

Chard Tennis Club

Denning Sports Field, Zembard Lane, Chard, Somerset TA20 1JL

CLUB CONSTITUTION

1. The club shall be known as Chard Tennis Club and is a members club facilitating the playing of social and competitive tennis.
2. Membership of the club should be open to anyone interested in sport on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis.
3. The club Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to members.
4. The officers and Committee shall be appointed at the club's AGM. The Committee will fix the date of the AGM and 28 days' notice of this shall be given and the agenda pinned to the notice board in the clubhouse.
5. At least 8 members must request an EGM, where at least 7 days notice shall be given and the agenda will be pinned to the notice board in the clubhouse.
6. The Committee will consist of the following officers: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Fixture Secretary and at least 1 other member. The Committee will meet as required using a pre-set agenda. Minutes will be taken and the approved minutes will be pinned to the notice board in the clubhouse. The quorum for a meeting is 3. Sub-committees from the Committee will tackle the work between the meetings, but they have no executive decision making authority. Members may be co-opted to the Committee or the sub-committee for special purposes.
7. Club funds will be controlled by the Treasurer where all withdrawals will need the signature of any 1 of the Chairperson, Treasurer or Secretary. Should the needs necessitate, the Committee have the express power to borrow money on behalf of the club.
8. The property and funds of the club cannot be used for the direct or indirect private benefit of members other than as reasonably allowed by rules and all surplus income or profits are to be reinvested in the club.
9. The club may provide sporting and related social facilities, sporting equipment, coaching, courses, insurance cover, medical treatment, away-match expenses, post-match refreshments and other ordinary benefits of Community Amateur Sports Clubs as provided in the Finance Act 2002.

10. Categories of membership, subscriptions, payment due dates, match fees and visitors' fees shall be fixed at the AGM.
11. Presidents and Team Captains shall be elected at the AGM.
12. Team Captains are responsible for picking the strongest team available for league and knockout competitive matches, developing the team and collecting the match fees.
13. Application for membership can be made via the club website, Chard Tennis Club/Club Spark.
14. A reasonable standard of play for club sessions is required. Good behaviour is expected. On court dress should be appropriate and shoes should be non-marking tennis shoes. Ribbed trainers are not allowed and damage the courts.
15. Members may introduce visitors. Each visitor may play up to 3 times a year. The member is responsible for collecting the appropriate visitor's fee and passing the fee to one of the Committee members.
16. Members may play at any time but should refer to notice boards and booking schedules on our website where match tennis, club sessions, tournaments and coaching take priority. When the courts are in full use, all members are limited to play one set only.
17. Quality juniors may be offered an intermediate category of membership before they are 16 years of age by the Committee. Intermediate members are eligible to play at club sessions and in the senior league teams. Parent members can only play with their children.
18. Suggestions and criticisms concerning the club are welcomed from members and should be passed to any member of the Committee where, if appropriate, it will be raised at the next Committee meeting.
19. No member aged 10 years or under can play unsupervised.
20. Club members must accept joint responsibility for actions taken on their behalf by the Committee.
21. In the event of the closure of the Club, any funds or assets of the Club will be distributed for charitable purposes. Assets will not be allocated to members or officers of the Club*. Priority for the allocation of funds will be given to supporting sport in Chard.
22. The interpretation of these rules is vested with the Committee.