

# CAPEL LAWN TENNIS CLUB

## RULES OF THE CLUB

### 1. NAME

The club shall be called Capel Lawn Tennis Club.

### 2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 "The club" means Capel Lawn Tennis Club, and its courts and clubhouse and any ancillary buildings.

2.2 "Club session" means any period of any day designated by the Committee during which members play with or against any other members attending and from which all privately arranged games and all league matches are excluded, save that all tournament matches shall take priority. Only doubles games shall be played unless there are vacant courts.

2.3 "Junior session" means any period of any day designated by the Committee during which all courts or such of them as shall be designated by the Committee shall be reserved for play by Junior Members only.

2.4 "The officers of the club" means the President, Chairperson, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Men's Captain and Ladies' Captain.

2.5 Reference to male persons include female persons and vice versa.

2.6 "The rule or rules" means the rule or rules contained in this document.

2.7 "The Committee" means the officers of the club together with the ordinary committee members elected under rule 20, members appointed to fill casual vacancies in accordance with the provisions of rule 21 and members co-opted in accordance with the provisions of rule 22.

2.8 "Member" means a member of the club.

2.9 "LTA" means Lawn Tennis Association Limited and its subsidiaries or successor entity as become(s) the governing body of the game of lawn tennis from time to time.

2.10 "Disciplinary Code" means the disciplinary code of the LTA in force from time to time.

2.11 "LTA Rules" means the rules of the LTA as in force from time to time.

### **3. OBJECTS**

The club is formed to provide tennis courts and a clubhouse for its members, and generally to encourage and facilitate the playing of tennis.

### **4. CONSTITUTION**

The club is a members' club.

### **5. MEMBERSHIP**

5.1 The club shall consist of male and female members in the following categories, namely:

- a) Adult Open – being persons of the age of 18 and over.
- b) Adult Improver – being adult members who in the opinion of the club coaches/committee members are not yet at a standard of play whereby they are eligible to play at club sessions but can attend Adult Group Coaching sessions.
- c) Adult Beginner – being adult members who in the opinion of the club coaches/committee members are not yet at a standard of play whereby they are eligible to play at club sessions and adult group coaching.
- d) Adult in Full Time Education – being persons of the age of 18 or over who are in full time education. The same playing categories will be applied to this group as per a) b) c).
- e) Intermediate – young people of the age of 14 or over but under the age of 18.
- f) Junior – being younger persons under the age of 14.
- g) Social – being persons of the age of 18 or over and subject to the provisions of rule 6.7.
- h) Honorary – being persons elected under Rule 12.
- i) Club Coach – being those contracted by the club to provide coaching for members.
- j) Temporary – being persons described in rule 11 in categories (a) to (f).

and such other categories of membership as may be determined from time to time by the Committee who shall also determine the rights, duties, and liabilities of such other categories.

5.2 The ages set forth in Rule 5.1 refer to the age of the member on the first day of the current playing year. The playing year is from and includes 1st April to and including the following 31st March.

5.3 An Intermediate or Junior Member whose age by reason of a birthday becomes higher than the upper age limit for his category shall remain in his then category until the first day of the next playing year unless he shall in the meantime elect to move to the next older category and be admitted to that category by the Committee and pay the additional subscription, if any, decided by the Committee under Rule 13.6.

## **6. RIGHTS, LIABILITIES AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS**

6.1 Adult Open: Every Adult Open Member shall, subject to the rules, be entitled to use and enjoy, in common with all other members, having the right to all the facilities of the club subject to due payment of their determined subscription.

6.2 Adult Improvers: Every Adult Improver member shall have the same rights, liabilities, and duties as an Adult Open member except for club sessions. In addition, he will be eligible to attend free Adult Group coaching sessions that the Club in its absolute discretion might provide to enable him to achieve Adult Open playing standard.

6.3 Adult Beginners: Every Adult Beginner member shall have the same rights, liabilities, and duties as an Open member but no access to Adult Group coaching and club sessions. In addition, he will be eligible to attend free Beginner coaching sessions that the club in its absolute discretion might provide to enable him to achieve Adult Improver playing standard.

6.4 Adult in Full Time Education: Every Adult FTE member shall have the same rights, liabilities and duties as an Adult member.

6.5 Intermediate: Subject as hereafter mentioned every Intermediate Member shall have the same rights, liabilities and duties as an Adult Member except that he shall not be an officer of the club, nor a member of the Committee nor be entitled to choose partners or opponents at club sessions and shall play by invitation only.

6.6 Junior: Subject as hereafter mentioned, every Junior Member shall have the same rights, liabilities and duties as an Intermediate Member but shall give priority to every Adult, Honorary, Intermediate and Temporary member wishing to use the courts at any time except during a junior session when juniors shall have priority of those courts designated by the Committee, and no junior member shall use the courts during a club session nor at any time be entitled to enter or use the club house (except toilets if the clubhouse is open) without being accompanied by an Adult Member, nor (except by invitation of the Committee) shall he be entitled to take part in any club competition or tournament except such as shall be arranged for junior members.

6.7 Social: Every Social member shall have the same right, liabilities and duties as an Adult member but shall not at any time have the right to use the courts except as a member of the public or as a visitor by invitation of an Adult Member; nor shall he enter any draw for any allotted tickets.

6.8 Honorary: Subject as provided in Rule 13.1 every Honorary Member shall have the same rights, liabilities, and duties as an Adult Member.

6.9 Club Coach: Any Club Coach shall have the same rights, liabilities and duties as an Adult Open member but shall not at any time have the right to use the courts except as a member of the public or as a visitor or by invitation of an Adult member; nor shall he enter any draw for any allotted tickets. Unless the Club Coach is an Adult Open Member.

6.10 Temporary: Every Temporary Member shall have the same rights duties and liabilities as the equivalent category of full membership but only during that period of the year designated by the Committee, but he shall not be an officer of the club or a member of the Committee, nor shall he enter any draw for or take or use any allotted tickets.

6.11 The LTA and the club determine the conditions of membership and allocation for the Wimbledon ticket draw from time to time.

## **7. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

New applications and the proposed playing category will be circulated to the committee for approval by the Membership Secretary. For Adult Beginners and Adult Improvers, the assessment of the playing standard by the coaches/Committee members will be included.

## **8. ELECTION PROCEDURES**

Subject to Rule 12, the candidate shall be approved by the Committee and three or more votes against shall exclude him.

## **9. SUBSEQUENT APPLICATIONS**

A candidate not elected shall not apply again for membership within a period 12 months from the date of the decision of the Committee.

## **10. ENTRY TO MEMBERSHIP**

10.1 On the approval of a new member the Committee shall designate his category of membership and the Membership Secretary shall send him written notice of his approval in that category together with a note referring him to the website to view a copy of the rules and of the bye-laws and regulations (if any) in force at the time and shall request him to pay his entrance fee (if any) and first subscription to the Honorary Treasurer. If payment is not made within one month from the date of the Membership Secretary's notice, the application shall be void unless sufficient cause is shown to the satisfaction of the Committee.

10.2 Each member agrees to be bound and subject to the rules (as in force from time to time).

10.3 Each member agrees to be bound and subject to the LTA Rules and Disciplinary Code.

Rule 10.3 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 10.3, should be enforceable, by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999, by any person who is not party to this agreement.

10.4 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.

## **11. TEMPORARY MEMBERS**

Any person who is abroad for six months or more in any calendar year may apply for membership and approval by the Committee as a Temporary Member in any of the categories of membership for such limited period during the year as the Committee shall decide. Membership shall lapse at the expiration of that period. The member may subsequently apply for further periods of Temporary membership.

## **12. HONORARY MEMBERS**

On the recommendation of the Committee the club may in general meeting elect Honorary Members and they may be elected for life or such period as the club shall decide at the time of election.

## **13. ENTRANCE FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS**

13.1 The entrance fee, if any, and the annual subscription to be paid by members in each of the categories of membership shall be fixed by the club at the Annual General Meeting. The fees and subscriptions so fixed shall relate to the calendar year 1st January to 31st December in which the Annual General meeting is held.

13.2 A member (other than a Temporary Member) who is approved on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> May in any year shall pay the annual subscription on a pro-rata basis relating to his category of membership.

13.3 The committee shall have the power to fix reduced fees and subscriptions for such special circumstances as it shall in its absolute discretion decide.

13.4 Unless the club shall in General Meeting decide otherwise no entrance fees and subscription shall be payable by an Honorary Member and the club shall not fix one.

13.5 A Temporary Member shall pay as a subscription a proportion of the annual subscription on a pro-rata basis relating to his category of membership as decided by the Committee under Rule 11.

13.6 The additional subscription payable by an Intermediate or Junior Member electing to move to an older category under Rule 5.3 shall be such sum, if any, as the Committee shall in its absolute discretion decide.

**14. PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTION**

All annual subscriptions (except as provided by Rule 10) shall be payable on 1st April in each year, and, if after a written reminder has been given, a subscription has not been paid on or before 1st July following, the defaulter shall, subject to a contrary decision of the Committee, immediately cease to be a member of the club. He may, in the absolute discretion of the Committee, be re- admitted to membership on payment of all arrears without payment of any further fee.

**15. RESIGNATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

Any member may resign his membership at any time by giving the Membership Secretary written notice to that effect provided that, if notice is given after 1st April in any year, he shall be liable to pay his subscription for that year.

**16. EXPULSION**

If at any time the Committee is of the opinion it is in the interests of the club that a member be invited to resign his membership it shall give notice in writing of that fact to that member and of the grounds for its opinion and give him full opportunity to offer such explanation or defence as he thinks fit, either verbally or in writing. If the Committee is then of the opinion that the member has failed to justify himself or offer a satisfactory explanation, it may by letter invite the member to resign from the club within the time specified in the letter. In default of his resignation, the question of expulsion shall be submitted to the Annual or a Special General Meeting to be held within eight weeks after the date specified in the letter as the date before which he is invited to resign. The member whose expulsion is sought shall, at least 21 days prior to the meeting, be given notice of the meeting and of the grounds on which it is sought to expel him. At the meeting the member shall be allowed to offer such explanation or defence as he thinks fit, either verbally or in writing, and if two thirds of the members present and entitled to vote at the meeting vote for his expulsion, he shall immediately cease to be a member provided that the voting at any such Special Meeting shall be by ballot if not less than five members present and entitled to vote so demand. The Committee shall have power to exclude the member from the clubhouse and club courts and grounds from the date of its letter inviting him to resign until such Annual or Special General Meeting has been held unless the member shall desire to use the courts as a member of the public. No member who has been expelled under this rule shall be invited by any other member to the club premises as a guest.

**17. EFFECT OF RESIGNATION OR EXPULSION**

Any person ceasing to be a member shall forfeit all right to, and claim upon, the club, its property, and its funds, and shall have no right to the return of any part of his subscription.

**18. ELECTION OF THE OFFICERS OF THE CLUB**

The officers of the club shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting when they shall be proposed, seconded, and elected by ordinary vote unless two or more members present and entitled to vote request a ballot when they shall be elected by ballot, and they shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting when they shall retire but shall be eligible for re-election. If two or more candidates obtain an equal number of votes, the election shall be determined by lot. Honorary and Social members are not eligible to be Officers of the Club, save for the position of President as provided by Rule 23. Any Adult Member who is entitled to vote may, with his consent, nominate any other Adult

Member or Members who is or are entitled to hold office as an Officer by giving notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary at least ten days before the Meeting. The Committee may also nominate members, with their consent, to stand for election as Officers. If any such notice is given the Honorary Secretary shall cause details thereof to be circulated to all members at least five days before the meeting but failure to circulate shall not invalidate the nomination.

## **19. MANAGEMENT OF THE CLUB**

The entire management of the club (except as otherwise provided by these rules) shall be deputed to a committee consisting of the officers of the club and up to five other Adult or Honorary or Social Members of the club herein referred to as "Ordinary Committee Members". Not more than one Honorary Member and one Social Member shall be elected as an Ordinary Committee Member.

The club 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 the rules, the LTA Rules and the Disciplinary Code, such agreement to contain an express acknowledgement that the Contacts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 applies and that the LTA and Capel Tennis Club can enforce any breach at its option and its sole discretion.

## **20. ELECTION OF ORDINARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The Ordinary Committee Members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. At the Annual General meeting all Ordinary Committee Members shall retire but each shall be eligible for re-election. Any Adult Member who is entitled to vote may, with his consent, nominate any other Adult or Honorary or Social Member or Members who is or are entitled to hold office as an Ordinary Committee Member by giving notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary at least ten days before the Meeting. The Committee may also nominate members, with their consent, to stand for election as Ordinary Committee Members. If any such notice is given the Secretary shall cause details thereof to be circulated to all members at least five days before the meeting but failure to circulate shall not invalidate the nomination. Voting shall be by ordinary vote unless two or more members present and entitled to vote request a ballot when voting shall be by ballot and every voting member shall be entitled to vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies to be filled. The candidates up to the number of vacancies who receive most votes shall be declared elected, and in the case of two or more candidates receiving equal votes election shall be determined by lot.

## **21. CASUAL VACANCIES**

In the event of a vacancy on the Committee, the Committee shall have power to appoint any Adult or Honorary or Social Member to fill the vacancy, but the proceedings of the Committee shall not be invalidated in consequence of there being less than the prescribed number of members.

## **22. CO-OPTING OF MEMBERS ON TO THE COMMITTEE**

In addition to the members elected or appointed in accordance with rules 20 and 21 the Committee may co-opt further members who shall serve until the next AGM where a need is identified for a specific purpose. Co-opted members may be entitled to vote at the Committee according to the terms upon which they are co-opted.

**23. PRESIDENT**

The President need not be a member of the club. If he is not a member, he shall be entitled to vote at Committee Meetings, and at General Meetings of the club shall have the same voting rights as an Adult Member.

**24. PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE**

Subject to these rules the Committee shall regulate its own proceedings and shall meet at least four times during each year to arrange the affairs of the club and to examine its accounts. Additional meetings of the Committee may be called by the Honorary Secretary at any time and shall be called by him if requested to do so by the Chairperson or any two members of the Committee. The Honorary Secretary shall send or give verbal notice of each meeting to each Committee member. A quorum shall consist of six committee members. Every member of the Committee shall have one vote on every question and in the case of equality the chairperson of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote. The Chairperson shall be the chairperson of the committee meetings but if he shall not be present within 15 minutes of the time for commencement of the meeting the Men's Captain or, in his like absence, a Committee member present selected by the meeting shall take the chair. The Honorary Secretary shall take minutes of all proceedings of the Committee and these minutes shall be open to the inspection of any member of the club upon application to the Honorary Secretary.

**25. SUB-COMMITTEES**

The Committee from time to time may appoint from among its members such sub-committees as it may deem necessary or expedient and may depute or refer to them such of the powers and duties of the Committee or the Committee may determine. Such sub-committees shall periodically report their proceedings to the Committee and shall conduct their business in accordance with the directions of the Committee. In the event of any member of a sub-committee ceasing to be a member of the Committee, he shall automatically cease to be a member of the sub-committee, and another elected member of the Committee shall be appointed in his place.

**26. TRUSTEES**

The property of the club shall be vested in four trustees who shall be appointed by the Committee and the property of the club shall be vested in them to be dealt with by them as the Committee may from time to time direct by resolution (of which an entry in the minute book shall be conclusive evidence). The Trustees shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the club property. The trustees shall hold office until death or resignation or until removal from office by the Committee. Whereby reason of such death, resignation, or removal it is necessary that a new Trustee or Trustees be appointed, the Committee shall nominate the person or persons to be appointed the new trustee or trustees. For the purpose of giving effect to such nomination the Chairperson of the club for the time being is now nominated as the person to appoint new trustees of the club within the meaning of the Trustee Act 1925 Section 36, as amended from time to time, and shall by deed appoint the person or person so nominated by the Committee.



## **27. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

The Annual General Meeting of the club shall be held in February or March in each year upon a date and at a place and time to be fixed by the Committee provided that if the committee does not call an Annual General Meeting in February or March in any year any seven Adult Members may call the meeting for any day in April or May by notice signed by them and posted on the notice board in the clubhouse not less than 21 days before the date appointed by them for the meeting. The meeting shall be for the following purposes:

27.1 To receive from the Committee a report, and annual accounts for the preceding financial year, and

27.2 To elect the Officers of the club and Ordinary Committee Members, and

27.3 To fix the entrance fees if any and subscriptions, and

27.4 To decide on any members' resolutions that may be duly submitted to the meeting as provided below.

## **28. MEMBERS' RESOLUTIONS**

Any member desirous of moving any resolution at the Annual General Meeting shall give written notice of the resolution to the Honorary Secretary by the 31st day of December preceding the meeting.

## **29. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

The Committee may at any time for any special purpose call a Special General Meeting and it shall do so immediately upon the requisition in writing of any ten Adult Members of the club stating the purpose for which the meeting is required.

## **30. NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS**

30.1 The Honorary Secretary shall at least 21 days before the Annual General Meeting or any Special General Meeting send to every member, except Junior Members, and post on the notice board in the clubhouse and on the website notice of the meeting and of the business to be transacted at the meeting, and no business other than that of which notice has been given shall be brought forward at the meeting. Junior Members shall not be entitled to notice of any such meetings.

30.2 A copy of the annual accounts shall be made available to all members on the club website and on the club noticeboard at least 21 days prior to the Annual General meeting.

### **31. CONDUCT OF GENERAL MEETINGS**

31.1 At all General Meetings the President and in his absence, 15 minutes after the time for the commencement of the meeting the Chairperson or, in the case of his absence the Men's Captain, or, in his absence the Ladies' Captain or, in her absence an Adult Member present selected by the meeting, shall take the chair. Subject as hereinafter provided every member present and entitled to vote shall have one vote upon every motion and in the case of equality of votes the chairperson shall have a second or casting vote.

31.2 Intermediate, Temporary and Junior Members shall not be entitled to vote on any motion. Intermediate and Temporary Members may speak on any question, but Junior Members may not do so without leave of the Chairperson.

31.3 Social members may not speak or vote on any motion that concerns the courts or play thereon.

31.4 Subject as otherwise provided in these rules, voting shall be by show of hands unless five members present and entitled to vote request a ballot on any motion when voting on that motion shall be by ballot.

31.5 The decision of the Chairperson of the meetings as to the result of voting on any motion shall be final and an entry in the minute book signed by that chairperson within 21 days of the holding of the meeting shall be conclusive of the terms of any resolution and of its having been passed.

### **32. QUORUMS**

The quorums at all general meetings shall be as follows:

32.1 For motions proposing any repeal or amendment or addition to the club rules, 20 members entitled to vote.

32.2 For the repeal or amendment or addition to any byelaw or regulation 20 members entitled to vote.

32.3 For all other business ten members entitled to vote.

32.4 Each member entitled to vote shall be entitled to appoint another such member to vote on their behalf at any general meeting, such appointment to be submitted to and received by the Honorary Secretary in writing a minimum of 7 days prior to the general meeting.

### **33. FINANCIAL YEAR**

The financial year of the club shall end on the 31st December in each year, to which day the accounts of the club shall be prepared.

### **34. REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS**

If the Treasurer of the club is not a member of a recognised professional accounting body then there should be a limited scope review of the annual accounts.

If the Treasurer is a member of a recognised professional accounting body then there shall be no limited scope review for that year unless 10% of members entitled to vote request such a review before 31 December of that year.

### **35. PROFITS OR EMOLUMENTS FOR MEMBERS**

No member shall, except for professional services rendered at the request of the Committee and for which the Committee agree payment shall be made, receive any profit or emoluments from the funds or transactions of the club.

### **36. VISITORS**

Every Adult Member shall be allowed to introduce visitors subject to payment of such charge fixed from time to time by the Committee and such regulations or byelaws as shall be made from time to time by the Committee and every visitor shall be the guest of, and be accompanied by, the member introducing him who shall be responsible for him, and both shall sign the visitors book immediately on entering the club premises. No person shall be invited as a guest more the five times in the calendar year and no guest shall take part in any club competition unless permitted by the Committee.

### **37. GAMING**

Save for the provision of gaming machines or other games or lotteries permitted by the law and approved by the Committee, the clubhouse shall not be used for gambling or the playing of any games of chance.

### **38. DRESS**

38.1 Only shoes without heels purpose manufactured for use on tennis courts shall be worn on the courts. It is not permitted to take any other form of footwear on to the courts except when sweeping or otherwise maintaining them, when other soft soled shoes without heels may be worn.

38.2 All members shall wear appropriate, recognised sports attire when playing on court.

### **39. PUBLIC**

On payment of a fee fixed by the Committee, members of the public have a right equally with members of the club to use a designated court outside of club session and tournament times.

### **40. SECURITY**

It is the duty of the last member or members to leave the club premises at any time to turn the lights out, lock the courts and clubhouse and otherwise ensure they are secure.

**41. BYE-LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

The Committee shall from time to time make, add to, repeal and amend all such bye-laws and regulations (not inconsistent with the rules) as it shall think expedient for the internal management and wellbeing of the club and the use of the courts. All such bye-laws and regulations shall be kept exhibited on the notice board in the clubhouse and be binding on the members until repealed by the Committee or repealed, added to or amended by a resolution of a General Meeting of the Club.

**42. COURTS, COMPETITIONS AND SOCIAL EVENTS ETC.**

Without prejudice to its general powers the Committee shall have the power, inter alia, to make arrangements for the hiring of courts, including the imposition of a charge for admission of, or use by, non-members, and for the reservation of courts as may be required on any occasion as the Committee shall in its absolute discretion think proper. It shall also have the power to make arrangements for holding matches, tournaments or other like competitions and to provide cups and other prizes for such competitions. It shall also have power to arrange social events.

**43. BORROWING**

43.1 If at any time the club in General Meeting shall pass a resolution authorising the Committee to borrow money, the Committee shall then be empowered to borrow for the purposes of the club such amount of money either at one time or from time to time at such rate of interest or without interest and in such form and manner and upon such other terms and upon such security as shall be specified in the resolution, and the trustees shall at the direction of the Committee make all such dispositions of the club property or any part of the club property and enter in such agreements in relation to that property as the Committee may deem proper for giving security for such loans and interest.

43.2 Nothing in Rule 43.1 or any rule shall prejudice any resolution of the club passed in general meeting prior to the date of these rules or any authority thereunder authorising the Committee to borrow money or incur any other indebtedness and such resolution and authority shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding such authorised borrowing or indebtedness has not been made or incurred at the date when these rules come into force.

**44. NOTICES, MEMBERS' ADDRESSES**

44.1 Any notice required by these rules to be given or sent to members shall be deemed to have been duly given or sent and received on the next working day after it is posted if sent by first class pre-paid post or e-mail to the address of the member appearing in the club records. Every member shall give his postal and if available his email address to the Membership Secretary and immediately give notice of any change of either address. Provided that if the member has provided his email address to the Membership Secretary such notice may be sent by email and shall be deemed to have been duly given, sent, and received on the day of transmission. Saturday shall be deemed to be a working day for the purpose of this rule.

44.2 Any such notice may also be delivered to a member in person or by hand to his recorded address in which case it shall be deemed to have been given or sent and received on the day of delivery.

44.3 Accidental failure to give or send notice to any member or members or non-receipt by him or them of a notice shall not invalidate the meeting or other subject matter to which the notice relates.

#### **45. INDEMNITY**

45.1 All members, and their visitors and guests, take their property on to the club's premises entirely at their own risk, and neither the club or any member nor the Committee or any member thereof shall in any circumstances be liable for loss or damage thereto.

45.2 All members, and their visitors or guests, enter upon the club's premises and use the club's facilities entirely at their own risk, and neither the club or any member nor the Committee or any member thereof shall in any circumstances be liable for any injury to any member his visitors or guests suffered on the club's premises, or for death resulting therefrom.

#### **46. CODE OF CONDUCT**

All Tennis Players will:

- Play by the rules and etiquette of the game.
- Abide by rules and decisions set down by team captains, leagues, and tournament organisers.
- Behave in a manner that avoids bringing the game of tennis and the club into disrepute.
- Recognize and acknowledge good play during games.
- Members should always endeavour to be polite to other members, visitors, and staff.
- Members should promote positive aspects of the Club and avoid criticism and adverse comments to non-members.
- Respect opponents and always shake hands at the end of a match.
- Use his/her best efforts in competitive matches.
- Refrain from use of audible and visual obscenity.
- Refrain from ball/racquet abuse.
- Never use unfair or bullying tactics to gain advantage.
- Never use bullying tactics to isolate another player or adult.
- Never pass on gossip about another player or adult.
- Never make false allegations against other players or adults.
- Win with grace and lose with dignity.

Young players are entitled to:

- Be treated with dignity and respect.
- Be safe and feel safe.
- Get help against bullies.
- Say no.
- Be listened to.
- Be believed.

**Sanctions Policy**

The following sanctions will be applied by a Committee member or full committee, to a member of the club that breaks the Club's Code of Conduct. Sanctions 2-4 will be decided on by the Club Committee.

1. A reminder that their action or language is not appropriate;
2. A verbal warning;
3. A written warning;
4. Banned from club membership for a set time;

These sanctions may not be applied in this order if the seriousness of the breach warrants more serious action. Banned members may appeal to the Committee, who may revise or uphold the decision.

**47. MEMBERS AND COACHES BOUND BY RULES**

Every member shall be bound by and submit to the rules of the club and the bye-laws and regulations (if any) made by the Committee and from time to time in force.

The club agrees that all unlicensed and unregistered coaches and, so far as is reasonably practicable, players and other persons using the facilities of the club will be required, as a condition of such use, to agree to be bound by and subject to these rules, the Disciplinary Code, such agreement to contain an express acknowledgement that the Contracts (Right of Third Parties) Act 1999 applies and that the LTA and the club can enforce any breach at its option and in its sole discretion.

**48. BREACHES IN RULES**

It is the duty of every member observing a breach of non-performance of any rule, bye-law or regulation by any other member to report the same immediately to the Honorary Secretary who shall inform the Committee.

**49. DISPUTES**

Any dispute or difference which may arise as to the meaning of or interpretation of the rules of the club or the byelaws or regulations shall be determined by the Committee whose decision shall be final and binding upon all members.

**50. AMENDMENT OF RULES**

These rules may be added to, repealed, or amended by resolution at any General Meeting provided that no such resolution shall be deemed to have been passed unless it is carried by a majority of at least two thirds of the members voting on it. Any reference in these rules to "these rules" or "the rules" or "rules of the club" shall include a reference to the rules of the club as from time to time altered in accordance with this rule. The notice of the meeting shall set out the terms of the proposed addition, repeal, or amendment.

## **51. DISSOLUTION**

If at any general meeting a resolution for the dissolution of the club shall be passed by a majority of the members present and entitled to vote, and if such resolution shall be confirmed by a resolution passed by a majority of two thirds of the members present and entitled to vote at a Special General Meeting held not less than one month after that meeting at which not less than one half of the members entitled to vote shall be present, the Committee shall immediately or at such future date as shall be specified in such resolution proceed to realise the property of the club, and after the discharge of all liabilities shall divide the remainder equally amongst all the Adult Members, and, upon completion of such division, the club shall be dissolved.