

RULES OF SPALDING LAWN TENNIS CLUB

1. The Club shall be called "Spalding Lawn Tennis Club"
2. The club is formed to provide facilities for and promote participation of the whole of the community in the sport of tennis.
3. The classes of membership of the Club shall be as follows:

Playing Member

Juniors - Under 14 on 1.1.2005

Juniors - Under 18 on 1.1.2005

Students

Family membership

(2 Adults - Juniors/students)

Social

Visitors

The annual subscription payable by members of each class shall be set by Annual General Meeting. A non-playing member may become a member on payment of the appropriate subscription, but such charge shall be void if within 3 months thereof a resolution of a general meeting for the dissolution of the club shall be passed.

- a. The Income and property of the Club shall be applied solely towards promoting the Club objects as set forth in this constitution and no portion thereof shall be paid, or transferred, directly or indirectly, to the members of the club.
4. Subscriptions shall be paid by 15th May in each year or (in the case of new members and if later) within 14 days of the election and the committee may cancel the membership of any member whose overdue subscription remains unpaid 14 days after a written request for payment.
 5. Every candidate for admission as a member shall be proposed by an existing member and the proposal shall be considered by the next convenient meeting of the committee. The name of each candidate shall be posted on the clubroom for 7 days prior to the date upon which the candidate comes up for election. A candidate who receives a majority of the votes of the committee present and voting shall be declared elected and the secretary shall notify them in writing of his election. Any candidate who is not so elected may apply to the committee for the reasons for his non-election and on such application the committee shall state their reasons in writing to the unsuccessful candidate. Membership of the club shall be open to all persons irrespective of ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or beliefs or of age, sex, disability, except as necessary consequence of the requirements of

tennis as a particular sport. The Club may refuse membership or expel from membership only for good and sufficient reason, such conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute.

6. Every member shall be allowed to introduce visitors subject to such regulations as shall be made from time to time by the committee and every visitor shall be accompanied by the member introducing them.
7. Any member may resign his membership by giving to the secretary written notice to that effect but the member shall remain liable to pay any subscription already due.
8. If at any time the committee shall be of the opinion that the interests of the Club so require that they may call a special general meeting to consider the expulsion of a member. The member whose expulsion is sought shall be given notice of such meeting and of the grounds upon which grounds it is sought to expel them. The member may address the meeting but if two thirds of the members present and voting shall vote for their expulsion they shall there upon cease to be a member of the Club. The committee may exclude such a member from the club house and grounds until the special general meeting has been held.
9. Any member on ceasing to be such shall forfeit all right to and claim upon the Club, its property and funds as a member.
10. The affairs of the Club shall be managed by a committee consisting of the officers of the club and not more than 12 members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
11. Any candidate for election to the committee shall be proposed by two members. The candidates 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 Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.
12. At the Annual General Meeting members of the committee shall retire but shall be eligible for re-election.
13. In the event of a vacancy on the committee the committee shall have the power to appoint a member of the club to fill such vacancy.

14. The President and Vice-President shall be elected by the members and shall hold office until death or resignation unless previously removed from office by resolution of the members.

15. The property of the Club shall be vested in four Trustees appointed by the committee and shall be dealt with by them as the committee may from time to time direct by resolution (of which an entry in the minute book shall be conclusive evidence). The Trustees shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the club property and shall hold office until death or resignation or until removal from office by the committee, where a vacancy in the Trusteeship shall occur the committee shall nominate the person or persons to be appointed by the new Trustee or Trustees and such appointment shall be completed by the secretary who is hereby nominated as the person to appoint the Trustees.

16. The funds of the Club shall be under the control of the committee who shall meet as and when necessary to arrange the affairs of the Club and examine the accounts. Notice of meetings shall be sent to all members. A quorum shall consist of four members.

17. The committee may from time to time:-

- a. Appoint from among their number such sub-committee as they may deem necessary or expedient and may refer to the such of the powers and duties of the committee as the committee may determine.
- b. Make repeal and amend all such bye-laws and regulations (not inconsistent with these rules) as they shall think expedient for the internal management, use of the courts and well-being of the Club. All such Bye-Laws and regulations shall be binding upon the members of the repealed by the committee or set aside by a resolution of a general meeting of the Club.

18. Annual General Meetings of the Club shall be held at intervals not less frequent than 15 months upon a date and at a time to be fixed by the committee for the following purposes:

- a. To receive from the committee a report and accounts for the preceding financial year.
- b. To elect the officers for the ensuing term
- c. To decide on any resolutions which may be duly submitted to the meeting

A copy of the statement of accounts shall be available for inspection by the members from the secretary at least seven days before the full Annual General Meeting.

19. Any member who wishes to move any resolution at the Annual General Meeting shall give notice thereof in writing to the secretary not less than three weeks before the date of such meeting.
20. The committee may at any time for any special purpose call a special general meeting and they shall do so within 15 days of receipt of a requisition in writing of any five members stating the purpose for which a meeting is required.
21. Fourteen days at least before the Annual General meeting or any special general meeting a written notice of such meeting and of the business to be transacted thereat shall be sent to every member and no business other than that of the notice has been so given shall be brought forward at that meeting.
22. At all general meetings of the club the president and in his absence a member selected by the meeting shall take the chair. Every full playing member shall be entitled to vote and shall have one vote upon every motion and in the case of equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.
23. The quorum at all General Meetings shall be seven full playing members.
24. The financial year of the Club shall be the last day of February in each year to which the accounts of the club shall be balanced.
25. The accidental omission to give any notice required to given by the rules shall not invalidate any proceedings to which such notice would, if given, have related.
26. If at any time the club in general meeting shall pass a resolution authorising the committee to borrow money , the committee shall there upon be empowered to give effect such resolution including directing the Trustees to make all such dispositions of the club property or any part thereof and enter into such agreements in relation thereto as the committee may deem proper. All members of the club, whether voting on such resolution or not, and all persons becoming members of the club after passing of such a resolution shall be deemed to have assented to the same as if they had voted in favour of such resolution.
27. If at any general meeting a resolution for the dissolution of the club shall be passed by a majority of the members present, and such resolution shall be at a special general meeting held at not less than six weeks thereafter be confirmed by resolution securing the votes of not les then two-thirds of the membership of the

members voting thereon, the committee shall thereupon or at such future date as shall be specified in such resolution proceed to realise the property of the club and after the discharge of all debts and liabilities the remaining assets shall not be paid or distributed among the members of the club., but shall be given or transferred to the Lawn Tennis Association or the governing body of Lawn Tennis in existence at that time for the benefit of Lawn tennis in the Spalding area and upon such transfer the club shall be dissolved.

28. Spalding Lawn Tennis Club is committed to the active promotion of equal opportunities on all its activities and to the elimination of all forms of prejudicial discrimination particularly on the grounds of age, culture, disability, special educational need, gender, marital status, ethnic colour, /national origin, religious/ political beliefs, sexual identity/orientation, stats/residence and socioeconomic background.

29. These rules may be added to, repaired or amended by resolution of any Annual or special general meeting securing the votes of not less than two-thirds of the members voting thereon.