

**REDHILL LAWN**  
**TENNIS CLUB**  
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**1. Name**

The club shall be called Redhill Lawn Tennis Club (“the Club”) and its address is Linkfield Lane, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1JW.

**2. Objects**

The objects of the Club shall be to promote the playing of tennis according to the rules for the time being in force of the Lawn Tennis Association, the promotion of sports related to tennis, social interaction amongst members, and such other objects ancillary thereto as may seem proper to the Committee (as defined below) in their absolute discretion.

The income and property of the Club shall be applied solely towards promoting the Club’s objects as set forth in these Rules and on dissolution no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly, or indirectly, to the members of the Club (see Rule 17).

**3. Club Management**

The officers of the Club shall consist of the Chair, the Secretary, the Treasurer (together, the “Officers”) and such others as may be agreed from time to time at a General Meeting of the Club. A “General Meeting” refers to either an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting of the Club (both as defined below).

The management of the Club shall be vested in a committee (the “Committee”) composed of the Officers and such other committee members as may be appointed from time to time at a General Meeting of the Club. The Committee shall be elected each year at the Annual General Meeting and, in case of vacancies arising at a time other than at the Annual General Meeting, the Committee shall have power to elect from the full members of the Club persons to fill such vacancies until the next Annual General Meeting. At any meeting of the Committee five members present shall form a quorum. The Chair at all meetings of the Club or of the Committee shall be the Chair of the Club or in his/her absence another member of the Committee appointed by those present at the meeting. In the event of the voting for and against a resolution being equal, the Chair of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

The Committee may from time to time appoint such members of the Club to be a sub-committee (a “Sub-Committee”) as they may deem necessary or expedient, provided that on each of such Sub-Committees there shall be at least one member of the Committee. Such Sub-Committees shall periodically report their proceedings to the Committee and shall conduct their business in accordance with the directions of the Committee.

**4. Treasurer and Accounts**

The Treasurer shall receive for the use of the Club all sums due to it and shall pay all sums due by it.

The accounts of the Club shall be made up to the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September in each year. They shall be reviewed by not more than two reviewers who shall not be members of the Committee, and a copy of the accounts so reviewed shall be sent to every member of the Club at least fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting at which the same are to be submitted.

The Committee, through the Treasurer, shall ensure all property of the Club and any potential liability is appropriately insured.

**5. Secretary**

The Secretary shall convene and attend all meetings of the Club and Committee and take a record of the matters discussed and the decisions taken. The Committee may appoint a deputy to act for the Secretary if he/she is absent. The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Club and issue all notices. The Secretary shall perform such duties as are imposed upon a club secretary by the Licensing Acts for the time being in force.

**6. Trustees**

The Committee shall appoint at least two members of the Club to be trustees and hold the property of the Club on the Club's behalf (the "Trustees").

The Trustees shall only act in accordance with the directions of the Committee set out in written resolutions approved by the Committee. If a Trustee does not accept the direction of the Committee, then that person shall resign as a Trustee and the Committee shall appoint an alternative person to act in the place of the resigning person.

The duties of the Trustees shall be to deal with the property of the Club including any transaction under the lease between the then Trustees and Redhill Lawn Tennis Club Limited dated 23 February 2016 (the "Lease") under which the Club occupies the Demised Premises (as defined in the Lease).

In relation to any action, claim, right, demand and proceeding, the Club shall fully indemnify and hold harmless the Trustees, and all former Trustees, from and against any costs (including legal costs), damages, expenses, liabilities and awards arising out of any acts or omissions of the Trustees, or former Trustees, giving rise to the relevant action, claim, right, demand and proceeding. The cost of such indemnity shall be borne out of Club assets.

The Trustees shall hold office until death or resignation or until removal from office by the Committee by a written resolution. Where a death, resignation or removal arises, and it is necessary that a new Trustee or Trustees be appointed, the Committee shall nominate the person or persons to be appointed as Trustee

or Trustees. For the purpose of giving effect to such nomination, the Chair is hereby nominated as the person to appoint new Trustees of the Club within the meaning of Section 36 of the Trustee Act 1925, and the Chair shall duly appoint the person or persons so nominated by the Committee.

## **7. Borrowing of Money**

If at any time the Committee considers that it would be appropriate for the Club to borrow money, the Committee shall be empowered to borrow for the purposes of the Club such an amount of money, either at one time or from time to time, and at such rate of interest, and in such form and manner, and upon such security as the Committee considers appropriate. As a result, the Trustees shall at the direction of the Committee make all such dispositions of the Club's property or any part thereof, and enter into such agreements in relation thereto as the Committee may deem proper for giving security for such loans and interest.

## **8. Membership**

Any prospective member of the Club, whether an adult or a junior, should access the Club's website (<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/RedhillTennisClub/>) and click on the "Membership" tab. The prospective member should choose their desired membership category described there, follow the joining instructions set out and pay the relevant subscription in order to become a member of the Club.

It is a requirement that all new members acquaint themselves fully with the Club Rules, which are available on the Club's website (<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/RedhillTennisClub/AboutUs>). Ignorance of these Rules will not be accepted in the event of a dispute.

The Committee may refuse to admit a person as a member of the Club if there is good and sufficient cause, such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. That person has no right to appeal the Committee's decision. The Committee may expel a person from membership of the Club in accordance with the terms of Rule 11.

Subject to two thirds of the Committee being in agreement, the Committee shall have the power to elect any person, whether already a member of the Club or not, for special services or assistance to the Club, as an honorary member. Such honorary membership may be for life or for such other period as the Committee may determine, and thereafter the person so elected shall for the period of his/her honorary membership be entitled to all the privileges of the Club without further payment of subscription.

## **9. Subscriptions**

The members of the Club shall be divided into such categories, paying such subscriptions as may be agreed from time to time at a General Meeting of the Club.

Subscriptions are due either (a) when a new member joins the Club, (b) when a previous member re-joins the Club or (c) upon the expiry of a twelve-month period after payment of the previous subscription by an existing member. Any member who has not renewed his/her subscription upon the expiry of a one-month period after it was due to be paid shall be deemed to have ceased to be a member of the Club. The membership of all members is subject to the discretion of the Committee.

Any person on ceasing to be a member of the Club shall forfeit all right to any claim upon the Club, its property and funds.

**10. Transfer between Membership Classes**

A member desiring to transfer his/her membership from its existing class to another class for which he/she is qualified may do so by permission of the Committee upon such terms and conditions including adjustment of subscription as the Committee may determine.

**11. Expulsion**

Where a member is alleged to have either a) breached these Rules, b) conducted themselves inappropriately or c) behaved in an offensive manner towards any other member, visitor or employee, whilst on the Club's premises, the Committee will write to the relevant member to set out the allegation(s) and offer them the opportunity to comment upon the allegation(s) made.

If that member accepts the allegation made against them, they may offer their resignation from the Club. If the member either a) does not accept the allegation(s) made against them or b) does accept the allegation(s) but does not wish to resign from the Club, the member must provide a written explanation of their conduct to the Committee within 14 days, or seek a meeting with the Committee within the same period to explain their position verbally.

The Committee shall then carefully consider the written/verbal explanation of the relevant member. Having done so, the Committee shall have the power to exclude the relevant member from the Club provided a two thirds majority of the Committee members in attendance vote in favour of expulsion. If such a majority is achieved, the person will have no right to appeal and will immediately cease to be a member of the Club. Where appropriate, the Committee also has the power to issue the relevant person with a written warning as to future conduct.

## **12. Annual General Meeting**

The members of the Club shall meet at least once each calendar year (the "Annual General Meeting"). Each Annual General Meeting shall be held on a date to be fixed by the Committee, but no such meeting shall be held more than 15 months after the Annual General Meeting for the preceding year. At least 14 days' notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given by the Secretary to each member. An alteration of the Rules to be proposed at such Annual General Meeting must be received by the Secretary at least seven days before the date of the Annual General Meeting and must be in writing under the hands of two adult playing members of the Club. On receipt of such proposal, the Secretary shall forthwith give notice of the same to all the members of the Club, including providing a copy of the proposed new Rules.

The principal business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:

- To receive the reports of the Chair and the Statement of Accounts for the preceding year.
- To elect the Officers and Committee for the following year.
- To consider any business which the Committee for the preceding year may desire to submit.
- To decide on any resolution which may be duly submitted to the meeting.

At the Annual General Meeting, the Officers and all the members of the Committee shall retire but shall be eligible for re-election. The names of candidates for the Committee and/or to be an Officer shall be proposed and seconded respectively by two playing adult members of the Club at the Annual General Meeting. In the case of there being more than one candidate for an office or more candidates for the Committee than the number of vacancies, a ballot shall be held and every adult playing member shall be entitled to vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies to be filled. The candidate for each office and the candidate for the Committee up to the number of vacancies who shall receive most votes shall be declared elected and, in the case of two or more candidates receiving an equal number of votes, the Chair of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

Junior members shall be entitled to attend General Meetings of the Club and to speak thereat but may not vote on any resolution except by permission of the Chair of any such General Meeting on a matter in respect of which the Chair thinks their interests are particularly affected.

**13. Special General Meeting**

The Secretary shall, within 14 days after receipt of a notice signed by twenty full members of the Club stating the resolution to be submitted to a General Meeting, call a General Meeting of the Club (a “Special General Meeting”) to be held not less than 14 nor more than 28 days after the date of the notice calling the same and no resolution other than that specified in the relevant notice shall be considered at such Special General Meeting. Such resolution shall only be passed where two thirds or more of the members present vote in favour of the resolution.

**14. Visitors/Non-Playing Members**

Visitors may be introduced to the Club by any member. Before a visitor plays the member introducing the visitor must pay the appropriate fee. A member may not introduce the same visitor more than three times in any year.

A Non-Playing member must pay the same fee and may also play no more than three times a year.

**15. Regulations**

The Committee may from time to time make, repeal and amend, such regulations or policies as they may think expedient for the management of the Club, including use of the courts and premises of the Club, and the general enjoyment of the members of the Club.

The Committee recognises the importance of safeguarding children and adults at risk. Therefore, the Club shall be required to maintain a Safeguarding Policy and ensure a member of the Club acts as the Club Welfare Officer in accordance with the Safeguarding Policy.

The Committee also recognises the importance of diversity and inclusion at the Club. Therefore, the Club shall be required to implement and enforce the current British Tennis Diversity and Inclusion Policy for recreational clubs, as prepared by the Lawn Tennis Association.

Any such regulations or policies shall not be inconsistent with these Rules and shall be made available to members through copies being kept in the Club House and/or displayed on the Club’s website ([Redhill Lawn Tennis Club / About Us \(lta.org.uk\)](http://Redhill Lawn Tennis Club / About Us (lta.org.uk))) and/or provided by email.

**16. Matches**

The Committee shall have power to make arrangements for holding matches, tournaments, or other like competitions, including the imposition of a charge for the admission of non-members to the premises of the Club and to provide cups and other prizes for competition and to reserve courts or exclude members from any particular part of the premises of the Club as may be required on any occasion as the Committee in their absolute discretion think proper.



All official trophies shall remain the property of the Club.

**17. Dissolution**

Any resolution for the dissolution of the Club must be first put before an Annual General Meeting. If at any Annual General Meeting such a resolution shall be passed by a majority of the members present such resolution shall be put to a Special General Meeting. If such resolution is passed at a Special General Meeting by two thirds of the members present, the Committee shall thereupon or at such future date as shall be specified in such resolution, proceed to realise the property of the Club, any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall not be paid to or distributed among members of the Club, but shall be given or transferred to one or more of the following approved sporting or charitable bodies:

1. A registered charitable organisation(s)
2. Another tennis club which is a registered Community Amateur Sports Club
3. The sports national governing body for use by them for related community sports

**18. Injury, Loss of Property, etc.**

The Club shall not be liable for any injury to any member or visitor sustained while using the Club premises however so caused. Members or visitors leaving unattended vehicles, rackets, clothing or other property at the Club do so at their own risk and the Club, or Redhill Lawn Tennis Club Limited, shall not be liable for any loss or damage resulting from this or any other cause.

**19. Indemnification**

The Club shall immediately upon notification of any action, claim, right, demand and proceeding fully indemnify and hold harmless all members of the Committee and all former members of the Committee from and against any costs (including legal costs), damages, expenses, liabilities and awards arising out of any acts or omissions of the Club or any member of the Club giving rise to the relevant action, claim, right, demand and proceeding. The cost of such indemnity shall be borne out of Club assets.

**20. Hire of Club House**

The Committee may authorise the Club House to be used by a member for a private function and may impose such fees as it sees fit.

**21. Rule Change**

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No alteration or addition to these Rules shall be made except in accordance with a resolution properly submitted to and passed by the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting called for the purpose.

**Approved by Resolution at the Annual General Meeting  
29 January 2024**