

TAYNTON AND TIBBERTON TENNIS CLUB

RULES

1. The Constitution

- 1.1. The Club shall be called “The Taynton and Tibberton Tennis Club” and shall be affiliated to the Taynton and Tibberton Village Hall Management Committee.
- 1.2. The object of the Club shall be to foster and promote tennis in Taynton and Tibberton and surrounding areas.
- 1.3. The Club shall convene General Meetings, if appropriate, and hold an Annual General Meeting no later than March in each membership year.
All funds shall be held in an account(s) of a well-known bank agreed by the Committee.
- 1.4. In the event of dissolution of the Club, all funds and assets shall be deposited with the Club’s bank, for a period not exceeding 3 years. Should the Club not be reformed within that period the Bank shall then transfer all funds and assets to Taynton and Tibberton Village Hall Management Committee.

2. Defined terms

- 2.1. In the rules, unless the context requires otherwise:
“Disciplinary Code” means the disciplinary code of [the LTA] in force from time to time;
“[LTA]” means [LTA CLG] and its subsidiaries or such successor entity or entities as become(s) the governing body of the game of lawn tennis from time to time;
“member” means a member of the Taynton and Tibberton Tennis Club;
“Rules” means the rules of [the LTA] as in force from time to time;

3. Executive Committee

- 3.1. The Executive Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Match Secretary (Captain) together with additional members. All Executive Committee members shall be elected annually at the AGM.
- 3.2. The Taynton and Tibberton Tennis Club agrees that each member of the Executive Committee will be required, as a condition of election or appointment, to agree to be bound by and subject to these rules, the Rules and the Disciplinary Code, such agreement to contain an express acknowledgement that the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 applies and that [the LTA] and Taynton and Tibberton Tennis Club can enforce any breach at its option and in its sole discretion.¹
- 3.3. The Executive Committee will deal with all immediate business of the Club and shall meet at the discretion of the Chairman and Secretary (but not less than twice a year).
- 3.4. The Executive Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancies occurring in their Committee and to appoint any Sub Committee that they think fit.
- 3.5. The Executive Committee may elect a President and Vice President as they think fit; also to appoint Honorary members; one only in each year.

- 3.6. The Executive Committee shall have the power to expel or suspend any member or player for any infringement or misbehaviour, injurious to the Club or for reasons considered good and proper by the Committee.

This means that the members of the club's/registered place to play's Executive Committee need to agree to comply with the LTA's Rules and Disciplinary Code

- 3.7. An appeal by any member/player against a decision by the Executive Committee shall be lodged with the Club Secretary for discussion at the next meeting or General Meeting.
- 3.8. The Executive Committee shall decide any disputes or points not provided for in the foregoing rules. Such decisions/alterations shall be deemed to form part of the Club rules, providing they are entered within the Minutes taken at that meeting; even though the rules as displayed may not have been amended.

4. Coaches and Players

- 4.1 Taynton and Tibberton Tennis Club agrees that all unlicensed and unregistered coaches and, so far as reasonably practicable, players and other persons using the facilities of Taynton and Tibberton Tennis Club will be required, as a condition of such use, to agree to be bound by and subject to these rules, the Rules and the Disciplinary Code, such agreement to contain an express acknowledgement that the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 applies and that [the LTA] and Taynton and Tibberton Tennis Club can enforce any breach at its option and in its sole discretion ².

5. Membership and Subscriptions

- 5.1. Each member agrees as a condition of membership:
- (a) to be bound by and subject to these rules (as in force from time to time) ³.
 - (b) to be bound by and subject to the Rules and the Disciplinary Code ⁴.
- 5.2. Rule 5.1 confers a benefit on [the LTA] and, subject to the remaining provisions of this rule, is intended to be enforceable by [the LTA] by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999. For the avoidance of doubt, the members do not intend that any term of these rules, apart from rule [2(1)], should be enforceable, by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999, by any person who is not a party to this agreement
- 5.3. The Club shall run from 1st April to 31st March of each year.
- 5.4. The annual subscription shall be set at the Annual General Meeting and be in 4 categories:-
- a) Family membership – joint and children under 18
 - b) Adult membership
 - c) Student membership – over 18 in full time education
 - d) Junior membership – must be less than 18 years of age as at 1st May in the year which membership is sought.
- 5.5. Payment of such fees or subscriptions must be made prior to playing any matches or using any of the courts available to the Club.

- 5.6. The Executive Committee shall reserve the right to refuse admission to the Club of any prospective member.

² This means that each club/registered place to play is expected to get their unlicensed and unregistered coaches; and, as far as is reasonably practicable, players who use their facilities to sign up to the LTA's Rules and Disciplinary Code.

³ This means that each member of the Taynton and Tibberton Tennis Club agrees to be bound by the rules of the Taynton and Tibberton Tennis Club.

⁴ This means that each member of the Taynton and Tibberton Tennis Club agrees to be bound by the LTA's Rules and Disciplinary Code.

6. Play and Playing Conditions

- 6.1. Play shall be in accordance with the laws of Tennis as laid down by the LTA.
- 6.2. All players using the courts or representing the Club shall wear correct clothing and footwear as recommended by the LTA. On no occasion shall any player wear shoes other than those suitable for use on hard surface courts.
- 6.3. Members may bring guests to the courts for the purpose of playing upon payment of a guest fee. Members shall be responsible for collection of such fees which may be handed to any Executive Committee member of the Club. Players may not be guests on more than 3 occasions in one season.
- 6.4. Upon payment of the appropriate membership subscription the member will be provided with the tennis court lock combination, such combination to be changed by the Executive Committee annually at the start of the new season (or more frequently if deemed necessary). Members must not divulge this lock combination to non-members as it could lead to players being uninsured under the LTA insurance cover.
- 6.5. Members must ensure that courts are locked on completion of play.
- 6.6. Members must book a court to play and are requested to limit their booking to a maximum of 120 minutes at any one session. .
- 6.7. Club sessions may be arranged and determined at the AGM. No private play will be allowed during these times.
- 6.8. Courts will be reserved for club sessions, coaching, friendly and league matches at certain times and members can view this via the booking portal.

7. General

- 7.1. Proposals for alteration, amendment or addition to the foregoing rules will only be accepted, providing such notification is received in writing 14 days prior to the next AGM or General Meeting. Any such proposals should be forwarded to the Secretary.

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