

Claremont Tennis and Social Club

Constitution/Rules

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Claremont Tennis and Social Club

1 Club Name

The name of the Club shall be "The Claremont Tennis and Social Club".

2 Objects

The objects of the Club shall be the provision of tennis and other recreations, sports, pastimes and social activities as the General Committee thinks fit for the benefit of members.

3 Membership

Any person desirous of becoming a member of the Club shall make application to the Secretary and shall be proposed and seconded by existing members *other than Junior Members* of the Club. Each application showing the applicant's full name, address, and such other particulars as the General Committee shall consider necessary shall be considered by the General Committee who, if they think fit, shall admit the applicant to membership. Persons may not be admitted to membership, or be admitted, as candidates for membership, to any of the privileges of membership without an interval of at least two days between their nomination for membership and their admission. The General Committee shall have unrestricted discretion and their decision shall be final.

4 General Committee

The General Committee shall have the power to expel any member who shall offend against the rules of the Club, or whose misconduct, in the opinion of the General Committee, renders him or her unfit for membership.

5 The Officials

The Officials of the Club shall consist of a President, a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, an Honorary Secretary and an Honorary Treasurer. With the exception of the President and Chairman, the Officials shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. At the end of his year of office, the Vice-Chairman shall automatically become Chairman. The President shall be nominated by the General Committee and shall be elected for a term of three years at the Annual General Meeting. The Officials of the Club shall be *ex officio* members of and entitled to attend meetings of the Bar Committee and all other Committees of the Club.

6 Management and Constitution.

6.1 (a) Management and constitution

The management of the Club shall be in the hands of the General Committee. The General Committee shall consist of six *ex officio* members namely, the President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Immediate Past-Chairman, Honorary

Secretary, and Honorary Treasurer and twelve ordinary members who shall be elected in accordance with Rule 6 (e). Any ordinary member of the General Committee who shall be absent from the General Committee on four consecutive meetings without giving reasonable excuse to the said General Committee shall cease to be a member of such General Committee.

6.2 (b) Quorum.

No business shall be transacted at a meeting of the General Committee unless at least one-third of the total number of members of such General Committee be present.

6.3 (c) Powers.

The General Committee shall have the full power to transact any business in the interest of the Club and to make such bye-laws as from time to time may be deemed necessary. The Bar Committee and all other Committees of the Club shall be subordinate to the General Committee.

6.4 (d) Vacancies.

The General Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancies which may arise in its membership and any person so appointed shall hold office until the person in whose place he or she was appointed would have become due for retirement had the vacancy not occurred.

6.5 (e) Election of General Committee.

One-third of the elected members of the General Committee shall retire by rotation each year and shall be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

6.6 (f) Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee consisting of not less than four members of the General Committee, of whom not less than two members shall be Officials of the Club, shall have the power to make decisions on any subject in an emergency and all such decisions shall be subject to ratification at the following meeting of the General Committee.

6.7 (g) Bar Committee.

The purchase for the Club and the supply by the Club of intoxicating liquor shall be managed by the Bar Committee, which shall consist of six members of the Club who shall be elected to membership of the said Committee at the Annual General Meeting.

7 Accounts

A statement of accounts shall be presented up to the last day in December each year and such accounts shall be audited by independent auditor(s) or two members of the Club who are not members of either the General Committee or the Bar Committee.

8 Elections

8.1 (a) The General Committee shall have the power to elect:

- (1) Adult Playing Members
- (2) Intermediate Playing Members

- (3) Junior Playing Members
- (4) Country Playing Members
- (5) Social Members
- (6) Temporary Members
- (7) Honorary Life Members

in accordance with the procedures set out in Rule 3. Adult Playing Members and Social Members shall have equal rights and privileges, except that Social Members may not use the courts and shall not vote in General Meeting on any subject exclusively affecting the interests of Adult Playing Members.

- b) To be eligible for Country Playing Membership, applicants must be permanently resident more than twenty-five miles from the Club.
- c) Intermediate Playing Members shall be over 16 years of age and under the age of 18 on 1st January in any year, or, if over 18, in full time education.
- d) Junior Members shall be under the age of 16 years but a Junior Member reaching the age of 16 years during the summer season may continue as a Junior Member to the end of the season, or on application to the Secretary, be immediately transferred to Intermediate Playing Membership on payment of such additional subscription as the General Committee shall decide.
- e) Intermediate, Junior, Country Playing Members or Temporary Members shall not be eligible to election to the General Committee or the Bar Committee and shall not have any voting rights at a General Meeting of members.
- f) Temporary membership may be granted to any person attending the Club for the purpose of taking part in or witnessing any function organised by the Club or by any person or organisation to whom the Club's facilities have been hired. The period of temporary membership shall be decided by the General Committee who may impose any conditions they consider necessary.
- g) Honorary Life Members shall be nominated by the General Committee and shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

9 Subscriptions

- a) The subscription for all classes of membership shall be decided by the Club in General Meeting.
- b) The General Committee shall have the power to fix an entrance fee for new members if they deem it desirable.

10 Guests

Any member, other than a Junior Playing Member shall be entitled to introduce guests into the Club, provided that no person whose application for membership has been declined or who has been expelled from the Club shall be introduced as a guest. The member introducing a guest shall enter the name and address of the guest together with his own name in a book provided for that purpose on the Club premises. The attendance of any guest shall be restricted to not more than six occasions in any twelve months.

11 Annual General Meeting

A General Meeting of all the members of the Club shall be held during the months of March or April in each year and fourteen days notice of such meeting shall be given in writing by the Honorary Secretary to each member and the usual business of the Club shall be transacted at the meeting. Any member desirous of putting forward any resolution or any alteration to the Rules shall give notice in writing to the Secretary of his or her intention to do so by 31st January of the year concerned. The General Committee shall have power to convene a Special General Meeting and such a meeting shall also be called upon the Secretary receiving a notice in writing from twenty-five members or one-fifth of its total number of members, whichever is the less, requiring him or her to do so. The rules as to notice and resolutions also apply to Special General Meetings.

12 The Club Property

The property of the Club shall vest in Trustees who shall be appointed by the Club in General Meeting. The Trustees shall be fully and effectually indemnified by the members of the Club against all liabilities and expenses incurred by them in connection with the Club property so held by them.

13 Non Payment of Subscriptions

Any member not paying their annual subscription by 31st December of that year shall be presumed to have resigned their membership of the Club. It shall be open to such persons to re-apply to become members, following the procedure required by Rule 3.

14 Permitted Hours

The permitted hours for the supply of intoxicating liquor shall be such as may from time to time be determined by the General Committee in accordance with the provisions of the Licensing Acts.

15 Alcohol on club premises

No intoxicating liquor shall be supplied to, or consumed by, any person under the age of 18 whilst on the premises of the Club.

16 Constitution/Rules Amendments

These rules may be added to, repealed or amended by resolution at any general meeting provided that no such resolution shall be deemed to have been passed unless it is carried by a majority of at least two-thirds of the members voting on it. Any reference in these rules to "these rules" or "the rules of the Club" shall include a reference to the rules of the Club as from time to time altered in accordance with this rule.

Any alterations to the Rules shall be subject to the provisions of the Licensing Acts.

17 Dissolution

If at any general meeting a resolution for the dissolution of the club shall be passed by a majority of the members present and at a special general meeting held not less than 6 weeks later of which not less than 4 weeks written notice have been given to each member and at which not less than one-half of the members shall be present that resolution shall be confirmed by a resolution passed by a majority of two-thirds of the members voting on such resolution, the committee shall immediately, or at such future date as shall be specified in such resolution, proceed to realise the property of the club and after the discharge of all liabilities shall divide such property equally among all those who at the date of dissolution have been fully paid-up voting members for the previous five years and on the completion of such division the club shall be dissolved.

18 On the dissolution of the Club

On the dissolution of the Club any granted monies received during the previous five years shall be donated to a sporting charity or to an appropriate sporting organisation.

19 Indemnity/expenses

The members of the Management Committee shall be entitled to an indemnity out of the assets of the Club for all expenses and other liabilities properly incurred by them in the management of the affairs of the Club.

The above are the constitution/Rules of Claremont Tennis and Social Club:

Date:_____ **Name:**_____

Signed:_____

Chairman