

# **NAILSWORTH TENNIS CLUB**

## **Constitution and Rules**

1. The club shall be called the Nailsworth Lawn Tennis Club Ltd, hereafter referred to as the club and shall be affiliated to the Lawn Tennis Association. The names of the club directors will be notified to Companies House.
2. The officers of the club shall be the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Social Secretary, Men's Team Captain, Ladies Team Captain, Club Coach, Publicity Officer. If more than one of these roles is held by a single person, no extra vacancy shall thereby be created.
3. All committee members will be elected for the year at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) by the senior playing members. The club shall be managed by the Committee comprised of these officers, any five to form a quorum at meetings and in the event of equality of voting, the Chairman shall have a second casting vote. The committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy or invite a member to join the committee by co-opting.
4. A quorum for the Annual General Meeting or any Extra-Ordinary General Meeting shall be 15 Senior Playing Members. The following membership categories are eligible to vote: (A),(B),(C),(D), (H)and (I) as defined in section 8.
5. The constitution and Rules are subject to alteration only at an AGM or an Extra-Ordinary meeting called for that purpose. Any proposed alteration, in order to be carried, shall require a two-thirds majority vote in favour.
6. The club shall not be responsible to members or their visitors for any loss, damage or injury, whatsoever, to their person, property, personal effects, vehicles, or other items, however caused.
7. The club shall have as its objective the provision of tennis facilities for its members. It is to be a non-profit making members club. Neither during the continuance of the Club, nor after its dissolution, shall assets or surplus funds be distributed to any members, persons or organisation which is not itself constituted as non-profit making or a charity.

## 8. Membership categories

- (A) Senior playing members
- (B) Mid-Week Playing members
- (C) Student playing members
- (D) Beginner playing members
- (E) Junior playing members
- (F) Non-playing members
- (G) Honorary members
- (H) Life members
- (I) Country members ( living beyond a 15 mile radius of Nailsworth )

## 9. Membership in general

Honorary Membership and Life membership shall be strictly limited, and given at the discretion of the committee, by way of recognition of services to the club.

For all other categories of membership, an applicant shall be admitted at the discretion of the committee. In addition, applicants for category (A) Senior Playing Membership will be expected to have achieved a reasonable playing standard. If beginner standard a reduced membership rate is available to assist with coaching fees to seek that reasonable playing level. The committee shall have power to limit the number of members as it deems fit.

Persons shall cease to be members by:

- a) Non-payment of subscription by the due date;
- b) Leaving the club by notification
- c) Expulsion from the club

## 10. Joining Fees

A joining fee is payable on acceptance of membership. Rates to be agreed for the current year at the Annual General Meeting.

## 11. Subscription rates

Senior Playing Member

Student playing Member

Beginner Playing Member

Junior Playing Member

Non-playing Member

Country Member

Any new member joining the club six months after the due date for subscriptions may do so at a reduced rate, at the discretion of the membership secretary / committee.

See website for current rates:

<https://nailsworthtennisclub.co.uk>

## 12. Other fees

Fees, e.g. match fees, tournament fees, visitors fees, may be levied at the discretion of and at a rate decided by the committee

## 13. Visitors

- a) Members may introduce no more than two visitors at a time who may use the courts subject to the Rules and Regulations of the club.
- b) No visitor shall play more than 3 times in one year, after the third visit the individual will be expected to join as a paid up member.
- c) A committee member may, at his / her discretion, refuse admission.
- d) The names of the visitors shall be entered in the 'Playing Book', together with the name of the introducing member before commencing to play. Introducing members shall be responsible for the conduct of their visitors and any expenses incurred by them.

## 14. Conduct

The committee shall have the power to suspend or expel any member whose conduct, after enquiry, is considered detrimental to the club.

## 15. By-Laws

The committee shall have the power to draw up rules for the regulation of the club, in any matter not provided for in the Constitution and Rules, but which shall not conflict with it.

16. Annual General Meeting

The Annual general meeting shall be held at a date to be fixed by the committee and 14 days clear notice thereof shall be sent to every senior member. At the Annual General Meeting the Treasurer shall present a properly prepared statement of accounts, duly certified by the auditor of the club.

17. Extra-Ordinary Meetings:

The committee may call an Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the club at any time, giving 14 clear days notice thereof and specifying the purpose of the meeting.

18. The property of the club shall be vested in the committee.

19. A copy of the Constitution and Rules is displayed on the Club Notice Board

**Regulations**

1. Sports clothing shall be worn by all playing members when on court.
2. Tennis shoes / trainers shall be worn at all times on court.
3. When other members are waiting to play a short set should be played, i.e. first to six games
4. No arranged fours should be played at club sessions.
5. Junior members wishing to play on a regular basis at senior club sessions may do so at the discretion of the committee and by payment of a senior subscription.
6. Junior members may play in senior matches and senior club tournaments only by invitation.
7. The last members to leave the courts are responsible for locking the club room which should be left clean and tidy and ensuring the floodlights are switched off ( 10pm deadline) and locking the gates.

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