



**Aughton Lawn Tennis Club**  
a tennis club for everyone



## **RULES OF AUGHTON LAWN TENNIS CLUB LTD**

The Club shall be called Aughton Lawn Tennis Club

These rules are made subject to Aughton Lawn Tennis Club Ltd incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 as a private company limited by guarantee on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and the rights and powers there under of the Members for the time being in whom all land and buildings used by the Club are vested.

### **1. CONSTITUTION**

- 1.1** The Directors and Committee shall be charged with the general management of the affairs of the Club on all matters not hereby reserved for the Club in general meeting, including interpretation of these rules and the determination of any matter not provided by them.
- 1.2** The Board shall consist of the Directors of the Club some or all of whom may also be officers or committee members.
- 1.3** The Committee shall consist of a President, a Treasurer, a Secretary, a Membership Secretary and not less than 3 Ladies and 3 Gentlemen.
- 1.4** Officers of the Club and members of the Committee who are not directors shall be elected or re-elected by ballot at the Annual General Meeting.
- 1.5** Directors shall serve a three-year term of office and may seek re-election for a further two terms if they wish.
- 1.6** Only full adult playing members are eligible for election as Directors or Committee members and 6 members of the Committee shall form a quorum.

### **2. MANAGEMENT**

- 2.1** The Committee may fill any casual vacancy in the officers of the Club from the members of the committee and may fill any casual vacancy in the Committee by co-opting any full Playing Member into membership of the Committee.
- 2.2** The Committee may make such regulations consistent with the Rules as it shall think fit and may from time to time appoint such sub-committees acting under

its directions with such powers and duties as the Committee may deem necessary or expedient.

- 2.3 Team Captains and other persona may be invited by the Hon Secretary to attend meetings of the Committee but only officers of the Club and members of the Committee shall have voting rights.

### **3. ELECTIONS OF MEMBERS**

- 3.1 Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport of tennis on general application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities may be imposed on a non-discriminatory basis.
- 3.2 Application for membership shall be by completion of a membership application form and the payment of the relevant subscription as determined by the A.G.M. of the Club. The election of all members shall be by ballot in the Committee of the Club and be determined by a simple majority of those present. The Honorary Membership Secretary shall notify each new member of the election, supply a copy of these rules and request payment of the entrance fee (if any) and first annual subscription. Failing payment within one month, subject to the discretion of the Committee, the election shall be void.
- 3.3 No person shall be eligible for selection for any club team unless the appropriate subscription has been paid by the specified date or membership has been agreed by the Committee.
- 3.4 The Club may have different classes of membership and subscription in a non-discriminatory fair basis. The present categories of membership are as follows:
- Member: lady or gentleman, with full playing rights.
  - Junior Member: up to the age of 17 as at 1<sup>st</sup> April with such playing rights as shall be determined by the Committee from time to time.
  - Student Member (Collegiate): This category of membership is only available to members in full time education and who are aged between 18 and 26 years.
  - Pickle Ball Member: This category of membership may only play Pickleball and may also be a social member.
  - Non-Playing Member (social): who may not play tennis but shall be entitled to use any other facilities provided by the Club.

- Parental Membership: parents can only play tennis with paid up junior members of the Club aged 13 years and under at the beginning of the membership year.
- 3.5 The annual subscription and entrance fee payable in respect of each category of membership shall be determined at each Annual General Meeting.
- 3.6 The Hon Membership Secretary shall notify each new member of the election, supply a copy of these Rules, and request payment of the entrance fee (if any) and first annual subscription; failing payment within one month, subject to the discretion of the Committee, the election shall be void.
- 3.7 The Club Committee may refuse membership or remove it only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or tennis into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the Committee who shall appoint an Appeals Committee to hear the appeal.
- 3.8 All members will be subject to the regulation of the Constitution and by joining the Club will be deemed to accept these regulations and any codes of conduct that the Club has adopted.

#### **4. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

- 4.1 If the Committee shall be of the opinion that the interests of the Club so require, it may, after allowing the member concerned to offer an explanation of any conduct complained of, by the votes of two-thirds of the members of the Committee present, expel or temporarily suspend any member from the membership of the Club.
- 4.2 Any person on ceasing to be a member of the Club shall forfeit all right to and claim against the Club, its property and funds.

#### **5. VISITORS**

- 5.1 Visitors may be introduced to play tennis with full playing members who shall register the visitor via ClubSpark or enter the visitors name in a book, provided for the purpose in the Clubhouse prior to play or as soon as possible after play should access to the Clubhouse be not available at the time. The full playing member shall be responsible for payment of the appropriate visitor's fee, which shall be prescribed by the Committee.
- 5.2 No visitor shall be introduced more than 5 times in anyone year, except that at the discretion of the Committee a visitor residing with a full playing member may play more frequently during such residence at a fee to be determined by arrangement with the Hon Secretary. Provided always that non-members being coached by the Club coach may play as many times as the Committee may permit provided that in the reasonable opinion of the Coach the underlying

intention of such person is to become members of the Club. Each time the Coach gives a lesson to an individual non-member, the Coach will pay a court fee of £5 instead of a guest fee.

- 5.3 Juniors may not introduce friends to play tennis at the Club unless their friends are members of another tennis club and permission is first obtained from a member of the Committee. Friends allowed to be introduced should be signed in as visitors upon payment of the junior visitor's fee prescribed by the Committee and no junior visitor shall be introduced more than six times in one season.

## **6. NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

- 6.1 An Annual General Meeting shall be held before 31st March in each year upon the giving of 21 days' notice.
- 6.2 Notice of the Annual General Meeting or any general meeting shall be given to members (other than Junior members) by Email and by posting the notice on the Club Notice Board.
- 6.3 Members must advise the Secretary in writing of any other business to be moved at the AGM at least 14 days before a meeting.
- 6.4 The Secretary shall give notice of the agenda for the meeting by Email to the members (other than Junior members) and shall post same on the Club Notice Board not less than 7 days before the meeting.
- 6.5 An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called at any time by the Secretary, when instructed by the Committee or on request in writing of 20 members and 7 days' notice of such meeting stating the business to be transacted shall be given in the manner above prescribed.
- 6.6 The Financial year of the Club shall be as determined from time to time by the Committee.
- 6.7 20 members shall form a quorum at any General Meeting, all members (other than Junior Members) shall have voting rights, except that in all case of all matters relating to tennis only full playing members shall have voting rights, the President, or in their absence one of the Vice- Presidents or in their absence a member chosen by the meeting, shall take the chair and in the case of equality of votes the Chairman shall have a casting vote.
- 6.8 The ordinary business of an Annual General Meeting shall be to adopt the accounts for the financial year ending on the preceding 31st December, to elect the officers of the Club and the members of the Committee for the ensuing year, to elect any life members, to determine the annual subscription and entrance fee in respect of each category of membership and to receive the reports of the officers of the Club and Team Captains.

- 6.9 The special business of an Annual General Meeting and the business of an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be any other business of which sufficient particulars have been given in writing to the Hon Secretary 21 days prior to the meeting and notification shall have been given to each member, with the notice of the meeting, including the alteration of these rules, provided that any such alteration must be passed by two thirds of the members voting at the meeting.

## **7. DRESS**

- 7.1 All members must play in tennis attire (as distinct from running or football kit). A covering tracksuit in cold or wet weather is also acceptable.
- 7.2 Tennis shoes must be worn on court, as other sports footwear can damage the court surface or leave marks.

## **8. PREMISES CERTIFICATE**

- 8.1 Subject to the approval of the Committee, the following non-members may be admitted to the Club premises and may purchase intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises only:
- 8.2 Members of visiting sports teams, their officials and supporters engaged in matches in which a representative or representative team of the Club is participating.
- 8.3 Persons attending a bona fide function of a member's personal or family nature.
- 8.4 Persons attending other functions organized to further the object of the Club, not to exceed 12 functions in any 12-month period.

## **9. ALTERATION OF RULES**

- 9.1 The Hon Secretary must notify any changes in these rules and any changes in the officers and membership of the Committee of the Club to the Police and The Clerk of the Licensing Authority within 28 days of the alteration to these rules or the election of new Officers and Committee Members.

Clerk to the Licensing Authority  
Robert Hodge Centre  
Stanley Way  
Skelmersdale

WN88EE  
01695 585015

Lancashire Constabulary  
Licensing Unit  
County Police Offices  
St Thomas Road  
Chorley  
PR71DR

**Note:**

**CONFLICT OF RULES**

The club is now Aughton Lawn Tennis Club Ltd and also subject to the terms of the Articles of Association. The rules will be reviewed during the coming year to align with the articles alongside other requirements of the ltd company. In the meantime, if there is a conflict between the club rules and the Articles of Association, the terms of the Articles shall prevail.