



***Constitution of the Wanless Park Community Tennis Club  
Passed at the AGM September 29, 2007***

**Article 1**

**Name**

This organization shall be known as Wanless Park Community Tennis Club. In this document it shall be referred to as "the Club".

**Article 2**

**Object**

The objective of the Club shall be to encourage and promote the game of tennis.

**Article 3**

**Membership**

Membership shall be open to anyone without regard to race, creed, colour or nationality. Members over 18 years of age shall be considered voting members. The total number of members shall be determined by the Executive who shall maintain a reserve for junior members and residents in the immediate area of Wanless Park.

**Article 4**

**Fees**

- a) The Executive shall determine the amount of the initiation fee and the annual membership fee.
- b) The Executive shall determine the policies regarding the implementation of the initiation fee.
- c) Members of the previous year shall be notified of the required annual fee and date of payment at least fourteen days prior to the day designated on the website as the season's opening date.

**Article 5**

**Code of Conduct**

The Club shall have a code of conduct. Membership of any person or persons may be cancelled by the Executive for conduct considered prejudicial, harmful or in contravention of the code of conduct of the Club.

**Article 6**

**Executive**

The Executive shall be responsible for the operation and activities of the Club which include but are not limited to the following:

- a) maintaining regular contact with the City of Toronto,
- b) obtaining playing permits,
- c) arranging for the opening and closing of the Club,
- d) collecting fees,

- e) purchasing equipment,
- f) ensuring the upkeep of the playing facilities,
- g) offering tennis instruction to the membership,
- h) organizing tennis tournaments and the Club championships,
- i) upholding the Code of Conduct of the Club,
- j) arranging social functions.

In addition, league usage, instructional usage or organized play by non-members will require prior approval of the executive.

The Executive shall be empowered to fill any vacancy that occurs within the Executive during its term of office, except for any vacancy that occurs under the provisions of Article 12.

There is also an Executive fiduciary responsibility on behalf of the members to set aside monies every year for the future renovations of the courts and needs of the Club.

## **Article 7**

### **Executive Composition and Election**

Candidates for these offices must be members in good standing of the Club. The Executive shall consist of the following elected officers who shall serve for a term of one year. The Term of the President is set out in Article 8. Only the office of Past President is not an elected position. An election will take place at the Annual General Meeting. All members in good standing represented in person or by proxy at the time of the election are eligible to vote.

The Board shall consist of a maximum of 10 officers.

5 officers is the minimum number for a legal Executive to function:

1. President
2. Past President
3. Vice-President
4. Treasurer
5. Secretary

The additional 5 positions will be:

1. Director of Membership
2. Director of Leagues
3. Tournament Director
4. Social Director
5. Director of Instruction

Each position shall carry one vote. A minimum of 50% of the elected executive should be present for an executive vote. Motions require 50% plus 1 to be passed. When a conflict of interest issue arises requiring an Executive vote, the officer or officers must abstain from voting.

## **Article 8**

### **Executive – President**

The term of President of the club shall be for a period of two years. The President may stand for a second consecutive term. Therefore, one person can hold the Presidential position for 4 consecutive years (2 full terms ). If this same person wishes to remain as President, this officer must be re-elected every year.

**Article 9****Executive – Meeting notice**

Members of the Executive shall receive at least five days prior notice of a formal Executive Meeting.

**Article 10****General Meeting - notice**

The Executive shall call a general meeting on any issue which in their reasonable judgment will seriously affect the interests of the Club or its members. The Executive must call a general meeting of the Club within 21 days of being petitioned to do so by at least thirty members in good standing. Notice of the principal topic must be advised by the petitioners. The Executive must inform the membership of the meeting as per the AGM notice requirement in Article 11.

**Article 11****Notice of Annual General Meeting - notice**

The Executive shall give at least 14 days notice of the annual general meeting and its principal topic. Such notice shall be given by a public posting both at the clubhouse, on the website, and an email shall be sent to the membership at least fourteen days before the meeting.

**Article 12****Change of Executive**

Upon a vote of non-confidence by three-quarters of the members present at a general meeting, any designated member or members of the Executive must immediately resign their office(s). The senior remaining Executive Officer shall immediately receive nominations for replacement(s), and announce a date not less than 21 days later when an election shall be held at another extraordinary general meeting. If the entire Executive should be removed from office, the meeting shall elect an interim chairman, who shall likewise receive nominations for replacement(s) and establish a date for an election. The interim chairman shall become Acting President until the new Executive is elected. He shall allow no expenditures of Club funds during his tenancy of the office and shall instruct an auditor to undertake an immediate audit of the Club's financial standing.

**Article 13****Changes to the Constitution**

- a) The Constitution or By-Laws may be amended at any General Meeting provided the Club secretary is notified in writing of any proposed amendment at least 30 days before said General Meeting.
- b) Any such amendment must be passed by at least two-thirds of the members in good standing present at the General Meeting.