

OUNDLE TENNIS CLUB

Rules and Constitution Adopted 30th May 2006

1. Name and Objects

The Club founded in 1986 shall be named "The Oundle Tennis Club" and the main purpose of the Club is to provide facilities for, promote and encourage participation in tennis for its Members.

2. Constitution

The Club is constituted by these rules as a non-profit making Members Club. In no circumstances during the continuance of the Club, nor at, nor after its dissolution, shall any assets or surplus funds be distributed to any Member or other person. This does not prevent the Club from making donations to another CASC within the scheme or charity.

3. Affiliation

The Club shall seek affiliation to the Lawn Tennis Association through the appropriate county lawn tennis association and shall adopt and conform to the rules of these organisations in so far as they can apply.

4. Classes of Member and Subscription Rates

There shall be the following classes of Member at the rates determined at each AGM:

- CLASS A SENIOR
- CLASS B MIDWEEK SENIOR - play Monday to Friday 5pm. This class is restricted to those who held such membership on 22nd November 1994, as a long as they continue to renew it annually. The right to this membership will lapse if it is not renewed each year.
- CLASS C SENIOR COUNTRY (LIVING AND WORKING OUTSIDE A 20 MILE RADIUS) and STUDENTS
- CLASS D JUNIOR (8-16 years and 16-18 years in full time education)
FIRST CHILD AND SUBSEQUENT CHILDREN
- CLASS E FAMILY (parents and up to 2 juniors)-play as for class A and class D.
(additional children will be charged the LTA levy)
- CLASS F SOCIAL - strictly non playing
- CLASS G SHORT TENNIS -play on short tennis facilities.
FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL
- Class H ASSOCIATE - annual subscription to be set by the Committee in accordance with the facilities used (NOT TENNIS)

Priority Playing times are published on the notice board for each category. Membership is open to all in the community without discrimination.

Notes to the subscription scale:

- a. Every senior and junior playing Member must, with the Club subscription, pay a PLAYERS CONTRIBUTION, which the Club passes on to the County L TA. The rates of contribution are set annually at the AGM of the LT A and at the County AGM.
- b. In the event of the Club being liable for Value Added (or any other) tax on Members' subscriptions, the figures referred to above shall be inclusive thereof.
- c. The subscription year runs from 1st April to 31st March.
- d. A Member whose subscription is not paid by 31st May will cease to be a Member.
- e. To become a new Member, an application form needs to be completed and submitted to the membership secretary, along with the appropriate subscription and joining fee.
- f. For a new Member joining after the end of August, the Committee may at their discretion accept a proportionally reduced subscription for a part year. Likewise they may make a refund to a Member who becomes unable to use the Club for a substantial part of the year, on account of injury, illness or departure from the district.
- g. The Committee, at its discretion, may restrict the total number of playing Members and introduce a waiting list. This will not be done where the number of playing Members is less than 200.

5. Accountancy Year

Except for the purpose of subscriptions (see Rule 4, note c) the Club's financial year shall run from the 1st November to 31st October and the audited accounts submitted to the AGM shall be prepared accordingly.

6. Honorary Membership

Honorary Membership (other than temporary in accordance with Rule 10) including Honorary Life Membership, shall be strictly limited and at the discretion of the Committee, by way of reward for special services to the Club.

7. Resignation and Transfer between classes

A Member wishing to withdraw from membership or to transfer to a class at a lower rate of subscription, shall notify the Honorary Secretary by the 31st December in writing and otherwise shall be liable for the full subscription.

8. Suspension or Expulsion

The Committee shall have the power to terminate or suspend the membership of any Member or to exclude any Member or visitor whom it considers guilty of a breach of these Rules or of misconduct or offensive behaviour to any Member, visitor or employee, whether on the Club's premises or elsewhere.

A Member shall not be expelled unless he/she is given 14 days written notice of a meeting of the Committee and written details of the complaint made against him/her and shall not be expelled unless at least two thirds of the Committee present vote in favour of his expulsion. The Committee shall record the reasons for the expulsion and the numbers in favour and against.

9. Injury, Loss of Property etc.

Members and Visitors leaving unattended vehicles, rackets, clothing or other property at the Club do so at their own risk and the Club shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury resulting from this or any other cause.

10. Visitors and Temporary Members

Visitors may be introduced by the Honorary Secretary or any other Member. Before a visitor plays, the Member introducing him/her must make an appropriate entry in the Visitors Book and pay the fee as in the Regulations. Every Member of a visiting match team shall be a Honorary Member for the day and every competitor in a tournament at the Club (and in the case of a competitor under 18, his parent or guardian) shall be a Honorary Member for the period of the tournament. Temporary Members, not permanently resident nor working within 50 miles of the Club, may be admitted at the discretion of the Honorary Secretary and one other Committee Member for a period not exceeding one calendar month.

11. Management

The management of the Club shall be in the control of a Committee of 7 Members in addition to the Officers, who shall be ex-officio Members of the Committee and shall be a Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer. All shall be elected for the year at the AGM except that the elected Committee shall have the power to fill any casual vacancy. There shall be a no limit to the number of years a Committee Member may serve, subject to that Member submitting herself or himself for re-election at each year's AGM.

The Committee shall from time to time make and revise the Club's Regulations and shall have the power to decide any matter unprovided for by these Rules and the current Regulations. They shall meet at least 4 times in every year and additionally as circumstances may require. The quorum at a Committee Meeting shall be 5 and in the event of equality of voting the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

The Committee may delegate any part of its duties (except the election of Members) to one or more sub-committees, which may be composed of any Members of the Club, but any sub-committees to control a bar supplying intoxicating liquor shall be appointed in accordance with the Licensing Department.

12. General Meeting.

An Annual General Meeting shall be held each year between 1st November and 14th December inclusive. Any Member (other than temporary Members) shall be entitled to be present and to speak at any general meeting, but only the following classes of Members shall have voting rights;

Class A Senior

Class B Midweek Senior

Class C Country Member

Class E Adult Family Members

At any general meeting the quorum shall be 21 Members entitled to vote.

Any Member wishing to propose a resolution at the AGM must send a copy thereof to the Honorary Secretary before 1st November so that provision may be made on the Agenda. The Honorary Secretary shall send to every Member (other than Temporary Members) at least 14 days notice of any general meeting, together with a copy of the Agenda.

The business of the AGM shall be the confirmation of the minutes of the previous AGM and of any subsequent Extraordinary General Meetings, the considerations of the Committee's report and the Honorary Treasurer's account for the year, the appointment of an Honorary Auditor, and any items of which notice has been given and the details included in the agenda.

The business of an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be in accordance with the requisition under which it was summoned and the Agenda issued. At any general meeting, further business may be accepted at the discretion of the Chairman, provided it does not call for an alteration of the rules, the winding up of the Club, the transfer of any of the Club's assets, the borrowing of money or any expenditure not within the immediate financial resources of the Club.

The Committee shall call an Extraordinary General Meeting at their discretion, or within one month of receipt by their Honorary Secretary of a requisition signed by 20 Members or, if the total membership is less than 100, by one fifth of the Members, stating the business to be transacted.

13. Rules and Regulations

A copy of these rules and regulations made by the Committee under Rule 11 shall be prominently displayed at all times on the Club notice board and all Members shall be deemed conversant therewith. The Rules shall not be altered except at a general meeting after 14 days notice and then only provided two thirds of those present vote in favour. The Regulations shall be made and periodically revised by the Committee.

14. Dissolution

The Club shall be dissolved on the passing of a resolution to that effect at a general meeting after 14 days notice by at least two thirds of those present and voting. Such a meeting shall appoint a Committee to wind up the affairs of the Club and shall transfer any assets to the sports governing body for use in community related sport, another CASC within the scheme or a Charity.

15. Borrowing

15.1 The Management Committee may borrow a maximum total amount of £5000 on behalf of the club for the purposes of the club from time to time at its own discretion and with the sanction of a general meeting any further money above that sum.

15.2 When so borrowing the Management Committee shall have power to raise in any way any sum or sums of money and to raise the repayment of any sum or sums of money in such manner on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit provided that in the event that the repayment of any sum or sums is to be secured [in particular by mortgage of or charge upon, or by the issue of debentures charged upon all or any part of the property of the club] the grant of such security must be approved by the club at a general meeting.

15.3 The Management Committee shall have no power to pledge the personal liability of any member for repayment of any sums so borrowed.

15.4 The Trustees shall, at the discretion of the Management Committee, make such dispositions of the club's property or any part thereof, and enter into and execute such agreements and instruments in relation thereto, as the Management Committee may deem proper for giving security for such moneys and the interest payable thereon.