

# LIMPSFIELD LAWN TENNIS CLUB

## TENNIS SECTION

### BYE-LAWS

#### 1 DEFINED TERMS

1.1 In the rules, unless the context requires otherwise:

Limpsfield Lawn Tennis Club, hereinafter referred to as LLTC

LLTC Main Committee refers to the principle management committee for the club

“LTA Disciplinary Code” means the disciplinary code of the LTA in force from time to time;

“LTA” means LTA CLG 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;

“LTA Rules” means the rules of the LTA as in force from time to time.

“member” means a tennis member of the LLTC;

#### CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

2.1 Each tennis member agrees as a condition of membership:

(a) to be bound by and subject to these rules (as in force from time to time) **1**;

(b) to be bound by and subject to the LTA Rules and the LTA Disciplinary Code **2**.

2.2 LTA Rule 1 confers a benefit on the LTA and, subject to the remaining provisions of this rule, is intended to be enforceable by the LTA by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999. For the avoidance of doubt, the members do not intend that any term of these rules, apart from Rule 2.1 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.

2.3 The Tennis Committee, may terminate the tennis 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.

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<sup>1</sup> This means that each tennis member of LLTC agrees to be bound by the rules of the LLTC.

<sup>2</sup> This means that each tennis member of LLTC agrees to be bound by the LTA's Rules and Disciplinary Code.

### **3 RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 3.1 The Tennis Section Committee is responsible for running the tennis section and works in conjunction with the Club Manager, the Head Coach and the tennis coaching staff.
- 3.2 The Tennis Committee's decision on compliance with these bye-laws shall be final.

### **4 CONSTITUTION**

- 4.1 The Tennis Committee shall comprise eight people who shall be elected at the Tennis Section Annual General Meeting.
- 4.2 The Club Manager and Head Coach shall also, by invitation, be non-voting members of the Tennis Committee.
- 4.3 The Club Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Hon Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of the Tennis Committee in accordance with the Club Rules.
- 4.4 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.
- 4.5 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.
- 4.6 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.
- 4.7 LLTC agrees that each member of the Tennis Committee will be required, as a condition of election or appointment, to agree to be bound by and subject to these rules, the LTA Rules and the LTA Disciplinary Code, such agreement to contain an express acknowledgement that the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 applies and that the LTA and LLTC can enforce any breach at its option and in its sole discretion <sup>3</sup>.

### **5 MEETINGS**

- 5.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Tennis Section shall take place on a date to be decided by the Tennis Committee.
- 5.2 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.
- 5.3 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.
- 5.4 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.

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<sup>3</sup> This means that the members of LLTC's Tennis Committee need to agree to comply with the LTA's Rules and Disciplinary Code.

## **6 ELECTION TO THE COMMITTEE**

- 6.1 Nominations for the Tennis Committee shall be made by the Tennis Committee itself or by any two Tennis (Platinum) members nominating another Tennis member.
- 6.2 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.
- 6.3 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.
- 6.4 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.

## **7 COURT PRIORITY, ALLOCATION AND USAGE**

- 7.1 Adults have priority at all times on any tennis court, apart from the allocated Coaching courts and Junior courts and except during official Junior Tournaments and Junior club sessions when Juniors have priority on the coach reserved courts.
- 7.2 When all tennis courts are in use:-
  - (a) Players (whether singles or doubles) must vacate the court after 90 minutes of play.
  - (b) If other courts are free, then no one has the right to displace others due to court surface preference.
- 7.3 Courts 1 to 5 are reserved for Junior and Adult coaching when required and Juniors have priority on courts 1 and 14 at all other times.
- 7.4 Organised club sessions take priority for court allocation.
- 7.5 The Club Management, Team Captains and the Head Coach may reserve such tennis courts as are necessary for LTA club matches, tournaments and other special purposes, subject to the following limitations:-
  - (a) No court may be booked for play at times when club matches, official sessions and tournaments are scheduled on that court.
  - (b) Reservations for matches must not be scheduled before 10.30am on weekends.
    - (b.1.) On Saturdays – matches may be booked as follows:
      - Not before 10.30am, maximum one match on the ARC courts and one match on another surface;
      - After 1.30pm, maximum one match on the ARC courts and one match on another surface;
    - (b.2.) On Sundays – matches may be booked as follows:
      - Not before 10.30am, maximum two matches on the ARC courts and two matches on another surface;
      - After 12.30pm, maximum two matches on the ARC courts and two matches on another surface;
  - (c) The Club Management, the Head Coach and the Mens and Ladies Club Captains have the right to request matches be moved in order to avoid congestion.

## **8 COACHES AND PLAYERS**

8.1 LLTC agrees that all unlicensed and unregistered coaches and, so far as reasonably practicable, players and other persons using the facilities of LLTC will be required, as a condition of such use, to agree to be bound by and subject to these rules, the LTA Rules and the LTA Disciplinary Code, such agreement to contain an express acknowledgement that the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 applies and that the LTA and LLTC can enforce any breach at its option and in its sole discretion <sup>4</sup>.

## **9 CLOTHING**

9.1 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.

## **10 GENERAL**

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

10.2 Dogs must be kept off the courts at all times.

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

10.4 No chewing gum is allowed on the tennis courts.

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<sup>4</sup> This means that each club/registered place to play is expected to get their unlicensed and unregistered coaches; and, as far as is reasonably practicable, players who use their facilities to sign up to the LTA's Rules and Disciplinary Code.