

RULES OF WEST BRIDGFORD LAWN TENNIS CLUB LTD

27th October 1920 as amended July 1965, December 1967, July 1979, February 1999, December 2007, September 2008 and September 2023

EXPLANATORY

1. West Bridgford Lawn Tennis Club Limited (the "Club") is a Company limited by Guarantee. It has no share capital.
 - i) By the Club's Memorandum of Association (Clause 6) it is provided "Every Member of the Club undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Club in the event of the same being wound up during the time that he is a Member, or within one year afterwards, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Club contracted before the time at which he ceases to be a Member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up the same and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories amongst themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding one pound".
 - ii) The general management of the Club shall consist of a General Committee of Members, consisting of the President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, and eight people, who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and hold office for one year (the "Committee").
 - iii) By the Club's Articles of Association, it is provided that the Committee shall have power to make, alter, add to or rescind rules and regulations which they shall deem advisable for the well-being of the Club, and such rules and regulations or the alteration or abrogation of them shall be in force until set aside by a general meeting of the Club.
 - iv) Any casual vacancies in the Committee may be filled by nomination by the Committee.
 - v) No person who has been a paid employee of the Club is to be eligible to serve on the Committee within five years after leaving such employment unless co-opted by the Committee.

MEMBERSHIP

2. The Subscribers to the Memorandum of Association of the Club are its first Members.
3. Such persons as are on the first day of October 1920 Members of the West Bridgford Lawn Tennis Club shall be entitled to be admitted as Members of the Club, provided they make written application for Membership, and undertake to observe these Rules. All such persons shall be admitted without Entrance Fee.

4. Every other candidate for Membership shall make an application for Membership in writing, signed by the candidate. Such applications shall be in the form as shall from time to time be approved by the Committee.
5. The election of persons to be Members of the Club shall be vested in the Committee, who may delegate to the Club's management team as appropriate, but with the Committee retaining absolute discretion on membership. There shall be at least a two-day interval between any application for membership being made and accepted.
6. The election of a person to Membership shall be notified to them by the Secretary, or such other person as so delegated by the Secretary, who shall at the same time request them to pay the subscription immediately, if not already paid. Subject to the subscription being received, the person shall be considered a Member and entitled to the full facilities of the Club. A copy of these Rules will be available on the Club's website.
7. The rights and privileges of every Member shall be personal to that Member, and they shall not be transferable by their own act, or by operation of law, and they shall cease upon their death.
8. Country Members: Any Member living outside a radius of twenty miles from the Club shall be entitled to be enrolled as a Country Member at a reduced subscription rate to be fixed by the Committee.
9. Junior Members: Any person under the age of eighteen at the date of application or renewal is entitled to become a Junior Member of the Club at a reduced subscription rate, to be fixed by the Committee.
10. Other Members: The Committee shall be entitled to create such other categories of Membership as they shall think fit.
11. Subscriptions shall be fixed by the Committee.
12. Subscriptions shall be due and payable by members on the first day of the month which is the anniversary of the date on which their subscription was paid first, and any Member whose subscription is in arrears for one month shall not be entitled till payment thereof to make any use of the Club, or exercise or enjoy any privilege of Membership.
13. Any person who shall by any means cease to be a Member, shall, nevertheless, remain liable for and shall pay to the Club all subscriptions and other monies which at the time of their ceasing to be a Member may be due to the Club, and the Committee shall have power to sue them for the same in the name of the Club.

RESIGNATIONS

14. Any Member may withdraw from the Club by giving fourteen days' notice in writing to the Club of their intention to do so.
15. Members wishing to resign must do so in writing to the Club before their annual subscription falls due as otherwise, they will be held responsible for the ensuing year's subscription.

VISITORS

16. Any Member may personally introduce a guest to the Club by entering their name and address in the Visitors' Book, but no person may be introduced as a visitor more than six times during the financial year.
17. Visitors' Fees shall be fixed by the Committee.
18. All charges incurred by or on behalf of the visitor shall be defrayed by the Member introducing them.
19. All visitors' fees must be paid before play is commenced.
20. All adult members of visiting teams shall for the fixture be deemed to be honorary members of the Club, to the extent that they shall be entitled to be supplied with intoxicating liquors for consumption on the Club's premises.
21. All adults (not being members of the Club) who are permitted to use the Club's courts either in a tournament or event or on payment of a fee shall for the day of such use be deemed to be honorary members of the Club to the extent that they shall be entitled on that day to be supplied with intoxicating liquors for consumption on the Club's premises. This shall include parents and/or supporters of any player participating in a tournament or event.

MISCELLANEOUS RULES

22. The Committee shall not be responsible for the safe custody or for any damage to the property of Members or Visitors left on the premises of the Club.
23. No Member or Visitor shall misuse the Club property in any way.
24. All children under the age of 13 must be supervised by a parent/carer whilst on Club property, except when participating in an authorised club session with DBS checked coaches/supervisors (e.g. coaching lessons).
25. The Financial Year of the Club ends on 30th September each year.
26. The main purpose of the Club shall be the provision of facilities for the playing of the game of lawn tennis.
27. All Members playing the game of lawn tennis at the Club shall at all times be suitably attired in tennis clothes and also must wear approved tennis shoes.
28. The fitness of the courts for play shall rest in the decision of any Member of the Committee or such person as the Committee may appoint.
29. One night per week throughout the year, to be decided by the Committee, shall be Ladies' Match Practice night, and one night per week throughout the year shall be Gentlemen's Match Practice night. On these nights, first choice of the courts shall be given to the Match Practice. The Committee shall have the right to alter these arrangements if necessary.

30. Members shall not occupy a court for longer than one set (or the length of their booking) when other Members are waiting to play.
31. The Committee may supply tennis balls for use by Members for club events. Such tennis balls must be returned to the clubhouse after use and must not be removed from the Club.
32. Nothing in the Rules shall be deemed to restrict the powers of the Committee conferred upon them by statute or the Articles of Association of the Club. The Committee shall publish such other policies as deemed necessary from time to time, which will be available on the Club's website.
33. The Club will be open from 8.00 a.m. till 10.00p.m. daily (save for any occasions when the Committee shall approve the Club remaining open till 11.00pm for particular events as permitted by planning and licensing requirements in place at that time). The permitted hours during which intoxicating liquor may be supplied to Members, subject to the Club's closing time, shall be as follows:

Weekdays 12.00 noon to 11.00p.m
Sundays 12.00 noon to 10.30p.m.
Christmas Day 12.00 noon to 3.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.
34. The control of the purchase and supply of intoxicating liquor on behalf of the Club shall be vested in the Committee.

MEETINGS

35. The Club shall hold a General Meeting at least once a year, to be held as soon as practicable after the end of September.
36. The Committee shall be capable of summoning a General Meeting at any time on reasonable notice.
37. One fifth of the total number of Members, or twenty, whichever is less, shall be entitled to require a General Meeting to be summoned at any time on reasonable notice.
38. All Members aged 18 or over are entitled to one vote at a General Meeting.

AMENDMENTS

39. Written notice of all such amendments shall be given to the Senior Licensing Officer (or equivalent role at that time) to the Local Authority.