

# NEWICK LAWN TENNIS CLUB

## RULES

### 1. NAME AND OBJECTIVES

The Club, founded prior to 1930, shall be named 'The Newick Lawn Tennis Club' and shall have for its objectives the provision of lawn tennis, social and other facilities 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 Members or other persons nor to any organisation which is not itself either constituted as non-profit making or a 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

Without prejudice to Rule 8, the Club shall consist of members and Junior members. Persons of either sex shall be eligible for full membership provided they are over 18 years of age. Children below the age of 18 years may be elected as junior members without a right to hold office or to exercise the power of voting.

### 5. SUBSCRIPTION RATES

The entrance fee, if any, for membership and junior membership and the annual subscription for members and junior members shall be fixed yearly at the Annual General Meeting.

In the case of two or more members and/or junior members of the same family residing in the same house, the Committee may at their discretion make such reduction in the annual subscription as they may think fit.

### 6. SUBSCRIPTIONS - FURTHER PROVISIONS

- A) Every playing member and junior member shall with his or her subscription pay the 'Player's contribution' which the Club passes on to the LTA.
- B) In the event of the Club being liable for VAT or any other tax on Members' subscriptions, the figures shall be inclusive thereof.
- C) The subscription year shall run from 1st May to 30th April.
- D) A member whose subscription is not paid by the due date will not be entitled to the privileges of membership until he/she has paid, and if not paid by 1st July

he/she will cease to be a member (and any re-election will then be subject to the normal procedure).

- E) The subscription and entrance fee, if applicable, of a new member shall be due on notification of election or within 14 days. Alternatively, it may be paid with the membership application, in which case (i) it will be repaid if election to membership does not take place; (ii) at the discretion of the Honorary Secretary and one other Committee Member, the candidate may be allowed to use the Club pending the Committee's consideration of his/hers application.
- F) For a new member after the end of August the committee may at their discretion accept a proportionately reduced subscription for the 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.

## **7. ACCOUNTANCY YEAR**

Except for the purposes of subscriptions (see rule 6 C), the Club's financial year shall run from 1st February in one year to 31st January in the following year, and the accounts submitted to the AGM shall be prepared accordingly.

## **8. ELECTION OF MEMBERS**

Honorary Membership (other than temporary in accordance with Rule 12) 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.

For other classes of membership provided in Rule 4, a candidate shall be proposed by one member and seconded by another member aged 18 or over on a form to be provided for the purpose. Every application shall be posted on the Club noticeboard for at least 7 days before being considered by the Committee, whose decision shall be by a simple majority and shall be final. The Committee shall have power to limit the number of members in the respective classes if they consider this to be necessary.

## **9. RESIGNATION**

A member wishing to withdraw from membership shall notify the Honorary Secretary by 30th April in writing, otherwise will be liable for the full subscription.

## **10. 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 other member, visitor or employee, whether on the Club's premises or elsewhere.

## **11. INJURY, LOSS OF PROPERTY ETC**

Members or 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.

## **12. VISITORS AND TEMPORARY MEMBERS**

Visitors may be introduced by the Honorary Secretary or other Member. Before a visitor plays, the Member introducing him/her must make an appropriate entry in the visitors' book and pay the fee, which shall be fixed by the Committee. No visitor may play more than six times in any year except with the special permission of the Committee.

Every member of a visiting match team shall be an Honorary Member for the day and every competitor in a tournament at the Club (and in the case of a competitor under age of 18,) his parent or guardian shall be an Honorary Member for the period of the tournament.

Temporary members, not permanently resident nor working within 5 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 at a fee or fees to be fixed by the Committee.

## **13. MANAGEMENT**

The management of the Club shall be in the entire control of a Committee of not less than 5 and not more than 8 members in addition to the Officers, who shall be ex-officio members of the Committee and shall be a Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Match Secretary (but if more than one of these offices are held by a single person, no extra Committee vacancy shall therefore be created).

All shall be elected for the year at the AGM except that the elected Committee shall have power to fill any casual vacancy.

The Committee shall elect Members in accordance with Rule 8 and shall from time to time make and revise the Club's Regulations and shall have 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 of a Committee shall be six 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.

## **14. GENERAL MEETING**

An annual general meeting (AGM) shall be held each year between 1st February and 31st March.

The Committee shall call an extraordinary general meeting (EGM) at their discretion or within one month of receipt by the 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 proposed to be transacted.

Any member wishing to propose a resolution at the AGM must send a copy to the Honorary Secretary before the 10th January so that provision may be made at the Agenda. The Honorary Secretary shall send to every member (other than temporary members) at least ten 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 EGM, the consideration of the Committee's report and the Honorary Treasurer's accounts for the year, the election of Officers and Committee for the ensuing year, the appointment of an Honorary Auditor, and any items of which notice has been given and details included in the Agenda.

The business of an EGM 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 that it does not call for an alteration of 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 resource of the Club.

Every Member (other than temporary members) shall be entitled to be present and to speak at any general meeting and, if aged 18 years or over, to vote thereat. In the event of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

At any general meeting the quorum shall be 16 Members entitled to vote.

## **15. TRUSTEES**

The property of the Club shall be vested in four trustees who shall be appointed by the Committee and the property of the Club shall be vested in them to be dealt with by them as the Committee may from time to time direct by resolution (of which entry in the minute book shall be conclusive evidence). The Trustee shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the Club property. The Trustees shall hold office until death or resignation or until removal from office by the Committee. Where by reason of such death, resignation or removal it is necessary that a new Trustee or Trustees be appointed, the Committee shall nominate the person or persons to be appointed the new Trustee or Trustees. For the purpose of giving effect to such nomination the Chairman is hereby nominated as the person to appoint new Trustees of the Club within the meaning of section 36 of the Trustee Act 1925, and shall by deed duly appoint the person or persons so nominated by the Committee.

## **16. BORROWING POWERS**

If at any time the Club in general meeting shall pass a resolution authorising the Committee to borrow money, the Committee shall thereupon be empowered to borrow for the purposes of the Club such amount of money either at one time or from time to time and at such a rate of interest and in such a manner and upon such

security as shall be specified in such resolution, and thereupon the Trustees shall at the direction of the Committee make all such dispositions of the Club property or any part thereof and enter into such agreements in relation thereto as the Committee may deem proper for giving security for such loans and interest. All members of the Club, whether voting on such resolution or not, and all persons becoming members of the Club after the passing of such resolution shall be deemed to have assented to the same as if they had voted in favour of such resolution.

## **17. RULES AND REGULATIONS**

A copy of these Rules and of the Regulations made by the Committee under Rule 13 shall be prominently displayed at all times in some conspicuous place on the Club premises and all members shall be deemed conversant therewith.

The Rules shall not be altered except at a General Meeting after due notice, and then only provided that two-thirds of those present and voting are in favour. The Regulations shall be made and periodically revised by the Committee.

## **18. DISSOLUTION**

The Club shall be dissolved on the passing of a resolution to that effect at a General Meeting after due 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 give general directions as to the disposal of any assets, within the scope of Rule 2.