

HACC Tennis Section Constitution

1. Name

The section is part of the Halesowen Athletics and Cycling Club and is known as "HACC Tennis Section" (The Section).

2. Status

The Section is subject to the rules of the parent club, namely Halesowen Athletic & Cycling Club.

3. Defined terms

3.1. In this Constitution, unless the context requires otherwise:

- "Disciplinary Code" means the disciplinary code of the LTA in force from time to time;
- "LTA" means LTA CLG and its subsidiaries or such successor entity or entities as become(s) the governing body of the game of lawn tennis from time to time;
- "member" means a member of the HACC Tennis Section.

4. Membership

4.1. Conditions of membership:

(A) Each member agrees as a condition of membership:

- (i) to be bound by and subject to these rules (as in force from time to time) ;
- (ii) to be bound by and subject to the LTA Rules and the Disciplinary Code ;

The Section Committee will strive to deal with all Disciplinary matters itself, and will use the LTA Disciplinary Code to guide it.

However, This rule [4(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 [4(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. This means that the LTA can take action against a member of a club only in relation to a breach of LTA Rules and the Disciplinary Code.

4.2. The Section 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 these rules. Appeals against termination of membership may be made to the HACC Main Committee.

4.3. The Section Committee at all times shall have the power to restrict the number of members.

4.4. Members are elected to the parent club and to the Tennis Section. Candidates for the Tennis Section must apply to the Membership Secretary. Anyone of any standard may join the Tennis Section. It is the responsibility of the Committee along with the Coaches and Team Captains to advise members as to the most suitable time to play or attend coaching.

4.5. A Junior Member must be under 18 years old at the start of the tennis membership year. All other members must join as adult members.

5. Subscriptions

5.1. All members are subject to paying the Tennis Section subscription, which incorporates any applicable Main Club subscription. The Main Club subscription shall be fixed at the HACC Annual General Meeting. The Tennis Section subscription shall be fixed at the Annual General Meeting of the Tennis Section.

5.2. Subscriptions are due at the start of the tennis membership year.

5.3. The Section Committee reserves the right to waive part or all of a member's Tennis Section subscription in exchange for services to the Section. The Main Club subscription will still be required to be paid.

6. Coaches and players

The Tennis Section agrees that all coaches and, so far as reasonably practicable, players and other persons using the facilities of the Section will be required, as a condition of such use, to agree to be bound by and subject to these rules, the LTA 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 the Section can enforce any breach at its option and in its sole discretion.

7. The Section Committee

7.1. The Section Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Membership Secretary and other members. These should include, where possible, Welfare Officer, Team Captains, Head Coach, Junior Organiser and Main Club Representative. A committee meeting should not be held with less than five people.

7.2. The officers, named in Section 7.1, shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Tennis Section.

7.3. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt such members of the Section as they deem necessary.

7.4. Each member of the Section Committee will be required, as a condition of election or appointment, to agree to be bound by and subject to these rules, the LTA Rules and the Disciplinary Code. Such agreement to contains an express acknowledgement that the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 applies and that the LTA and the Section can enforce any breach at its option and in its sole discretion.

8. Accounts

The accounts of the Section shall be kept by the Hon. Treasurer and shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Section.

9. Annual General Meeting (AGM)

9.1. The AGM of the Section will normally be held before the HACC Annual General Meeting and as soon as possible and practical after the tennis section financial year end.

9.2. Notice of the AGM will be circulated to all members at least four weeks before the date of the meeting.

9.3. Any person wishing a proposition to be discussed at the AGM should submit it, in writing, to the Secretary at least two weeks before the meeting.

9.4. There must be a minimum of 15 members at an AGM to form a quorum.

9.5. Adult Coaching Members, Juniors and Parent Members are not eligible to vote at AGMs or EGMs.

10. Personal Property

The Section cannot be held responsible for any monies or other personal property left on the club premises.

11. Visitors

Members may introduce a visitor no more than four times a year, or at the discretion of the Committee.

12. Display of Rules

A list of rules governing the use of courts shall be displayed in the pavilion and normally these rules shall be adhered to.

13. Constitutional Issues

Any point arising out of the Constitution or its interpretation shall be referred to the Tennis Section Committee, whose decision shall be final.

14. Alteration

Any proposed change to the Tennis Section Constitution will be communicated to members via email as well as being displayed on the club notice-board for at least four weeks before the Tennis Section AGM (or EGM), and changes shall require a 2/3rds majority vote from members attending the AGM (or EGM).

15. Provision for members to call an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)

An EGM can be called if the Committee choose to call one on a majority vote, or if at least 10 members of the Section sign a petition and present it to the Section Committee. Voting rights and rules of notice are the same as for an AGM.