

Wollaton Village Tennis Club Rules

1: Name of the Club

The club shall be called the Wollaton Village Tennis Club.

2: The Club and the Wollaton Sports Association

The club is responsible to the Wollaton Sports Association who are the ruling body, having control of the ground and to whom an annual acknowledgement is made. Two members of the tennis club shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the tennis club to serve on the Wollaton Sports Association Committee. All paid-up senior and social members are automatically members of the Wollaton Sports Association.

3: The Club and the Lawn Tennis Association

The club shall be affiliated to the Notts. Lawn Tennis Association and subject to the Rules and Disciplinary Code of the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA).

(a) Conditions of membership

Each member agrees as a condition of membership of the club to be bound by and subject to the Rules and Disciplinary Code of the LTA (as in force from time to time).

(b) Rule 3(a) 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 3(a) 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.

(c) The club 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.

(d) The Committee

The club agrees that each member of the committee will be required, as a condition of election or appointment, to agree to be bound by and subject to these club rules and the LTA's Rules and 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 can enforce any breach at its option and in its sole discretion.

(e) Coaches and players

The club agrees that all unlicensed and unregistered coaches and, so far as reasonably practicable, 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 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 can enforce any breach at its option and in its sole discretion.

4: Membership

(a) Senior Membership

All full playing members over the age of eighteen will be known as senior members. Application to join the club as a senior member shall be submitted to the Hon. Secretary. Prospective members will be elected to the club by a simple majority of the committee. Any senior member desiring to resign from the club shall give written notice to this effect to the Hon. Secretary not later than 1st March in each year. Failing such notice being received the senior member shall at the discretion of the committee, be liable to the club for the summer subscription for the ensuing year.

(b) Special Junior Membership

Persons under the age of eighteen on the 31st December may, by a simple majority of the committee, play at the same time and with senior members. Such a person will be known as a Special Junior. On attaining the age of eighteen a special junior may be transferred to the status of Senior Member by simple majority of the Tournament Committee.

(c) Junior Membership

All members under the age of eighteen on 31st December, except for those defined in (4b) will be known as junior members. All applications to join the club as junior members will be submitted to the Hon. Junior Secretary. The date of joining the Wollaton Village Tennis Club as a junior will be taken as the date of application for a Senior Member.

(d) Family Membership

A 'family' shall consist of 1 Senior Member plus 2 or more children.

(e) Associate Membership

Associate members may play at times when Senior Members do not require the courts.

(f) Honorary Members

The President and Vice-President of the club as elected in accordance with Rule 5, will be considered to be honorary members of the club during the respective terms of office. Such honorary members would receive a membership card, notice of the clubs activities, tickets for Wimbledon etc, but would not have the power to vote at the Annual General Meeting.

(g) Social Member

Persons joining the club for the purpose of taking part in the clubs social activities will be known as social members. They may not play tennis on the clubs courts except as visitors (rule 11)

(h) Life Membership

A person who has given long and exceptional service to the club may be proposed by the committee for election at an annual general meeting to become a life member. Such a person will be granted all the privileges of a senior member without being obliged to pay a subscription.

(i) Limitation of Membership

The total membership of the club shall be determined annually at the annual general meeting.

5: Officers of Club

(a) The officers of the club shall consist of the following, each of whom shall be elected at the annual general meeting and each of whom shall hold office until the next annual general meeting, or until he/she shall resign or shall be removed from office by a resolution duly passed at an extraordinary general meeting:

- President
- Vice-President
- Club Captain
- Men's 1st Team Capt. & Match Sec.
- Men's 2nd Team Capt. & Match Sec.
- Ladies 1st Team Capt. & Match Sec.
- Ladies 2nd Team Capt. & Match Sec.
- Mixed 1st Team Capt. & Match Sec.
- Mixed 2nd Team Capt. & Match Sec.
- Hon. Treasurer
- Hon. Secretary
- Hon. Social Secretary
- Hon. Sec. for the junior members

If two members wish to be appointed to one of the positions of Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary or Hon. Social Secretary, then they may hold that position jointly.

(b) Should any office become vacant by reason of the resignation of the holder, or otherwise, the committee shall have the power to appoint a successor to hold office until the next annual general meeting of the club.

6: Management of the Club

(a) The management of the club shall be vested in a committee consisting of those members elected under rule 5(a) with the exception of the vice-presidents, together with two other members. If some persons are elected to hold more than one office such that the total number on the committee falls below twelve then additional members will be elected to restore the total to twelve. The other members shall be elected at the annual general meeting and serve until the next annual general meeting. The committee is empowered to appoint a successor in the event of any one of them resigning in the interim period. A quorum shall consist of five committee members.

(b) The committee may appoint such sub-committee as it thinks fit, and may delegate to such sub-committee any of its powers, but may revoke such appointments or delegation at any time. Any members of the club may be appointed to form part of any sub-committee.

- (c) The club match teams will be selected by two selection sub-committees, one for the men's matches and the other for the ladies matches. The respective match captains will be chairmen of these sub-committees and will have the power to co-opt members to attend their meetings.
- (d) The committee shall have the power to co-opt any member of the club to attend its meetings for a special purpose, provided that such co-opted members shall not be entitled to vote on any resolution.

7: General Meetings

- (a) All senior members, associate members, honorary members, special junior members and social members of the club shall be entitled to attend general meetings and shall be given not less than 14 days notice of such meetings. Only senior members, associate members and special senior members shall be entitled to vote.
- (b) The annual general meeting shall be held before the end of November each year.
- (c) Extraordinary general meetings shall be summoned at the instigation of the chairman of the committee, or within 18 days of the secretary receiving a requisition in writing – signed by not less than five members stating the purpose of the meeting.
- (d) Nominations and resolutions which any member of the club is desirous of moving must be notified in writing and given to the secretary not less than two weeks prior to the date of the annual general meeting. No nominations shall be submitted without the consent of the nominee. The election of the officers and committee members shall be by ballot and the Chairman shall have the casting vote and appoint two scrutinisers from amongst those present.
- (e) Social members, associate members and special seniors who have paid their subscriptions for the previous year shall be entitled to vote at the general meetings. Fifteen such voting members shall form a quorum.

8: Subscriptions

- (a) The amounts of the annual subscription, entrance fee, late fee and match fee shall be determined each year at the annual general meeting
- (b) The annual subscription is due for payment on the 1st March each year. If the subscription has not been paid by 30th April a late fee will be applied.
- (c) Members who have not paid their subscriptions together with the late fee by 1st May each year will not be eligible to play in matches.

- (d) A match fee will be charged to each member when they play in a match.
- (e) The fee of members joining during the season will be assessed by the committee.
- (f) Junior members on attaining the age of 18 and who are recognised students may at the committees discretion pay a reduced subscription.

9: Accounts of the club and the Honorary Auditor

- (a) The clubs accounts shall consist of an income and expenditure account. They shall be made up to the 30th day of September in each year and shall be duly audited. A copy of the account shall be sent to each member with the notice convening the annual general meeting.
- (b) The honorary auditor shall be elected at the annual general meeting.

10: Etiquette and Local Rules

- (a) Recognised tennis gear or tracksuits will be worn at all times.
- (b) The allocation of court time shall be determined by the committee and all members will be informed of the court allocation schedule. The following constraints shall apply to the allocation.
 - It shall encourage the full use of the courts
 - It shall allow play between all sections of the membership
 - It shall allow some separate and exclusive use of the courts by juniors, senior ladies and senior men
 - It shall allow some priority to senior members on public holidays
- (c) Normal club play and the make-up of sets shall be governed by the same rules as on the order of play board. If, owing to the passage of time, play in one allocated period extends to another, the match in play shall be resolved within three games.

11: Visitors

Persons who are not members of the club may play on the clubs courts by invitation from any member except juniors. Such a person will be known as a visitor and the responsible member will enter particulars in the visitor's book and pay the requisite fee. This fee shall be determined at the annual general meeting. No-one shall play as a visitor more than three days per year unless they live more than 20 miles from the courts.

12: Damage to property

Individual members will be held responsible for all damage to club property caused by their acts or negligence. The club shall be insured to cover third party risks.

13: Junior Members

- (a) Junior members are not allowed to bring visitors except at the discretion of the committee.
- (b) Junior members are not allowed to use tennis balls reserved by the club for senior members.
- (c) A junior annual general meeting will be held each year, the date of which will be determined by the committee.
- (d) Ladder matches shall be permitted during the times when juniors are allowed to play subject to the rules of play set down by the junior committee. Ladder matches will assume the status of mixed doubles for the purpose of determining the order of play when the courts are crowded.

14: Alteration to the Rules

- (a) No rule shall be altered or rescinded without the approval of at least two thirds of the members present at a meeting convened after notice of the proposed alteration has been given in the summons to the meeting.
- (b) The committee may at any time give notice of their intention to propose an alteration to any rule. A member desiring to propose an alteration to any rule for consideration at the annual general meeting shall send notice of his/her intentions, with particulars to the secretary before the end of December.
- (c) The proposed alteration shall be the subject of a vote by ballot "yes" or "no" and it shall not be in the power of the general meeting to adopt any amendment thereof without further notice to all members.