any payment in good faith by the Company:-

- (a) of reasonable and proper remuneration to any Member, officer or servant of the Company for any services rendered to the Company;
- (b) of interest on money lent by any Member of the Company or of the Board of Directors of the Company or Governing Body at a reasonable and proper rate;
- (c) of reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let by any Member of the Company or of the Board of Directors of the Company or Governing Body;
- (d) of fees, remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth to a company of which a Member of the Board of Directors of the Company or Governing Body may be a Member holding not more than 1/100th part of the capital of that company; and
- (e) to any Member of its Board of Directors of the Company or Governing Body of out-of-pocket expenses;
- (f) prize money to any Member, paid by the Company in any tournament sanctioned, organised or promoted by the Company;
- (g) of payments or refunds of out-of-pocket expenses reasonably incurred by Members in connection with championships, tournaments etc, organised by the Company for essential maintenance, travel, hotel accommodation, equipment, and insurance against accidents during play and whilst travelling.

5. The liability of the Members is limited.

6. Every Member of the Company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Company in the event of the same being wound up while he is a Member, or within one year after he ceases to be a Member, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Company contracted before he ceases to be a Member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding One Pound.



7. If upon the winding-up or dissolution of the Company there remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities any property whatsoever the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the Members of the Company in specie or in kind but shall be given or transferred to such institution or institutions having objects wholly or partially similar to the objects of the Company and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Company under or by Clause 4 hereof as shall be determined by the Members by Special Resolution as provided by Clause 3.3 of the Articles of Association at or before the time of dissolution or in default thereof by such judge of the High Court of Justice as may have or acquire jurisdiction in the matter and if and so far as effect cannot be given to such provision then to some charitable object.

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**ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF**  
**THE WORLD PROFESSIONAL BILLIARDS**  
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**INTERPRETATION**

**1.1 In these Articles:-**

“the Act” means the Companies Act, 1985.

“the Seal” means the Common Seal of the Association.

“Secretary” means any person appointed to perform the duties of the Secretary of the Association.

“the United Kingdom” means Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

“these Regulations” or the “Regulations” mean these Articles as originally framed or as from time to time altered by Special Resolution as hereinafter provided.

“the Association” means the Company.

“the Board” means the Board of Directors of the Company or a duly constituted Committee of the Directors.

“the World Professional Snooker Championship” means the present championship of that name or its successor in title as generally recognised and which was organised and controlled by The World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association and which shall be organised by the Association in each calendar year.

"the Ranking List" means the list referred to in Regulation 4 of these Regulations.

"the Ranking Tournament" means:

- (i) The World Professional Snooker Championship; and
- (ii) any snooker tournament sanctioned, organised or promoted by the Association and nominated as a ranking tournament by the Board.

"Season" in this Regulation shall mean the days from and including the day following the final of the World Professional Snooker Championship in any year to and including the day of the final of the World Professional Snooker Championship held in the immediately following calendar year.

- 1.2 Expressions referring to writing shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be construed as including references to printing, lithography, photography, and other modes of representing or reproducing words in a visible form.
- 1.3 All monetary figures mentioned in these Articles are exclusive of value added tax.
- 1.4 Words importing the singular number only shall include the plural number and vice versa. Although the masculine gender is used throughout these Articles, there will be female Members from time to time and therefore the use of the masculine gender is for convenience only and shall include the feminine gender.
- 1.5 Unless the context otherwise requires, words or expressions contained in these Regulations shall bear the same meaning as in the Act or any statutory modification thereof in force at the date at which these Regulations become binding on the Association.

## **MEMBERS**

- 2.1 The number of Members of the Association from time to time shall be unlimited provided that apart from Members at 30th July 1990 persons shall only be admitted to Membership in accordance with this Regulation 2.
- 2.2 The Board may from time to time issue an invitation inviting any person aged 16 years or over to apply for Membership of the Association on such terms as the Board may decide but including:-
  - (i) the completion and signing of a Membership application form in

the form required by the Board;

- (ii) the completion and signing of an election (if appropriate) to be registered as a Billiards Member (see Regulation 79);
- (iii) the signing of a declaration that he will abide by these Articles, the Rules of Discipline and the Rules of the Drug Control Policy 1988 of the Association as amended from time to time;
- (iv) the payment of the appropriate joining fee;
- (v) the payment of the appropriate first annual subscription fee; and
- (vi) providing such evidence as the Board may require proving the date of birth of the applicant.

2.3 The following persons shall be admitted to Membership of the Association;

- (i) any person complying with Regulation 2.2;
- (ii) any person appointed a director of the Association;
- (iii) any person appointed an Honorary Member in accordance with Regulation 77; or
- (iv) any person appointed a Life Member in accordance with Regulation 78;

Provided that the Board shall have power to refuse Membership to any person applying in accordance with Regulation 2.2 if such power is exercised in good faith and for the benefit of the Association.

2.4 Except as provided by Regulation 2.8, no Member may be expelled or shall otherwise cease to be a Member of the Association.

2.5 Any person applying for Membership in accordance with Regulation 2.2 shall pay to the Association a non-returnable joining fee of £500 or such other amount as shall be fixed by the Board. As between Members the Board shall fix a separate fee for Billiards Members.

2.6 Each Member of the Association (except for a Non-Player Director) shall pay to the Association a non-returnable annual subscription fee of £100 or such other amount as shall be fixed by the Board. As between Members the Board shall fix a separate fee for Billiards

Members. The fee shall be paid by persons applying for Membership as provided by Regulation 2.2 and by all other Members not later than 1st January in each year. A Member who fails to pay the fee by 1st January (or by such later date as the Board may allow) shall cease to be a Member of the Association at the end of the then current Season.

2.7 Each Member shall be liable to pay to the Association a sum equal to 2.5 (two point five) per centum (or such higher percentage as the Association shall fix by Special Resolution) of the monies received by him from tournaments, exhibitions, competitions, matches and other like functions organised or controlled by the Association. The Board may impose the levy at any time by giving not less than 21 days written notice to the Members and in respect of such future period as may be specified in such notice. The Board is irrevocably authorised by the Members to discharge the levy out of any monies held by the Association for the benefit of or otherwise payable to the Member concerned.

2.8 A Member shall cease to be a Member if:

- (i) he dies;
- (ii) he fails to pay the annual subscription fee as provided by Regulation 2.6;
- (iii) he ceases to be a director and is not at the relevant date a Member of the Association by virtue of any other provision in these Articles;
- (iv) he is expelled pursuant to Regulation 2.9;
- (v) he is expelled as a result of disciplinary proceedings pursuant to these Articles;
- (vi) he retires or resigns as a Member by giving not less than one month's written notice addressed to the Secretary at the Registered Office; or
- (vii) being an Honorary Member, his annual Membership is not renewed by the Board.

2.9 Provided always that the power is exercised bona fide for the benefit of the Association as a whole and shall be capable of application without discrimination to all Members of the Association, it shall be

lawful for the Board to pass a Resolution at a meeting thereof (of which due notice including notice of the intention to propose such Resolution shall have been given) that any Member of the Association shall cease to be a Member and if such Resolution is passed by not less than two-thirds of the Directors present and voting, then such Resolution shall take effect as from the conclusion of such meeting or from such later date as such Resolution may prescribe for the purpose PROVIDED THAT any Member so expelled may give notice of appeal to the Secretary within 21 days of the passing of such Resolution whereupon the Secretary shall, as soon as reasonably convenient, convene an Extraordinary General Meeting at which the expelled Member's appeal shall be considered and such expulsion shall be upheld only if approved by a Special Resolution of the Members. Such expelled Member shall be entitled to attend and speak at the Extraordinary General Meeting.

## **ENTRY TO TOURNAMENTS**

- 2.10 Every Member (save for Billiards Members and Members excluded by disciplinary action pursuant to the Rules of Discipline) shall be entitled to enter such Ranking Tournaments for which he is eligible on such terms (including entry fees) as the Board shall from time to time decide.
- 2.11 No Director shall be entitled to enter any tournament sanctioned, organised or promoted by the Association unless he is also a Member of the Association by virtue of any other provision in these Articles.
- 2.12 In respect of all or any tournaments sanctioned, organised or promoted by the Association, the Board may fix an entry fee by written notice to the Members.
- 2.13 The entry fee shall be paid on submission of the entry form for the relevant tournament. If a Member fails to pay the entry fee, his entry form shall be refused.

## **VOTES OF MEMBERS**

- 3.1 Except as provided by Regulation 3.3 only Full Voting Members (as defined in Regulation 3.4) shall be entitled to vote at General Meetings of the Association, and on a show of hands every such Member present in person shall have one vote and on a poll every Full Voting Member present in person or by proxy shall have one vote.

- 3.2 Every Member of the Association shall be entitled to attend and speak at General Meetings of the Association.
- 3.3 Certain Resolutions (as described below) shall entitle the Limited Voting Members (as defined in Regulation 3.5) to vote and on a show of hands every Limited Voting Member present in person shall have one vote and on a poll every Limited Voting Member present in person or by proxy shall have one vote provided that the Resolution has been previously passed (whether at the same General Meeting or at a previous General Meeting) by two-thirds of the Full Voting Members present in person or by proxy and voting. The Resolutions are:
- (i) any amendments to the Memorandum and/or Articles of Association;
  - (ii) the winding up of the Association or the appointment of a receiver;
  - (iii) any increase of the levy as referred to in Regulation 2.7;
  - (iv) the giving or transferring of property in accordance with Clause 7 of the Memorandum of Association and Regulation 75 of these Articles of Association;
  - (v) the expulsion of a Member pursuant to Regulation 2.9;

Each Resolution shall be a special Resolution except in the case of Resolution (v) which shall require a majority of not less than two-thirds of the Full Voting Members and the Limited Voting Members present in person or by proxy and voting as a single class.

- 3.4 A Member shall be a Full Voting Member if:

- Either (i) he is or at any time after 2nd March 1989 becomes ranked 1-40 inclusive in the Ranking List but shall cease to be a Full Voting Member if he ceases to be so ranked for two consecutive seasons;
- or (ii) he is a Director of the Association who does not qualify as a Full Voting Member under Regulation 3.4 (i) above but shall cease to be a Full Voting Member under this Regulation 3.4 (ii) if he ceases to be a Director of the Company.

- 3.5 A Member shall be a Limited Voting Member if he is or at any time after 2nd March 1989 becomes ranked 41-128 inclusive in the Ranking List but shall cease to be a Limited Voting Member if he ceases to be so ranked for two consecutive seasons.

## THE RANKING LIST

- 4.1 Immediately following the World Professional Snooker Championship in each Season, the Secretary shall compile a ranking list which will rank all the Members of the Association. The Ranking List will determine the ranking for the then current Season.
- 4.2 The Ranking List will rank all the Members according to the number of ranking points awarded in accordance with this Regulation 4 over the immediately preceding two Seasons.
- 4.3 For each Ranking Tournament the Board will decide the number and allocation of ranking points and the number and allocation will be confirmed on the entry form for that tournament.
- 4.4 The entry form will be final and binding as to the ranking status of the tournament and the number and allocation of ranking points once the entry date for the tournament has closed. If the tournament is subsequently cancelled for any reason the ranking status and the number and allocation of ranking points will be void.
- 4.5 The Member with the greatest number of ranking points shall be ranked number one in the Ranking List with the other Members in descending order of ranking points.
- 4.6 In the event of equality, the Member shall be ranked according to ranking points awarded in the following order:-
- (i) ranking points awarded for the Season just ended;
  - (ii) ranking points awarded for the World Professional Snooker Championship in the Season just ended;
  - (iii) ranking points awarded for the tournament in the Season just ended with the highest ranking point status and if still level, ranking points awarded for tournaments in the Season just ended in descending order of ranking status. Where there are a number of tournaments with equal ranking status, such tournaments shall be taken in date order counting back from the World Professional Snooker Championship;
  - (iv) ranking points awarded on the same basis as above but for



tournaments in the prior season.

## **GENERAL MEETINGS**

5. A General Meeting shall be held in every year as the Annual General Meeting of the Association (and specified as such in the notice convening the meeting) at such time (within a period of not more than 15 months after the holding of the last preceding Annual General Meeting) and place as may be determined by the Board.
6. The Board may, whenever it thinks fit, convene an Extraordinary General Meeting and an Extraordinary General Meeting shall also be convened forthwith by the Board upon the requisition of Full Voting Members of the Association representing at the date of the deposit of the requisition not less than one-tenth of the total voting rights of all the Full Voting Members having at the said date a right to vote at General Meetings. If the Board does not, within twenty-one days from the date of the deposit of the requisition, proceed duly to convene a meeting the requisitionists or any of them representing more than one-half of the total voting rights of all of them may themselves convene a meeting but any meeting so convened shall not be held after the expiration of three months from the said date.
7. All General Meetings other than Annual General Meetings shall be called Extraordinary General Meetings.

## **NOTICES OF GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 8.1 An Annual General Meeting and a Meeting called for the passing of a Special Resolution shall be called by twenty-one days' notice in writing at the least, and a Meeting of the Association other than an Annual General Meeting or a Meeting for the passing of a Special Resolution shall be called by fourteen days' notice in writing at the least. The notice shall be exclusive of the day on which it is served or deemed to be served and of the day for which it is given, and shall specify the place, the day and the hour of meeting and, in case of special business, the general nature of that business, and shall be given in manner hereinafter mentioned or in such manner, if any, as may be prescribed by the Association in General Meeting, to such persons as are, under the Regulations of the Association, entitled to receive such notices from the Association.
- 8.2 Provided that a Meeting of the Association shall, notwithstanding that it is called by shorter notice than that specified in this Regulation, be

deemed to have been duly called if it is so agreed:-

- (i) In the case of a Meeting as the Annual General Meeting, by all the Members entitled to attend and vote thereat; and
- (ii) In the case of any other meeting, by a majority in number of the Members having a right to attend and vote at the Meeting, being a majority together holding not less than 95 per cent of the total voting rights at that Meeting of all the said Members.

9. The accidental omission to give notice of a Meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice of a Meeting by, any person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at the Meeting.

### **PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

10. All business shall be deemed special that is transacted at an Annual General Meeting, with the exception of the consideration of the accounts, balance sheets, and the reports of the Board and Auditors, the election of Directors in the place of those retiring and the appointment of, and the fixing of the remuneration of, the Auditors and as otherwise provided by these regulations.
11. No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum of Members is present at the time when the Meeting proceeds to business; save as herein otherwise provided, eight Members entitled to vote at that Meeting present in person or by proxy shall be a quorum.
12. If within half an hour from the time appointed for the Meeting a quorum is not present, the Meeting, if convened upon the requisition of Members, shall be dissolved; in any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week, at the same time and place or to such other day and at such other time and place as the Members then present may determine.
13. The Chairman, if any, and in default the Vice-Chairman, if any, of the Board shall preside as Chairman at every General Meeting of the Association, or if there is no such Chairman or Vice-Chairman or if he shall not be present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the Meeting or is unwilling to act the Members present shall elect one of their number to be Chairman of the Meeting.
14. If at any Meeting no Director is willing to act as Chairman or if no Director is present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the Meeting, the Members present shall choose one of their number to be Chairman of the Meeting.

15. The Chairman may, with the consent of any Meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the Meeting), adjourn the Meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned Meeting other than the business left unfinished at the Meeting from which the adjournment took place. When a Meeting is adjourned for thirty days or more, notice of the adjourned Meeting shall be given as in the case of an original Meeting. Save as aforesaid it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned Meeting.

## **VOTING AND POLLS**

- 16.1 At any General Meeting a Resolution put to the vote of the Meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands) demanded:-
- (i) by the Chairman; or
  - (ii) by at least three Full Voting Members present in person or by proxy; or
  - (iii) by any Members present in person or by proxy and representing not less than one-tenth of the total voting rights of all the Members having the right to vote at the Meeting.
- 16.2 Unless a poll be so demanded a declaration by the Chairman that a Resolution has on a show of hands been carried or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or lost and an entry to that effect in the Minute Book containing the minutes of the proceedings of the Association shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against such resolution.
- 16.3 The demand for a poll may be withdrawn.
17. Except as provided in Regulation 19 if a poll is duly demanded it shall be taken in such manner and either forthwith or at such time not being less than 7 days and not more than 14 days after the date of the Meeting as the Chairman directs, and the result of the poll shall be deemed to be the Resolution of the Meeting at which the poll was demanded.
18. In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the Chairman of the Meeting at which the show of hands takes place, or at which the poll is demanded, shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.

19. A poll demanded on the election of a Chairman or on a question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith. Any business other than that upon which a poll has been demanded may be proceeded with pending the taking of the poll. A poll may be taken by voting papers sent to each Member entitled to vote stating the proposed Resolution and giving instructions as to voting in respect thereof. A scrutineer or scrutineers of such voting papers may be appointed by the Chairman.
20. No objection shall be raised to the qualification of any voter except at the Meeting or adjourned Meeting at which the vote objected to is given or tendered, and every vote not disallowed at such Meeting shall be valid for all purposes. Any such objection made in due time shall be referred to the Chairman of the Meeting, whose decision shall be final and conclusive.
21. On a poll votes may be given either personally or by proxy.
22. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointor or of his attorney duly authorised in writing. A proxy need not be a Member of the Association.

#### PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

23. The instrument appointing a proxy and the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy of that power or authority shall be deposited (which shall include a legible facsimile transmission) at the Registered Office of the Association or at such other place within the United Kingdom as is specified for that purpose in the Notice convening the Meeting, not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the Meeting or adjourned Meeting, at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote, or, in the case of a poll, not less than 24 hours before the time appointed for the taking of the poll, and in default the instrument of proxy, power of attorney or other authority shall not be treated as valid. No instrument appointing a proxy shall be valid after the execution of 12 calendar months after the date of its execution.
24. An instrument appointing a proxy shall be in the following form or a form as near thereto as circumstances admit:-

"The World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association Limited

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_

in the County of \_\_\_\_\_, being a Member of the above-named Association, hereby  
appoint \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ or failing him, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ as my proxy to

vote for me on my behalf at the (Annual or Extraordinary, as the case may be) General Meeting of the Association, to be held on the      day of 19      , and at any adjournment thereof.

Signed this                                      day of                                      19      .”

25. Where it is desired to afford Members an opportunity of voting for or against a Resolution the instrument appointing a proxy shall be in the following form or a form as near thereto as circumstances admit.

“The World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association Limited

I,                                      , of

in the County of      , being a Member of the above-named Association, hereby appoint      of      or failing him,      of      as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the (Annual or Extraordinary, as the case may be) General Meeting of the Association, to be held on the      day of 19      , and at any adjournment thereof.

Signed this                                      day of                                      19      .

This form is to be used \*in favour of the resolution  
against

Unless otherwise instructed, the proxy will vote as he thinks fit.

\*Strike out whichever is not desired.”

26. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to confer authority to demand or join in demanding a poll.
27. A vote given in accordance with the terms of an instrument of proxy shall be valid notwithstanding the previous death or insanity of the principal or revocation of the proxy or of the authority under which the proxy was executed, provided that no intimation in writing of such death, insanity or revocation as aforesaid shall have been received by the Association at the registered office before the commencement of the Meeting or adjourned Meeting at which the proxy is used. If any votes are given or counted at a General Meeting which shall afterwards be discovered to be improperly given or counted, the same shall not affect the validity of any Resolution or thing passed or done at the said Meeting unless the objection to such votes

be taken at the same Meeting and not in that case unless the Chairman shall then and there decide that the error is of sufficient magnitude to affect such Resolution or thing.

28. A Resolution in writing signed by all the Members for the time being entitled to receive notice of and to attend and vote at General Meetings shall be as valid and effective as if the same had been passed at a General Meeting of the Association duly convened and held. Any such Resolution in writing may consist of two or more documents in like form each signed by one or more of such Members.
29. The maximum number of Directors shall be 7 and the minimum number shall be 5, of whom a majority shall be Professional Player Members. The expression "Professional Player Members" means Members who have at any time been ranked 1 - 128 inclusive in the Ranking List.
30. No Professional Player Member Director shall be entitled to receive any remuneration in respect of his office as a Director or as an employee of the Association, but he may be paid all travelling, hotel and other expenses properly incurred in the United Kingdom (or abroad where specially authorised by the Board) by him in attending and returning from meetings of the Board or any other Committee of the Board or General Meetings of the Association or in connection with the business of the Association. A Non-Player Director may receive remuneration as an employee of the Association but not in respect of his office as Director.
31. A Director of the Association may be or become a Director or other officer of, or otherwise interested in, any company promoted by the Association or in which the Association may be interested as shareholder or otherwise, and no such Director shall be accountable to the Association for any remuneration or other benefits received by him as a Director or officer of, or from his interest in, such other company unless the Association otherwise direct.

## **BORROWING POWERS**

32. The Board may exercise all the powers of the Association to borrow money without limit as to amount and upon such terms and in such manner as it thinks fit and to mortgage or charge its undertaking, property and uncalled capital, or any part thereof, and subject to Section 80 of the Act to issue debentures, debenture stock, and other securities whether outright or as security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Association or of any third party.

## **POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD**

33. The business and affairs of the Association shall be managed by the Board which may authorise all such acts and the exercise of all such powers of the Association by Directors of the Board, on whom executive management powers are conferred, as may be required to give effect to the objects as described in the provisions of the Memorandum of Association and which are not, by the Act or by these Regulations required to be done or exercised by the Association in General Meeting subject, nevertheless, to any of these Regulations, to the provisions of the Act and to such Regulations, being not inconsistent with the aforesaid Regulations or provisions, as may be prescribed by the Association in General Meeting; but no Regulation made by the Association in General Meeting shall invalidate any prior act of the Board which would have been valid if that Regulation had not been made.
34. No act, matter or thing within the power of the Association in General Meeting done by the Board or done by any Committee or Commission and adopted by the Board which shall afterwards receive the express or implied consent of the Association in General Meeting shall be afterwards impeached on any ground whatsoever.
35. The Board may from time to time and at any time by power of attorney appoint any company, firm or person or body of persons, whether nominated directly or indirectly by the Board to be the attorney or attorneys of the Association for such purposes and with such powers, authorities and discretions (not exceeding those vested in or exercisable by the Board under these Regulations) and for such period and subject to such conditions at they may think fit, and any such powers of attorney may contain such provisions for the protection and convenience of persons dealing with any such attorney as the Board may think fit and may also authorise any such attorney to delegate all or any of the powers, authorities and discretions vested in him.
36. The Association may exercise the powers conferred by Section 39 of the Act

with regard to having an official Seal for use abroad, and such powers shall be vested in the Board.

37. The Association may exercise the powers conferred upon the Association by Section 362 of the Act with regard to the keeping of a Dominion Register, and the Board may (subject to the provisions of those sections) make and vary such Regulations as they may think fit respecting the keeping of any such Register.

## **DIRECTORS INTERESTS**

- 38.1 A Director who is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested in a contract or proposed contract with the Association shall declare the nature of his interest at a Meeting of the Board in accordance with Section 317 of the Act.
- 38.2 Subject to Regulation 38.1 a Director may vote as such in respect of any contract or agreement in which he is interested and upon any matter arising thereout and if he shall do so his vote shall be counted, and he shall be counted in the quorum present at the Meeting when any such contract or arrangement is under consideration.
- 38.3 No Director or intending Director shall be disqualified by his office from contracting with the Association as vendor, purchaser, or otherwise, nor shall any such contract or any contract or arrangement entered into by or on behalf of the Association in which any Director is in any way interested, be liable to be avoided, nor shall any Director so contracting or being so interested be liable to account to the Association for any profit realised by any such contract or arrangement by reason of such Director holding that office or of the fiduciary relation thereby established.
- 38.4 Any Director may act by himself or on behalf of his firm in a professional capacity for the Association, and he or his firm shall be entitled to remuneration for professional services as if he were not a Director; provided that nothing herein contained shall authorise a Director or his firm to act as Auditor to the Association.

## **EXECUTION OF FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

39. All cheques, promissory notes, drafts, bills of exchange and other negotiable instruments, and all receipts for moneys paid to the Association, shall be signed, drawn, accepted, endorsed, or otherwise executed, as the case may be, in such manner as the Board shall from time to time by resolution determine.



## **MINUTES**

40. The Board shall cause minutes to be made in books provided for the purpose:-
- (a) of all appointments of officers made by the Board;
  - (b) of the names of the Directors present at each Meeting of the Board and of any Committee of the Board;
  - (c) of all Resolutions and proceedings at all Meetings of the Association, and of the Board, and of Committees of the Board;

and every Director present at any Meeting of the Board or Committee of the Board shall sign his name in a book to be kept for that purpose. All acts of the Board done in pursuance of anything appearing by such Minutes to be resolved upon or authorised by the Board shall be deemed to be acts of the Board within the meaning of these Regulations.

## **BENEVOLENT FUNDS**

41. The Board may exercise the powers of the Association conferred by Clause 3.30 and 3.31 of the Memorandum of Association and may in each year appropriate such money as they may deem necessary for the purposes of Benevolent Funds. The Board may distribute such money among needy Professional Players and others (including any past and present Directors and the families and dependants of such Professional Players and past and present Directors).

## **DISQUALIFICATION OF DIRECTORS**

42. The office of a Director shall be vacated if the Director:-
- 42.1 ceases to be a Director by virtue of Section 293 of the Act (ie. he attains the age of seventy years); or
  - 42.2 becomes bankrupt or insolvent or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally; or
  - 42.3 becomes prohibited from being a Director by reason of any order made under the Insolvency Act 1986 or the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986; or
  - 42.4 becomes incapable by reason of mental disorder, illness or injury of managing and administering his property and affairs; or

- 42.5 resigns his office by one month's notice in writing to the Board; or
- 42.6 shall fail to attend three consecutive meetings of the Board without just cause in the view of the majority of the Board;
- 42.7 be suspended from taking part in snooker or billiards competitions whether organised or controlled by the Association or not. But any act done in good faith by a Director whose office is vacated as aforesaid shall be valid unless, prior to the doing of such act, written notice shall have been served upon the Association or an entry made in the Minute Book stating that the Director has ceased to be a Director of the Board.

### ROTATION OF DIRECTORS

43. At the Annual General Meeting in every subsequent year one-third of the Directors for the time being, or if their number is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest one-third, shall retire from office.
44. The Directors to retire in every year shall be those who have been longest in office since their last election, but as between persons who became Directors on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot.
45. A retiring Director shall be eligible for re-election and if he offers himself for re-election he shall not cease to be a Director of the Association unless and until he is not re-elected.
46. The Association at the Meeting at which a Director retires in manner aforesaid may fill the vacated office by electing a person thereto, and in default the retiring Director shall if offering himself for re-election be deemed to have been re-elected, unless at such Meeting it is expressly resolved not to fill such vacated office or unless a Resolution for the re-election of such Director shall have been put to the Meeting and lost.
47. No person other than a Director retiring at the Meeting shall, unless recommended by the Board, be eligible for election to the office of Director at any General Meeting unless there shall have been left at the Registered Office of the Association written notice signed by any two Members of the Association proposing such person for election and also written notice signed by that person of his willingness to stand for election. Any such notice shall be left at the Registered Office of the Company:-
- (a) if the election is to take place at an Annual General Meeting, on or before 30th June for the following Annual General Meeting;

- (b) if the election is to take place at an Extraordinary General Meeting, on or before the date being two months before the date of the Extraordinary General Meeting.
48. The Association may from time to time by Special Resolution increase or reduce the number of Directors, and may also determine in what rotation the increased or reduced number is to go out of office.
49. The Board shall have power at any time, and from time to time, to appoint any person to be a Director, either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing Directors, but so that the total number of Directors shall not at any time exceed the number (if any) fixed in accordance with these Regulations. Any Director so appointed shall hold office only until the next following Annual General Meeting, and shall then be eligible for re-election but shall not be taken into account in determining the Directors who are to retire by rotation at such Meeting.
50. The Association may by Ordinary Resolution, of which special notice has been given in accordance with Section 379 of the Act, remove any Director before the expiration of his period of office notwithstanding anything in these Regulations or in any agreement between the Association and such Director. Such removal shall be without prejudice to any claim such Director may have for damages for breach of any contract of service between him and the Association.
51. The Association may by Ordinary Resolution appoint another person in place of a Director removed from office under the immediately preceding Regulation, and without prejudice to the powers of the Directors under Regulation 49 the Association in General Meeting may appoint any person to be a Director either to fill a casual vacancy or as an additional Director. A person appointed in place of a Director so removed or to fill such a vacancy shall be subject to retirement at the same time as if he had become a Director on the date on which the Director in whose place he is appointed was last elected a Director.

#### **PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD**

52. The Board may meet together for the despatch of business, adjourn, and otherwise regulate their meetings, as they think fit. Questions arising at any Meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. Each Director shall have one vote but in the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. A Director may, and the Secretary on the requisition of a Director shall, at any time summon a Meeting of the Board. It shall not be necessary to give notice of a Meeting of the Board to any

Director for the time being absent from the United Kingdom.

53. The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Board may be fixed by the Board, and unless so fixed shall be three.
54. The Board may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its body, but, if and so long as its number is reduced below the number fixed by or pursuant to these Regulations as the necessary quorum of Directors, the Board may act for the purpose of increasing the number of Directors to that number, or of summoning a General Meeting of the Association, but for no other purpose.

#### **THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT**

55. The Board shall have the power to appoint any persons as President or Vice-Presidents or Patrons of the Association on such terms and enjoying such benefits as the Board shall decide. If any shall be a serving Director of the Board he shall retain his right to cast one vote at Meetings of the Board during his term of office as a Director.

#### **THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN**

56. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Association shall be elected annually by the Board at the first meeting thereof after the close of the World Professional Snooker Championship in each year (such meeting to be held within thirty days of such Championship). They shall qualify for election only if they are serving Directors of the Board and in the event of death, resignation, permanent disability or disqualification from office the Secretary shall within twenty-one days convene a Meeting of the Board for the purpose of appointing a successor or successors who shall serve until the first Meeting of the Board after the close of the next following World Professional Snooker Championship.
57. If at any meeting of the Board the Chairman is not present within five minutes after the time appointed for holding the same the Vice-Chairman shall preside at such Meeting but in his absence the Directors present may choose one of their number to be Chairman for that particular Meeting.

#### **COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD**

58. The Board may delegate any of their powers to Committees or Commissions consisting of such Member or Members of their body as they think fit; any Committee so formed shall in the exercise of the powers so delegated

conform to any regulations or mode of proceedings that may be imposed on it by the Board but may otherwise determine and regulate their own proceedings in the same manner as the Board may do.

59. A Committee may elect a Chairman of its Meetings; if no such Chairman is elected, or if at any Meeting the Chairman is not present within five minutes after the time appointed for holding the same, the Members present may choose one of their number to be Chairman of the Meeting.
60. A Committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper. Questions arising at any Meeting shall be determined by a majority of votes of the Members present, and in the case of equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.
61. All acts done by any Meeting of the Board or of a Committee of Directors or by any person acting as a Director shall, notwithstanding that it be afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any such Director or person acting as aforesaid, or that they or any of them were disqualified, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified to be a Director.
62. A resolution in writing, signed by all the Directors for the time being entitled to receive notice of a Meeting of the Board or of a Committee shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a Meeting of the Board or Committee duly convened and held and it may consist of two or more documents in like form each signed by one or more of the Directors.

## THE SECRETARY

- 63.1 The Secretary shall be appointed by the Board for such term at such remuneration and upon such conditions as they may think fit; and any Secretary so appointed may be removed by them.
- 63.2 A provision of the Act or these Regulations requiring or authorising a thing to be done by or to a Director and the Secretary shall not be satisfied by its being done by or to the same person acting both as Director and as, or in place of, the Secretary.
64. The Secretary shall also serve as Treasurer of the Association and have the same duties and functions as the Treasurer during such period or periods when there shall not be a Treasurer in office appointed by the Members of the Association at the Annual General Meeting in any year.

65. The Secretary shall carry out all the proper directions of the Board and in particular he shall issue notices of all General Meetings and of Board or Committee Meetings and shall keep the Minutes of all such meetings. He shall maintain the Register of Members and have responsibility for the care of all correspondence and papers belonging to the Association. He shall collect the subscriptions and all other monies which may from time to time become payable to the Association and shall forthwith bank the same in Bank Accounts as directed from time to time by the Board.

## **THE SEAL**

66. The Board shall provide for the safe custody of the Seal, which shall only be used by the authority of the Board or of a Committee of the Directors authorised by the Board in that behalf, and every instrument to which the Seal shall be affixed shall be signed by a Director and shall be countersigned by the Secretary or by a second Director or by some other person appointed by the Board for the purpose.

## **ACCOUNTS**

67. The Board shall cause accounting records to be kept in accordance with the provision of the Act. The accounting records shall be kept at the registered office of the Association or, subject to the provisions of the Act, at such other place or places as the Board think fit, and shall always be open to the inspection of the officers of the Association.
68. The Board shall from time to time determine whether and to what extent and at what times and places and under what conditions or regulations the accounts and books of the Association or any of them shall be open to the inspection of Members not being Directors, and no Member (not being a Director) shall have any right of inspecting any account or book or document of the Association except as conferred by statute or authorised by the Board or by Special Resolution of the Association in General Meeting.
69. The Board shall from time to time, in accordance with the Act cause to be prepared and to be laid before the Association in General Meeting such profit and loss accounts, balance sheets, group accounts (if any) and reports as are referred to in those sections.
70. A copy of every balance sheet (including every document required by law to be annexed thereto) which is to be laid before the Association in General Meeting, together with a copy of the Auditor's report and Directors' report shall not be less than twenty-one days before the date of the Meeting be sent to every Member of, and every holder of debentures of the Association. Provided that this Regulation shall not require a copy of those

documents to be sent to any person of whose address the Association is not aware.

71. The Board shall keep separate accounts of all Benevolent Funds or other Funds maintained for the purpose of Regulation 41.

#### AUDIT

72. Auditors shall be appointed and their duties regulated in accordance with the Act.

#### NOTICES

73. A notice may be given by the Association to any Member either personally or by sending it by post to him or to his registered address, or (if he has no registered address within the United Kingdom) to the address, if any, within the United Kingdom supplied by him to the Association for the giving of notice to him. Where a notice is sent by post, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected by properly addressing, prepaying and posting a letter containing the notice, and to have been effected in the case of a notice of a meeting at the expiration of 24 hours after the letter containing the same is posted, and in any other case at the time at which the letter would be delivered in the ordinary course of post.
74. Notice of every General Meeting shall be given in any manner hereinbefore authorised to:-
- 74.1 every Member except those Members who (having no registered office within the United Kingdom) have not supplied to the Association an address within the United Kingdom for the giving of notices to them;
- 74.2 the Auditor for the time being of the Association.

No other person shall be entitled to receive notices of General Meetings.

#### DISSOLUTION

75. If upon the winding-up or dissolution of the Association there remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities any property whatsoever the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the Members of the Association in specie or in kind but shall be given or transferred to such institution or institutions having objects wholly or partially similar to the objects of the Association and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Association

under or by Clause 4 of the Memorandum as shall be determined by the Members by Special Resolution as provided by Regulation 3.3 of the Articles of Association at or before the time of dissolution or in default thereof by such Judge of the High Court of Justice as may have or acquire jurisdiction in the matter and if and so far as effect cannot be given to such provision then to some charitable object.

## **INDEMNITY**

76. Every Director or other Officer of the Association shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Association against all losses or liabilities which he may sustain or incur in or about the proper execution of the duties of his office or otherwise in relation thereto including any liability incurred by him in defending any proceedings whether civil or criminal in which judgement is given in his favour or in which he is acquitted or in connection with any application under Section 144(3) or (4) of Section 727 of the Act in which relief is granted to him by the Court and no Director or other officer shall be liable for any loss, damage or misfortune which may happen to or be incurred by the Association in the proper execution of the duties of his office or in relation thereto. But this Regulation shall only have effect in so far as its provisions are not avoided by Section 310 of the Act.

## **HONORARY MEMBERS/VICE-PRESIDENTS/LIFE MEMBERS**

77. The Board shall have the power to appoint annually any persons as Honorary Vice-Presidents or Honorary Members of the Association on such terms and enjoying such benefits as the Board shall decide.
78. The Board shall have the power to appoint any person who has reached 60 years and who, at any time, has been The World Professional Snooker Champion as a Life Member of the Association on such terms and enjoying such benefits as the Board shall decide Life Members shall be entitled to enter all Ranking Tournaments and any other tournaments nominated by the Board without payment of the annual subscription fee or tournament entry fees.

## **BILLIARDS MEMBERS**

- 79.1 Those Members who are "Billiards Only Members" at 30th July 1990 or who have played in a billiards ranking tournament during the Seasons 1987/1990 or any person who has been the World Professional Billiards Champion shall (if each person so wishes) be Billiards Members of the Association and together with those persons who subsequently join the Association as Billiards Members shall be governed by the following regulations:-
- 79.2 Those Billiards Members who have been ranked 1-16 inclusive in the Billiards ranking list at any time in the last 3 Seasons, shall elect from



amongst the Billiards Members a Billiards Committee to represent their interests within the Association and to act as a consultative body to the Board. Whilst the game of Billiards is governed by the Association the Billiards Committee shall be under the direction and control of the Board.

- 79.3 The Billiards Committee shall make recommendations to the Board regarding the joining fee, the annual subscription fee and the tournament entry fees payable by Billiards Members and all other matters relating to the game of Billiards.
- 79.4 The Billiards Committee shall have delegated power to negotiate, sanction, promote and organise Billiards tournaments subject to all budgets and costings having been first approved by the Board and subject to all contractual documents having been first approved by the Board.
- 79.5 Subject to Regulation 79.7 Billiards Members shall not be entitled to enter any snooker tournament sanctioned, organised or promoted by the Association and shall not be ranked in the Ranking List referred to in Regulation 4; and those Members who are not separately Billiards Members shall not be entitled to enter any Billiards tournament sanctioned, organised or promoted by the Association and shall not be ranked in any Billiards ranking list.
- 79.6 Billiards Members shall be entitled to attend and speak at any General Meeting of the Association but the Billiards Committee shall organise separate general meetings for the Billiards Members.
- 79.7 Nothing in these Articles shall prevent any Member of the Association from being both a Billiards Member and any other class of Member subject to payment of all fees appropriate to his status.

## **RULES AS TO DISCIPLINE**

- 80.1 The Board shall have power by Ordinary Resolution from time to time and at any time to make rules and regulations ("The Rules of Discipline") with regard to the conduct of Members which could injure or discredit the Association or bring the game of billiards and/or snooker into disrepute and make rules and regulations regarding the participation of Members in televised or recorded tournaments or matches. The Board shall have power to discipline Members who are found to be in breach of these said rules and regulations by way of expulsion, public reprimand, fine, suspension and/or deduction of points from the Member's total in the Ranking

List as the Board may reasonably think fit, which shall include the power to suspend the operation of any such penalty for such period and upon such terms as the Board may decide.

- 80.2 The Board shall make due provision for settling differences and disputes in the same manner as has hitherto been provided for by The World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association and may make rules and regulations as to all proceedings in reference to the matters aforesaid and as to enforcing any awards or decisions.
- 80.3 All Members of the Association shall submit and refer all differences and questions coming within the provisions of the Laws of the games of Snooker or Billiards or the Rules of Discipline to the decision of the Board who may determine the same or may appoint Committees or Commissions or other persons for the purposes of hearing and determining the same and the fact of Membership itself shall constitute an agreement to refer all such differences and questions in accordance with the Rules of Discipline or such other rules and regulations made by the Board from time to time and shall be enforceable as an agreement to refer under the Arbitration Acts 1950 and 1979 or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof.
- 80.4 A Committee, Commission or other person appointed pursuant to Article 80.3 shall have the same powers as the Board to discipline a Member by way of expulsion, public reprimand, fine, suspension and/or deduction of points from the Member's total in the Ranking List as the Committee, Commission or other person may reasonably think fit.
- 80.5 The Board shall have power to make rules and regulations (which shall form part of the Rules of Discipline) to discipline and impose penalties upon a Member who fails to appear at and/or play in an event in which he has entered.
- 80.6 The Board shall have power to make rules and regulations relating to the voluntary registration of persons who act or who wish to act as Member's managers.