



PURLEY BURY TENNIS CLUB

1. The Club shall be called PURLEY BURY TENNIS CLUB.

The purpose of the Club is to promote the amateur support of tennis in the surrounding area and community participation in the same.

All surplus income or profits shall be re-invested in the Club. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or third parties.

Upon dissolution of the Club any remaining assets shall be given or transferred to another registered Community Amateur Sports Club, a registered charity or the sport's governing body.

2. Membership shall consist of such persons as may be accepted by the Committee in accordance with Rule 9

AFFILIATION

3. The Club shall be affiliated to the Surrey Lawn Tennis Association.

MANAGEMENT

4. The affairs of the Club shall be managed by a Committee of members which shall consist of a Chairman, the Mens and Ladies Captains (or Club Captain or joint Club Captains), Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, a Junior representative the Bar Manager, the Club Coach, and up to five other members who shall be elected annually by members of the Club at a General Meeting. The Trustees of the club shall have the right for at least one of their number to be on the Committee.

5. Any member wishing to nominate another member as a candidate for the Committee shall, at least 21 days prior to the General Meeting at which the Committee is to be elected, send to the Honorary Secretary of the Club a nomination form signed by the proposer, seconder and nominee. No member under 18 years shall be eligible for election to the Committee.

6. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt such additional members as it may require, or if a vacancy occurs, to appoint a replacement. In neither case shall such appointments continue beyond the next General Meeting.

7. Half the Committee shall form a quorum which must include at least two of the principal officers (Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer). Normally, no decisions should be taken in the absence of the committee member with responsibility for an issue unless they have nominated someone to act on their behalf. In particular, no financial decisions should be taken in the absence of the treasurer or their nominee.

MEMBERSHIP

8. Membership shall consist of senior and junior classes. The Committee is empowered to create sub divisions of the classes as it deems appropriate. Senior members shall be over 18 years of age, although the Committee may promote a junior of sufficient standard before that date.

The Club may have different classes of membership and subscriptions on a non-discriminatory and fair basis. The Club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.

9. The Committee will review candidates' completed Application forms and will require every candidate for full Senior membership to be "played in" to confirm playing standard. Candidates may be permitted to play as guests while their applications are being considered.

Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application regardless of sex, age, disability ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis.

The Club Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good causes such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute or other circumstances where it is demonstrably not in the interests of the club for someone to become or continue to be a member.

Only members of tennis playing categories are eligible to join British Tennis under the Purley Bury Tennis Club umbrella.

Social members are not eligible to enter the draw for Wimbledon tickets unless they are also British Tennis Members and have opted in for the Wimbledon ballot.

GUESTS & VISITORS

10. Guests and visitors may be introduced by members, but no guest shall be admitted on more than three occasions in any one season unless otherwise permitted by the Committee. Members introducing guests shall enter their names in the book provided and shall be responsible for the payment of any fees due.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

11 a) The rates of subscription and the amounts of entrance fees and guests' fees shall be fixed from time to time by the Club Committee after advice from the Club members in General Meetings and shall be displayed on the Notice Board. Subscriptions shall be payable by 1st May to the Membership Secretary or the Honorary Treasurer of the Club.

b) Any members whose Subscriptions are outstanding after 1st of May will be notified. Subsequent failure to pay the subscription will result in all privileges of the Club being withdrawn.

RESIGNATION

12. Members may resign at any time. The Committee may enforce that any member resign or be suspended from membership after giving the member fourteen days notice in writing as to the reasons for the decision. Appeal against enforced resignation or suspension may be made to the members at an EGM upon submission of a requisition signed by not less than 20 senior members.

GENERAL MEETINGS

13 a) The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held within the period of 28 days before and after the 31st January. The Committee shall call an Extraordinary General Meeting when any matter of urgent importance shall arise or upon a requisition signed by not less than 20 senior members.

13 b) The Honorary Treasurer will present the accounts for the immediately preceding financial year which runs from January to December

13 c) 28 days notice of the Annual General Meeting and at least 7 days notice of any other General Meeting shall be sent to every senior member at his or her email address on the Club Register (postal address where there is no email address).

13 d) Voting at a General Meeting shall be by a show of hands or by ballot of those present. Only members of tennis playing categories aged over 18 at the time of the AGM shall be eligible to vote. In exceptional circumstances, the committee may allow Postal/email voting on a specific issue where it is in the interests of the members. Where this is to be allowed, all members must be advised by email or post 14 days in advance of an AGM and 7 days in advance of any other General Meeting.

13 e) 20 senior members shall form a quorum which must include at least 2 of the principal officers of the club (Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer).

PLAY

14. The Committee shall have power to put any courts out of play if considered necessary.

15 Courts may be reserved by the Committee for Tournament or Match Play or for use by a specific section of the Club. Members may apply to the designated official, giving at least 48 hours notice for the use of a court to play a match in an approved competition.

16. The Rules of the Lawn Tennis Association shall be the Rules of the Club regarding play.

17. No member shall play on the courts unless suitably attired. In particular, members must wear tennis shoes suitable for use on a tar macadam surface.

18. Members must ensure the courts are fit for play before commencing. The courts must not be used if they are slippery or icy.

TRUSTEES

19 a) There shall be not less than two nor more than four trustees, who shall be appointed as necessary by the members at a General Meeting from among the senior members of the Club. Such a duly-appointed trustee shall hold office until such time as he or she resigns by notice in writing to the Committee, or until a resolution to remove him or her shall be passed at a General Meeting of members by a majority of the senior members present. Regardless of resignation or removal, where personal liability is included under the terms of the lease, a Trustee retains that personal liability to the Lessors until a replacement is agreed and the change is documented by a solicitor in a deed of release and substitution.

19 b) All property of the Club shall be vested in the trustees as from time to time appointed, and the trustees shall act in all respects as regards such property, land or investments in strict accordance with the directions of the Committee. They shall have power to sell, lease, mortgage or pledge any property of the Club for the purpose of raising or borrowing money for the benefit of the Club, in accordance with the Committee's written and documented directions. The joint and several personal aggregate liability of the Trustees of the Tennis, Bowls and Croquet Clubs to the Lessor shall be as stated in the Lease. Under the lease extant at 1st October 2015 the joint and several personal aggregate liability of the Trustees of the Tennis, Bowls, and Croquet Clubs to the Lessor shall in no event exceed the sum of £20,000.

20. Amendments or alterations to these Rules may be made only at a General Meeting of the Club, convened with at least 28 days notice.

21. Should any question arise which is not provided for by these Rules, the Committee shall have power to deal with such a question and its decision shall be ratified at the next General Meeting of the Club.