

Brookmans Park Lawn Tennis Club Rules

(affiliated to Herts. L.T.A.)

1. NAME

*The club shall be called the **BROOKMANS PARK LAWN TENNIS CLUB***

2. COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS

The club shall be managed by a committee of not less than five members, consisting of a Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Men's Captain, Ladies' Captain and such other officers as may be deemed necessary, all of whom shall be elected annually at a properly convened general meeting of members of which due notice has been given. The committee shall have power to co-opt and to fill vacancies but any member so appointed to the committee shall retire at the next following general meeting.

3. INTERPRETATION

In the interpretation of these rules "the club" means the Brookmans Park Lawn Tennis Club, "the Golf Club" means the Brookmans Park Golf Club, "committee" "member", "officer" and "secretary" mean respectively the tennis committee, member or non-playing member, officer and Honorary Secretary of the Brookmans Park Lawn Tennis Club, and words importing the masculine gender include the feminine if consistent with the context.

In case of any dispute regarding the interpretation of these rules or any by-laws and on any point or matter not covered by such rules or by-laws the decision of the committee shall be final and binding on all members.

4. GENERAL MEETING

A General Meeting of members shall be held annually in the last quarter of the calendar year for the presentation of accounts which shall be made up to the last day of the preceding September and for consideration of the committee report the election of officers and committee members and for such other business of which notice has been given and details included in the agenda.

Any member wishing to propose a resolution at the AGM must send a copy of the said resolution to the Hon. Secretary at least a month before the meeting with the name of the proposer and seconder so that provision can be made on the agenda. Further business may be accepted at the discretion of the Chairman.

Not less than seven days' notice of all general meetings shall be given in writing to all members but such notice shall be deemed to have been served when a copy has been sent by email or post addressed to each member's last known place of residence or delivered there or to him by hand.

5. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

On being served with a requisition in writing signed by not fewer than 15 senior full members setting out the resolution to be put, the Secretary shall convene an extraordinary general meeting to be held within 28 days of receipt of such requisition.

6. QUORUM

For any general meetings of the club a quorum shall comprise 15 members or one-third of the total membership whichever is the less, and for a committee meeting it shall be four members present and entitled to take part in the proceedings of such meeting.

7. ELECTION OF MEMBERS

Application for membership shall be submitted to the secretary on the prescribed form. The application must be accompanied by the payment of the annual subscription which will be held by the club and be returned if the application is refused. On election of a new member the Secretary shall notify the same to him in writing and furnish him with a copy of the rules.

8. RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Club may be renewed on application with the appropriate subscription on the 1st April in each year. The Committee reserve the right to refuse an application for renewal from any member who, in the opinion of a majority of the Committee, is deemed to be unworthy of continued membership. The decision of the Committee shall be final and binding and the Committee shall not be obliged to give any reasons for its decision.

9. SUBSCRIPTIONS

Membership subscriptions shall become due on 1st April each year and if any member's subscription is not paid within one month of becoming due his membership shall be deemed to have lapsed and he shall be liable for the payment of visitors' fee for each session during which he shall have played on the courts after the due date for payment of the subscription.

10. OBSERVANCE OF RULES

All members shall be bound by these rules and by the rules of the Golf Club in so far as they are applicable, and are expected to use the property of the club and of the Golf Club with due care and respect.

11. SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

The Committee may expel or suspend from membership for such period as they may determine any member whose conduct is, in the opinion of a majority of the members of the Committee, prejudicial to the Club and its membership. Before any member is expelled or a suspension of more than 14 days is imposed, the member will be given at least 10 days' written notice of a meeting of the committee at which the conduct of the member concerned is to be considered and the member shall be afforded the opportunity of explaining his or her conduct. If the member fails to attend such meeting the Committee

may deal with the matter in the absence of such member. A member who is expelled shall forfeit all the privileges of membership and rights against the Club and shall not be entitled to any refund of entrance fees or subscriptions paid in advance.

12. NON-PLAYING MEMBERS

The Committee shall have power to elect such non-playing members as it considered desirable and to decide on the amount of the subscriptions appropriate to such membership. Apart from the use of the courts non-playing members shall have the same privileges as other members.

13. JUNIOR MEMBERS

Young persons under the age of 18 on the date of election or the 1st April on each year whichever be the later may be admitted as playing members for that year at reduced subscriptions as fixed by the Committee. Such junior members may use the courts at all times but senior members shall have precedence at all times. In the interpretation of these restrictions junior members must abide by the decision of the Committee. Members who are under the age of 18 on the 1st April in each year are not entitled to vote at the General Meetings of the Club.

14. VISITORS

Members may introduce guests at the club. Each member shall be responsible for his guests observing the rules, paying a visitors fee in advance to a committee member or to such person that the committee shall decide upon and to give his guests name and address to that person. Such fees shall be the sum as the committee shall from time to time decide. Each member is entitled to introduce up to three visitors on any one occasion, but an individual visitors may not play on more than four separate occasions in each year except in special circumstances at the discretion of the committee.

15. TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP

Members who are not permanently resident in the district may be admitted at the discretion of the Secretary and one other committee member for a limited period for a subscription as set by the committee from time to time.

16. DRESS

Members shall wear correct tennis attire for play. Only suitable tennis shoes with non-ribbed soles shall be worn on the courts.

17. ORDER OF PLAY

When there are members waiting to play the time allowed for knock-up shall be limited to five minutes and each court shall be vacated on completion of one set of not more than 11 games. Singles are to terminate if members are waiting for courts or at the discretion of a member of the committee. All club and league matches shall have court priority at all times. No other play shall be allowed during the club Junior and Senior Finals.

18. TENNIS BALLS

All players are expected to provide for their own use sufficient balls in an acceptable condition. The club shall provide balls for tournaments and matches.

19. CARE OF COURTS

Players leaving the courts at close of play shall lower all nets. No food or drink to be taken onto the courts.

20. MEMBERS' PROPERTY

The Club shall not accept responsibility for members' equipment or property left on the club premises.

21. BY-LAWS

The Committee shall have power to make and revoke by-laws provided they are not inconsistent with these rules and the posting of such by-laws on the Notice Board in the club house shall be deemed to be sufficient notice to members of their being in force.

22. ALTERATION OF RULES

These rules may only be altered at a General Meeting, the notice of which specifies the proposed alteration. Not less than 21 days' notice of any proposed alteration must be given in writing to the Secretary, who will cause such proposed alteration to be set out in the notice convening the meeting.
