

THE NATIONAL TRUST – SRI LANKA

The Trust is incorporated under section 114 of the Trust Ordinance. The name of the Trust is “National Trust for Cultural and Natural Heritage”. The short title by which the Trust is referred to is “The National Trust - Sri Lanka”.

RULES GOVERNING MEMBERSHIP IN THE TRUST

1. Object of formulating the Rules

These Rules are formulated by the Trustees of the National Trust - Sri Lanka with the object of encouraging persons who are interested in conserving the tangible and intangible, cultural and natural heritage of Sri Lanka to further their interest by becoming members of the Trust.

2. Application of monies of the Trust

The Trust, not being an organisation for the purpose of gain, shall apply the money and property of the Trust only for the achievement of the objects of the Trust.

3. Admission of members

3.1. The Trustees may, at their sole discretion, grant membership in the Trust to any person in accordance with such criteria and procedure as the Trustees may decide from time to time.

3.2. The Trustees may classify the membership into different categories such as Ordinary Members, Family Members, Life Members, Corporate Members and Honorary Members.

3.3. The Trustees may establish chapters on a geographical basis or on the basis of specific interest or on any other basis whatsoever and grant membership in such chapters as aforewritten.

4. Membership

Every member shall pay the sum of money which shall be determined by the Trustees, from time to time, as the subscription fee payable by the member to hold membership in the Trust as aforewritten.

5. Annual General Meeting of members

5.1. An Annual General Meeting of the members shall be held in each calendar year for the conduct of the following business:-

5.1.1. The presentation of the accounts for the previous year audited by the Honorary Auditors of the Trust;

5.1.2. Such other business as shall have been communicated by a member to the Honorary Chairman of the Membership Committee of the Trust fourteen (14) days before the Annual General Meeting and consequent thereto included at the discretion of the Honorary Chairman of the Membership Committee in the Notice of Annual General Meeting sent to the members.

5.2. No more than fifteen (15) months may elapse between one Annual General Meeting and the next.

6. Extraordinary General Meeting of members

6.1. The Honorary Chairman of the Membership Committee may convene an Extraordinary General Meeting of the members at any time.

6.2. On the requisition by one-fifth (1/5th) of the members of the Trust or thirty (30) members of the Trust stating the purpose for which an Extraordinary General Meeting is requisitioned, the Honorary Chairman of the Membership Committee shall, within twenty one (21) days of such requisition, convene an Extraordinary General Meeting of members for the said purpose.

7. Notice of meetings

The Honorary Chairman of the Membership Committee shall, at least seven (07) days before any Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting, send to every member to the address recorded in the books of the Trust, notice of the meeting stating the time when and the place whereat the meeting will be held and the business to be conducted thereat.

8. Chairman

The Chairman of the Trustees shall preside at all meetings of the members of the Trust. If the Chairman is not present within fifteen (15) minutes after the time appointed for the meeting or has signified his inability to be present at the meeting, the members present shall choose one of their members to be the chairman of that particular general meeting.

9. Quorum

The quorum at any general meeting shall be Seven (07).

10. Business at a general meeting of members

The business at a general meeting of members shall be limited to that provided by these Rules and to any other items set out, at the discretion of the Honorary Chairman of the Membership Committee, in the notice convening that particular general meeting.

11. Votes

At all general meetings of the members of the Trust, each member shall have one vote.

12. Guests of members

Members shall be entitled to introduce guests to participate in the events/functions of the Trust provided however that the Trustees do permit the participation of the guests of members in the particular event/function and provided further that no person whose application for membership has been declined or who has been expelled from the Trust may be introduced as a guest.

13. Resignation of members

A member may resign from membership at any time by letter addressed to the Honorary Chairman of the Membership Committee.

14. Subscriptions in arrear

If any member fails to pay his subscription within thirty (30) days after it has become due and the Honorary Treasurer of the Trust sends him/her a notice in writing to his address recorded in the books of the Trust requesting him/her to pay the subscription fee within thirty (30) days therefrom and if he/she fails so to pay, the Trustees may terminate his/her membership without further notice.

15. Expulsion of members

The Trustees may expel any member whose conduct, in the opinion of the Trustees, renders him/her unfit for membership of the Trust. Before any such member is expelled, the Honorary Chairman of the Membership Committee shall give him/her seven (7) days written notice to attend a meeting of the Membership Committee at which such member may explain to the Membership Committee why he/she should not be expelled for the alleged misconduct. The decision of the Membership Committee thereon shall be final and conclusive.

16. Amendments to the Rules

The Trustees may amplify, modify, alter or add to the Rules and any such amplification, modification, alteration or addition shall be notified to the members.

