

Please note: The paragraphs appearing *in italics* are recent additions to the Kingsteignton Tennis Club's original Constitution and required to be included by the Lawn Tennis Association to meet affiliation conditions.

KINGSTEIGNTON TENNIS CLUB

CONSTITUTION

The name of the Club shall be Kingsteignton Tennis Club.

The object of the Club shall be to promote the enjoyment of tennis for both members and non-members and to manage the tennis courts at Rydon Acres, Kingsteignton.

The Club will take and retain a membership in Devon County Lawn Tennis Association (DLTA) (and by doing so become and remain registered as an associate of the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) and comply with and uphold the Rules and Regulations of the DLTA as amended from time to time and the LTA Rules and Disciplinary Code and the rules and regulations of any body to which the LTA is registered or affiliated.

Subject to the LTA Rules and the LTA Disciplinary Code and the LTA's wider jurisdiction, will make rules, regulations, bye-laws and standing orders concerning the Club including without limitation regulations concerning disciplinary procedures that may be taken against members.

Membership

Membership of the Club shall be open to all regardless.

No member shall be admitted to the Club until he/she has paid his/her first year's subscription.

Each member, as a condition of membership, agrees (a) to be bound by the Club's rules of membership and (b) to be bound by the LTA's Rules and Disciplinary Code.

Committee and Officers

The Committee of the Club except for matters reserved shall manage the affairs of the Club for the Club in a General Meeting.

The Committee shall consist of the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and a minimum of three members, all of whom shall be elected for one year at the Annual General meeting.

The Committee shall have the power to appoint one or more sub-committees for such purposes, as it deems appropriate.

The Committee may co-opt members to fill vacancies which occur within any year.

Each member of the Committee will implicitly agree to the Club rules.

Trustees

There shall be four Trustees of the Club who shall be appointed in General Committee as necessary.

The Trustees shall hold all property of the Club in their own names for the use and benefit of the Club.

The Trustees shall in all respects act, with regard to any property of the Club held by them, as directed by the Committee.

General Meetings

An Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in October/November. At least fourteen (14) days' notice in writing will be given to all members.

Prior to the Annual General meeting a General meeting of the Club may be called at any time by the Committee or by ten members making written request to the Committee for such a meeting.

Every full member of the Club shall be entitled to be present and vote at any General Meeting of the Club.

A full member is defined as a member over 15 years of age who has paid their prescribed subscription.

If there is equality of voting on any issue the Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote.

Business to be carried out at the Annual General Meeting shall be:

- Report of the Chairman
- Report of the Secretary
- Report of the Treasurer
- Approval of accounts for previous year
- Election of Chairman
- Election of Secretary
- Election of Treasurer
- Election of Committee members

Subscriptions

Subscriptions for each member shall be the sum as determined each year by the Committee.

The Committee may, at its discretion, introduce new classes of membership and may permit reduced subscriptions for periods less than the normal subscription period.

Any member whose subscription remains unpaid by the due date shall cease to enjoy the privileges of membership.

Conduct of Members

The Committee may suspend membership of any member whose conduct has been, in the opinion of the Committee, contrary to the interest of the Club.

In the case of suspension of a member, the Committee shall call a General Meeting of the Club not later than 28 days after the date of suspension.

The Secretary must inform the suspended member of such a meeting and he/she may be present at the said meeting and present an appeal against his/her suspension.

The meeting shall decide by voting to terminate the membership of the suspended member or to reinstate him/her immediately.

Coaches and Players

The Club (Registered Place to Play) requires that any unregistered or unlicensed coach and as far as reasonably practicable, players who use the Club's facilities, sign up to the LTA's Rules and Disciplinary Code.

Exclusion of the Club from liability

Neither the Club nor any Officer thereof shall be liable to any member or guest for any loss of or damage to any property occurring on the Club's premises or for any injuries sustained by any member or guest whilst at the Club premises.

Changes to the Constitution of the Club

The rules may be altered, added to or revoked by a majority comprising two-thirds or more of the members present and entitled to vote at any general Meeting of the Club of which notice has been duly given under rule specifying the intention to propose the alteration, addition or revocation, together with details of the proposed change.

Byelaws

The Committee may make, vary or revoke byelaws provided that these are not inconsistent with those rules for the administration and control of the day-to-day internal affairs of the Club.

These byelaws should be binding on all members.

Dissolution of the Club

If the Club shall pass in General Meeting by majority of two-thirds or more of the members present and entitled to vote a resolution of intention to dissolve the Club, the Committee – or failing that, the Trustees – shall take immediate steps to convert all of the assets of the Club into money.

The conversion of the assets or some of the assets into money may, however, be postponed if the Club in General Meeting shall so authorise.

The proceeds of the conversion shall be used by the Trustees firstly to discharge all the debts and liabilities of the Club.

The Trustees shall dispose of any balance as the Club in General Meeting shall resolve and thereupon the Club shall be treated as dissolved.

If the Club does not decide within one year of the date of the resolution of the intention to dissolve, upon the disposition of any balance it should be divided equally between all persons who were ordinary members of the Club at the date of the resolution of the intention to dissolve.

A copy of the notice covering any General Meeting under this rule shall be sent by the Secretary to every member not less than 21 days before the date appointed for the meeting.

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