

CLUB CONSTITUTION

1. Name

The club is called the Thornden Tennis Club ("the Club")

2. Objectives

- (a) To provide social and match play for adults and juniors and coaching for local juniors.
- (b) To encourage such juniors to continue playing tennis into, and throughout their adult life.
- (c) To encourage progression of juniors into the adult section by awarding intermediate status where appropriate permitting them to play at adult sessions.
- (d) To encourage junior tennis in all the local schools.
- (e) To help provide and maintain the tennis facilities at Thornden School.
- (f) To be affiliated to the Hampshire LTA and to comply and uphold the rules and regulations of the Hampshire LTA and the National LTA.

3. Application of Profit

The Club is a non profit making organisation. All surpluses will be used to maintain or improve the club's facilities and to encourage tennis locally. In the event that the Club winds up, all surpluses will go to the Friends of Thornden School.

4. Membership

- (a) The membership period will run from 1st April to 31st March each year.
- (b) Membership must be renewed each year on or before the end of the membership period.
- (c) All Adult and Student/Young Adult (18-25 years) members have full voting rights.
- (d) All Junior members (10-17 years) will have no voting rights. However, their parents will have the right to vote on their child's behalf (one vote per family).
- (e) Out of Area Members: This is only for members living more than 15 miles away. They have no voting rights.
- (f) Parent Members: They have no voting rights.
- (g) Mini members (all children under 10 years); neither they nor their parents will have voting rights.
- (h) The Committee can elect any additional honorary member if it thinks that such an individual has served the Club well and that such election will be to the benefit of the Club.

5. Subscriptions

- (a) Subscriptions for the next membership period will be decided annually at the AGM.
- (b) Any player whose subscription is overdue will not be entitled to the privileges of membership (refer to 4 (a) and 4 (b) above).

6. Club Management

The Club will be managed by a Committee. The Committee will consist of:

- (a) Chairperson
- (b) Vice Chairperson
- (c) Secretary
- (d) Treasurer
- (e) Head Coach
- (f) Child Protection Officer

All the above to be elected/re-elected annually at the AGM.

The committee may co-opt further committee members if necessary.

7. Workings of the Committee

- (a) The Committee will meet as often as the Committee thinks fit, provided that there is at least one meeting per year. The quorum for such meetings will be four members.
- (b) The Chairperson or the Secretary will have the power to call emergency meetings if necessary.
- (c) Decisions of the Committee will be made by a simple majority, with the Chairperson having any necessary casting vote.
- (d) The Committee may appoint further Sub Committees if deemed necessary.
- (e) The members of the Committee will be entitled to an indemnity out of the assets of the Club for all expenses and other liabilities properly incurred by them in the management of the Club.

8. Annual General Meeting AGM

The AGM of the Club will be held at such time as the Committee decides each year.

Notice of an AGM will be given by the Secretary at least 14 days in advance.

The AGM will carry out the following business:

- (a) To receive an annual report from the Chairperson
- (b) To receive the audited accounts and the Treasurer's report.
- (c) To elect the Auditor
- (d) To elect the Officers and other Committee members.
- (e) To vote on any proposed resolutions submitted to the Committee at least 14 days before an AGM.
- (f) To decide on subscription fees for the next membership year
- (g) To deal with any special matters the Committee wishes to bring before the membership.

Voting will be by simple majority, with any casting vote going to the Chairperson.

The quorum for the AGM will be 10% of eligible voting membership.

9. Extraordinary General Meetings EGM

EGMs can be called by the committee or if 10% of eligible voting members sign and submit to the Secretary a request for an EGM stating the purpose and resolution proposed. The EGM should then be held between 14 and 21 days of the receipt of the request. The quorum for the EGM will be 10% of eligible voting membership.

10. Guests

A guest may be introduced by a member who must pay a visitor's fee as set by the Committee. No one guest may play more than 4 times per year.

11. Finance

All money payable to the Club will be received by the Treasurer and deposited in an account in the name of the Club. The financial year will run from October 1st to September 30th.

12. Child Protection

The Club will adhere to its own Child Protection Policy (CPP) which is in line with the LTA's, Thornden Schools and Local Government's policies. All those having direct responsibility for the supervision of children will have appropriate checks conducted in line with its CPP. The Committee will allocate the role of Child Protection Officer to a member of the Committee. All Committee members will be responsible for ensuring that procedures set out in the Club's CPP are adhered to and regularly reviewed. All concerns raised or complaints made in relation to any matter affecting the potential safeguard of children will be investigated in line with these procedures. Complete confidentiality will be maintained until a full investigation is carried out. If deemed necessary, the appropriate professional bodies will be advised and involved if assistance is required.

13. Disciplinary Code

- 13.1 Each member agrees as a condition of membership.
 - (a) to be bound by and subject to the rules of Thornden Tennis Club
 - (b) to be bound by and subject to the LTA's Rules and Disciplinary Code.
- 13.2 Rule 13.1 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 13.1

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.

- 13.3 The Committee may terminate the membership of any person or impose any other sanction they determine to be appropriate, in connection with the breach of any condition of membership set out in this rule.
- 13.4 Thornden Tennis Club agrees that each member of the Management Committee will be required, as a condition of election or appointment, to agree to be bound by and subject to the LTA's Rules and Disciplinary Code.
- 13.5 Thornden Tennis Club agrees that all unlicensed and unregistered coaches and, so far as reasonably practical, players and other persons using the facilities of the Club will be required, as a condition of such use, to agree to be bound by the LTA's Rules and Disciplinary Code and that the LTA and the Club can enforce any breach at its option and in its sole discretion.

14. Miscellaneous

- (a) Any proposed activities that impact significantly on the club should be agreed at the AGM or EGM. This typically includes proposed investments larger than 50% of yearly revenues and other large activities where the committee is not unanimous.
- (b) Any matter not covered by the Constitution will be dealt with by the Committee, whose decision will be final.
- (c) No alteration can be made to the Constitution except at an AGM or EGM.

Approved at AGM 14/11/2023