

ROWNTREE PARK TENNIS CLUB - RULES AND CONSTITUTION

1. Constitution

- 1.1. The Club shall be called the Rowntree Park Tennis Club.
- 1.2. The Club shall have as its objects the provision of lawn tennis, social and other facilities for its members, together with the promotion of lawn tennis for the benefit of the community.
- 1.3. The Club is a non-profit making organisation which shall be governed by this constitution.
- 1.4. On dissolution of the Club, the assets must only be used for local sporting or charitable purposes.

2. Main Objectives

- 2.1. The principal objective is to provide an affordable venue and facilities for the local community to participate in the game of lawn tennis regardless of race, ethnic origin, creed, colour, age, disability, sex, occupation, sexual orientation, religion, political or other beliefs.
- 2.2. It is the aim of the Club to provide coaching facilities for all age groups.

3. On Court Rules

- 3.1. Non-marking tennis shoes only are allowed on the courts.
- 3.2. Membership tags must be worn at all times by members.
- 3.3. Sports clothing must be worn.
- 3.4. Four players per court is the maximum allowed (apart from coaching sessions).
- 3.5. Nets must not be over tensioned and should be wound down at the conclusion of play.
- 3.6. The courts and equipment must be treated with respect and not deliberately damaged.

4. Management of the Club

- 4.1. The entire management of the Club (except as otherwise provided by this constitution) shall be deputed to a committee consisting of three elected officers (Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer) and not less than three other members. A quorum shall consist of three committee members.
- 4.2. The election of the Committee shall take place at the Annual General Meeting of the Club. All existing members of the Committee shall retire but shall be eligible for re-election. Any two members of the Club may propose any other candidate or candidates at such times and the proposal shall be put to the meeting. A majority vote shall decide. In the event of two candidates receiving the same number of votes the proposal shall be put to the meeting for a second time and, in the event of a tie, the Chairperson shall have a second or casting vote.
- 4.3. The Committee may appoint a sub-Committee which will conduct its business in accordance with the direction of the Committee.
- 4.4. The Committee may make, repeal and amend all such regulations (not inconsistent with this Constitution) as they think expedient for the internal management, use of courts and well being of the Club. All such regulations

shall be binding upon members until repealed by the Committee, or set aside by a resolution at the Annual General Meeting.

- 4.5. The Committee shall have the power to make arrangements for holding matches, tournaments or other like competitions, including the imposition of a charge for the admission of non-members to the grounds, to provide cups and other prizes and to reserve courts as may be required.

5. Membership

- 5.1. Any person shall be eligible for full membership provided they are 16 years of age or over. Those under 16 may join as junior members but without the right to vote or hold office.
- 5.2. Each member of the Club agrees as a condition of membership to be bound by and subject to the rules and regulations of the Club and of the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) and its subsidiaries (or such successor entity which may become the governing body of the game).
- 5.3. The Committee of the Club may, subject to clause 5.6 below, 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.
- 5.4. Annual subscriptions shall be payable by the 1st May each year.
- 5.5. In the event of the membership being in excess of a number ensuring the comfort and convenience of existing members, the Committee shall have the power to restrict membership until such time as extended facilities are available.
- 5.6. The Committee shall have the power to terminate or suspend the membership of any member, or to exclude any member or visitor who it considers is in breach of this constitution or the on court rules or the misconduct or offensive behaviour to any other member, visitor or employee, whether on the Club's premises or elsewhere. The member has a right of appeal, which must be made in writing to the Secretary giving the grounds for the appeal, within 14 days of the expulsion or suspension. The appeal will be heard by the Committee within 14 days of receipt and the decision (after due consideration) will be presented.
- 5.7. Every member shall have the right to introduce visitors subject to such regulations as are in force. Each visitor is the guest of, and must be accompanied by, the member introducing him or her.

6. General Meetings

- 6.1. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Club shall be held before 1st April each year, at a time and date to be determined by the Committee.
- 6.2. The AGM shall receive a report and details of income and expenditure for the preceding year.
- 6.3. Officers of the Committee shall be elected at the AGM.
- 6.4. The AGM shall decide upon any resolutions submitted by members to the meeting.
- 6.5. The Chairperson and/or Committee may call an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) to discuss any special or urgent items that may arise during the year. Any member may call for an EGM if they have the written backing of

at least 10 other members and must state the purpose for which the meeting is required.

- 6.6. Notice of the AGM shall be circulated to members at least 7 days prior to the meeting.
- 6.7. At General Meetings of the Club the Chairperson (in their absence a member of the Committee), shall take the Chair. Every member present entitled to vote shall have one vote upon every motion. In the event of a tie Clause 4.2 will apply.

7. Finance

- 7.1. The Managing Committee of the Club shall be the elected officers of the Club.
- 7.2. The financial year of the Club shall end on 31st March and accounts will be balanced to this date.
- 7.3. All surplus income is reinvested in the Club. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or third parties.
- 7.4. No member, except for services rendered at the request of the Committee, shall receive any profit or emolument from the funds of the Club.

8. Other Matters

- 8.1. This constitution may only be amended by resolution at an Annual General Meeting of the Club. 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 thereon.
- 8.2. All coaches, members, guests and any other persons using the Club's facilities shall, as a condition of use, agree to be bound by and subject to these rules and the rules and disciplinary code of the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA). 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 force any breach at its option and in its sole discretion.