



Constitution

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1. Name

The Club shall be called "Buckingham Tennis Club".

2. Membership

- a) The subscription year shall run from 1st April to 31st March
- b) Categories of membership shall be decided by the Committee
- c) Members are requested to complete a Subscription Renewal form

3. Termination of Membership

- a) A person is deemed to be a member of the Club until s/he has tendered her/his resignation
- b) Members shall remain liable for such sum as may be determined under Rule 12(b) until 31st May following the date of termination of their membership
- c) The Committee may terminate the membership of any member who has not paid her/his subscription for the previous season
- d) The Committee shall have power to suspend or expel any member if, in their opinion, the conduct of such member is detrimental to the interests of the Club. No member shall have any claim against the Club, Committee or other members under this rule for return of their subscription

4. Finance

The Club shall have accounts with Lloyds Bank and all cheques drawn on the account shall be signed by any two of the following three officers – the Treasurer, Secretary and the Committee Chair.

5. Patrons and Officers

- a) A President and Vice-President(s) shall be elected by the Annual General Meeting. Honorary Life Members and Vice Presidents may be elected by the Committee
- b) The officers of the Club shall be Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Junior Representative, Membership Secretary, Welfare Officer, Communications Officer, Match Secretary, Men's Captain and Ladies Captain. Nothing in this Constitution shall prevent one person from holding more than one office and new posts created when required
- c) Committee members serve for a maximum of three years and can be re-elected to serve a second term but must stand down for at least a year after serving a total of six years

6. Committee

- a) The Club's affairs shall be managed by a Committee consisting of the Officers as defined by Rule 5(b) together with two junior members and such numbers of senior members as shall be necessary up to a total not exceeding 15
- b) The Committee shall meet immediately after the Annual General Meeting to elect its Chair for the ensuing year
- c) The quorum shall be five, including at least one Officer
- d) The Committee may fill any casual vacancy occurring among the Officers of the Committee
- e) All matters shall be decided by a vote, the Chair having a second or casting vote if necessary
- f) The Committee shall have power to form sub-committees
- g) The Committee shall have power to make such rules as it sees fit to govern play on the courts. These shall be displayed in a conspicuous place in the clubhouse

7. Selection Committee

There may be a Selection Committee consisting of Match Secretary, Ladies Captain and Men's Captain. They shall have power to co-opt.

8. Annual General Meeting

- a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held in October. At least fourteen days notice of the date, place and time shall be given either by written notice to each member or by advertisement in the Buckingham

Advertiser or such other local newspapers as the Committee shall decide

- b) Voting shall be limited to adult members and the two junior committee members
- c) The Officers and Committee shall be elected by the AGM
- d) The annual subscription shall be decided at the AGM

9. Special General Meeting

- a) In the event of the whole Committee resigning at one time
- b) Upon a request forwarded to the Secretary signed by not less than one quarter of the members, stating the subject of the meeting. Such meeting shall be held within not less than 14 days and not more than 21 days from the date the request is received by the Secretary

10. Complaints

Any member having a complaint to make against the management or another member must give the same in writing to the Secretary who shall bring the complaint before the Committee.

11. Closing Courts

The Committee shall have the power to close the courts if deemed necessary.

12. Dissolution

- a) The Club may be dissolved by resolution of a General Meeting, supported by not less than three quarters of the adult members present and voting. Notice of any such resolution shall accompany the notice of the General Meeting given under the rule 8(a)
- b) In the event of the Club's dissolution every member for the time being and every person liable under Rule 3(a) shall be liable to pay to the Committee an equal share of such sum as shall be required to cover all due debts
- c) In the event of the Club's dissolution the assets of the Club shall automatically be vested to the Committee who shall be responsible for settling liabilities of the Club. In the event of the liabilities exceeding assets the Committee shall be entitled to be indemnified by equal shares of all persons who were members of the Club on the date of the dissolution. In the event of the assets exceeding the liabilities, the Committee shall divide the residue equally amongst all persons who were members of the Club on the date of dissolution

13. Key

All senior members and junior committee members shall be entitled to a key of the Clubhouse upon payment of appropriate annual membership fee as set out in the Club Rules and Regulations. Such keys shall remain the property of the Club and must be returned to the Treasurer upon termination of membership.

14. Change of Constitution

No changes or additions to this Constitution shall be valid unless passed by a General Meeting validly convened. Written notice of proposed changes must reach the Secretary not later than ten days before such a meeting.

Amendment to the Constitution

15. Conditions applicable as long as the Club is registered under the LTA Places-to-Play Scheme

15.1 Defined Terms:

"LTA" means "LTA CLG" and its subsidiaries or such successor entity or entities as become the governing body of the game of lawn tennis from time to time.

"Member" means a member of the Buckingham Tennis Club.

"Rules" means the rules of the LTA as in force from time to time.

15.2 Conditions of Membership

15.2.1 Each member agrees as a condition of membership to be bound by the rules of the Club. Each member also agrees to be bound by the LTA's Rules and Disciplinary Code

15.2.2 Rule 15.2.1 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 Contract (rights of Third Parties) Act 1999. For the avoidance of doubt, the members do not intend that any terms of these rules, apart from the rule 15.2.1, should be enforceable, by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999, by any person who is not party to this agreement

15.2.3 The Management 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

15.3 Management Committee

The Buckingham Tennis Club agrees that each member of the Management Committee will be required, as a condition of election or appointment, 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 Buckingham Tennis Club can enforce any breach at its option and in its sole discretion

15.4 Coaches and Players

The Buckingham Tennis Club agrees that all unlicensed and unregistered coaches and, so far as is reasonably practicable, players and other persons using the facilities of Buckingham Tennis Club, will be required as conditions 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 Buckingham Tennis Club can enforce any breach at its option and in its sole discretion.