

Constitution & Rules

THE CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE WADEBRIDGE LAWN TENNIS CLUB (Revised November 2014)

1. Name and Objects – The Club shall be called the “Wadebridge Lawn Tennis Club” with the aim of promoting the game of tennis and fostering good sportsmanship and sociability.
2. Constitution – The Club shall be constituted as a non-profit making members club. At no time shall any assets or surplus funds be distributed to any member.
3. Registration – The Club shall be registered to the Lawn Tennis Association through the Cornwall County Lawn Tennis Association.
4. Management a. The following officers shall be nominated yearly at the Annual General Meeting (AGM): President
Chairman
Honorary Secretary
Honorary Treasurer
Club Captain
Men’s Captain
Ladies Captain
Ball Monitor
Club Coach
Junior Representative (non voting until aged 16 years)
Up to five additional general committee members.
These shall form a committee under the Chairman and shall be responsible for the management of the Club. b. The committee has the power to fill any vacancy that may occur on the committee.
 - c. The quorum of a committee meeting shall be three members.
 - d. In the event of equality of voting the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.
 - e. If any committee member fails to attend more than three consecutive meetings, that member shall be asked to resign from the committee and the vacancy filled under the provision of rule 4.b.The 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 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 [the club/registered place to play] can enforce any breach at its option and in its sole discretion

5. Annual General Meeting (AGM) – The AGM shall be held between the 1st November and 20th December and members shall have 14 days notice. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened at the discretion of the committee or following the request of not less than eight members, and shall be subject to seven days notice.

The business of the AGM shall be the confirmation of the minutes of the previous AGM and of any subsequent general meetings, the consideration of the Committee's report and the Honorary Treasurers Accounts for the year, setting subscription fees, the election of Officers and Committee for the ensuing year, the appointment of an Honorary Auditor, and any items of which notice has been given and details included in the Agenda.

Every Member (other than temporary members) shall be entitled to be present and speak at any general meeting and, if aged 16 years or over, to vote there at. In the event of equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

The quorum of a general meeting shall be nine members.

6. Conditions of Membership – Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in tennis on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non discriminatory basis.

The Club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non discriminatory and fair basis. The Club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.

Every member (over the age of 16) shall have one vote.

Admission of Members any person who wishes to become a Member must submit an application in such form as the Management Committee shall decide. Every candidate for membership shall be considered by the Management Committee, [which shall, in its absolute discretion, decide whether to admit that candidate as a Member]. [A person shall not be entitled to any privileges of the Club until two days have passed since his application for membership was submitted, whether or not he is admitted as a Member before those two days have lapsed]

6.1 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) (b) to be bound by and subject to the Rules and the Disciplinary Code

6.2 Rule [6(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 [6(1)], should be enforceable, by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999, by any person who is not a party to these rules. 6.3 The club/registered place to play] agrees that all unlicensed and unregistered coaches and, so far as reasonably practicable, players and other persons using the facilities of [the club/registered place to play] 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 [the club/registered place to play] can enforce any breach at its option and in its sole discretion

7. Subscription levies and fees a. Subscriptions and levies are due on the 1st April each year, and shall be determined at the AGM. New members joining after 30th June shall have a pro rata reduction. b. A Member whose subscription is not paid by the 1st April will not be entitled to the privileges of membership

including representing the club in matches until he/she has paid. If the subscription is not renewed by 1st May membership will be deemed as lapsed. c. Visitors' fees shall be payable on each occasion up to six visits after which full membership is required.

8. Complaints – Members should make any complaints to the Committee in writing, and these will be brought before the next Committee Meeting

9. Suspension – The Committee may suspend a member for such period as they consider necessary, if they consider that it would be in the interests of the Game or the Club to do so.

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10. Expulsion - Subject to the remaining provisions of this rule, the Management Committee shall have power to refuse membership or expel a Member if it in its sole discretion determines that it would be in the interests of the Game or of the Club to do so. A Member shall not be expelled unless he is given [14] days' written notice of the meeting of the Management Committee at which his expulsion shall be considered and written details of the complaint made against him. The Member shall be given an opportunity to appear before the Management Committee to answer complaints made against him. The member must not be expelled unless at least [two-thirds] of the Management Committee then present vote in favour of his expulsion. The Management Committee may exclude the Member from the Club's premises until the meeting considering his expulsion has been held. For the avoidance of doubt, the member shall be entitled to attend that meeting for the purpose of making his representations. The Member may appeal against the Management Committee's decision by notifying the Management Committee who shall put the matter to the Club's members in general meeting and decided by a majority vote of members present and voting at such meeting.

11. Accountancy Year – Except for the purposes of subscriptions the Club's financial year shall run from 1st

November to 31st October and the accounts submitted to the AGM accordingly. 12 Security – Keys will be provided to Committee Members and to senior members on deposit. Each member will ensure the Club House and Ball cupboard is secured at the end of each session if they are last to leave. Junior Members must be accompanied by a senior member in the Club House.

13. Dissolution – A resolution to dissolve the Club shall be proposed only at an extraordinary general meeting and shall be passed only if carried by a majority of at least three-quarters of the Members present and voting. The dissolution shall take effect from the date of the resolution and the members of the Management Committee shall be responsible for the winding-up of the assets and liabilities of the Club. Any property remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Club shall not be paid to or distributed among members of the Club, but shall be given or transferred to other non-profit making sport clubs within Wadebridge who promote junior participation and having objects similar to those of the Club (these clubs will be agreed by the Management Committee) or to a registered charity for lawn tennis or the LTA for use in community related tennis initiatives.

14. A copy of these rules shall be displayed at all times on the Club notice board. These rules shall only be altered at a General Meeting subject to a two thirds majority vote in favour, the Regulations may be changed at the discretion of the committee.

Wadebridge Tennis Club REGULATIONS OF THE
WADEBRIDGE LAWN TENNIS CLUB (Amended August 2019)

Club Sessions & Ability Guide Sunday morning club session:
10am - 12.30pm. Standard: Full members (+ Junior Academy Players) - Recreational and higher. All courts are booked for this session.

Tuesday evening Men's Team Practice: 6 - 8.30pm. Standard:
Team members only - Practice for men's A, B and C team players. Courts 1-3 are booked for this session.

Wednesday evening club session: 5.30 - 8.00pm. Standard: All members welcome (+ Junior Academy Players) - Introductory members, recreational and club players. This is classed as an 'improvers' club night which provides an opportunity for those adults receiving regular coaching to put into practice what they have learnt. It has also developed into a club session for those who are less competitive than those who attend some of the other sessions as well as for those who have played before but are a bit rusty. You'll also find a few more experienced players joining in and helping with tips on positioning, court etiquette, etc. Visiting guests and potential new members are welcomed to this session. We request a £3 guest fee. All courts are booked for this session. Friday evening club session: 6pm - 8.30pm. Standard: Full members (+ Invited Juniors only) - Intermediate and advanced players. All courts are booked for this session.

Saturday afternoon club session: 1.30pm - 3.30pm. Standard: Ladies only session (16yrs+) - Intermediate and advanced players. Courts 1 - 3 are booked for this session. Saturday afternoon club session: 3.30pm - 5.00pm. Standard: All members welcome (+ Junior Academy Players) - Introductory members, recreational and club players. This is classed as an 'improvers' club session which provides an opportunity for those adults receiving regular coaching to put into practice what they have learnt. It has also developed into a club session for those who are less competitive than those who attend some of the other sessions as well as for those who have played before but are a bit rusty. You'll also find a few more experienced players joining in and helping with tips on positioning, court etiquette, etc. Visiting guests and potential new members are welcomed to this session. We request a £3 guest fee. All courts are booked for this session.

GENERAL GUIDELINES :- These have been collated as general advice from past suggestions and may be added to or

adjusted as appropriate... Who plays when? In general, you should feel comfortable in two of the general weekly evening sessions...

- Fridays and Sundays are for intermediate and advanced players.
- Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays are for introductory members, recreational and improvers.
- Tuesdays are for men who are regular team players and other intermediate and advanced players.
- Saturdays are for ladies who are regular team players and other intermediate and advanced players.

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Please note: It is perfectly acceptable for an intermediate or advanced player to attend on a Wednesday or Saturday session as long as they tone down their game so as not to spoil the enjoyment of the other players... ..it is not acceptable for a beginner or introductory member to attend on Fridays or Sundays until they are able to play at a standard that would not affect the quality of play for the other players. If you think you are in between improver and intermediate standard, it depends on whether your game is on an upward or downward trajectory. If upward, you will probably improve by playing with better players and we will invite you to try out the Sunday morning session. If downward, it will probably not and you will only be spoiling the enjoyment of the other players; you should consider moving to the general Wednesday and Saturday club sessions. If you're not sure, please ask a committee member. Club sessions are run by a committee member and take the form of mixed doubles. Player mix-up takes place approximately every 20 mins. If the session is over booked

PLEASE be prepared to sit out for one 20 min mix-ups, a player turn around will be arranged by the organiser, but volunteers to take their turn to sit out is much appreciated. Starter / Beginner: The player is in the early stages of tennis skills development and is primarily learning simple tennis coordination tasks / exercises. Currently they are not quite ready for club session tennis but would be welcomed to Monday Adult coaching at 7pm to improve their skills. Their coach will advise them when they are ready to become a Introductory club member and join in Wednesday and Saturday club sessions. Introductory: To varying degrees this player is fairly consistent when hitting medium paced shots, and has the ability to carry out a consistent rally. They have dependable strokes, including directional control and depth on both ground strokes and on moderate shots. They are further developing the ability to use lobs, overheads, approach shots and volleys. Once these players find more consistency and confidence, they can request an assessment by our coaches to see if they can upgrade to full club membership. The assessments take place on a Monday evening, usually once a month by request. Recreational / Intermediate: This player has dependable strokes, including directional control and depth on both ground strokes and on moderate shots. They have the ability to use lobs, overheads, approach shots and volleys with consistent success. They represent the club in league matches. Advanced: This player has good shot anticipation, consistently produces winning shots and play variation. They can regularly hit winning shots and force errors off opponents short balls. They are representing the club in one of the top level teams and can show a variety of serves, match play and shot anticipation