

GREAT SHELFORD TENNIS CLUB RULES

(AS ACCEPTED AT 2017 AGM)

General

1. These rules shall supersede any previous rules or constitution of the Club.
2. The Club shall be named Great Shelford Tennis Club.
3. A copy of the rules shall be displayed on the Club notice board together with the names and addresses of the Secretary and Treasurer.

Membership

4. Adult Membership shall be in three categories:
 - a) Senior Membership –full members
 - b) Associate Membership -restricted membership for those who do not wish to attend Club sessions or participate in Club competitions
 - c) Student Membership -full members of any age in full-time education.
 - d) Returning Student Membership – full membership for July, August and September for any age in full-time education.

Junior Membership shall be in two categories:

- a) Junior membership is open to those aged 8-17 on 31 March of the current year.
- b) Mini membership is open to those aged 0-7 on 31 March of the previous year.

Family Membership: If 2 persons from the same family pay the senior, student or associate subscription (or any combination of these), then their offspring may join as junior members free of charge. Families with offspring in full-time education may join on the same basis. Once full time education has terminated, the member concerned must join as a senior or associate member as appropriate.

Senior citizens – those senior or associate members aged 65 years or greater on the 31 March of the current year are eligible for a 20% discount on their annual subscription.

Honorary Membership shall be awarded to an individual who has given great service to Great Shelford Tennis Club. This person shall be nominated by the outgoing Committee and the nomination ratified by the members attending the AGM.

The Head Coach contracted to the Club, and any other coach working regularly for the Club, will be granted full membership for the duration of their contract.

No person shall be denied membership of the Club on the grounds of race, ethnic origin, creed, colour, age, disability, sex, occupation, sexual organisation, religion, political or other beliefs

Management and Organisation

5. An Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in either February or March of each year at which full members of the Club shall be entitled to vote. A Management Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting to be responsible for the running of the Club. A quorum for Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General meetings shall be ten full members.

6. The Management Committee shall consist of twelve full members namely: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Men's Captain, Ladies' Captain, Junior Organiser, Social Secretary and four others, all of whom shall be elected for one year. The same person may not stand for election as Chairman for more than three consecutive years. The Head Coach shall be invited to sit on the Management Committee for the period they remain contracted to the club.

7. At the Annual General Meeting the Club may appoint a President and/or Vice President to serve one year but any person holding these offices shall not take part in the management of the Club.

8a) The property of the Club shall be vested in three trustees who shall be appointed by the Management Committee and the property of the Club shall be vested in them to be dealt with by them as the Management Committee may from time to time direct by resolution (of which an entry in the minute book shall be conclusive evidence). The Trustees shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the Club property. The Trustees shall hold office until death or resignation or until removal from office by the Management Committee. Where by reason of such death, resignation or removal it is necessary that a new Trustee or Trustees be appointed, the Management Committee shall nominate the person or persons to be appointed the new Trustee or Trustees. For the purpose of giving effect to such nomination the Chairman is hereby nominated as the person to appoint new Trustees of the Club within the meaning of Section 36 of the Trustees Act 1925 and he shall by deed duly appoint the person or persons so nominated by the Management Committee.

8b) The Management Committee shall meet at least three times during the year. A quorum for Committee meetings shall be six members. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional members who shall have full voting rights on the Committee, but who shall not count in the calculation of a quorum.

9. Fourteen days' notice of any Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be given to all current adult members of known address together with a copy of the agenda and any details of proposed changes to the Rules.

10. An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club may be called at any time by the Committee or by any ten members, of any category of membership, providing fourteen days' notice of time, place, date and purpose are given to all current adult members of known address.

11. Rules may be altered only at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose. Proposals for alterations to the Rules must be notified in writing to the Secretary at least 28 days prior to any meeting to enable the Secretary to give the necessary notice and details as described in Rule 9. In order for the Rules to be changed they must be passed by three quarters of full members present.

12. Voting at the Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings shall be by show of hands. A ballot shall take place if a proposal for such is passed by a majority of full members present or at the Chairman's discretion. In the event of a tie in voting at Annual General, Extraordinary General or Committee meetings, the Chairman shall have the casting vote.

13. An audited statement of accounts for the 12 months ending 31 December of the previous year shall be presented to the Annual General Meeting. An auditor for the current year shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

14. Subscriptions and Entry fees for all categories of membership shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting for the current calendar year. Membership in any category shall be deemed to have lapsed if the subscription for the year has not been paid by 1 May. In that event application will have to be made as for new membership as in Rule 15.

15. New members shall be accepted at the discretion of the Committee. Applications should be submitted to the Secretary. New members shall be required to pay an initial Entry Fee to be set with the subscription rates at each Annual General Meeting.

16. Guests may be introduced by members on payment of a daily guest fee the amount of which shall be determined each year at the Annual General Meeting. A non-member should not play as a guest more than six times during one season, before becoming a member.

Play: Conditions and Arrangements

17. All members and their guests shall wear soft-soled tennis shoes, without heels, on the courts.

18. The Club shall provide balls for matches, match practices, tournaments and organised Club sessions. At all other times members must provide their own.

19. The Committee shall have an obligation to ensure that fair and reasonable playing opportunities are provided for all sections of membership and shall determine and announce details of organised Club sessions, together with allocated playing times and any additional playing restrictions or rules of play that the Committee feel it necessary to introduce during any season, in the interest of the Club. These details shall be notified to members and/or displayed on the Club notice board.

20. The Club is empowered to reserve the courts for matches, match practices, tournaments, coaching and Club sessions and shall notify members accordingly.

21. The Committee shall, at its discretion, have the power to:

a) invite individual Juniors to enjoy senior membership status whilst still paying a Junior subscription.

b) invite individual Juniors to attend specified organised Club sessions. The invitations issued in a) and b) above shall be on a season-by-season basis. During any season that a Junior has accepted invitation a), that Junior will not be eligible for Junior Club competitions.

22. When members are waiting to play, those in play shall vacate the courts at the end of a short set. If more than 8 members are waiting, play must be restricted to 8 games.

23. The Club allows players to wear coloured tennis/sports clothing.