

WETHERBY CASTLEGARTH TENNIS CLUB

Club Rules

Last amended November 2020

1. Name and Objectives

The Club, founded in 1904, shall be named "Wetherby Castlegarth 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 Member or other person nor to any organisation which is not itself either constituted as non-profit making or a charity.

3. Trustees of the Club

The ownership of the Club property including freehold or leasehold land, buildings, money and personal chattels and other property whatsoever of the Club shall be vested in the Trustees in accordance with the Trust Deed dated 1st October 1904 as amended by the Committee and all of the Members of the Club, (except Junior Members) shall indemnify the Trustees against any claim loss or action of any sort relating to such property of whatever type or any other matter concerning the Club whether directly or indirectly.

4. 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.

5. Conditions of Membership

- A. Members are bound by and subject to these Rules.
- B. Members are bound by and subject to the LTA Rules and Disciplinary Code.

6. Classes of Member and Subscription Rates

- i The Club shall comprise such Classes of Member as the Club in general meeting shall from time to time decide
- ii Children under the age of 18 on the 1st January, may become Junior Members of the Club, in which case, their Parent/s or Guardian/s shall be responsible for any loss or damage which any Junior Member may cause to Club property.
- iii The rate of subscription for each Class of Member shall be fixed by the Annual General Meeting
- iv All other matters pertaining to fees, subscriptions and monies due to the Club shall be fixed by the Committee

Notes to the Subscription Scale

a) The subscription year runs from 1 April to 31 March or such other period as the Committee shall from time to time determine.

b) For a subscription paid before the due date a reduction may be allowed as the Committee shall from time to time determine.

c) A Member whose subscription is not paid by the due date will not be entitled to the privileges of membership until they have paid and if not paid by 30 September or such other date as the Committee shall from time to time decide they will cease to be a member unless the Committee otherwise decide (any re-election will then be subject to the normal procedure).

d) 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 Note (a) the Club's Financial Year shall run from 1 October to 30 September or such other period as the Committee otherwise decides and the accounts submitted to the Annual General Meeting shall be prepared accordingly.

8. Membership

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. The Committee shall have power to limit the numbers of Members in the respective classes if they consider this necessary.

9. 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 1st May or such other date as the Committee shall from time to time determine, in writing, and otherwise shall 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 the LTA Disciplinary Code or of misconduct or offensive behavior to any other Member, Visitor or Employee or deliberate damage to the Club's property, whether on the Club's premises or elsewhere. The Member has the right of appeal to the Committee against any disciplinary matter.

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 the visitor must pay the appropriate fee to be fixed by the Committee from time to time.

A Non-Playing Member may play, at the same fee as a Visitor but neither a Visitor nor a Non-playing Member may play more than three 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 18, the competitor's parent or guardian) shall be an Honorary Member for the period of the tournament.

Temporary Members, not permanently resident nor working within ten miles of the Club may be admitted at the discretion of the Committee for a period not exceeding one calendar month, and pay such fee as the Committee shall from time to time determine.

13. Management

The management of the Club shall be in the entire control of a Committee of six members, unless the Club in general meeting shall decide to increase such number for any year, in addition to the Officers, who shall be ex-officio members of the Committee.

There shall be a Chairperson, Honorary Secretary, and Honorary Treasurer (but if more than one of these offices is held by a single person, no extra Committee vacancy shall be thereby created). All shall be elected for the year at the Annual General Meeting except that the elected Committee shall have power to fill any casual vacancy. The role of the Chair will be formally elected at the AGM every three years.

The Committee shall, from time to time, make and revise the Club's Regulations and shall have power to decide any matter not provided for by these Rules and the current Regulations. They shall meet at least four times in every year and additionally as circumstances may require. The quorum at a Committee Meeting shall be five and in the event of equality of voting the Chairperson shall have a second or casting vote.

The Secretary shall convene a meeting at the request of any two full Members of the Committee and shall give three days' notice to each Committee Member.

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

The Committee may, at their discretion and by unanimous vote, borrow monies solely for the purpose of improving the clubhouse, the tennis courts, fencing and the maintenance of said facilities along with the land the club owns. Any monies borrowed must be at the most favourable rates available.

14. General Meeting

An Annual General Meeting shall be held each year at a time and date to be fixed by the Committee between 15 October and 30 November. The Committee shall call an extraordinary general meeting at their discretion or within one month of receipt by the Honorary Secretary of requisition signed by twenty 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 Annual General Meeting 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) by electronic communication or delivering the same to the last address recorded in the Club records for each full Member and by display upon the Club Notice Board (which display shall be regarded as sufficient notice to Junior Members), except that where the only or main object of the General Meeting is directly concerned with Junior Members of the Club, due notice of the meeting shall be delivered electronically to the last address recorded in the Club records for each Junior Member, at least seven days' notice of any general meeting, together with a copy of the Agenda.

The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be the confirmation of the Minutes of the previous annual general meeting and of any subsequent extraordinary general meetings, 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 extraordinary general meeting shall be in accordance with the requisition under which it was summoned and the Agenda issued. At any general meeting further businesses may be accepted at the discretion of the Chairperson 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 resources 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 Chairperson shall have a second or casting vote.

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

15. 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 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 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.

The Club will foster a spirit of promoting junior tennis to ensure the viability of the club in the future. This will be done through a vibrant, engaging and safe coaching regime that will inspire the next generation of members.

The club will adopt the safeguarding policies and principles as laid down in the relevant best practice guidelines issued by the LTA and will maintain an active association with the governing body and update those principles where applicable.

Management of the 'allotment' will be via an agreement held between both parties.

16. Liability

Neither the Trustees of the Club nor any Officer thereof shall be liable to any Member or guest or visitors for any loss of or damage to any property occurring from whatever cause in or about the Club premises nor for any injuries sustained by any Member guest or visitor but any Member damaging any property of the Club shall make good the same as their own expense and the Committee shall have the right to dispose of any property which has been left on the Club premises and not claimed within one month.

17. 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.