

REIGATE PRIORY LAWN TENNIS CLUB RULES

- 1 The Club shall be called the 'Reigate Priory Lawn Tennis Club'.
- 2 The main objects of the Club are to provide facilities for and promote participation of the whole community in the sport of tennis.
- 3 The Officers of the Club shall be:- President, Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Club Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Match Secretary, Juniors' Secretary, Bar Secretary and Club Captain who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- 4 The Club shall be managed by a Committee comprising Chairman, Club Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Match Secretary, Juniors' Secretary, Bar Secretary and Club Captain and not more than eight other members who shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. The Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur during the year. Six members shall form a quorum at a Committee meeting. Each member of the 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 of the Lawn Tennis Association, such agreement to contain an express acknowledgement that the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 applies and that the Lawn Tennis Association and the Club can enforce any breach at its option and in its sole discretion.
- 5 There shall be not more than four nor less than three Trustees of the Club who shall be appointed at a General Meeting and who shall hold office until death or resignation unless removed from office by the Committee for any reason which seems to them sufficient, such action to be brought before a Special General Meeting of the Club to which the Trustees have a right of appeal. The property of the Club other than cash under the control of the Treasurer shall be vested in the Trustees and they shall deal with such property as directed by the Committee. They shall be indemnified against all risks and expenses out of the property and funds of the Club.
- 6 The Annual General Meeting shall be held by 31 December of each year and fourteen days' notice shall be given, together with the names of those Officers and Committee Members who, being eligible, will be nominated for re-election thereat. Further nominations must be sent in writing to the Secretary four clear days before the Annual General Meeting.
- 7 The following business shall be conducted at the Annual General Meeting:
 - a) Approval of the minutes of the previous AGM.
 - b) The presentation and (if accepted) the passing of the Accounts, which shall first have been audited by the Club's Auditor.
 - c) Approval of the proposed subscriptions for the following year.
 - d) The election of the Officers and Committee.
 - e) The election of the Auditor.
 - f) Such other business as shall have been communicated to the Club Secretary and included in the notice of the meeting sent to Members.
 - g) Discussion of any other business for consideration by the new Committee.
 - h) Confirmation by the Club Secretary that the Club is registered under the Licensing Act and notification of the date of expiry of the registration.
 - i) The election of a Bar sub-committee who shall manage on behalf of the Club the purchase and sale to Members of intoxicating liquor and all matters ancillary to the running of the licensed bar.
- 8 A Special General Meeting may be called any time by the Committee or on a requisition signed by ten Members. The object of the meeting shall be stated in the notice convening the same and no other business shall be transacted. Fourteen days' notice shall be given to all Members.
- 9 The Committee may appoint sub-committees for specific purposes. Such sub-committees shall report to and remain accountable to the Committee for their actions. In any case, recommendation for expulsion of Members and for proposing subscription rates shall be reserved to the Committee.
- 10 The management and regulation of the use of the grounds shall be vested in the Committee.
- 11 The courts shall be available for play daily without discrimination provided that the Committee may impose restrictions upon the days and times that the various classes of members may use the courts. A Committee member may declare any court or courts unfit for play.
- 12 Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in tennis on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis. Every candidate for Membership of the Club shall be required to complete an application form. The Membership Secretary shall provide the candidate with a copy of the Rules and request payment of the subscription. If payment is not made within one month the Membership shall be void unless sufficient cause be shown to the satisfaction of the Committee.

The Club Committee may refuse membership only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or tennis into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or expulsion may be made to an appeals committee drawn from a cross section of the Members, none of whom shall have been involved in the original decision.
- 13 The subscription year shall extend from 1st May in one year to the 30th April in the following year and subscriptions are due on the first mentioned date. The annual subscriptions shall be proposed by the Committee and subject to approval at the Annual General Meeting and shall be adopted as Schedule I to these Rules.

Subscription levels shall be notified to Members not less than six weeks prior to the due date for payment. If any Member fails to renew his subscription by the due date and he is in a class of Membership that is subject to a limit on numbers set in advance by the Committee, his Membership may be suspended by the Committee and his name placed on the waiting list pending a vacancy in the Membership. He shall be so notified by the Membership Secretary.

In the case of Junior Members under 16, a parent or other responsible person is required to become a playing or Social Member. If their standard of play is sufficiently high, Junior Members may be permitted by the Committee to play with Senior Members. Otherwise, Junior Members may play with Senior Members only at the invitation of the latter.

The Committee shall have the power to reduce or waive any Member's subscription in special circumstances.

- 14 The Clubhouse shall be open on such days and at such hours as the Committee may consider necessary for the requirements of the Membership. Alcohol may be sold on such days to Members of the Club for consumption on the premises at such hours as may be determined from time to time by the Committee and as notified to the Magistrates Clerk, provided such hours are within the limits of the General Licensing Hours for the time being in force in the District. On Sundays, Christmas Day and Good Friday, the opening hours shall be 12 noon to 3.00 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. No Member or visitor under the age of 18 may obtain or consume intoxicating liquor.
- 15 Any Member shall be entitled to introduce visitors on such terms as the Committee shall from time to time direct and the Committee may at any time curtail such privilege to any Member. Any playing visitor so introduced shall have his or her name entered in the visitors' book by their accompanying Member. The Committee will decide visitors' fees for both seniors and juniors annually. Where a visitor subsequently

joins, the fee will be re-funded. No person may play as a visitor on more than three occasions in any one season.

- 16 When playing tennis, Members and their guests shall wear recognised tennis clothing including footwear. Footwear that is likely to cause damage or discolouring to court surfaces will not be permitted. The Committee will be the arbiter of what is appropriate. Shoes that are likely to cause damage to the courts will not be permitted.
- 17 In these rules the Lawn Tennis Association means LTA CLG Ltd and its subsidiaries or such successor entity or entities as become(s) the governing body of the game of lawn tennis from time to time;

Each Member agrees as a condition of membership:
(A) to be bound by and subject to these rules (as in force from time to time);
(B) to be bound by and subject to the Rules and the Disciplinary Code of the Lawn Tennis Association.

This rule 17 confers a benefit on the Lawn Tennis Association and, subject to the remaining provisions of this rule, is intended to be enforceable by the Lawn Tennis Association by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999. For the avoidance of doubt, it is not intended that any term of these rules, apart from this rule 17, 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.

The 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 (subject to appeal as laid out in rule 12).

The Club agrees that all unlicensed and unregistered coaches and, so far as reasonably practicable, 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 Rules and the Disciplinary Code of the Lawn Tennis Association,

such agreement to contain an express acknowledgement that the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 applies and that the Lawn Tennis Association and the Club can enforce any breach at its option and in its sole discretion.

- 18 When players are waiting to play, no single and only short sets shall be played and the courts shall be vacated on completion of a set. This rule does not apply in matches and tournaments.
- 19 No alterations shall be made to these Rules except at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose. Any alterations must be approved by a 75% majority of those present and eligible to vote plus any proxy votes notified in writing to the Secretary prior to the meeting.
- 20 The courts may only be used for 'friendly' inter-club matches with the prior permission of the Committee. Visiting players may then be invited to play as visitors and be subject to Rule 17. The courts may be used for County and other competitions but only by permission of the Committee.
- 21 A resolution to dissolve the Club shall be proposed only at an extraordinary general meeting and shall be passed only if carried by a majority of at least three-quarters of the Members present and voting and any proxy votes notified in writing to the Club Secretary prior to the meeting. The dissolution shall take effect from the date of the resolution and the members of the Management Committee shall be responsible for the winding-up of the assets and liabilities of the Club.
 - 21.1 Any property remaining on a winding up or dissolution of the Club after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Club shall be paid to or distributed to the LTA for use in community related tennis initiatives, another community amateur sports club for lawn tennis or to a registered charity.
- 22 Should any question arise with which the foregoing rules do not deal, the Committee shall have power to deal with such questions and their decision shall be

final.

- 23 The Committee shall have the power to commit the Club to the borrowing of money for specific projects.

23.1 The Income and Property of the Club shall be applied solely towards promoting the Club's objectives as set forth in these rules and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, to the Members of the Club or any third parties.

23.2 Nothing in Clause 23.1 shall prevent the Club from entering an agreement with a member for the supply by him/her to the Club of goods or services or for his/her employment by the Club, provided that such arrangements are approved by the Management Committee (without the member being present) and are agreed with the member on an arm's length basis.

23.3 No Member shall be paid a salary, bonus, fee or other remuneration for playing for the Club.

Rules as laid down and amended and approved by Members in General Meeting on 7 December 2015.

