

## RULES - Avondale Lawn Tennis Club

1. The Club shall be known as AVONDALE LAWN TENNIS CLUB, and shall have for its objects the promotion of the game of Lawn Tennis by providing courts and facilities for this purpose and to arrange social and other activities for its members and for the benefit of the Club generally.
  2. The Club is constituted by these Rules as a non-profit making Members' Club and in no circumstances during the continuance of the Club nor at nor after its dissolution, shall any assets or surplus funds be distributed to any Member.
  3. The Club shall take and retain a membership of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Lawn Tennis Association ("County LTA") and by doing so become and remain registered as an associate of the Lawn Tennis Association ("LTA").
  4. Membership of the Club shall be open to all members of the community. All applications for membership shall be made in writing on the Form provided to the Hon. Membership Secretary accompanied by the relevant fees. Membership will be granted by the General Committee in all cases unless the category of membership applied for is deemed oversubscribed in accordance with the LTA recommendations for numbers of members per court.
  5. Each Member agrees as a condition of membership:
    - (a) to be bound by and subject to these Rules and the By Laws of the Club and the rules and regulations of the County LTA as in force from time to time;
    - (b) to be bound by and subject to the Rules and the Disciplinary Code of the LTA in force from time to time.

This Rule 5 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 5, 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. The General 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.
  6. Membership of the Club shall consist of three Classes:-
    - i. Ordinary Member
      - a) Senior/Student (aged 18 years and over on 1st January)
      - b) Junior (aged under 18 years on 1st January) and Mini Junior (aged under 9 years on 1st January)
    - ii. Off-Peak Member - restricted to the use of the Club's courts as laid out in the programme of court priority use posted in the Pavilion.
    - iii. Social Member - a non-tennis-playing member and aged 18 years and over. The Head Coach (or other person approved by the Committee) will arrange a welcome session with all new adult Members to introduce them to the Club facilities, procedures and opportunities; to advise on coaching requirements, and where appropriate to assess potential for team membership.
  7. Entrance fee for the following year shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting ("AGM").
  8. Annual subscriptions for the ensuing year shall be determined at the AGM. Subscriptions shall be due and payable to the Membership Secretary on 1st April (or on election to membership) for the period ending 31st March following.
  9. Temporary members may be accepted on application to the Hon. Membership Secretary, and will be subject to Rules 4, 5 and 6. Weekly fees will be as determined by the Committee.
  10. Any playing Member may introduce Visitors to play Lawn Tennis in their appropriate class. Each Visitor may play no more than five times in any year, except with the special permission of the Committee. Before any Visitor plays, their name must be entered in the Visitors' Book. Members introducing Visitors are responsible for them and for the payment of a fee as determined by the Committee. Fees will be refunded if the Visitor becomes a playing Member during the season.
  11. The management of the Club shall be vested in a General Committee consisting of:-
    - The following Honorary Officers:- Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer (who will each be ex-officio members of any Sub-Committees), Membership Secretary, Match Secretary.
    - Chairpersons of the following Sub-Committees:-Tournament, Selection, Social, Bar, Grounds & Equipment, Pavilion, Catering, Juniors, Off-Peak Members, Publicity & Public Relations, Clubmark and the Child Protection Officer together with any other Member/s co-opted under Rule 12 (ii).

All Officers shall be elected, and an Honorary Auditor/s appointed, at the Annual General Meeting; but all Officers shall be eligible for re-election. Five shall form a quorum of the Committee; and each member thereof shall be entitled to one vote on any resolution in Committee, including the Chairman who shall not have a casting vote except at a General Meeting of the Club.
  12. The General Committee shall have power to:-
    - i. Control the general management of the Club, together with its finances, and its decision shall be final.
    - ii. Co-opt up to four further Ordinary Members, and two further Members (one to have voting rights).
    - iii. Fill any casual vacancy among its officers during its tenure of office.
    - iv. Make and alter the By-Laws of the Club.
    - v. Allow a reduced subscription for a new Member joining after 31st July; or at their discretion make a refund to a Member who becomes unable to use the Club for a substantial part of the year on account of injury, illness or departure from the district.
  - vi. In their absolute discretion, refuse, suspend or terminate the membership of any Member, or applicant for membership, or to exclude any Member or Visitor whom it considers guilty of a breach of these Rules or the LTA (or County LTA) Rules and Disciplinary Code or of misconduct or of offensive behaviour to any other Member, Visitor or Employee, whether on the Club's premises or elsewhere, without assigning any reason thereto. In the event of termination of membership, the Member will be entitled to the return of a proportionate part of their subscription.
  - vii. Form further Sub-Committees to carry out specific functions, of which the Chairperson must be a General Committee Member but the remainder may be other Members of the Club.
13. A Member of the General Committee may be removed by a resolution passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting, and the vacancy thereby created may forthwith be filled by a vote of the Members present.
  14. All Chairpersons of named Sub-Committees may co-opt other Members to help them in their function subject to the approval of the General Committee.
  15. The Financial Year of the Club shall be from 1st April to 31st March, and Accounts, duly audited, shall be placed before Members for their consideration at the Annual General Meeting, which shall be held between 1st September and 30th November each year.
  16. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be requisitioned by no fewer than ten Members giving notice in writing and stating its purpose to the Hon. Secretary; and such Meeting must be held within twenty-eight days of the receipt of that notice.
  17. At least fourteen days notice shall be given of the holding of a General Meeting, at which eleven Members eligible to vote shall be necessary to form a quorum. Every Member (other than Temporary Members) shall be entitled to be present and to speak at any General Meeting and, if aged 18 or over, to vote thereat. In the event of an equality of votes, the Chairperson shall have a second or casting vote. Voting by proxy will not be permitted.
  18. The Rules of the Club may only be altered at a General Meeting, and notice of such a meeting shall state briefly the nature of the proposed alteration. A copy of these Rules and of the Bye-Laws made by the Committee under Rule 12 (iv) shall be prominently displayed at all times on the Club Noticeboard and all Members and Visitors shall be deemed conversant therewith.
  19. Members or Visitors leaving unattended vehicles, racquets, clothing or other property at the Club do so at their own risk, and neither the Club, its Officers nor its Trustees shall be responsible for any loss, damage or injury resulting from this or any other cause.
  20. The Licensing Hours shall be:-

Monday to Thursday	11.00 am to 10.30 pm.
Friday and Saturday	11.00 am to 11.00 pm.
Christmas Day	12 noon to 3.00 pm & 5.00 pm to 8.30 pm.
Sunday & Good Friday	12 noon to 10.30 pm.

and any further extensions as authorised by Law or the Licensing Justices.
  21. Intoxicating liquor may only be supplied to Members over 18 years of age and all profits made thereby shall be solely for the benefit of the Club, and no commission whatsoever on such sales may be paid to anyone.
  22. Every member of a visiting match team and every competitor in a tournament at the Club, together with their bona-fide supporters at such a tournament, shall for the purpose of Section 49 (I) of the Licensing Act, provided they are aged 18 years and over, be entitled to purchase intoxicating liquor from the bar.
  23. Honorary Membership, including Honorary Life Membership, shall be strictly limited, and shall be bestowed only at a General Meeting by way of reward for special services to the Club.
  24. The Freehold Property of the Club shall be vested in Trustees to be dealt with by them as the Members shall direct by Resolution at a General Meeting of which an entry in the Minute Book shall be conclusive evidence. The Trustees, who shall be Members of the Club when appointed, shall be appointed at a General Meeting by a Resolution passed by the Members present, to hold office until death or resignation or until removed from office by Resolution of the Members at the General Meeting. The Members of the Club will fully indemnify the Trustees in respect of all expenses, liabilities or other costs incurred by virtue of their role as Trustees.
  25. The Club may be dissolved on passing of a Resolution to that effect by at least four-fifths of the Members present and voting at any General Meeting summoned to consider such a Resolution. Thereupon, the Committee shall realise the assets of the Club, and after discharging all liabilities, if that be possible, shall donate any surplus to the LTA.