

# **ALDINGBOURNE TENNIS CLUB RULES**

1. The CLUB shall be called the “ALDINGBOURNE TENNIS CLUB”.
2. The purpose of the CLUB shall be to provide facilities for, and to promote and encourage participation in, the game of tennis, which shall be played in accordance with the rules of the “*All England Tennis Club*”.
3. The CLUB shall be non-profit making. Any surplus income or gains shall be reinvested in the CLUB. Upon dissolution of the CLUB any net assets shall be applied to either a charity, another Community Amateur Sports Club within the CASC Scheme, or the sports governing body for use in community related sport.
4. Members and Visitors play on the CLUB courts and use the CLUB facilities and property at their own risk. Neither the CLUB nor its Officials shall be responsible for any personal accident, nor for any loss or damage to Members or Visitors property or possessions.
4. **The Club Subscription Year shall be from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March. The Club Financial Year shall be from 1st March to 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> February.**
5. The Annual General Meeting of the CLUB shall take place in February or March of each year and the Officials and Committee Members elected at that meeting shall hold office from that date until the next Annual General Meeting. Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given in writing to every member of the CLUB.
6. Junior Members shall not have the power to vote at General Meetings.
7. The management of the CLUB shall be entrusted to a Committee consisting of:

**Chairman  
Mens Captain  
Ladies Captain  
Hon. Secretary  
Hon. Treasurer  
At least two elected members**

All Committee Members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for one year. Retiring Committee Members shall be eligible for re-election.

The Committee shall have the power to co-opt and to fill any vacancies which may occur during the Club Year. Non-elected Committee Members shall hold office for the remainder of the Club Year.

Any five Members shall form a quorum.

8. The Committee shall suggest any variation to the Membership Fees and Subscriptions for the commencement of each season at the Annual General Meeting. Membership Fees and Subscriptions for the forthcoming Club Year shall be decided by a majority vote at the Annual General Meeting.
9. Membership of the CLUB shall be open to the whole community, without discrimination.
10. Membership to the CLUB shall be by application and shall be granted subject to total membership number restrictions, as decided at the Annual General Meeting.

11. There shall be the following categories of membership:

**Adult**

**Junior - must be 16 years or under**

**Student - must be in full-time education**

**Family - at least 1 adult + 2 junior family members**

12. Club subscriptions shall become due on the 1<sup>st</sup> April each year and privileges of membership shall not be used until the subscription has been paid.
13. **Keys giving access to the clubhouse shall be available on payment of £5.00 refundable deposit.**
12. All Visitors shall pay a session fee. Visitor session fees for the forthcoming Club Year shall be decided by a majority vote at the Annual General Meeting. All Visitors must be accompanied by a Club Member who shall be responsible for transmitting the appropriate fees to the Hon. Treasurer. **No Club Member may introduce the same Visitor more than six times per Club Year at the session rate.**
13. Heel-less rubber shoes must be worn by all players.
14. Suitable tennis attire should be worn by all members chosen to represent the CLUB in a match.
15. A strict system of rotation shall be observed when forming singles or doubles sets of players. Singles matches should not be commenced if there are players waiting to play.
16. No singles or doubles sets of players shall occupy the court for more than one short set at a time if there are players waiting to play, with the exception of Club Tournament matches.
17. No Junior Member may use the courts *to the exclusion of Adult Members* on any evening after 6pm, Saturday after 1pm or all day Sunday. However a Junior Member capable of playing at an adult level may be permitted to use the courts without restriction at the discretion of the Committee.
18. Any disputes or matters not provided for in these Rules shall be referred to the Committee, whose decision shall be final.
19. The Committee shall have the right to expel from the CLUB any Member for an infringement of the Club Rules or unseemly behaviour. Such member shall have the right to appeal against the decision of the Committee at a Special General Meeting called by the Hon. Secretary within one month from the expulsion. Any such Member expelled shall forfeit any right to claim on the CLUB or its property.
20. An extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened by the Hon. Secretary upon receipt of a written request signed by at least ten Members of the CLUB, stating the business to be discussed.
21. Modifications or additions to the Club Rules shall only be adopted following a majority vote at any General Meeting.