

LIMPSFIELD LAWN TENNIS CLUB
TENNIS SECTION
BYE-LAWS

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Tennis Section Committee is responsible for running the tennis section and works in conjunction with the Club Manager, the Director of Tennis and the tennis coaching staff.

The Tennis Committee's decision on compliance with these bye-laws shall be final.

CONSTITUTION

1 (a) The Tennis Committee shall comprise eight people who shall be elected at the Tennis Section Annual General Meeting.

(b) The Director of Tennis shall also be a member of the Tennis Committee.

(c) The Club Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Hon Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of the Tennis Committee in accordance with the Club Rules.

(d) Any position on the Tennis Committee that was not filled at the Tennis Annual General Meeting or any vacancy occurring during the year shall be filled at the discretion of the Tennis Committee.

(e) The Tennis Committee shall have the power to co-opt members on to the Tennis Committee to assist in the running of the Tennis Section.

(f) The Tennis Committee shall elect from among their number annually or as required or as vacancies arise the Chairman, the Men's Captain, the Ladies' Captain and such other positions or roles on the Tennis Committee as are necessary.

MEETINGS

2 (a) The Annual General Meeting of the Tennis Section shall take place on a date to be decided by the Tennis Committee.

(b) A special meeting of the Tennis Section may be called at any time by at least fifty adult members of the Tennis Section giving a written notice signed by all of them to the Club Manager. Within 28 days of this notice having been received by the Club Manager, notice of the special meeting shall be sent to all adult Tennis Section members.

(c) Notice of any Annual General Meeting or special meeting of the Tennis Section shall be given not less than 14 days in advance of the date set for the meeting.

(d) All notification of, attendance at and voting at meetings of the Tennis Section shall be in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Club Rules.

ELECTION TO THE COMMITTEE

3 (a) Nominations for the Tennis Committee shall be made by the Tennis Committee itself or by any two Tennis (Platinum) members nominating another Tennis member.

(b) Nominations must be sent in writing to the Tennis Section Chairman or the Club Manager not less than 7 days before the Tennis Annual General Meeting.

(c) In the event of there being an equal or lesser number of nominations for election to the number of available positions on the Tennis Committee, there shall be a vote, by a show of hands if possible, at the Tennis Annual General Meeting and in the event of there being a simple majority in favour, those nominees shall be appointed to the Tennis Committee.

(d) In the event of there being more nominations for election to the Tennis Committee than there are vacancies, then balloting lists containing the names of the candidates shall be issued to those adult Tennis members in attendance at the Annual General Meeting and a ballot shall take place.

COURT PRIORITY, ALLOCATION AND USAGE

4 Seniors have priority at all times on any tennis court, apart from the coaching courts and the junior courts, except:- during Junior Tournaments and Junior club sessions when Juniors have priority on *five* courts only.

5 When all tennis courts are in use:-

(a) Players must vacate after the set in progress if a four is waiting. If more than one four is waiting, they shall take courts in order.

(b) No singles game may be started if a four is waiting, nor may a single displace a four at the end of a set or, if not playing a set, after ten minutes.

(c) A senior single may be displaced by a four containing at least two senior members at the end of a set or, if not playing a set, after ten minutes.

(d) A junior pair must vacate at the end of the set in progress in favour of a pair, which includes a senior member.

(e) Threes have no standing.

(f) A tiebreak must be played at 6 games all if a four is waiting.

(g) If other courts are free, then no one has the right to displace others due to court surface preference.

6 Courts 1 to 5 are reserved for junior coaching all day Saturday during term time.

7 Organised club sessions take priority for court allocation.

8 The Manager may reserve such tennis courts as are necessary for club matches, tournaments and other special purposes.

9 Tennis courts may be reserved by members for senior or junior matches in any recognised LTA tournament or league subject to the following limitations:-

(a) No court may be booked for play at times when club matches, official sessions and tournaments are scheduled.

(b) Reservations must be so scheduled that only two courts are occupied for play under these arrangements at any one time.

CLOTHING

10 Appropriate tennis clothing must be worn by all members and guests. Proper tennis shoes, with a non-marking sole on which any tread should be flat, must be worn on all courts. If appropriate clothing or footwear is not being worn, you may be asked to leave the court.

GENERAL

11 (a) Parents or guardians of young children (members or visitors) must ensure that they are kept under proper control and do not interfere with play.

(b) Dogs must be kept off the courts at all times.

12 The use of mobile phones is forbidden on, or within earshot of, the tennis courts.

13 No chewing gum is allowed on the tennis courts.

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