

2025 CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS SUMMARY

At the Tennis Victoria (TV) Annual General Meeting (AGM) held online on 19 November 2025, members passed a special resolution adopting a series of amendments to the Tennis Victoria Constitution.

A copy of the amendments passed are highlighted as tracked changes [here](#).

The amendments resulted from a comprehensive constitutional review undertaken by the Tennis Victoria Board, supported by Lander & Rogers, and informed by Member feedback received during the consultation process.

A copy of the updated Constitution can be found [here](#).

A summary of the constitutional amendments adopted by Members is provided below:

- **Affiliation** – TV membership is bound by our Constitution and the Associations Incorporation Reform Act. It is fundamental to our existence and core to achieving the objects for which Tennis Victoria was established. The proposed amendments address the terminology and categorisation of the membership structure and ensure Tennis Victoria has a constitution which aligns with its current operating landscape. They deal with Full and Restricted tennis bodies and the associated categorisation, subcategories and terminology. Related amendments have been made throughout the Constitution. Amendments to By-Law 9 (Affiliation) support these proposed constitutional amendments and reflect the updated categories.
- **Rule 3.1 Definitions** – proposed amendments in line with the above to define a “Full Tennis Body” and “Restricted Tennis Body”. Definition for “Corporations Act” added and some other minor edits (see tracked changes).
- **Rule 6. Members** – see tracked changes.
 - **Rule 6.1 Categories of Members** – the rights of Full Tennis Bodies (to be present, vote and debate at General Meetings) and Restricted Tennis Bodies (to be present at but not vote or debate at General Meetings) are set out (along with the other categories of membership already included in the Constitution).
 - **Rule 6.3 Life Members** – proposed amendments to remove the limit of Life Members and allow posthumous recognition.
- **Rule 7 Application for Membership** – streamlining of processes for accepting and rejecting membership.
 - **Rule 7.2 (g)** – added based on member feedback and to provide further clarity and a mechanism for review by the Board if an application is rejected.
- **Rule 14.2 Requisition of Special General Meetings** – consistent with having voting rights at general meetings, Full Tennis Bodies are also entitled to sign a requisition to convene a special general meeting.
- **Rule 16 Notices of Motion** – consistent with having voting rights at general meetings, Full Tennis Bodies are entitled to submit a notice of motion for inclusion as special business at a general meeting.
- **Rule 19.2 Equality of votes** – the chair is no longer entitled to exercise a casting vote at a general meeting. Where an equal number of votes are cast in favour of and against a resolution, the resolution is not carried.
- **Rule 22.3 (a) Disqualifying position** – proposed amendment to allow employees of a Tennis Body or a Club to be eligible to nominate and eligible for consideration as a Director of Tennis Victoria. Addition of 22.3(a)(v) regarding conflict of interest.

- **Rule 23 President (President's Term)** – the proposed amendments have the following effect:
 - **Rule 23 (b)**: the President's Term will continue to be appointed by the board annually. Some changes have been made to clarify the process.
 - **Rule 23 (e)**: to confirm that the President can be re-elected as President for a further term. This reflects the current practice.
- **Rule 24 – Elected Directors** – 24 (c) and (d) proposed amendments such that Full Tennis Bodies and a Tennis Victoria Director may nominate one or more candidates. There is no longer a requirement for a signed proposer as an officer of the proposing Tennis Body.
- **Rule 27.3 – Quorum** – proposed amendments to better clarify the number of Directors required for a quorum of Board meetings (five current Directors as opposed to half plus one).
- **Rule 27.4 – Decisions of Board** – proposed amendments to align with Rule 19.2 above and equality of votes. The chair no longer has a casting vote at a board meeting.
- **Rule 29.1 – Virtual Meeting** – proposed amendments such that committee meetings are captured and able to be held by means of Virtual Meeting.
- **Rule 38 – Patron** – proposed amendment to remove this rule as not used in practice. This causes re-numbering of all rules that follow rule 38.
- **Various edits to language throughout** – all tracked changes are designed to streamline wording, update or better clarify and provide Tennis Victoria with a contemporary constitution tailored for its needs and current operating landscape.