

GREENWOOD PARK LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Constitution and Rules

- 1a)** The Club shall be called 'Greenwood Park Lawn Tennis Club'.
- b)** The Rules of the Lawn Tennis Association (as in force from time to time) shall govern all play.

Management Committee

2a) The management of the Club shall be in the entire control of a Tennis Committee of 10 members in addition to the Officers, who shall be ex-officio members of the Committee and shall be a President (when merited), a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer. St Stephen Parish Council may also appoint a nominee to serve on the Tennis Committee. The 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 LTA 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 discretion¹.

b) Notice of intention to propose the election or removal of the President of the Club must be given in writing to the Secretary at least 28 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the proposal is to be made. The Secretary must in turn give notice to the members at least 14 days prior to the meeting. In the absence of any such notice the President shall be deemed to be automatically re-elected.

c) The Tennis Committee, with the exception of the President and the Parish Council nominee shall retire annually at the Annual General Meeting and be eligible for re-election. All Officers, except for the President, shall serve for a maximum of three years consecutively, in a specific capacity, after which the Officer must retire and the office be open for re-election. However, if the office remains unfilled after advertising to all members, the existing officer may be re-elected for a further term of one year. The following post-holders are entitled to pay 50% of the subscription during their term of office – Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Membership Secretary – in recognition of their contribution to the club. All Committee members are entitled to claim for receipted expenses paid out on behalf of the Club, subject to the approval of the Treasurer.

d) A quorum of the Committee shall be five. No financial decision shall be taken by less than the quorum except in emergencies.

e) The Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy caused by the resignation of a member of the Committee except for the President or Parish Council nominee.

f) The Committee shall have the power to form sub-committees or to co-opt non-voting members for any purpose they think fitting and to deal at their discretion, with any matter not provided for in these Rules or the Club Bye-laws.

¹ This means that the members of the club's Management Committee need to agree to comply with the LTA's Rules and Disciplinary Code. 'Disciplinary Code' means the disciplinary code of the LTA in force from time to time. LTA means LTA CLG and its subsidiaries of such successor entity or entities as becomes the governing body of the game of lawn tennis from time to time. 'Member' means a member of the Greenwood Park Lawn Tennis Club.

Membership and Subscriptions

- 3.** Membership shall consist of the following groups: -
- i) Family Members
 - ii) Adult Members
 - iii) Senior Members (over 60 years of age on 1st April)
 - iv) Junior Members (9 to 11 years of age inclusive on the first day of the membership year).
 - v) Teen Members (12 to 18 years of age inclusive on the first day of the membership year).
 - vi) Students (18 to 23 years of age inclusive on the first day of the membership year **and** in full-time education).
 - vii) Kids Zone members (8 years old or under on 1st April)
 - viii) Social Members (non-players).
 - ix) Life Member (over 80 years of age **and** a member for 25 years).

4a) Subscriptions shall be determined at each Annual General Meeting and are due on 1st April each year. As an incentive for early / prompt payment, existing members will be entitled to a discounted rate for full year subscriptions received by the 1st April. All subscriptions received after this date will be payable at the full membership rate currently applicable, except as in Rule 4c.

b) The Membership Secretary shall have discretion to reduce the amount payable in particular circumstances e.g. University students living away from the area in term-time and, more generally, to apportion the year for new members, for all categories except Kids-zone and Social, as follows: -
For Adults / Families / Seniors / Students: 1st July, 1st October and 1st January
For Juniors: 1st June, 1st August, 1st October and 1st January. Second and subsequent Juniors from any one family are eligible to receive a 50% discount

The exact amount due on these dates shall be agreed by the Committee on an annual basis and displayed in the clubhouse.

c) Anyone whose subscription is not paid by the due date will not be entitled to the privileges of membership until s/he has paid the appropriate amount.

5a) The election of members shall be controlled by the Tennis Committee and applications shall be made in writing to an appointed member of the Committee giving the candidate's name, address and other particulars required by the Committee.

b) Each member agrees as a condition of membership to be bound by and subject to:

- i) These Rules
- ii) The LTA Rules and Disciplinary Code

Rule 5b 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 (Right of Third Parties) Act 1999. For the avoidance of doubt, the members do not intend that any term of these rules, apart from rule 5b, 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. Any applicant refused membership shall be ineligible for further consideration until the following membership year. All unsuccessful applicants are to be made aware of the reasons for refusal of club membership.

6. The Committee shall have power to: -

i) 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.

ii) Refuse a subscription. The member or members concerned shall have the right of appeal to a Special General Meeting to be convened by the Secretary upon receipt of a written request from the said member or members (subject to Rule 8).

Application of the LTA Rules to Coaches and Players

7. The Club agrees that all unlicensed and unregistered coaches and, so far as reasonably practical, 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 LTA 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.

General Meetings

8. A Special General Meeting of the Club shall be convened by the Secretary upon receipt of a written request:

- i) Signed by 10 voting members, or
- ii) From the Tennis Committee

The Special General Meeting shall be held within 21 days from the receipt of the request and 7 days notice shall be given in writing stating the purpose of the meeting. A quorum shall be 20 voting members.

9. The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in November or December to consider the report of the Chairman and the audited statement of accounts, also to elect a new Tennis Committee and Honorary Independent Examiner and to transact any other business. A quorum shall be 20 voting members.

10. All members of 18 years of age or over shall be entitled to vote at General Meetings.

Finance

11. The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining complete and accurate records of Club finances to be subject to annual independent examination prior to the AGM. An independent examination may be called at any time by the Tennis Committee.

12. No money or property of the Club or any gain arising from the carrying on of the Club shall be applied otherwise than for the benefit of the Club or for a benevolent or charitable purpose nominated by the Tennis Committee. Should it become necessary to close the Tennis Club at any time because of low membership, the then assets of the Club would be transferred to the Parish Council. A list of the Club's assets will be maintained and published at Annual General and Special General Meetings.

Bye-laws

13. The Committee shall have the power to make, rescind or alter any of the Club Bye-Laws. Such changes will be displayed on the Club notice board.

Amendment to the Rules

14. No alteration or addition to this Constitution and/or Rules shall be valid unless: -

- i) It is passed at a General Meeting by at least two thirds of those members present and entitled to vote.
- ii) At least 21 days notice is given of the proposed alteration or addition in the notice convening the Meeting.

*(Incorporating amendments made at the AGM 2011,
Over – 80's Life Membership approved at AGM 2014
Junior Membership 9- 11 years, and Teen Membership 12- 18 years approved at AGM 2015).*