

RULES OF THE STORMONT LAWN TENNIS AND SQUASH RACKETS CLUB

1) Name and Object

The club shall be called Stormont Lawn Tennis and Squash Rackets Club (hereinafter called “the Club”) its purpose shall be to promote, encourage and provide facilities for sport in the district with emphasis on that being placed in Lanchester Road, Highgate, London. References below to “he” and “his” shall incorporate “she” and “her” as the context may require.

2) Membership

No person may be admitted to membership unless and until he has been duly elected a member of the Club by the General Committee (the “Committee”) and has paid his subscription (if any).

No person shall be elected a member of the Club unless he has first been nominated and seconded by members of the Club. The name and address of any person proposed for election must, for not less than two days before the election, be prominently displayed in the Club premises in a part frequented by members.

No person may be admitted to membership or be admitted as a candidate for membership or to any of the privileges of membership without an interval of at least two days between their nomination or application for membership and their admission nor may any persons without prior nomination or application be admitted to the privileges of membership without an interval of at least two days between their becoming members and their admission.

Subject to the foregoing the Committee shall have power at its discretion to elect Honorary, Senior, Student, Junior, Temporary Playing and Social members and such other category of members as the Committee shall determine who shall pay the subscription and entrance fee (if any) determined from time to time at an Annual General Meeting for such category.

Only Senior, Student and Junior Playing members who have paid their current subscription shall be entitled to vote at meetings of the Club. Social, Junior and other playing members, whilst entitled to the same rights and privileges as a Senior or Student Playing member shall be subject to the same Rules and Bye Laws as other members except that a Junior Playing member while entitled to vote at meetings shall count as one-half vote only and Social, Honorary, Temporary and any other category of members shall not be entitled to vote at all.

A register of the names, postal and email addresses and telephone numbers of Club members shall be kept at the Club Pavilion.

3) Subscriptions

Subscriptions for Playing and Social members shall become due and payable on 1st October each year.

4) President and Vice President

The Club may elect a President at the Annual General Meeting and such Vice-Presidents (if any) as may from time to time be decided. The President and Vice-Presidents (if any) shall have the right to vote at meetings of the Club but shall not be ex officio members of the Committee.

5) Officers and Committee

The affairs of the Club shall be managed by a Committee which shall have full power to make regulations as to the use of such premises and the admission of visitors. The Committee shall consist of:

The Hon. Secretary
The Hon. Secretary of the Junior Section
The Hon Treasurer
The Chairman of the Maintenance Committee
The Chairman of the Bar Committee
The Membership Secretary
The Captain of Tennis
The Captain of Squash
and up to eight other members

The Committee shall appoint a Chairman from its own committee members and shall have power to form such sub-committees as it shall deem necessary and to co-opt the Chairman of each sub-committee (unless already a member) as a member of the General Committee.

The Committee may delegate such powers as it thinks fit to sub-committees.

Members of the Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and each nomination must be proposed and seconded by a member of the Club. Nominations must be made in writing or electronically to the Secretary, giving the name of the proposer and seconder, at least seven days before the commencement of the meeting. Casual vacancies can be filled by the Committee.

6) Bar Committee

A Bar Committee comprising the Chairman of the Bar Committee and two other members shall be elected by the members of the Club at the Annual General Meeting to manage and conduct the purchase and supply of soft drinks and intoxicating liquor on behalf of the Club for and to the members of the Club on the Club's premises.

No person shall (a) receive at the expense of the Club any commission percentage or similar payment on or with reference to purchases of intoxicating liquor or soft drinks by the Club or (b) directly or indirectly derive any pecuniary benefit from the supply of intoxicating liquor or soft drinks by or on behalf of the Club to members or guests apart from any benefit accruing to the Club as a whole and apart also from any benefit which may be derived indirectly by reason of the

supply giving rise or contributing to a general gain from the carrying on of the Club.

7) Trustees

All property belonging to the Club shall be vested in Trustees who shall be elected by the members and of whom there shall be not less than two or not more than four at any one time. Trustees shall hold office until death or resignation unless removed from office by majority vote of the members in a General Meeting. Any casual vacancy may be filled by the Committee and the person so appointed shall hold office until the next General Meeting when he or she shall retire but may be re-appointed by the members at such meeting. Although the Trustees shall be ex officio members of the Committee, they may also hold any other office in the Club.

The Trustees shall deal with the Club property as directed by resolution of the Committee. An extract from the Minute Book certified in writing by the Chairman of the meeting at which the resolution was passed and counter-signed by another member of the Committee as being the correct copy of such minute shall be conclusive evidence that such authority was obtained.

8) Liability

The Trustees and Officers of the Club and members of the Committee for the time being shall be at all times indemnified by all members of the Club having voting rights (excluding Junior members) against all costs, expenses and liability arising out of any act properly done by them on behalf of the Club or incident to carrying out the Club's business and against any liability accruing under any lease or other obligations properly entered into by them on behalf of the Club.

9) General Meetings

An Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held each year. Special General Meetings of the Club may be convened by the Committee or upon application to the Hon. Secretary of the General Committee, signed by ten members of the Club, such application stating clearly the reason for which the meeting is required. Notices of any of the above meetings shall be posted not less than ten days before the date of the meeting. Posting may be electronic or by mail. Ten members shall form a quorum. The Annual General meeting shall be preceded by a meeting of the Committee at which the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts shall be submitted by the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer respectively for approval, before submission to the Annual General Meeting. Not more than 15 months shall elapse between Annual General Meetings.

10) Voting

Voting at all meetings shall be decided by way of a simple majority of those present in person and entitled to vote. The Chairman shall have a casting vote. Any vote in respect of alteration of the rules shall be subject to rule 18.

11) Loss and Damage

Any member negligently losing or damaging any property of the Club shall be held responsible for such loss or damage.

The Club cannot be held responsible for damage to or loss of any property of members or visitors and a notice to this effect shall be posted in the Club premises.

12) Emergencies

The Chairman in consultation with the Hon. Treasurer shall be empowered to act in cases of emergency where such arise. Matters dealt with under this rule shall be reported to the next meeting of the General Committee.

13) Financial Year

The Financial Year shall end on 31st December.

14) Bar Opening Hours

The Bar may open at any time between 11am and 11pm on Monday to Saturday and at any time between 11am and 10.30pm on a Sunday for the serving of alcoholic drinks. 20 minutes shall be allowed for drinking up before closure of the premises.

Any member of the Committee has the right to close the Bar at any time within these hours. Alcoholic drinks shall not be sold to any person who is not a member or to any person under 18 years of age.

15) Termination of Membership

The Committee shall have power to remove from the list of members any member whose subscription is overdue and having been given notice in writing 14 days thereafter.

The Committee shall have power to expel from membership any member who fails to abide by the rules of the Club but the member shall be invited to attend the meeting of the Committee at which resolution for his/her expulsion is considered and shall be asked to explain his/her conduct. If the Committee shall resolve that the conduct of the member merits expulsion he/she shall first be given the opportunity to resign.

16) Dissolution

The Club shall not be dissolved without the consent of three-fourths of the members entitled to vote at General Meetings and if dissolved the assets of the Club shall be distributed equally between the Lawn Tennis Association and Squash Rackets Association.

17) Binding Force

A copy of these rules shall be available for inspection in the Club Pavilion, and on joining every member shall be so informed. Every member shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound by these rules.

18) Alteration of Rules

The rules may, subject to the following provisions, be altered by resolution of the members in an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting provided that the details of the proposed alteration have been set down in the notice calling the meeting and that at least two-thirds of those voting are in favour of the change and provided that the rule defining destination of the assets of the Club in the event of the dissolution of the Club shall, under no circumstances, be varied or capable of variation or change.

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