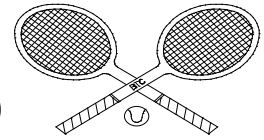


# Boldmere Tennis Club



## CONSTITUTION AND RULES

1. The Club shall be called "**BOLDMERE TENNIS CLUB**" and referred to in these rules as the "**CLUB**".
2. The Club's Headquarters shall be the Club Room in the Royal Sutton Coldfield Club, rear of 138 Jockey Road B73 5PP.
3. There shall be no restrictions on membership other than imposed by Rules 18, 19 and 22.
4. The Club shall be financed by members' subscriptions and donations - no individual member shall derive financial benefit thereof.
5. The Management of the Club shall be vested in an elected Management Committee, herein after known as "The Committee", made up of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and up to eight ordinary members. Only Full, Young adult, Day, Honorary or Intermediate members may be elected to the Committee or as Officers of the Committee. Officers are: Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.
  - 5.1. No more than three Honorary members shall serve on the Committee at any one time.
  - 5.2. The Committee shall have full powers to appoint other officers and sub-committees and to fill any vacancy in its membership, arising from resignation or any other cause, before the next Annual General Meeting.
  - 5.3. The Committee shall have the power to vote money for all purposes necessary for the functioning of the Club.
  - 5.4. The Committee shall not have the power to alter the Rules of the Club, or make any new rules without such alteration or new rules being proposed to, and being adopted by a General Meeting of the Members.
  - 5.5. These officials, together with two Hon. Auditors, shall be elected by the Members at the Annual General Meeting of the Club.
  - 5.6. The Committee shall normally meet on a monthly basis throughout the year, the attendance of at least one officer plus 50%, rounding up, of the remaining members, shall be held to be a quorum.
6. The end of the financial year of the Club shall be 31<sup>st</sup> December.
7. The Annual General Meeting of The Club shall take place before the end of March each year, and the Honorary Secretary shall give all members 21 days' notice of said meeting.
  - 7.1. All except junior, coaching and social members have the right to vote at general meetings.
  - 7.2. Voting by post or proxy shall not be allowed.
  - 7.3. The attendance of 20% of voting members, rounding down, constitutes a quorum.
8. The format of the Annual General Meeting shall consist of approval last year's minutes, reports by officers of the Club and election of Officers and Committee for the forthcoming year and the transaction of all other business as may be detailed on the agenda.
9. Any member wishing to stand for the role of Chair should either be an existing member of the committee or have previously been a member of the committee.
10. Nominations of members for election to these offices may be made by any two voting members proposing and seconding same and shall be accepted up to 7 days prior to the Annual General Meeting and candidates may vote in the elections.

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11. Any member may submit for consideration at the Annual General Meeting any motion for alteration to the Rules of the Club, provided that such submissions are made in writing to the Honorary Chairman or Honorary Secretary, 28 days prior to the Annual General Meeting, for inclusion by the Honorary Secretary in the agenda of the notice to members convening the meeting.
12. The Committee may convene an Extraordinary General Meeting of members by giving 14 days written notice of said meeting.
13. An extraordinary General Meeting may also be called by any Club member, providing they obtain 15 signatures of VOTING members of the Club, on the understanding that two-thirds of the signatories attend the said meeting.
14. No business shall be conducted at an extraordinary General Meeting except that for which the meeting has been called.
15. The Club shall be dissolved only on a resolution to that effect, put to and passed by an extraordinary General Meeting as convened under Rule 12.
16. On such a resolution being passed, the Officers and Committee shall dispose of the goods and chattels of the Club. If, after the payments of outstanding debts, there be any surplus monies, after realisation these shall be donated to some legally constituted charitable organisation to be selected by the Committee.
17. The Club shall not be responsible for vehicles, shoes, racquets or other property left in the grounds or the Club Room or on the property of The Royal Sutton Coldfield Club.
18. Any adult wishing to become a playing member of the club must attend an induction session with a committee member or other person nominated by the committee. A limit on membership in any category may be imposed at the discretion of the Committee
19. Types of membership available are:-
  - 19.1. **Full** - Aged 25 or over on 1<sup>st</sup> April of the current year.
  - 19.2. **Young Adult** – Aged between 18 and 24 years of age.
  - 19.3. **Junior** - Under 18 years of age . May only play with Full members by invitation. May not play in Full members competitions. May be invited to play with Full members and enter Full members competitions having been recommended by the Club Coach, Committee or the Playing in Officer and accepted by the Committee.
  - 19.4. **Day** - Aged 18 or over on 1<sup>st</sup> April of the current year. Allowed to play tennis during the following times only - Monday to Friday - 9.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. and Weekend Day Tournaments.
  - 19.5. **Winter** - Six months period. 1<sup>st</sup> October - 31<sup>st</sup> March
  - 19.6. **Country** – Adult member living in excess of 15 miles radius from the Club on a permanent basis.
  - 19.7. **Honorary** - Elected on the recommendation of the Committee.
  - 19.8. **Social** - Non-playing members and those wishing to play table tennis only.
20. The status of Honorary Membership may be granted at the discretion of the Committee.

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### **21. Family Membership**

- 21.1. Those eligible for Family Membership shall be parents and children of the same family.
  - 21.2. An eligible "group" must consist of a minimum of three members, at least one of whom must be an adult member.
  - 21.3. A discount shall only apply when all members of the group join at the same time.
  - 21.4. The level of discount shall be set annually by the Committee after the AGM.
22. The Committee have the power to terminate membership of the club. Prior to any decision being made, the member will be given the opportunity to meet with the Committee.
  23. Subscriptions fall due on 1<sup>st</sup> April annually.
  24. Any persons joining during the year after the 1<sup>st</sup> April are liable for a reduced subscription as specified in acceptance of their membership.
  25. Use of the courts is determined by the court schedule. The court schedule will be reviewed and approved by the committee at least once a year.
  26. Players shall wear suitable tennis shoes (Only non-marking tennis trainers allowed).
  27. During Club play sessions one short set of doubles tennis shall be played comprised of waiting players in order of rotation or as specified by local rule amendments directed by the Committee. No singles shall be played if there are sufficient players to fill all courts with doubles sets.
  28. Tennis balls will be provided by the Club. Each set will take four balls onto the court in the box provided and return them to the Club Room upon completion of the set.
  29. It is the responsibility of members introducing visitors to play, to enter the name of their guests on the visitors list provided and to ensure that the required fee as displayed is deposited in the visitors box **before** commencement of play. The visitors fee will be set annually by the Committee. No visitor shall be introduced more than three times per season, without the approval of the Committee.
  30. During the summer season ( 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> September ) all courts shall be reserved on Monday and Thursday evenings for league matches and match practice. Courts may be made available for general play at the discretion of the Match Secretary.
  31. The Open Tournament shall be held during the summer months.
  32. Members and their guests are bound to abide by these rules and the LTA Disciplinary Code at all times.
  33. Where there has been a substantiated breach of our Safeguarding Policy by one of our members, the Committee have the right to terminate that persons' membership.
  34. "Disciplinary Code:
    - 34.1. "Disciplinary Code" means the disciplinary code of the LTA in force at the time;
    - 34.2. Conditions of membership
      - 34.2.1. Each member agrees as a condition of membership:
        - (A) to be bound by and subject to these rules (as in force from time to time);
        - (B) to be bound by and subject to the Rules and the Disciplinary Code.
      - 34.2.2. Rule 34.2.1 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.
      - 34.2.3. The Committee may terminate the 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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- 34.2.4. Boldmere Tennis Club agrees that each member of the Management Committee will be required, as a condition of election or appointment, to agree to be bound by and subject to these rules, the Rules and the Disciplinary Code, such agreement to contain an express acknowledgement that the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 applies and that the LTA and Boldmere Tennis Club can enforce any breach at its option and in its sole discretion
- 34.2.5. Boldmere Tennis Club agrees that all unlicensed and unregistered coaches and, so far as reasonably practicable, players and other persons using the facilities of [the club/registered place to play] will be required, as a condition of such use, to agree to be bound by and subject to these rules, the Rules and the Disciplinary Code, such agreement to contain an express acknowledgement that the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 applies and that the LTA and Boldmere Tennis Club can enforce any breach at its option and in its sole discretion

35. Any matter not otherwise provided for in these Rules shall be dealt with by the Committee.