

# WOOLHOPE TENNIS CLUB

## CONSTITUTION

( As amended on 16 March 2023 )

1. Name  
The Club shall be called the 'Woolhope Tennis Club'.
2. Aims and Objectives
  - 2.1 The object of the Club is to promote the game of tennis in and around Woolhope.
  - 2.2 The Club is committed to the provision of equal opportunities for all Members and will treat all Members equally regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or socio/economic status.
3. Membership
  - 3.1 Any person who has completed an application for membership (in a form approved by the Committee) shall become a member of the Club on payment of the appropriate subscription.
  - 3.2 The classes of membership shall be:-
    - (a) Single adult (aged 26 or over on 1<sup>st</sup> April)
    - (b) Couple (two adults aged 26 or over on 1<sup>st</sup> April living at the same address)
    - (c) Family (parent(s) and their children aged under 19 on 1<sup>st</sup> April living at the same address)
    - (d) Young Person (aged 19 to 25 on 1<sup>st</sup> April)
    - (e) Junior (aged under 19 on 1<sup>st</sup> April).
  - 3.3 The Club shall keep a register of Members, recording their names and addresses. All Members must keep their membership profile up-to-date on the Club website.
  - 3.4 It is a condition of membership that each Member agrees:-
    - (a) to be bound by and subject to this Constitution, the rules issued by the Committee under clause 6.3, and the rules and disciplinary code of the LTA (as in force from time to time), and
    - (b) to oppose discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity.
4. Subscriptions  
The annual subscription rates shall be fixed at the Annual General Meeting.
5. Officers
  - 5.1 The officers of the Club shall be:-
    - (a) Chair
    - (b) Vice-Chair
    - (c) Secretary
    - (d) Treasurer.
  - 5.2 All Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting to hold office until

the end of the following Annual General Meeting, when they shall retire but be eligible for re-election. A person who is not a Member shall not be eligible for election as an Officer.

- 5.3 The roles of the Officers shall be as described by the Committee.
6. The Executive Committee
  - 6.1 The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers and up to five other Members to be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
  - 6.2 Meetings of the Committee shall be arranged by the Chair and the Secretary. At all meetings of the Committee the quorum shall be four. In the event of an equality of votes the Chair (or, in their absence, the Vice-Chair) shall have a second or casting vote.
  - 6.3 The Committee shall have full authority and sole responsibility for carrying out the objects of the Club and for disposing of Club funds in accordance with this Constitution. The Committee may make rules for the efficient and safe operation of the Club and designate authorised signatories for the Club's bank account(s).
  - 6.4 The Committee may :-
    - (a) co-opt other Members to the Committee
    - (b) appoint sub-committees to deal with matters assigned by the Committee
    - (c) accept the resignation of any member of the Committee.
  - 6.5 The resignation of any Committee member must be in writing addressed to the Chair. Any Officer who ceases to hold office for any cause shall forthwith hand all documents and property of the Club in their custody or possession to any person nominated by the Committee to receive the same.
  - 6.6 The Committee will be responsible for arranging disciplinary hearings for any Member alleged to have infringed the rules or constitution of the Club and for deciding on any consequent disciplinary action, including suspension or termination of membership.
7. Trustees
  - 7.1 The Committee may appoint up to four Members as trustees and authorise the execution of a deed of appointment.
  - 7.2 All property of the Club including land and investments shall be held by the Trustees in their own names for the use and benefit of the Club. In relation to any property of the Club held by them, the Trustees shall act in all respects in accordance with the directions of the Committee and shall have power to sell, lease, mortgage or pledge any Club property for the purpose of raising or borrowing money for the benefit of the Club in compliance with the Committee's directions.

- 7.3 A Trustee shall be deemed to have vacated office if he/she:-  
(a) resigns by giving three months' written notice to the Committee, or  
(b) is requested to resign by the Committee at any time.
- 7.4 On the vacation of office by any Trustee the Committee shall appoint a new trustee in their place (in accordance with clause 7.1). The Committee and any resigning Trustee shall take all reasonable steps to procure the vesting of all Club property in the names of the new Trustees after such appointment.
8. General Meetings
- 8.1 An Annual General Meeting shall be held every year in order to :-  
(a) confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and of any subsequent Extraordinary General Meeting,  
(b) consider the report of the Chair,  
(c) receive and consider accounts for the preceding year and the report of the Treasurer,  
(d) elect Officers and other members of the Committee,  
(e) fix subscriptions for the current year,  
(f) appoint an honorary auditor,  
(g) consider any other matter referred by the Committee.
- 8.2 An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened at any time either by the Committee or by any five Members giving written notice to the Secretary, who shall then give notice of the meeting to all Members.
- 8.3 Seven days' notice of all general meetings shall be given in writing to all Members. The quorum for all general meetings shall be 12 Members.
- 8.4 All Members aged 18 or more shall be entitled to one vote on every resolution.
- 8.5 All resolutions at general meetings, including resolutions to amend the Constitution, shall be passed by a simple majority of the votes cast by the Members present at the meeting. In the event of an equality of votes, the Chair (or, in their absence, the Vice-Chair) shall have a second or casting vote.
9. Indemnity  
Except in relation to any liability arising from dishonesty or wilful default, the Club shall indemnify every Trustee and member of the Committee against all costs, claims and expenses incurred by them, or for which they may become liable, by reason of any contract entered into by them or otherwise in the discharge of their duties.
10. Winding Up
- 10.1 The Club may be dissolved only by a resolution passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting or, if there are less than 20 Members for at least six months, by resolution of the Committee.

10.2 On the passing of a resolution to dissolve the Club, the Committee shall be responsible for the winding up of the assets and liabilities of the Club. Any assets remaining after the discharge of all debts and liabilities of the Club shall not be paid to or distributed among the Members but shall be given or transferred to another non-profit making tennis club or voluntary organisation having objects similar to those of the Club.

11. Interpretation

11.1 In this Constitution the following expressions shall have the following meanings:-

'the Club' : Woolhope Tennis Club.

'the Committee' : the Executive Committee referred to in clause 6.

'LTA' : the Lawn Tennis Association and its subsidiaries, or such successor entity as becomes the governing body of the game of lawn tennis from time to time.

'Member(s)' : member(s) of the Club in accordance with clause 3.

'Officers' : officers of the Club as specified in clause 5.1.

'Trustee(s)': trustee(s) of the Club appointed under clause 7.1.

11.2 In this Constitution any reference to a clause shall mean a clause of this Constitution.

11.3 Clause 3.4 confers a benefit on the LTA and, subject to the remaining provisions of this clause, is intended to be enforceable by the LTA by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999. For the avoidance of doubt, no term of this Constitution, apart from clause 3.4, shall be enforceable by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 by any person who is not a Member.