

GRAPPENHALL VILLAGE LAWN TENNIS CLUB

RULES

1. Name and Objectives

- 1.1 The Club shall be called "The Grappenhall Village Lawn Tennis Club" (GVLTC).
- 1.2 The object of GVLTC is to provide facilities for and promote the participation of the whole community in the sport of Lawn Tennis.

2. Constitution

- 2.1 GVLTC is constituted as a Non-Profit Making Club. In no circumstances during the continuance of GVLTC, 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 a registered Community Amateur Sports Club or a charity.

3. Classes of Membership and Subscription Rates

- 3.1 Membership of GVLTC shall be open to all persons irrespective of ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or beliefs; or of age, sex or disability except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of Lawn Tennis as a particular sport.

GVLTC may refuse membership or expel from membership only for good and sufficient cause, such as conduct or character likely to bring GVLTC or sport into disrepute. Appeal against such a decision may be made to GVLTC's Members and decided by majority vote.

Membership of Grappenhall Village Lawn Tennis Club is conditional on being a Member of Grappenhall (Village?) Sports Club.

There shall be the following classes of tennis membership:

- 3.1.1 Premium Membership – This includes match fees for Summer, Winter and Floodlit league games plus one Free guest visitor per month.
- 3.1.2 Senior Playing Member - who shall be deemed to be a Member and able to play regularly for 12 months of the year and over the age of 18.
- 3.1.3 Student Playing Member - who shall be over the age of 18 years on 1st January and who is attending a full-time course of Further Education at College or University. Student Members shall be entitled to all facilities of play and otherwise available to Senior Playing Members.
- 3.1.4 Junior Playing Member - who shall be over the age of 11 and under the age of 18 years on 1st January or still at school. Junior Playing Members shall be entitled only to playing facilities at GVLTC (unless otherwise requested by the tennis selection committee) and shall only be permitted to play under conditions and times to be decided by GVLTC and posted on the Notice Board. Junior Playing Members remain the responsibility of their parents until the age of eighteen.
- 3.1.5 Junior Playing Member (with senior member) - who shall be over the age of 11 and under the age of 18 years on 1st January or still at school. Junior Playing Members shall be entitled only to playing facilities at GVLTC (unless otherwise requested by the tennis selection committee) and shall only be permitted to play under conditions and times to be decided by GVLTC and posted on the Notice Board. Junior Playing Members remain the responsibility of their parents until the age of eighteen.
- 3.1.6 Juvenile Member – who shall be aged between 7 and 11 years on 1st January. Children under the age of 7 years may only use the courts (subject to availability) under supervision of a suitable person. A suitable person is a parent or a person who has Disclosure and Baring Service "DBS" clearance or has completed the self declaration form with respect to Child Protection legislation.
- 3.1.7 Family Membership – Family membership includes 2 senior playing members and 2 junior or juvenile members.
- 3.1.8 Winter Playing Member - who shall be deemed to be a Member and play regularly for that period of the year from 1st September and 31st March inclusive.

3.2 Subscription Rates

- 3.2.1 The level of subscriptions shall be as fixed at the AGM or Special General Meeting for a season - i.e. 1st April to 31st March.
- 3.2.2 All annual subscriptions will be due on 1st April each year, except Winter Playing Members whose subscriptions shall be paid by 1st September in each year. Any Member in default will not be allowed to represent GVLTC in matches until their subscription has been paid. Any Member who has not paid their subscription by 1st May (1st November for Winter Playing Members) will cease to be a Member.

4. Election of Members

- 4.1 Honorary Life Membership shall be strictly limited and awarded at the AGM by way of reward for special services to GVLTC.
- 4.2 Candidates desiring admission to GVLTC shall make application in writing to the Honorary Secretary. Members shall be elected by a simple majority vote by the General Committee of GVLTC provided that the name and address of each candidate shall be prominently displayed on GVLTC Notice Board for 2 days prior to such selection.
- 4.3 No newly elected Member shall be entitled to any privileges of GVLTC until his or her subscription has been paid.

5. Resignation

- 5.1 A Member wishing to resign from GVLTC must give notice to the Honorary Secretary in writing before 31st March otherwise such Members shall be liable for the ensuing season's subscription.

6. Suspension or Expulsion

- 6.1 The General Committee (Tennis) shall have power to terminate or suspend the membership of any Member or to exclude any Member or Visitor whom it considers guilty of a breach of these Rules or of misconduct or offensive behaviour to any other Member, Visitor or Employee whether on GVLTC's premises or elsewhere. Any such action shall be reported to the House Committee of Grappenhall Village Sports Club.

7. Visitors

- 7.1 Members may introduce up to 2 Visitors on any one date.
- 7.2 A Member introducing a Guest shall enter the name of the Guest in the Visitor's Book retained at GVLTC premises and shall also sign his or her own name as the introductory Member.
- 7.3 Visitors may play tennis upon payment of a fee decided by the General Committee. The current fee shall be prominently displayed on GVLTC Notice Board.
- 7.4 No Visitor may play more than three times per season.
- 7.5 Visiting team Players may be admitted to GVLTC as Guests without signing the Visitor's Book and shall be deemed to be members for the day of the match.
- 7.6 Senior entrants to tournaments held at the Club will be deemed to be Members for the duration of the tournament.
- 7.7 Junior entrants to tournaments held at the club together with their parents/guardians will be deemed to be Members for the duration of the tournament.

8. Officers

- 8.1 The Honorary Officers of GVLTC shall be the President, Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. They shall be elected at the AGM for a term of one year, being eligible for re-election.
- 8.2 Vice-Presidents of GVLTC shall be elected annually at the discretion of the General Committee (Tennis).

9. Management

- 9.1 The Management of GVLTC shall be in the entire control of a General Committee (Tennis) and shall have power to settle all disputes and decide all questions not provided for in these rules.
- 9.2 The General Committee (Tennis) shall consist of the Honorary Officers of GVLTC together with the Subscription Secretary and up to three Members who shall be elected at the AGM for a term of one year and shall be eligible for re-election.
- 9.3 Captains and Vice Captains shall be ex-officio Members of the General Committee (Tennis).
- 9.4 GVLTC Coach shall be ex-officio Member of the General Committee (Tennis).
- 9.5 Seven Members including Honorary Members and ex-officio Members shall be deemed to be a quorum. During the season, should any vacancy arise on any Committee, the General Committee (Tennis) shall have the power to co-opt.
- 9.6 The General Committee (Tennis) shall have powers as to the number of Club Members.
- 9.7 There shall be a Junior Committee (Tennis) to manage junior affairs. The Junior Committee (Tennis) shall consist of up to five Junior Members, up to four Senior Members and GVLTC Coach. One of the Senior Members should be co-opted to the General Committee (Tennis) to represent the views and comments of the

Junior Committee (Tennis). The Junior Members of the Committee shall be elected at a general meeting of Junior Members held in October of each year.

11 General Meeting

- 11.1 An Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of October each year, fourteen days notice in writing of which shall be given by the Honorary Secretary to all members except Junior Members. The business to be transacted at such meetings shall be the consideration of the Reports and Balance Sheet, the election of officers and Committees, and any other business. Twelve Members shall form a quorum, Junior Members shall not be entitled to vote at this meeting. Not less than 10 days notice must be given to the Honorary Secretary in writing of any proposal to alter Rules or of any other special business to be brought before the Annual General Meeting, notice of which shall be posted on the Notice Board. No New Rule shall be added or existing Rule changed except by a two-thirds majority present. All amendments to Club Rules shall, within 28 days, be notified by the Honorary Secretary to the Clerk to the Justices, the Clerk to the Local authority and to the Superintendent of Police.
- 11.2 Special General Meetings of GVLTC shall be called by the Honorary Secretary when directed by the General Committee (Tennis) or on receipt of a requisition signed by seven Members of GVLTC, stating the object for which the meeting is to be called. At least seven days notice must be given of every such meeting specifying the business it is proposed to transact at such a meeting.
- 11.3 Two Members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting as Honorary Auditors. They shall audit the accounts annually for the Annual General Meeting or when the need arises. They shall hold office for one year and be eligible for re-election.

12 Trustees

- 12.1 The General Committee (Tennis) shall cause title to:
 - 12.1.1 All land and interests in land held by or in trust for GVLTC; and
 - 12.1.2 All investments held by or on behalf of GVLTCTo be vested in not less than two and not more than four individual members appointed by them as trustees.
- 12.2 Trustees shall act in accordance with the lawful directions of the General Committee (Tennis) and provided they shall act in accordance with the lawful directions of the General Committee (Tennis) the Trustees shall not be liable for the acts and defaults of the General Committee (Tennis).
- 12.3 The Trustees shall be the nominated representatives of Grappenhall Village Lawn Tennis Club with respect to Grappenhall Sports Club Limited.
- 12.4 Trustees must be Members or Honorary Life members of GVLTC and may be removed as Trustees by the General Committee (Tennis) upon the General Committee giving not less than ten days notice to Members by the posting of a notice on GVLTC Notice Board except in the case of an emergency.

13 Tennis Playing Committee

- 13.1 There shall be Gents and Ladies Team Captains; Gents and Ladies Team Vice-Captains who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting for a term of one year, being eligible for re-election.
- 13.2 There shall be a Gents Team Selection Committee consisting of the Gents Team Captain, Vice-Captain and the Coach three other Members selected by the Captain.
- 13.3 There shall be a Ladies Team Selection Committee consisting of the Ladies Team Captain, Vice-Captain and the Coach three other Members selected by the Captain.
- 13.4 There shall be a Mixed team selection Committee consisting of the two Captains, two Vice-Captains and the Coach plus one other Member from each of the other Selection Committees (13.2 & 13.3).
- 13.5 The respective Captains shall be responsible for the posting of teams five clear days before any match.

14 Playing Conditions

- 14.1 Members waiting to play must take their turn. After a set limited to 6-5, has been played, the court must be given up if other players are waiting.
- 14.2 Doubles shall take preference over singles.
- 14.3 Recognised tennis kit and shoes suitable for the courts shall be worn.
- 14.4 Any Official of GVLTC or General Committee Member present on the courts shall have the power to decide whether or not the ground is suitable for play.

15 General

- 15.1 The Club's opening hours will be displayed on the notice board.
- 15.2 All complaints and suggestions shall be given to the Honorary Secretary in writing, who will in turn raise the matter for consideration by the General Committee at the earliest opportunity.
- 15.3 A copy of these Rules shall be displayed at all times on GVLTC Notice Board. A copy shall be issued to any member on request