

BROUGHTON & DISTRICT CLUB – TENNIS SECTION

Rules

“The main objects of Rules are to enable members to know their rights and the required discipline and to enable the Committee to enforce these without causing offence”. (LTA Handbook 1998)

Rules adopted at the AGM on 24th November 2015 and amended at AGM 18th November 2022 and again at AGM on 28th February 2024

These rules and Regulations of Broughton & District LTC (the Section) are in addition to the Rules of Broughton & District Club (the Club), which take priority.

1. The Section shall seek affiliation to the LTA through the Lancashire LTA and shall adopt and conform to the Rules (LTA rules) of these organisations in so far as they apply.
In the rules, unless the context requires otherwise:
“Disciplinary Code” means the disciplinary code of the LTA in force from time to time;
“LTA” means LTA CLG and its subsidiaries, or such successor entity or entities as become(s) the governing body of the game of lawn tennis from time to time;
“member” means a member of the Tennis Section;
“LTA rules” means the rules and Disciplinary Code of the LTA as in force from time to time
2. Only members of the Club shall be eligible for Tennis Section membership. All section members are subject to general Club rules and must be an Affiliate British Tennis Member of the LTA at the Club. A full member is defined as a member who has paid the full adult or intermediate subscription for the current year. Chaperones are also adult members of the Club and Tennis Section.
- 2.1 Each member agrees as a condition of membership:
 - a. to be bound by and subject to these rules (as in force from time to time);
 - b. to be bound by and subject to the LTA rules and the Disciplinary Code.

Rule 2.1 confers a benefit on the LTA and, subject to the remaining provisions of this rule, is intended to be enforceable by the LTA by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999. For the avoidance of doubt, the members do not intend that any term of these rules, apart from Rule 2.1, should be enforceable, by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999, by any person who is not a party to this agreement.

The Committee may terminate the membership of any person or impose any other sanction they determine to be appropriate, in connection with the breach of any condition of membership set out in this rule.

3. Except for the purposes of subscriptions, the Section’s financial year shall run from 1st January to 31st December and the accounts submitted to the AGM shall be prepared accordingly.
4. Any member may introduce visitors. The visitor may play no more than 6 times in any year. Before a visitor plays, the member introducing him or her must:
 - make an appropriate entry in the Visitor’s Book and pay the relevant fee, the amount of which will be displayed on the noticeboard in the pavilion. Visitor’s fees must be placed in the envelope provided for that purpose and posted through the subscriptions box in the tennis pavilion)

OR

- Add the guests name to a court booking on Clubspark and pay the fee online via credit card.

5. The management of the Section shall be in the entire control of a committee of members in addition to the Officers, who shall be Chairperson; Vice Chairperson; Hon Secretary; Hon Treasurer; Secretary of the Junior Organising Committee; Club Coach; six members and a representative of the Team Captains. All shall be elected for the year at the AGM, except that the elected Committee shall have power to fill a vacancy. The two members of the Section – elected at the Club AGM to the General Committee shall also be members of the Section Committee. If more than one of these offices is held by a single person, no extra Committee vacancy shall thereby be created. The Committee shall have the power to decide any matter not provided for by these Rules and the current Regulations. They shall meet at least four times in every year and additionally as circumstances may require or as the General Committee of the Club shall direct. The quorum at a Committee meeting shall be five and in the event of equality of voting the Chairperson 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 Section. The Tennis Section agrees that each member of the Committee will be required, as a condition of election or appointment, to agree to be bound by and subject to these rules, the LTA rules and the Disciplinary Code, such agreement to contain an express acknowledgement that the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 applies and that the LTA and Tennis Section can enforce any breach at its option and at its sole discretion.
6. Coaches and players. The Tennis Section agrees that all unlicensed and unregistered coaches and, so far as reasonably practicable, players and other persons using the facilities of the Tennis Section will be required, as a condition of such use, to agree to be bound by and subject to these rules, the LTA rules and the Disciplinary Code, such agreement to contain an express acknowledgement that the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 applies and that the LTA and the Tennis Section can enforce any breach at its option and its sole discretion.
7. An Annual General Meeting shall be held each year between 1st and 28th February inclusive. Any member wishing to propose a resolution at the AGM must send a copy thereof to the Hon Secretary before 15th January so that provision may be made on the agenda. The Committee shall call an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) at their discretion or within one month of receipt by the Hon Secretary of a requisition signed by twenty members or, if the total membership is less than 100, by one-fifth of the members, stating the business proposed to be transacted. The Hon Secretary shall publish on the Tennis Section noticeboard and notify, by email, every member of any general meeting together with a copy of the agenda at least 7 days before the proposed general meeting. The business of the AGM shall be the confirmation of the minutes of the previous AGM and of any subsequent EGM, the consideration of reports from Officers and Captains Rep and the Hon Treasurer's accounts for the year, the election of Officers and Committee for the ensuing year and any items of which notice has been given and details included in the agenda. The business, if an EGM, 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 Chairperson, provided it does not call for an alteration of the Rules. Every senior member shall be entitled to be present and to speak at any general meeting and to vote there at. In the event of equality of votes, the Chairperson shall have a second, or casting vote. At any general meeting the quorum shall be 12 of the members entitled to vote.
8. A copy of these Rules and of the Regulations shall be displayed at all times on the pavilion noticeboard and all members shall be deemed to be conversant therewith. The Rules shall not be altered except at a general meeting after due notice, and then only provided two-thirds of those present and voting are in favour. The Regulations shall be made and periodically revised by the Committee.