

PENALLT & DISTRICT TENNIS CLUB RULES

1 Name

The Club shall be known as Penallt & District Tennis Club

2. Objectives

To encourage tennis in all aspects by providing facilities and a balanced programme to meet the needs of all members in both competitive and ordinary play. To provide social activities.

3. Membership Categories

- a) Full Members: Those over 18 unless in full time education.
- b) Family Members: Members of the same family/household i.e. husband, wife, children up to the age of 18 or otherwise qualifying as student members.
- c) Junior Members: Those under 18 on the 31 March each year.
- d) Student Members: Those receiving full time education and over 18 on the 31 March each year.
- e) Senior members: Those over 60 years of age.
- f) Non Playing Social Members: Those who wish to be on the mailing list in return for a small fee each year.
- g) Visitors: Those wishing to use the courts may be introduced by a member and may play on payment of court fees.

4. Subscriptions

All subscriptions become due upon joining and afterwards annually on 31 March each year. Any member whose subscription is not paid by this date shall be liable to a penalty. For new members joining during the year a pro rata subscription rate for the remainder of the year will be agreed.

Subscriptions and visitors fees will be published on the notice board by the courts and in the club room.

5. Visitors

A visitor may be introduced to the club by a member on payment of the court fee up to a maximum of 5 times per annum.

The intention of this rule is to enable members to introduce friends staying with them or the occasional local friend.

There is a book in the club room in which the names of visitors and introducing members should be entered. Fees will be invoiced.

6. Committee

The committee shall consist of Chairman, Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer, Captain, Membership Secretary who shall be called officers and 6 other club members of whom one shall be a junior member, all to be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Nominations for the election of officers and committee of the club may be made by the committee and/or members of the club.

The committee shall nominate from amongst themselves members with the following particular responsibilities:

- Club representative on the Pelham Hall Committee
- Coaching co-ordinator
- Junior organiser

The officers shall be elected for one year and be eligible for re-election with a maximum term of office of three years.

The ordinary members shall serve for three years but if elected to the post of officer may serve for a further three years being eligible for re-election each year.

The maximum term of office for committee members and officers may be extended provided that no other nominations are received.

A notice advertising the Annual General Meeting will be posted on the notice board not less than 14 days prior to the AGM, and notification sent to all members; with these notifications the Agenda will be published together with an invitation for nominations for election to the committee: such nominations list shall close seven days prior to the AGM and in the event of insufficient nominations being received, nominations may be made at the AGM.

Meetings of the Committee shall be called as and when necessary by the Hon Secretary of the Club and four members of the Committee shall form a quorum at any such meetings.

The Committee may from time to time appoint from among their members such sub-committees they may deem necessary or expedient and may depute or refer to them such of the powers and duties of the committee as the committee may determine, and may, if deemed expedient co-opt any member of the club to serve on such sub-committee, each sub-committee to be presided over by a member of the committee. Such sub-committees shall periodically report their proceedings to the committee and shall conduct their business in accordance with the direction of the committee.

The committee shall have power to make by-laws for regulating the conduct and affairs of the club provided the same are not inconsistent with these rules; such by-laws shall be posted in some conspicuous place and shall be binding on all members until confirmed or otherwise at the AGM or An Extraordinary General Meeting.

The Rules may be altered at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting by a simple majority of the adult members present, provided that notice of the proposed changes has been published on the notice board and circulated to all members at least 14 days before the meeting, and that the proposed changes are included in the Agenda for the meeting.

The committee shall have authority to spend money on the normal running of the club. Any expenditure of a significant nature (in excess of 25% of the previous year's total subscription) must have the approval of a General meeting. The Committee is empowered to borrow or raise money for the purposes of the club on such terms and on such security as may be thought fit subject to the provisions mentioned above.

An Extraordinary General Meeting can be summoned at any time at the discretion of the Committee or upon requisition in writing signed by nine members being delivered to the Secretary stating precisely the object of the meeting.

7 Meetings

The AGM shall be held in November each year for the election of the officers and committee for the ensuing year, to receive the annual accounts of the club, for the confirmation or otherwise of any alteration of rules, and for the transaction of any other business of which notice, hereinafter provided, shall have been given and for such other business which the Chairman shall think advisable.

Eight members present at a general meeting shall form a quorum.

Any matter which requires the general consent of the membership may only be voted on at an AGM or EGM if it has been specified and is included in the published agenda.

8. The committee shall have the power to limit the membership of the club for the time being to such number of members as it thinks fit.

9. Juniors

Juniors under 14 may not book courts after 6pm. This does not prevent them from playing with adult members after 6pm.

Court No 3 will be bookable by juniors over 14 after 6pm.

Juniors under 12 must be accompanied while on the club premises.

10. Play

a) Members may not book courts for more than one hour for singles play or two hours for doubles.

b) Club Sessions 'will be open to all and will be shown on the booking forms.

c) Clothing: Only appropriate soft soled-and-heeled shoes may be worn.

During the summer months in consideration for other members, tennis type clothing should be worn.

11. Coaching

From time to time official club coaching for adult and junior groups will be arranged by the committee. Coaching will be subsidised by the club and a nominal fee charged per person.

Coaching will be arranged at times when the courts are not normally in popular demand.

Private professional coaching may only be permitted by arrangement with the committee.

12. Cancellation of membership

Any breach of the rules or byelaws and regulations reported to the officers of the committee may be acted upon by a meeting of the full committee and on a simple majority if decided, they can remove membership as of that date of the offending member.

The member has the right to be informed and present at that meeting if he wishes, and should the breach concern a committee member, he forfeits his personal vote at that meeting.

13. Dissolution Procedures

In the event of the club ceasing to exist and following the discharge of all debts and liabilities any assets at the time of dissolution shall become the property of the Welsh Lawn Tennis Association. No member shall obtain any asset from the club.

14. Rules Amended at the November 2011 AGM

Due to the fact that the LTA is now incorporated and Penallt Tennis Club is incorporated into it members agree to be bound by the rules and disciplinary procedures of the LTA.