

THE MALAYSIAN CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

Certified true copy of amendments to the Constitution of the Malaysian Contract Bridge Association approved at Special General Meeting held on 16th November 1981.

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- (i) To add to Rule 3(d):
"Only members of the Association who are subject to Malaysian laws and who are liable to pay Malaysian income tax shall be eligible for selection in official teams to represent Malaysia in international competition."
- (ii) To amend Rule 6(b) to read: "The Chairman of the Committee."
- (iii) To re-number Rules 6(b), (c), (d) and (e) to read as Rules 6(c), (d), (e) and (f) respectively.
- (iv) To amend Rule 6(f) to read:
"One representative from each Branch of the Association who shall be nominated by that Branch."
- (v) To insert the words "the Chairman" after "the President" in Rule 7.
- (vi) To insert in Rule 7A after the word "Association."; "In the absence of the President, the Chairman shall assume the duties of the President."
- (vii) To delete the word "ten" and insert the word "twenty" in Rule 17.
- (viii) To delete the word "five" and insert the word "ten" in Rule 19.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF
THE MALAYSIAN CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

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Secretary

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NAME

1. The name of the Association shall be "The Malaysian Contract Bridge Association" (hereinafter referred to as the Association).

REGISTERED OFFICE

2. The Registered Office of the Association shall be care-of the Selangor Club, Kuala Lumpur, and meetings shall ordinarily be held at that address.

AIMS AND OBJECTS

3. The aims and objects of the Association shall be:-
 - (a) To encourage and develop interest in all aspects of the game of Contract Bridge.
 - (b) To encourage and sponsor the formation of Bridge Clubs and Branches of the Association in Malaysia.
 - (c) To provide a Contract Bridge Rules and Ethics Authority for Malaysia.
 - (d) To represent Malaysia in international Bridge meetings, competitions and tournaments and to select official teams for such competitions and tournaments.

Amended 16.11.81 (e) The Association shall not have any affiliation or connection outside Malaysia except with the Far East Bridge Federation, P.O. Box 1445, Hongkong, and the World Bridge Federation, 151 Blackheath Park, London S.E. 3 OHA, England.

4. Any person resident in Malaysia and interested in the game of Contract Bridge shall be eligible for ordinary membership of the Association. Application for membership shall be addressed to the Hon. Secretary of the appropriate Branch in the State or region where the applicant is resident or if there is no Branch to the Hon. Secretary of the Association. Applications may be approved by the appropriate Branch Committee, or if no Branch exists, by the Managing Committee.

PATRON AND HONORARY MEMBERS

5. The Managing Committee may invite any person to be a Patron of the Association. Honorary Members shall be those who have served to further the objects of the Association and shall be appointed by the Managing Committee.

THE MANAGING COMMITTEE

6. The management of the affairs of the Association shall be vested in a Managing Committee consisting of the following:-
 - (a) The President.
 - (b) The Hon. Secretary.
 - (c) The Hon. Treasurer.
 - (d) Two Committee Members elected by the Annual General Meeting of the Association.
 - (e) Committee Members consisting of one representative from each Branch of the Association.
7. The President, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer shall be elected by the Annual General Meeting.
- 7A. The President shall be the chief executive of the Association. The Hon. Secretary shall keep records of meetings and, under the general directions of the Committee, shall carry out such other duties as are necessary and are not inconsistent with these Rules. The Hon. Treasurer shall keep the financial accounts of the Association, shall receive all monies due and make such payments as are authorised.
8. Casual vacancies in the Managing Committee shall be filled by the Managing Committee.
9. The quorum for meetings of the Managing Committee shall be three.
10. The Managing Committee may exercise all such powers of the Association as are not by these Rules declared to be exercisable by a General Meeting, subject to the overriding authority of a General Meeting.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

11. The Annual General Meeting shall be held before 30th. April each year at such time and place as may be determined by the Managing Committee. The Managing Committee may whenever they think fit, and shall upon the requisition in writing by any ten or more ordinary members of the Association, convene a Special General Meeting. Any such requisition shall express the object of the Meeting proposed to be called and shall be addressed to the Hon. Secretary.
12. The Hon. Secretary shall give to all members at least 14 days notice of all General Meetings.
13. The quorum for a General Meeting of the Association shall be ten ordinary members.

14. The President shall be the chairman of any General Meeting. In the absence of the President the Meeting shall elect a chairman.

15. In the event of an equality of votes at a General Meeting the chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

FINANCE

16. Honorary Members shall not be required to pay subscriptions.

17. Ordinary Members shall pay an annual subscription of ten dollars. (Ordinary Members who join on or before 15th September, 1961, shall be known as Founder Members).

18. The annual subscription shall be paid when a person applies for membership and thereafter the annual subscription shall be paid on the first day of January each year.

19. Until such time as a Branch is formed in any State, members of the Association resident in that State shall pay their subscriptions to the Hon. Treasurer of the Association. After the formation of a Branch in any State, the Branch Committee shall be responsible for the collection of subscriptions from members resident in that State. The Branch Committee shall forward to the Hon. Treasurer of the Association the sum of five dollars per annum in respect of each member of the Branch.

20. The Association may appeal for funds for the purpose of carrying out its aims and objects and may organise competitions or other functions for the purpose of raising funds in support of its aims and objects.

21. The financial year of the Association shall end on 31st. December each year.

22. The Hon. Treasurer shall present to the Annual General Meeting an audited Statement of Account in respect of the previous year. These Accounts shall be distributed to members at least two weeks before the date of the Meeting.

23. An auditor shall be appointed each year by the Annual General Meeting.

24. All monies belonging to the Association except such sums as may be authorised by the Managing Committee to be retained as petty cash shall be deposited in such bank as may be decided upon from time to time by the Managing Committee. The Managing Committee shall be the authority for expenditure but in cases of emergency when it is not possible to consult the Managing Committee the President may authorise expenditure provided that the matter is reported to the Managing Committee at its next meeting.

ARTICLE NO. 25 - BRANCHES

25.(a) Where the number of members in any State or region justifies it, the Managing Committee may establish a Branch in that State or region and shall issue a letter of authorisation for the establishment of such Branch. Approval of such establishment shall be obtained by a majority decision at a meeting of the Managing Committee.

(b) Branches shall be mainly concerned with the development of the interest in Bridge in their respective areas. Open Bridge Congresses and other inter-Branch events shall be held only with the approval of the Managing Committee.

(c) Subject to the overriding authority of the Association, the affairs of a Branch shall be managed by a Committee consisting of a President, an Hon. Secretary, an Hon. Treasurer and two Committee Members who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Branch. Casual vacancies shall be filled by co-option by the Branch Committee.

(ci) The duties and responsibilities of the President, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer of a Branch shall be similar to those of their counterparts on the Managing Committee as described in Article 7A but covering only those functions which come within the authority of a Branch as opposed to that of the Managing Committee.

(d) The Annual General Meeting of a Branch shall be held before the Annual General Meeting of the Association and shall approve the Annual Report and the audited Accounts of the Branch. The approved Report and Accounts shall then be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary of the Association for tabling at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

(e) The quorum for Committee meetings of a Branch shall be

AMENDMENTS

26. These Rules may be amended or altered by a simple majority of members present at any Annual or Special General Meeting of the Association. Any amendment or alteration shall be subject to the approval of the Registrar of Societies and to the approval of the Director-General of Inland Revenue, Malaysia.

WINDING UP

27. In the event of the Association being wound up or dissolved, any surplus monies or properties, after satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Association, but shall be given or transferred to some other Association having similar objects and which has been approved by the Director-General of Inland Revenue, Malaysia, or to the Federal Government.

(24.2.1975).