

1. NAME AND OBJECTS

The Club, founded in 1951 shall be named 'The Bidford-on-Avon Tennis Club' and shall have for its objects the provision of lawn tennis, social and other facilities for its members.

2. CONSTITUTION

The Club is constituted by these Rules as a non-profit making members Club. In no circumstances during the continuance of the Club, nor at nor after its dissolution, shall any assets or surplus funds be distributed to any member or other person nor to any organisation which is not itself either constituted as non-profit making or a charity.

3. AFFILIATION

The Club shall seek affiliation to The Lawn Tennis Association through the appropriate county lawn tennis association and shall adopt and conform to the Rules of these organisations in so far as they can apply.

4. CLASSES OF MEMBER AND SUBSCRIPTION RATES

The classes of member and rates of subscription will be decided by the Committee each year:-

Notes for the subscription scale:-

- (a) The subscription year runs from 1st April to 31st March. All fees will be due by the 31st March (the due date).
- (b) A member whose subscription is not paid by the 30th of April will cease to be a member and will be required to return any keys.

5. ACCOUNTANCY YEAR

Except for the purposes of subscriptions (see Rule 4, Note (a)), the Club's financial year shall run from 1st March to 28th February (29th in Leap Year) and the accounts submitted to the Annual General Meeting shall be prepared accordingly.

6. ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

Honorary Membership (other than temporary in accordance with Rule 9), including Honorary Life Membership, shall be strictly limited and at the discretion of the Committee by way of reward for special services to the Club.

7. INJURY, LOSS OF PROPERTY ETC

Members or guests leaving unattended vehicles, rackets, clothing or other property at the Club do so at their own risk and the Club shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury resulting from this or any other cause.

8. SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION

The Committee shall have the power to terminate or suspend the membership of any member or to exclude any member or non-member whom it considers guilty of a breach of these Rules or of misconduct or offensive behaviour to any other member or non-member, whether on the Club's premises or elsewhere.

9. GUESTS AND TEMPORARY MEMBERS

Guests may play with a member. Before a guest plays, the member (or, if a junior member, their parent/guardian) introducing the guest must inform the membership secretary via email; the member must also pay the fee, which will be laid down by the Committee.

A guest may play no more than six times in any year except with the special permission of the Committee.

Every member of a visiting match team shall be an Honorary Member for the day and every competitor in a tournament at the Club shall be an Honorary Member for the period of the tournament.

Members introducing guests shall be responsible for their behaviour and compliance with the Rules and shall be liable for any damage caused by such guests.

10. MANAGEMENT

The management of the Club shall be in the entire control of a Committee of unpaid Members, which will normally consist of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Club Secretary, Treasurer, Junior Secretary, Membership Secretary, Men's and Ladies Captains and other Committee members without a specific title. All shall be elected for the year at the Annual General Meeting except that the elected Committee shall have power to fill any casual vacancy.

The Committee shall elect members in accordance with Rule 6 and shall from time to time make and revise the Club's Regulations and shall have power to decide any matter not provided for by these Rules and the current Regulations. The quorum at a Committee Meeting shall be four and in the event of equality of voting, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

The Committee may delegate any part of its duties to one or more sub-committees which may be composed of any members of the Club, but any sub-committee to control a bar supplying intoxicating liquor shall be appointed in accordance with the licensing requirements.

The Committee shall have a representative co-opted to the Crawford Hall Committee.

11. GENERAL MEETING

An Annual General Meeting shall be held each year between 1st March and 30th April inclusive. The President shall be elected at the AGM. The Committee shall call an Extraordinary General Meeting at their discretion or within one month of receipt by the Club Secretary of a requisition

signed by twenty members (aged 18 and over) or, if the total membership is less than 100, by one-fifth of the members, stating the business proposed to be transacted.

Any member wishing to propose a resolution at the Annual General Meeting must send a copy thereof to the Club Secretary before 14th February so that provision may be made on the Agenda. The Club Secretary shall send to every member (other than temporary members) at least seven days' notice of any general meeting, together with a copy of the Agenda.

The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be the confirmation of the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and of any subsequent Extraordinary General Meetings, the consideration of the Committee's report and the accounts for the year, the election of Officers and Committee for the ensuing year, the appointment of an Accountant for the forthcoming year, who shall not be a Member of the Committee, and any items of which notice has been given and details included in the Agenda.

Subject to the LTA maintaining their current timetable, it is expected that the ballot for Wimbledon tickets will take place following the AGM.

The business of an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be in accordance with the requisition under which it was summoned and the Agenda issued. At any general meeting, further business may be accepted at the discretion of the Chairman provided that it does not call for an alteration of Rules, the winding up of the Club, the transfer of any of the Club's assets, the borrowing of money, or any expenditure not within the immediate financial resources of the Club.

Every member (other than temporary members) shall be entitled to be present and to speak at any general meeting and, if aged 18 years or over, to vote. In the event of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

At any general meeting the quorum shall be 11 senior members entitled to vote, of which at least 6 must be non-committee members.

12. TREASURER'S DUTIES

The Treasurer shall keep accurate financial records and produce them at any time when called upon by the Committee and for completion of the annual accounts (see Rule 5). The Annual Statement of Accounts shall be prepared by an external Accountant, and these shall be open for inspection by any member of the Club for seven days before the Annual General Meeting. The Treasurer shall produce a commentary report. The report and accounts shall be submitted to such meeting.

13. CLUB ACCOUNTS

The funds of the Club shall be lodged in the name of the Club with a Bank approved by the Committee, such account to be operated on, only a) by cheque by any two of five approved signatories one of which must be the Treasurer, Club Secretary or the Chairman or b) by on-line banking by one of the five approved signatories.

Cash may be drawn out only for the 50 club fund subject to the above signatory rules.

14. SECRETARY'S DUTIES

The Club Secretary shall keep proper minutes of the General Meetings and Committee Meetings and a register of members and shall take charge of all documents. He/She shall give notice of Committee and General Meetings at least seven days before the date fixed for each such meeting. The Committee may choose to split the membership duties of the Club Secretary into a separate role – of Membership Secretary.

15. TEAM SELECTION

Teams for all club matches shall be selected jointly by the appropriate team Captain, and only paid up members shall be selected to represent the Club.

16. CLUB TOURNAMENTS

- i) Club Tournaments are to be organised by one or more nominated Committee members. Paid up members only may enter and the entry fee will be decided by the Committee. Any draw shall be done in the presence of at least three Committee members.
- ii) Members who have not paid their subscriptions by the closing date for entry to the Tournament will not be eligible to participate in them. Junior players will not be eligible to participate in Senior Doubles Tournaments. Junior players selected by the Junior Secretary may compete in Senior Singles Tournaments, however if they elect to do so they will not be eligible to play in the Junior Singles Tournament.
- iii) Opponents shall make arrangements to complete their matches on/by the advised date and failure to so complete shall result in the elimination of both parties.
- iv) Dates for completion of rounds will be advised by the Tournament Organiser.
- v) In the event of any dispute under any of the sub-sections to Rule 16 then final appeal may be made to the Club Chairman whose decision shall be final. In the event that the Chairman could be seen to have a conflict of interests, the Organiser shall ask another member of the Committee to adjudicate.

17. RULES AND REGULATIONS

A copy of these Rules and of the Regulations made by the Committee under Rule 10 shall be prominently displayed at all times on the Club Noticeboard and/or on the Club Website and all members shall be deemed conversant therewith. The Rules shall not be altered except at a General Meeting after due notice, and then only provided that two-thirds of those present and voting are in favour. The Regulations shall be made and periodically revised by the Committee.

18. DISSOLUTION

The Club shall be dissolved on the passing of a resolution to that effect at a General Meeting after due notice, by at least two-thirds of those present and voting. Such a meeting shall appoint a Committee to wind up the affairs of the Club and shall give general directions as to the disposal of any assets, within the scope of Rule 2.

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