

RULES OF THE PERSATUAN MENSA MALAYSIA (MALAYSIAN MENSA SOCIETY)

As at 1st October 2015

I. NAME AND REGISTERED ADDRESS

1. The Society shall be known as the Persatuan Mensa Malaysia (Malaysian Mensa Society).
2. The registered address shall be at Room 8, Second Floor, Bangunan Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah, 16 Jalan Utara, 46200 Petaling Jaya, or at such other place or places as may from time to time be decided on by the Committee. The registered address of the Society shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Registrar of Societies.

II. EMBLEM

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III. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To identify and foster human intelligence for the benefit of humanity, to encourage research in the nature, characteristics, and use of intelligence, and to provide a stimulating intellectual and social environment for its members.
2. To conduct research in psychology and in the social sciences, in particular, to send out questionnaires on a wide variety of topics to its members and to publish their results.
3. To encourage widespread contacts and friendship among its members through social gatherings, together with meetings, conferences and special interest groups which bring together people with the same interests. To facilitate contacts, the Society publishes magazine in print as well as having an electronic newsletter informing members of the latest activities.

IV. POLICY

1. The Society has no aim which is to the disadvantage of the general community.
2. Members or groups of members may express opinions, but the Society as a whole has no opinion. No opinion shall be expressed as being that of the Society.
3. The Society shall take no political action other than the publication of the results of its investigations.
4. The Society shall not have any ideological, philosophical, religious or political affiliations.
5. Any member may organize any group of members or any other legitimate activity in the Society, but no member may commit the Society to anything.
6. The Society is not a profit-making body.
7. This constitution shall be interpreted according to the laws of Malaysia – Act 335 (Societies Act 1966)

V. MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership is open to all Malaysians or persons residing in Malaysia who attain in an intelligence test approved by the International Supervisory Psychologist and that has been properly administered and supervised, a score within the upper two percent of the population in general. The person qualified shall be accepted as a member upon filling out a membership form to the Society, and upon paying the dues as prescribed in Rule VI. There shall be no other qualification or disqualification for initial membership eligibility.
2. The Society will not have any discrimination against age, sex, race, colour, physical disabilities, religion or other beliefs, political or other opinions, social origins or affiliations, births or other status.
3. Members will abide by the Rules, resolutions and by-laws of the Society to the extent permitted by the laws of Malaysia.
4. A member in good standing shall be a person who has accepted an offer of membership, has paid all dues owed, and is not currently subject to any sanction imposed by the National Committee or the International Board of Directors.
5. Every member in good standing shall have the same rights and privileges accorded to every other member without qualification or limitation.
6. The number of members shall not be limited.
7. Each member shall pay the annual subscription each year pursuant to Rule VI unless exempted from doing so by the National Committee.
8. Each member shall permit his or her name to be published in a list of members.
9. Each member shall endeavor to answer and return confidential questionnaires distributed by the National Committee.
10. No University or University College Student shall be accepted as a member of the Society without the prior written approval of the Vice-Chancellor concerned.
11. Members must abide by the Constitution and resolutions of Mensa International to the extent permitted by Malaysian law.
12. Special Interest Groups: Two or more members having an interest in common may form a Special Interest Group (SIG) for the purpose of pursuing their common interest. Admission to a SIG shall be open to any member of the organization who applies to the SIG. The structure, administration and operation of a SIG will be determined by the members themselves, except that they must be self-financing and must at all times adhere to the Constitution of the Society. A SIG may not use the name 'Mensa', the Mensa logo, or registered 'M' symbol in the title of the SIG or the name of its newsletter. Malaysian Mensa will not be responsible for any commitment undertaken by a SIG unless previously authorized in writing by the National Committee.
13. Any Mensa member may attend any business meeting, official activity or function of the Society, but may not vote or hold office unless that member is a member of the Malaysian Mensa Society. Furthermore, such members may attend social Mensa functions, but only with compliance to rules determined by host or local group.

VI. ENTRANCE FEES, SUBSCRIPTIONS AND OTHER DUES

1. The entrance fee and subscription payable shall be as follows:
The Annual Subscription is periodically adjusted based on an average annual inflation rate of 2.5% beginning with RM40 in the year 1986.
The current Annual Subscription is RM 70.
2. Using the basis for Annual Subscription adjustments, the rounded up projections for every 5 years (and similarly beyond) are:
 - 2015 RM80
 - 2020 RM95
 - 2025 RM105
 - 2030 RM120The National Committee is empowered to make the Annual Subscription adjustments. The adjusted subscription comes into effect, only after the date of the annual general meeting, for the designated year of the Annual Subscription adjustments.
3. The National Committee may discount Annual Subscription up to 6% for specific preferred methods of payment.
4. All annual subscriptions shall be payable to the Treasurer in advance, at least within 2 calendar months before membership is due to expire.
5. Any member whose subscription is not paid within a grace period of 1 calendar month after the due date, shall automatically cease to be a member of the Society.
6. Special subscriptions or levies for particular purposes may be raised from members by resolution of the general meeting of the Society. If any member fails to pay such subscription within such period as may be resolved, the amount due shall be treated in the same way as arrears of annual subscription.

VII. RESIGNATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

1. Any member who wishes to resign from the Society shall give two weeks' notice in writing to the Secretary.
2. Members having a dispute with Malaysian Mensa Society, or with another member arising out of Mensa-related activities, shall exhaust all avenues of settlement and redress within the society before taking the dispute to external authorities. Deliberate failure to do so may be considered an act inimical to Malaysian Mensa Society.
3. Sanctions may be imposed by the National Committee on any member who commits an act inimical to the Society, provided that a fair and impartial hearing has been made available. Such sanctions may include censure, suspension of or removal from office for a specified time, suspension of or expulsion from membership.
4. The National Committee shall appoint an Ombudsman for a term of office of 1 year. The duties of the Ombudsman are to mediate, counsel, criticize arbitrary or improper action of officials, and arbitrate disputes within Malaysian Mensa.
5. The Ombudsman shall gather facts and evidence relating to any dispute or accusation, hold such hearings as he/she may deem appropriate, and issue findings and conclusions. The Ombudsman shall report to all interested parties and to the National Committee, and may make recommendations for sanctions or other remedy. The Ombudsman shall determine whether or not his findings and conclusions shall be published beyond the interested parties and the Committee. Should the Ombudsman be unable to resolve a conflict, or should there not be an appointed Ombudsman, the National Committee may refer the conflict to the International Ombudsman, or appoint an arbitrator acceptable to all involved parties.

VIII. ESTABLISHMENT AND DISSOLUTION OF BRANCHES

1. The National Committee may by a majority vote taken at a meeting approve the formation of a Branch in any area wherein there are at least 20 members of the Society.
2. The National Committee may dissolve a Branch :
 - (a) If for a consecutive period of six months the number of Branch members is below 20 ; or
 - (b) If the Branch refuses to abide by the Rules of the Society or the decision of the delegates conference or the National Committee or if it is in the opinion of the National Committee guilty of conduct detrimental to the Society.
3. A decision to dissolve the Branch shall be by a majority vote at a meeting of the National Committee, provided that before a decision is taken to dissolve a Branch on the ground stated in paragraph 2(b) above the Branch concerned shall be given 30 days notice and an opportunity to answer the allegations.
4. The order of dissolution shall be signed by the National Committee Secretary. On receipt of such order the Branch shall cease to function except for the purpose of winding up. Any Branch aggrieved by an order of dissolution may, by notice in writing to the National Committee Secretary within 32 days of its receipt, lodge an appeal to the annual delegates conference. Notwithstanding such appeal, the order of dissolution shall be operative until set aside, but in such circumstances, the National Committee may appoint from among its members a caretaker committee to deal with the affairs of the Branch pending the hearing of the appeal.
5. In the event of a Branch being closed for the reason stated in paragraph 2(a) of this Rule, the National Committee shall transfer the remaining members to the nearest Branch, and in the event of a Branch being closed for reason stated in paragraph 2(b) of this Rule; the members shall cease to be members of the Society.
6. It shall be the responsibility of the Chairman, the Secretary and the Treasurer of such Branch to deliver to the National Committee Secretary all books, records, money and other property in the possession of the Branch, together with a statement of the accounts of the Branch from the date of last submission of accounts to the date of order of dissolution.
7. If the members of a Branch decide to secede from the Society, its office bearers shall forthwith deliver to the National Committee Secretary all books, records, money and other property of the Society and shall forthwith prepare and deliver to the National Committee Secretary a statement of account as stated in paragraph (6) above.

IX. GENERAL MEETING

1. The supreme authority of the Society is vested in a general meeting of the members. At least one-half of the total membership of the Society or twice the total number of members of the National Committee (whichever is the lesser), must be present at a general meeting for its proceedings to be valid and to constitute a quorum.
2. If half an hour after the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting shall be postponed to a date (not exceeding 21 days) to be decided by the National Committee; and if a quorum is not present half an hour after the time appointed for the postponed meeting, the members present shall have power to proceed with the business of the day but they shall not have power to alter the Rules of the Society or to make decisions affecting the whole membership other than the election of National Committee members.
3. An annual general meeting of the Society shall be held not later than 31st May on a date and at a time and place to be decided by the National Committee. The business of the annual general meeting shall be:
 - a. To receive the National Committee's report on the activities of the previous year of the Society,
 - b. To receive the Treasurer's report and the audited accounts of the Society for the previous year,
 - c. To appoint two scrutineers from among the members present at the Annual General Meeting and to receive the results of the election for the National Committee,
 - d. To appoint Honorary Auditors,
 - e. To deal with such other matters as may be put before it.
4. Notice of the annual general meeting stating the date, the time and the place, and calling for motions for discussion, shall be sent by the Secretary to all members not later than 21 days before the date fixed for the meeting, and this notice shall also be permanently displayed at the registered address of the Society.
5. All motions for discussion must be sent to reach the Secretary not later than 10 days before the date fixed for the meeting.
6. The Secretary shall send to all members at least 7 days before the meeting an agenda including copies of minutes and reports, motions for discussion, together with the audited accounts of the Society for the previous year. Copies of these documents will also be made available at the registered address of the Society for the perusal of members.
7. An extraordinary general meeting of the Society shall be convened:
 - a. whenever the National Committee deems it desirable, or
 - b. at the joint request in writing of not less than twenty members, stating the objects and reasons for such meeting.
8. An extraordinary general meeting requisitioned by members shall be convened for a date within thirty days of the receipt of such requisition.
9. Notice and agenda for such an extraordinary general meeting shall be forwarded by the Secretary to all members at least fifteen days before the date fixed for the meeting.
10. Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Rule regarding the quorum and the postponement of an annual general meeting shall apply also to an extraordinary general meeting, but with the proviso that if no quorum is present after half an hour from the time appointed for a postponed extraordinary general meeting requisitioned by members the meeting shall be canceled, and no extraordinary general meeting shall be requisitioned for the same purpose until after the lapse of at least six months from the date thereof.
11. The Secretary shall forward to all members a copy of the draft minutes of each annual and extraordinary general meeting as soon as possible after its conclusion.
12. All referenda and elections will be conducted in a manner that affords all members equal access to voting on the measure. Where electronic voting cannot be effective, postal ballots will be used.
13. Every member shall have one vote. (In case of an equality of votes at any general meeting, the Chairman shall be entitled to a casting vote).
14. Branch General Meetings
 - 1) Every member of a Branch of the Society shall have the right to attend, speak and vote at any general meeting of his Branch.
 - 2) The Branch annual general meeting shall be held not later than 31 March. Notice of the time, date and place shall be given and copies of the agenda and statement of accounts shall be sent to members not less than 14 days before the meeting.
 - 3) The business of the Branch annual general meeting shall be :
 - (a) To receive the Branch Treasurer's report and the audited accounts of the Branch for the previous year.
 - (b) To elect a Branch Committee and to appoint Branch auditors for the coming year.
 - (c) To deal with any other matters that may be put before it.
 - 4) A Branch extraordinary general meeting shall be convened :-
 - (a) On the instructions of the National Committee; or
 - (b) Whenever the Branch Committee deems it desirable; or
 - (c) At the request of not fewer than ten members of the Branch, stating the objects and reasons for such meeting.
 - 5) A Branch extraordinary general meeting requisitioned by members shall take place not later than fifteen days from the receipt of such requisition.
 - 6) At least one half of the members of the Branch or twice the number of the Branch Committee members whichever is the lesser, must be present at any general meeting for its proceedings to be valid.

X. COMMITTEE

1. (a) The Society will be managed by a National Committee elected from the membership. Up to 11 National Committee listed shall be termed the office-bearers of the Society and each member must not assume more than one office-bearing position at a time.
 - A Chairman
 - A Vice-Chairman
 - An Immediate Past Chairman
 - A Secretary
 - A Treasurer
 - Up to 6 ordinary National committee members

At the first National Committee meeting, the ordinary National committee members shall be designated official duties of Assistant Secretary, Membership Officer, Local Groups Officer and any others which may be required.

All Branch Representatives are automatic members of the National Committee in equivalent standing as ordinary National committee members.

The office-bearers of the Society and every other officer performing executive functions in the Society shall be Malaysian citizens resident in Malaysia during the term of appointment.

BRANCH COMMITTEE

- (b) A Branch Committee consisting of the following, who shall be termed the office bearers of the Branch and cannot assume more than one office-bearing position at a time, shall be elected at each Branch annual general meeting :
- A Branch Chairman
 - A Branch Vice Chairman
 - A Branch Secretary
 - A Branch Treasurer
 - Up to 5 Ordinary Committee members

At the first Branch Committee meeting, the ordinary committee members shall be designated official duties of Branch Assistant Secretary and any others which may be required

All members of the Branch Committee and every other officer performing executive functions in the Branch shall be Malaysian citizens and must be members of the Society in good standing.

- (c) Names for the above offices shall be proposed and seconded and election will be by a simple majority vote of the members at the Branch annual general meeting. All the office bearers except the Branch Treasurer shall be eligible for re-election each year.
- (d) The duties of the Branch Committee shall be to manage the affairs of the Branch in accordance with the Rules of the Society and the instructions of the National Committee and the delegates conference. It shall meet at least once a quarter, and one half of its number shall form a quorum. The Branch Secretary shall forward a copy of the Minutes of each meeting to the National Committee Secretary not later than 30 days after the meeting.

2. Each member of the National Committee shall be a member of the Society and, with the exception of the Immediate Past Chairman and Branch Representatives, shall be nominated by two other members of the Society. The Branch Representative shall be the Chairman of a Branch, who shall be elected by the Branch at its own general meeting.
3. The Secretary shall cause to be published, no later than the 31st day of December preceding the election, a notice to members inviting nominations for election to the National Committee and specifying what format they shall follow, and where they must be sent.
4. Nominations for election to the National Committee shall be received by the Secretary up to and including the 1st day of March preceding the election. Each nomination shall be signed by the nominee/s and two other members, and state the offices sought.
5. Voting papers listing the candidates validly nominated for each office shall be sent by the Secretary to each member by the 15th day of March preceding the election.
6. Each member shall be entitled to complete one voting paper.
7. Voting papers, in sealed envelopes marked "Voting Paper", shall be received by the Secretary up to the time the scrutineers are appointed at the Annual General Meeting.
8. The votes shall be counted at the Annual General Meeting by the two Scrutineers so appointed.
9. In the event that no valid nomination was received for any office on the National Committee by the end of the nomination period, the Chairman may appoint and the National Committee ratify the appointment to the vacant position for a period of up to six months or until the next Annual General Meeting, whichever is the shorter. The appointee has equal voting rights, but the position must be re-advertised during this six month period.
10. The National Committee is empowered to co-opt members to fill up vacant positions in the National Committee, except for positions made vacant by an Immediate Past Chairman and Branch representatives. Co-opted members shall have equal voting rights on the National Committee, but the number of the co-opted members must never constitute a majority of office-bearers of the Society.
11. The National Committee may appoint non-voting officers. Although such officers are not members of the National Committee, they may be invited to attend its meetings and contribute to its discussions.
12. The function of the National Committee is to make decisions on matters affecting the running of the Society, including formulating by-laws, and to monitor the activities of the Branches within the general policy laid down by the general meeting. The National Committee may not act contrary to the resolutions of the general meeting without prior reference to it and shall always remain subordinate to the general meeting. It shall furnish a report at each annual general meeting on the Society's activities of the previous year.
13. The National Committee shall meet (physically or virtually by electronic means) at least once every three months, and 7 days' notice of each meeting shall be given to the members. The National Chairman acting alone, or not less than three of its members acting together may call for a meeting of the National Committee to be held at any time. At least one half of the office-bearers of the Society must be present and co-opted members cannot form the majority of office-bearers at this meeting, for its proceedings to be valid and to constitute a quorum.
14. Where any urgent matter requiring the approval of the National Committee arises and it is not possible to convene a meeting, the Secretary may obtain such approval by means of a circular letter. The following conditions must be fulfilled before a decision of the National Committee is deemed to have been obtained:
 - a. The issue must be clearly set out in the circular and forwarded to all members of the National Committee;
 - b. At least one-half of the members of the National Committee must indicate whether they are in favour or against the proposal; and
 - c. The decision must be by majority vote.

Any decision obtained by circular letter shall be reported by the Secretary to the next National Committee meeting and recorded in the minutes thereof.

15. Any member of the National Committee, except the Branch Representatives, who fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the National Committee without satisfactory explanation shall be deemed to have resigned from the National Committee.

The Branch Representative, although exempt from this Rule, must however submit a written report on any outstanding matters pertaining to his region to the Secretary if he/she is unable to attend any of the scheduled National Committee meetings.
16. In the event an office-bearer of the National Committee (except for the Immediate Past Chairman and Branch Representatives) vacates his position, the national Committee shall have the power to co-opt any other member of the Society to fill the vacancy until the expiration of the term of the replaced officer.

When a vacancy occurs in the position of Chairman, the Vice-Chairman will automatically fill the position of Chairman.
17. The National Committee shall give instructions to the Secretary and other officers for the conduct of the affairs of the Society other than Branches activities. It may appoint such organizers and such staff as it deems necessary. It may suspend or dismiss any organizer or member of the staff for neglect of duty, dishonesty, incompetence, refusal to carry out the decisions of the National Committee, or for any other reason which it deems good and sufficient in the interest of the Society.
18. A paid Administrator or Executive Director (and any other paid staff) may be hired by the Society under contract(s) approved by the National Committee. Such Administrator or Executive Director will report to the Chairman (or to the Secretary).
19. The term of office for all committee positions is 1 year from one annual general meeting to the next annual general meeting and the committee members may offer themselves for re-election.
20. Members of the National Committee shall not be paid by the Society. Business entities owned or controlled by any member of the National Committee similarly cannot be paid by the Society. However, reasonable incidental and necessary expenses incurred in the Society's business will be reimbursed.
21. Elected officers (if any) or National Committee shall be removed from office (or from National Committee) by reason of resignation, death, inability to serve, or by two-thirds majority vote of no-confidence at a general meeting at which the person concerned has been given a fair hearing.
22. Between annual general meetings the National Committee shall interpret the Rules of the Society and, when necessary, determine any point on which the Rules are silent.
23. Except where they are contrary to or inconsistent with the policy previously laid down by the general meeting the decisions of the National Committee shall be binding on all members of the Society unless and until countermanded by a resolution of a general meeting.

XI. DUTIES OF OFFICE-BEARERS

1. The Chairman shall during his term of office, preside at all general meetings and all meetings of the National Committee and shall be responsible for the proper conduct of all such meetings and represent the Society on important occasions. He shall have the casting vote and shall sign the minutes of each meeting at the time they are approved.
2. The Vice-Chairman will assist the Chairman and, in the absence of the Chairman, will perform the chairman duties, and perform such other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the Chairman or the National Committee.
3. The Immediate Past Chairman, if a member who remains in good standing and is willing to serve, shall provide continuity in policies of the National Committee, and assist the Chairman where necessary. This position will be left vacant if the member holds another office-bearing position in the National Committee instead.
4. The Secretary shall conduct the business of the Society in accordance with its Rules, and shall carry out the instructions of the general meeting and of the National Committee. He shall be responsible for conducting all correspondences and keeping all books including a membership register, documents and papers except the accounts and financial records. He shall attend all meetings, and record the proceedings.
5. The Assistant Secretary (if assigned) shall assist with the duties of the Secretary and shall assume these duties and powers in the event of the latter position falling vacant.

6. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the recording and reporting of finances (including quarterly financial reports) of the Society. He shall keep accounts of all its financial transactions and shall be responsible for their correctness.
7. The Society will set up an archive that will contain at least the most relevant documents concerning the management decisions, elections and referenda, financial positions, membership activities and legal documents. It must contain the following :
 - 11.6.1 Relevant National bylaws and articles of association
 - 11.6.2 Minutes of the National Committee (including decisions made thereof)
 - 11.6.3 Copies of print magazines and electronic newsletters
 - 11.6.4 Copies of all formal local election material
 - 11.6.5 Material concerning referenda
 - 11.6.6 Annual Membership list
8. Duties of Branch office bearers
 - (1) The Branch Chairman shall during his term of office preside at all general and committee meetings and shall be responsible for their proper conduct. He shall have a casting vote and shall sign the minutes of each meeting at the time they are approved. He shall, in conjunction with the Branch Secretary and Treasurer, sign all cheques on behalf of the Branch.
 - (2) The Branch Vice-Chairman shall deputise for the Branch Chairman during the latter's absence.
 - (3) The Branch Secretary shall conduct the business of the Branch in accordance with the Rules of the Society, and shall carry out the instructions of the general meeting and of the Committee. He shall be responsible for conducting all correspondence and keeping all books, documents and papers except the accounts and financial records. He shall attend all meetings, and record the proceedings. In conjunction with the Branch Chairman and Treasurer he shall sign all cheques on behalf of the Branch.
 - (4) The Branch Assistant Secretary shall assist the Branch Secretary in all the administrative work of the Branch and shall act for him in his absence.
 - (5) The Branch Treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the Branch. He shall keep accounts of all its financial transactions and shall be responsible for their correctness. He shall, in conjunction with the Branch Chairman and Secretary sign all cheques on behalf of the Branch.
 - (6) The ordinary Committee Members shall carry out such duties as directed by the Branch Committee.

XII. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

1. Subject to the following provisions in this Rule, the funds of the Society may be expended for any purpose necessary to the carrying out of its objects, including the expenses of its administration, the payment of salaries, allowances and expenses to its paid staff, reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the Society by its office bearers, for the audit of its accounts and the organizing of Branch activities, but shall on no account be used to pay the fine of any member who may be convicted in a court of law.
2. The Treasurer may hold a petty cash advance not exceeding RM500/= at any one time. All money in excess of this sum shall within seven days of receipt be deposited in a bank approved by the National Committee. The bank account shall be in the name of the Society.
3. All cheques or withdrawal notices on the Society's account shall be signed jointly by the Chairman (or in his absence the Vice-Chairman) and the Secretary or the Treasurer. In the absence of the Secretary or the Treasurer, the Committee shall appoint one of its members to sign on behalf of the absent officers.
4. No expenditure exceeding RM5,000 in any one time shall be incurred without the prior sanction of the Committee, and no expenditure exceeding RM20,000 in any one month shall be incurred without the prior sanction of a general meeting.
5. At the end of each financial year, a statement of receipts and payments and a balance sheet for the year shall be prepared and completed comprehensively within 21 days and audited by the Auditor/Auditors appointed under Rule XIII within 14 days. The audited accounts shall be submitted for the approval of the next annual general meeting, and copies shall be made available for members prior to the meeting.
6. The financial year of the Society shall commence on 1st January of each year.
7. The Branch shall receive financial contributions from the Society to help promote its activities. The quantum of funds shall be based on the following:
 - a. 10% of the annual subscriptions of members belonging to the Branch.
 - b. 50% of the test fees collected from testing sessions undertaken by and in the Branch.
 - c. ad-hoc amount approved by the National Committee from time to time.
 Such funds, with the exception of item (c) shall be remitted from the Treasurer quarterly.
8. Branch Funds and Accounts
 - (1) All funds accumulated at the Head Office or the Branches of the Society shall be the common asset of the Society.
 - (2) Every Branch Treasurer shall forward to the Society Treasurer before the 15th of each month the subscriptions received by the Branch less the percentage to be retained as branch funds.
 - (3) The Branch Treasurer shall also forward to the Society Treasurer before the 15th of each month a statement of the income and expenditure of the Branch for the preceding month.
 - (4) All Branch funds shall be deposited in the name of the Branch in a bank to be approved by the National Committee and the account shall be operated jointly by the Branch Chairman, the Branch Secretary, and the Branch Treasurer. The Branch Treasurer may hold a petty cash advance not exceeding RM 500 at any time. No expenditure exceeding RM 2,000 at any time shall be incurred by a Branch Treasurer without the prior sanction of the Branch Committee. Expenditure below RM 2,000 may be approved jointly by the Branch Chairman, together with the Branch Secretary and the Branch Treasurer.
 - (5) All monies, books and other property of the Society held by any Branch which is being dissolved shall be sent without delay by the Branch Secretary to the National Committee Secretary together with statement of account as stated in paragraphs (6) and (7) of Rule VIII.
 - (6) The financial year of a Branch will coincide with that of the Society.

XIII. GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO BRANCHES

- (1). Where no special provision has been made in these Rules for any matter relating to the management of the affairs of the Branches of the Society, the relevant Rule relating to the management of the head-quarters organisation shall be followed in so far as it is applicable.
- (2). The General Meeting of the Society and the National Committee may give instructions to the Branch general meeting or Committee of any Branch regarding the management of its affairs.

XIV. AUDIT

One or more persons, who shall not be office-bearers of the Society, shall be appointed by the annual general meeting as Honorary Auditors. They shall hold office for one year and may be re-appointed. They shall be required to audit the accounts of the Society at least once a year.

XV. PROHIBITIONS

1. Opium smoking or drug abuse on the premises and the introduction of prostitutes and bad characters into the premises are strictly prohibited.
2. None of the following games shall be played in the premises of the Society: Roulette, Lotto, Fan Tan, Poh, Peh Bin, Belangkai, Pai Kau, Tau Ngau, Tien Kow, Chap Ji Kee, Sam Cheong, Twenty-one, Thirty-one, Ten and a half, all games of dice, banker's game and all games of mere chance.
3. Neither the Society nor its members shall attempt to restrict or in any other manner interfere with the trade or prices or engage in any Trade Union activities as defined in the Trade Union Ordinance, 1959.
4. The Society shall not hold any lottery, whether confined to its members or not, in the name of the Society or its office-bearers, National Committee, Branch Committees or member.

XVI. AMENDMENT OF RULES

1. These Rules may not be altered or amended except by a ballot among all members.
2. Amendments to the Rules of the Society can be put to the ballot:
 - a. whenever the National Committee deems it desirable, or
 - b. at the joint request in writing of not less than twenty members, stating the reasons for such amendments.
3. The National Committee shall promptly arrange for the distribution, receipt and counting of the ballots.
4. More than one half of the members from whom completed ballots are received must vote in favour of the amendment for the amendment to be valid.

5. Such alterations or amendments must be submitted to the Constitution Review Committee of the International Board of Directors for approval before such amendments are submitted to the membership for vote.
6. When any amendments to this constitution are proposed, it shall also be brought into compliance with all mandatory requirements adopted by the International Board of Directors, insofar as these do not conflict with the laws of Malaysia.
7. Such alterations or amendments must be forwarded to the Registrar of Societies within 60 days from the date of approval by the members and shall take effect from the date of their approval by the Registrar of Societies.

XVII. INTERPRETATION

All references to the masculine gender in these Rules shall include a reference to the feminine gender.

In the event of any question or matter arising out of any point which is not expressly provided for in the Rules, the National Committee shall have power to use their own discretion.

XVIII. DISSOLUTION

1. The Society may be voluntarily dissolved by a resolution of not less than three-fifths of the total membership.
2. In the event of the Society being dissolved as provided above, all debts and liabilities legally incurred on its behalf shall be fully discharged, and the remaining funds shall be disposed off in such manner as may be decided upon by a general meeting.
3. Notice of the dissolution shall be made known to the Registrar of Societies within 14 days of such dissolution.
4. Malaysian Mensa Society will be involuntarily dissolved upon action of the International Board of Directors derecognizing it as a national Mensa. In the event of such involuntary dissolution, the Committee shall have the following powers and duties:
 - 18.4.1 Payment of any existing obligations from Malaysian Mensa Society's funds;
 - 18.4.2 Transfer of all testing and membership records to Mensa International Limited;
 - 18.4.3 Reassignment of all legal rights to the Mensa name and logo to Mensa International Limited; and
 - 18.4.4 Distribution of the remaining funds and assets as provided in section 18.2

XIX. AFFILIATION

1. The Society shall be affiliated to Mensa International, 15 The Ivories, 6-8 Northampton Street, London N4 2HY, England.
2. Malaysia Mensa Society adheres to the constitution of international Mensa, except where its provisions conflict with Malaysian law.
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