

WOOBURN PARK LAWN TENNIS CLUB CONSTITUTION

Title

1. The Club shall be known as the “Wooburn Park Lawn Tennis Club” hereinafter referred to as the “Club”.

Management

2. The management of the Club shall be vested in a General Committee consisting of a Chairman, Honorary General Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Membership Secretary, Men’s Captain, Ladies Captain, Match Secretary, Social Secretary and at least two other members elected in the manner hereinafter mentioned, and in addition, a nominated representative of the Landlord Council. Five shall be deemed to form a quorum.

The General committee shall have the power to make by-laws governing the conduct of the Club’s affairs and shall publish such by-laws for the information of the members.

3. The Officers and other members of the General Committee shall be elected by ballot at the Annual General Meeting. The General Committee shall have power to fill by co-option any vacancy which may arise between each general meeting providing the vacancy (or vacancies) is not due to the resignation of any member (or members) because of a difference of opinion on the policy of the Club.
4. The custody of the funds of the Club shall be vested in the Treasurer and shall be applied solely for the purposes of the Club as approved by the General Committee, any monies not required to be credited to an account in a Bank in the name of the Club. The signatories to the account shall be the Chairman, Honorary Treasurer, and the Honorary Secretary, withdrawals from the account to be made on the basis of a least two signatures.

The Committee is authorised to enter into loan agreements with the L.T.A., or other recognised sporting organisations to fund capital projects providing the amount of the loan does not exceed £50,000. The decision to take out any loan must be approved by the Committee.

5. The selection of teams shall be the responsibility of the Men’s Captain, Ladies captain and at least two other members of the Club elected annually.

Annual General Meeting

6. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in March for the purpose of electing the Officers and other members of the General Committee and Honorary Auditors for the ensuing year and transacting all general business connected with the Club. A written notice convening the Meeting stating the business to be done, together

with a copy of the accounts for the preceding year ending 31st December and reports by the General Committee shall be sent to each member at least 14 days prior to the date of the Meeting.

Junior members shall not be entitled to vote at a General Meeting except in the election of the Junior Boys Captain and Junior Girls Captain and other matters specifically appertaining that section.

Extraordinary General Meeting

7. The Honorary Secretary shall call an extraordinary general meeting at the request of the General Committee or upon receipt of a request in writing signed by at least one-third of the senior members of the Club asking her to do so and stating the purpose for which the meeting is to be called. The Honorary Secretary shall give 14 days clear notice of such meeting and shall specify the purpose for which it is called. No other business shall be transacted at such a meeting.

Quorum for General Meeting

8. A quorum for all General Meetings shall be 25.

Application for Membership

9. Membership of the Club shall be open to all providing a vacancy exists. The Committee shall set limits on club membership if it sees fit in order to avoid undue congestion on the courts. Prospective members should submit an application for membership via the Membership Secretary who shall notify such candidates of their acceptance as members, requesting that their subscription be paid within one month of date of their acceptance. If payment is not made within this time the membership shall be void. On receipt of payment within this time the candidate shall be furnished with a membership card. If there are no vacancies the names of applicants shall be added to a waiting list.

Junior Section

10. Persons up to the age of 18 years shall be eligible for membership of the Junior Section of the Club.

Annual Subscription

11. The annual subscription to the Club shall be as follows:

a. Senior (full) member	£ 95.00
b. Midweek member	£ 65.00
c. Intermediate member	£ 62.00
d. Student member	£ 49.00
e. Junior member	£ 49.00
f. Under-Nine member	£ 29.00
g. Non-playing member	£ 3.00
h. Family membership	£256.00

An additional £10 will be charged to all existing Senior, Midweek, Intermediate and Student members if subscriptions are not paid before April 30th 2007.

The joining fee for adult members remains as £20 and the visitor's fee remains at £2 for adults.

Mid-Week members are eligible to play Monday-Friday up to 6.00 p.m.

Student members must be in full time education and living away from home.

Junior membership remains on a sliding scale; the full rate for the first child with a £5 reduction for the second, and an additional £5 reduction for the third etc. This reduction does not apply for Under-Nine members.

To qualify as under-nine the member must be under nine years old on 31st December in the current subscription year.

Intermediate membership is a privilege which can be offered to certain junior members at the discretion of the club committee. The committee will offer Intermediate memberships, based on recommendations by the club coach, to those juniors who have achieved both a satisfactory standard of play, and level of maturity.

Family membership covers all members of a family who ordinarily qualify as Senior, Mid-Week, Intermediate, or Student members, plus Junior members between the ages of 9-18.

12. All subscriptions must be paid by not later than 31st May. Persons failing to pay after a reminder will cease to enjoy the privileges of membership. Playing members joining after 30th September to pay pro-rata.

General Conduct of Play

13. All members must wear recognised tennis attire which includes non-marking tennis shoes – no trainers are allowed as they damage the court surface.
14. Club play shall be in accordance with rules approved by the General Committee and displayed at the courts. It shall be the responsibility of all members to ensure that the rules are complied with, except when otherwise decided by the General Committee. The General Committee shall have power to determine the playing times of all sections of the membership and shall publish these in the by-laws.

Introduction of Guests

15. Senior members shall be at liberty to introduce a playing guest, such members to contribute the sum of £2.00 per session; payment to any General Committee member. Junior members shall not be entitled to introduce a playing guest without

prior permission of the Hon. Secretary. The General Committee shall have power to determine the occasions and times at which guest shall be excluded.

16. Each member introducing a guest shall be responsible for signing the Visitors Book.

Resignation

17. The General Committee shall have power to request any member to resign who has in their opinion offended against the rules of the Club, or whose conduct has rendered him or her unworthy for membership of the Club, the member in question having right to answer any charge before the General Committee.

Alteration or Amendment of Rules

18. No alteration or amendment of these Rules shall be made save by a two-thirds majority of those present and entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting or any Extraordinary General Meeting. The Hon. Secretary shall give 14 days clear notice of such alteration or amendments to each member and any member wishing to propose alteration or amendment of the Rules must send details in writing of such alteration or amendment in sufficient time for its notification to each member in the manner aforementioned.

Trustees

19. *The property of the club must be vested in three trustees appointed by the committee. The trustees must deal with the property as the committee from time to time directs by resolution (of which an entry in the minute book is to be conclusive evidence). The trustees may be indemnified against risk and expense out of the club property. The trustees will hold office until death or resignation or until removal from office by the committee.*

Where by reason of death, resignation or removal it is necessary for a new trustee of trustees to be appointed, the committee must nominate the person or persons to be appointed the new trustee or trustees.

For purposes of giving effect to such nomination the Hon. Secretary is now nominated as the person to appoint new trustees of the club within the meaning of the Trustee Act 1925 Section 36, and must by deed appoint the person or persons nominated by the committee.