

WELLS TOWN TENNIS CLUB

RULES AND CONSTITUTION (March 2012)

1. OBJECTS:

- a) The object of the club is to provide facilities for and promote participation of the whole community in the sport of tennis.
- b) To honour the intentions of Mrs. L. Smith, the original donor of the Theatre Road land, namely to provide tennis playing facilities for residents of the town.
- c) To promote tennis and social activities for the club's subscribers.

2. CONSTITUTION:

Subscribers shall comprise –

- a) CLUB MEMBERS, being persons enrolled as family, full and junior (under 18 years of age) and having paid their dues by their third visit to the club.
- b) LICENSED CASUAL PLAYERS and HONORARY MEMBERS of whom there shall be not more than respectively eight and four at any one time, the former having paid the prescribed dues.
- c) PERSONS CO-OPTED by the executive committee to assist from time to time in particular areas of specialisation.
- d) Membership of the club shall be Open to anyone interested in the sport 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.
- e) 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.
- f) The club committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the members.
- g) All subscribers agree to be bound by the LTA Rules and Disciplinary Code.

3. MANAGEMENT:

- a) The affairs of the club shall be managed by an executive committee consisting of not more than nine elected club members of whom four shall form a quorum, unless the committee is extended by co-option(s), in which case the requirement shall be five.
- b) The elected and co-opted personnel forming the committee shall include the president, chairman, honorary secretary and honorary treasurer of the club.
- c) Full and equal voting rights at committee meetings shall be held by each elected officer or elected committee member, the chairman presiding at a meeting having a second or casting vote in the event of equality of votes.
- d) Appointments as president, chairman, secretary and treasurer shall be reviewed annually by club members at its annual general meeting in the spring, after the recommendations of the executive committee about office holders and the filling of vacancies have been submitted. At any club general meeting each club member, over 18 years of age, shall have one vote.
- e) The executive committee shall use its best endeavour to identify, protect and further the interests in tennis of all club subscribers by whatever reasonable means it deems, from time to time appropriate under the prevailing circumstances affecting the site, the club and its subscribers.
- f) Significant acts and omissions in accordance with 3.e) above shall be notified to subscribers of known addresses who attend the AGM of the club, in the reports of the office holders.

4. PROPERTY:

- a) Any property of the club including a lease of club premises shall be vested in four trustees who shall be appointed by the executive committee and the Trustees shall then hold property to be dealt with by them as the executive committee may from time to time direct by resolution which will be entered in the minute book. The trustees shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the club property and funds. The trustees shall hold office until death or resignation or removal from office by the executive committee. Where it is necessary to replace a trustee, the executive committee shall nominate a replacement.
- b) Upon dissolution of the club any remaining assets shall be given or transferred to another registered CASC, a registered charity or the sport's governing body for use by them in related community sports.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

a) The ordinary business of the annual general meeting, which shall be notified and open to all club and honorary members and co-options, shall be to examine the reports of the chairman, secretary and treasurer, to appoint the honorary auditor, to receive nominations by the executive committee for honorary memberships, and to consider the filling of vacancies on the executive committee and/or amongst office holders. Any other business at the annual general meeting shall be deemed special business.

b) An extraordinary general meeting shall be convened within four weeks of a requisition signed by not less than six members of the club specifying the special business to be transacted. No other business shall be transacted at an extraordinary general meeting.

c) All surplus income or profits are to be reinvested in the club. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or third parties.

6. RULES (as above): These rules shall be on permanent display in the clubhouse. No alteration to them shall be made except at a general meeting by a motion carried by a majority of at least two thirds of the recorded votes of those entitled to attend and vote. Voting by proxy or post shall not be allowed.