

# HAUXTON TENNIS CLUB CONSTITUTION

## 1) NAME

The Club shall be called Hauxton Tennis.

## 2) OBJECTS

- a) To provide tennis, social and other activities and generally to encourage and facilitate the playing of tennis
- b) To advise Hauxton Parish Council on the maintenance of the courts
- c) To advise Hauxton Parish Council on the operation of the Sports Ground and its facilities through participation on the Sports Ground User Group.

## 3) MEMBERS

Any person may apply to the Chair for membership of the Club. No person shall be denied membership of the Club on the grounds of race, ethnic origin, creed, colour, age, disability, sex, occupation, sexual orientation, religion, political or other beliefs.

### Categories of membership

NB: No level of membership gives preference over other court bookings.

**Adult Member** – Members aged 18 or over on 1<sup>st</sup> April, permitted to play at any time on the courts without restriction, other than allocated sessions\*.

**Junior Member** – Members aged under 18 on 1<sup>st</sup> April, permitted to play at any time on the courts without restriction, other than allocated sessions\*.

**Couples Member** – Two members of the same family living at the same address permitted to play at any time on the courts without restriction, other than allocated sessions\*.

**Family Member** – Members of the same family living at the same address, with children or grandchildren permitted to play at any time on the courts without restriction, other than allocated sessions.

**Off-Peak Member** – Members aged 18 or over on 1<sup>st</sup> April, permitted to play only between the hours of 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday, and not during allocated sessions\*.

**Couples Off-Peak Member** – Two members of the same family living at the same address permitted to play only between the hours of 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday, and not during allocated sessions\*.

\*Sessions are specifically allocated for membership types, eg Junior sessions, Adult Club sessions, coaching sessions, etc.

Each member agrees as a condition of membership to be bound by and subject to these Rules (as in force from time to time) and to the Rules and the Disciplinary Code (as in force from time to time) of the Lawn Tennis Association or such successor entity or entities as become(s) the governing body of the game of lawn tennis in England from time to time (hereinafter referred to as "the LTA").

This condition confers a benefit on the LTA and is intended to be enforceable by the LTA by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.

**'Pay-as-you-go'** - For those players not wishing to join Hauxton Tennis Club, a 'Pay-as-you-go' option is available. This option permits use of a court on a half-hourly or hourly basis for an appropriate fee. Bookings and payment should be made through the same system on the Hauxton Tennis web site. 'Pay-as-you-go' bookings permit play at any time on the courts without restriction, other than allocated sessions\*.

#### 4) COMMITTEE

- a) The Club shall be managed by a Committee, which shall consist of minimum of four people, including two Parish Council appointees and the remaining being elected, as follows:
  - Chairman - (elected)
  - Welfare Officer - (elected)
  - The Chair of Hauxton Parish Council or his/her representative (appointed)
  - The Responsible Financial Officer of Hauxton Parish Council or his/her representative (appointed)
  - Any other position shall be an elected member of the Committee.
- b) No person may be elected, or serve as an elected Committee member unless he/she shall be an Ordinary member of the Club at the time of such election or service.
- c) At each Annual General Meeting, all members of the Committee (other than the Chair and Financial Officer of the Parish Council) shall retire from office. Each retiring member shall be eligible for re-election.

#### Election of Committee

A new Committee shall be elected by the members present at such Annual General Meeting, such Committee to be chosen from retiring Committee members willing to accept office (who shall not require nomination) and Ordinary members nominated for election by at least two other members.

- d) The Committee may fill any vacancy arising in its number during its year of office.

5) ANNUAL COURT FEES

The Annual Court Fees appropriate to the level of membership to be levied each season shall be reviewed by the new Committee prior to the beginning of that season and submitted to the Parish Council for approval. Amounts due will be payable in advance by 1<sup>st</sup> April of that season.

6) 'PAY-AS-YOU-GO' COURT FEES

The 'Pay-as-you-go' court fees to be levied during each season shall be reviewed by the new Committee prior to the beginning of that season and submitted to the Parish Council for approval.

7) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in every year not later than 31<sup>st</sup> March to transact the following business:-

- a) To appoint the officers and other members of the Committee;
- b) To deal with any special matter which the Committee desires to bring before the members and to receive suggestions from the members for consideration by the Committee.

Notice convening the General Meeting shall be sent to the members not less than 10 days before the meeting and shall specify the matters to be dealt with.

8) SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

A Special General Meeting may be convened at any time by the Committee and shall be convened within 21 days from the receipt of a request in writing signed by not less than 12 members to deal with any special matter or matters which the Committee or the members requiring the meeting may desire to place before the Club. Notice convening a Special General Meeting shall be sent to the members not less than 7 days before the meeting and shall specify the matter or matters to be dealt with.

9) VOTING AT MEETINGS

- a) Members of all classes may attend General Meetings of the Club, but all matters to be decided at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting shall be determined by a simple majority of the votes of Ordinary members present at such meeting and Ordinary members only shall be counted in determining whether a quorum be present.
- b) Junior members shall not be entitled to receive notice of any meeting other than Annual General Meetings which expression shall not include any adjourned Annual General Meeting.

#### 10) CASTING VOTE

At Committee meetings and at General Meetings, the Chairman shall have a casting or additional vote in the event of an equality of votes.

#### 11) QUORUM

At Committee meetings, three shall form a quorum of which one must be an appointed Committee member. At General Meetings, six shall form a quorum, of which one must be an appointed Committee member..

If at any Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting a quorum of members shall not be present within one hour after the time appointed for such meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned to a time and place to be appointed by the Committee and notified to all members entitled to notice of such meeting and any special reconvened meeting shall (if necessary) be similarly adjourned until a quorum shall be present.

#### 12) REGULATIONS

The Committee has the power, subject to the LTA Rules, the LTA Disciplinary Code and the LTA's wider jurisdiction, to make rules, regulations, bye-laws and standing orders concerning the operation, conduct and affairs of the Club, including without limitation regulations concerning disciplinary procedures that may be taken against the Members, provided the same are not inconsistent with these rules.

#### 13) SUBMISSION TO RULES

A member having paid his/her subscription, shall thereby be held to submit to the rules and regulations of the Club.

#### 14) EXPULSION

The Committee shall have the power to remove the name of any person from the membership list, and such person shall thereupon cease to be a member of the Club.

#### 15) CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Any member whose subscription shall not be paid within one month of the date on which subscription shall have become due shall thereupon cease to be a member of the Club.

A member may resign at any time by giving to the Chair or Financial Officer notice to that effect, but will not be entitled to any refund of any subscription already paid.

## 16) FINANCES

The Club is a non-profit-making organisation, financially linked to Hauxton Parish Council.

The Club receives free and unlimited access to the courts at the Sports Ground.

The income of the Club shall be received by the Responsible Financial Officer of the Parish Council and be applied solely in furtherance of the Club's objects and towards promoting and maintaining the Sports Ground's facilities.

All financial decisions must be authorised by Hauxton Parish Council upon application from the Management Committee, via the Financial Officer of the Parish Council.

## 17) LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The Committee has the power to recommend to the Annual General Meeting that a member of the Club who has made an outstanding contribution to the Club over many years be granted Free Life Membership of the Club.

## 18) DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

The Club shall be dissolved on a passing of a resolution to that effect at a General Meeting of the Club at which not less than two thirds of all Adult members present and voting thereat shall have voted to approve the resolution. Any funds remaining shall be passed to the Parish Council once the Club has been dissolved.