

BAR LAWN TENNIS SOCIETY

RULES

NAME

1. The Society shall be called the BAR LAWN TENNIS SOCIETY and shall be affiliated to the Lawn Tennis Association.
2. The Society shall promote the playing and enjoyment of lawn tennis amongst members of the Bench and Bar of England and Wales, including the playing of matches against any opponents.

PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS

3. There shall be a President and Vice-Presidents who shall be elected at an Annual or Special General Meeting and who shall thereafter continue to hold office until the Society in General Meeting otherwise determines.

MEMBERSHIP

4. Membership of the Society shall be divided into the following categories: – Ordinary Members: Honorary Members: Student Members: and Associate Members.
5. No person shall be a member of the Society who is ineligible for membership of the Lawn Tennis Association.
6. Save as otherwise provided under these Rules or by any Bye-laws, members of the Society shall enjoy equal privileges of membership regardless of the category of membership to which they belong.
7. A person who is eligible for membership shall become a member of the Society upon payment of the appropriate subscription, provided that no subscription shall be payable by Honorary Members.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

8. The appropriate subscriptions for membership of the Society shall be such sums as shall from time to time be determined by the Society in General Meeting.

All subscriptions shall be paid in advance on or before the first day of March in each year; and the Committee shall have power to declare that any member whose subscription has been due and remains unpaid on the first day of May in any year shall cease to be a member of the Society.

ORDINARY MEMBERS

9. Any member of the Bench or Bar in England and Wales shall be entitled to become an Ordinary Member of the Society.

STUDENT MEMBERS

10. Any member of an Inn of Court who has not been called to the Bar shall be entitled to become a Student Member of the Society.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

11. The following relatives of any current or past member of the Society shall be entitled to become an Associate Member of the Society: spouse or civil partner; son or daughter; brother or sister. For the purposes of this Rule, the relatives named shall be deemed to include the corresponding step-relatives.

HONORARY MEMBERS

12. The Committee shall have power to elect as Honorary Members of its Society, any person whose election is, in its opinion, merited by reason of services rendered to, or conducive to the interests of, the Society.

GENERAL MEETINGS

13. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the first six months of each year on a date to be selected by the Committee.
14. A special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Honorary Secretary at any time, upon requisition of the Chairman or the Committee or any twelve members of the Society.
15. Fourteen days' notice of each General Meeting shall be given by the Honorary Secretary to all members of the Society who have provided an e-mail address or, if no e-mail address has been provided and a specific request to this effect is made, then by post to a postal address provided, stating the date, time and place of such Meeting and giving particulars of the business proposed to be transacted thereat. The inadvertent omission to send notice to any member shall not invalidate the meeting.
16. The affairs of the Society shall be managed by a Committee which shall consist of:
 - (a) The President and Vice-Presidents who shall be *ex officio* members thereof.
 - (b) The Officers of the Society, namely the Chairman, the Gentlemen's and Ladies' Captains, the Honorary Treasurer, the Honorary Secretary and the Match Secretary, all of whom shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for one year only but shall be eligible for re-election.
 - (c) At least five but no more than ten other members, of whom not less than five shall be Ordinary Members, to be elected at each Annual General Meeting. The Members so elected shall hold office for one year only but shall be eligible for re-election.

Any two or more offices may be held by the same person. Four members of the Committee shall form a quorum.

17. The Committee shall have power to make byelaws not inconsistent with the rules, and to alter and rescind such bye-laws.

18. Any Member may nominate any other member to be a candidate for election as an Officer of the Society or as a Member of the Committee by giving notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary not later than seven days before the Annual General Meeting. Candidates for either position may also be nominated at the Annual General Meeting by a majority of the members present thereat. Any vacancy on the Committee arising from an insufficiency of nominations at the Annual General Meeting, or occurring during the year may be filled by the Committee: and any Officer or Member so appointed shall hold office only until the next Annual General Meeting, but shall then be eligible for election.

AUDITOR

19. The Society in General Meeting shall have power to appoint an Auditor of the Society and may revoke such appointment.

MATCHES

20. Competitions and matches shall be held at such times and places as the Committee, or, after the Committee has approved the season's fixture list, the Honorary Secretary or Match Secretary, shall determine. Any member shall be eligible to play therein and any member may, with the consent of the Honorary Secretary, arrange a match between the Society and any opponents.

ALTERATION

21. The rules of the Society may be added to or altered at any General Meeting by a two-thirds majority of the members present at the meeting, provided that written notice of the proposed addition or alteration be given to the Honorary Secretary 21 days before the date of the Meeting and be included in the notice given of the meeting.