RULES OF AUGHTON LAWN TENNIS CLUB LIMITED

The Club shall be called Aughton Lawn Tennis Club ("the Club"). These rules are made subject to Aughton Lawn Tennis Club Limited incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 as a private company limited by guarantee on 20 December 2021 and the rights and powers thereunder.

1. **CONSTITUTION**

1.1 The Directors and Management Team 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 determination of any matter not otherwise provided.

1.2 The Board shall normally consist of those Directors who are also members of the Management Team.

1.3 The Management team shall consist of a Chair, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an officer responsible for Communications and an officer responsible for Tennis Matters. This may be varied from time to time.

1.4 Directors shall be approved by the members at general meetings.

1.5 Directors shall normally serve a three-year term of office but may seek re-election for a further two terms if they wish.

1.6 Only full adult tennis playing members are eligible for election as Directors or appointment to the Management Team and three such members will form a quorum.

2. **MANAGEMENT**

2.1 The Management Team may fill any vacancies within the Club by co-opting a full adult playing member or if appropriate a third party.

2.2 The Management Team may make such regulations consistent with the Rules as it shall think fit and may appoint such sub-committees acting under its direction as deemed expedient.

2.3 Any full adult playing member may be invited to attend meetings of the Management Team but will not have voting rights at any such meetings.

3. **MEMBERSHIP**

3.1 Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport of tennis upon general application regardless of sex age disability ethnicity nationality sexual orientation religion or other beliefs providing that the Management Team are not in possession of information which leads them to conclude that membership by a specific individual would not be in the wider interests of the Club. However limitation of membership according to available facilities may also be imposed on a non-discriminatory basis.

3.2 Application for membership (new member) shall be upon completion of a membership application form, approval of same by the Management Team and payment of the relevant subscription. If payment is not forthcoming within 14 days of membership commencing the membership shall be withdrawn.

3.3 Under no circumstances shall any person be eligible for selection for any Club league team unless their subscription has been paid in full by the specified date and providing where applicable that they have paid all the match fees due for any league games which they played during the previous year.

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: a person with full adult tennis playing rights

Junior Member: up to the age of 17 years as at 1 April with such playing rights as shall be determined by the Management Team from time to time.

Student Member (Collegiate): this category of membership is available to members in full time education aged between 18 and 25 years as at 1 April.

Pickleball Member: this category of membership may only play Pickleball but also includes social membership.

Non-Playing Member (Social): does not play tennis but shall be entitled to use other social facilities provided by the Club.

Parental Member: parents grandparents or legal guardians of paid-up junior members who are under the age of 14 years may attend the Club to play tennis with their children

3.5 The annual subscription and entrance fee payable in respect of each category of membership shall be agreed at each Annual General Meeting.

3.6 The Management Team may remove membership in cases of improper conduct likely to bring the Club into disrepute or behaviour which has caused serious offence to other members. Appeal against removal may be made to the Management Team who shall then appoint an Appeals Committee to hear the appeal.

3.7 On ceasing to be a member of the Club a member shall forfeit all right to and claims against the Club its property and funds.

3.8 All members will be subject to regulation under the Constitution and by joining the Club are deemed to accept these regulations and any codes of conduct which the Club has adopted.

4. **SUSPENSION**

4.1 If the Management Team is of the opinion that the interests of the Club are being undermined by the general behaviour of an individual and after allowing the member concerned the opportunity to offer an explanation of any such conduct it may impose a temporary suspension of not less than 7 days and not more than 28 days.

5. **VISITORS**

5.1 Visitors may be introduced to play tennis with full playing members who shall register the visitor via ClubSpark prior to playing or as soon as reasonably possible after playing. The full playing member shall be responsible for payment of the appropriate visitor's fee which shall be prescribed by the Management Team from time to time.

5.2 No visitor shall be introduced on more than 6 occasions in any membership year, except at the discretion of the Management Team. However, provided always that a non-member is being coached by the Club's designated coach they may play as many times as is reasonable provided it is the opinion of the Coach that the intention of the person is to become a member of the club in the foreseeable future. On the occasion of each lesson the Coach should pay a court fee which shall be prescribed by the Management Team from time to time.

5.3 Juniors may introduce friends to play tennis with them at the Club providing their friends are members of another recognised tennis club or if not when prior permission has first been obtained from a member of the Management Team. Not more than one court may be used on each occasion and the junior may not introduce a total number of guests on more than 6 occasions during the membership year. In the event of all courts being occupied they should also surrender their court to any full adult member so requesting.

6. **MEETINGS**

6.1 An Annual General Meeting shall be held before 31 March each year upon giving 21 days notice.

6.2 Notice of the Annual General Meeting or any general meeting shall normally be given to full adult tennis playing members by email and any appropriate WhatsApp tennis groups.

6.3 Members must advise the Secretary in writing of any other business to be raised at the Annual General Meeting 7 days beforehand or less if the Secretary deems it appropriate.

6.4 The Secretary shall give notice of an agenda not less than 7 days before the meeting.

6.5 The ordinary business of an Annual General Meeting shall primarily be to approve the accounts for the preceding financial year, to elect any proposed directors of the Club, to agree annual subscriptions and to receive any reports that are due.

6.6 20 or more full adult tennis playing members shall form a quorum (or 20% of the full adult tennis playing membership if that number is less than 20) at any general meetings and in the event of any vote being split equally the Chair shall have a casting vote. A quorum shall include full adult tennis playing members who have a properly nominated proxy attending in their absence.

6.7 An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called at any time by the Secretary by stating the business to be transacted with not less than 7 days notice when so instructed by the Management Team or upon written request by (a) 20 full adult tennis playing members or (b) 20% of the full adult tennis playing membership, whichever number is the lower.

6.8 Any other business of an Annual General Meeting and any special business of an Extraordinary General Meeting thereupon requiring a vote must be approved by 60% of those full adult tennis playing members present at the meeting either in person or if absent via a properly nominated proxy.

7. **DRESS CODE**

7.1 All members must play in appropriate tennis attire including a recognised tennis shoe.

8. **PREMISES CERTIFICATE**

8.1 Subject to the approval of the Management Team certain non-members may be admitted to the Club premises and may purchase intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises only. These include members of visiting sports teams engaged in matches with the Club including their officials and supporters or persons attending an approved function.

9. **ALTERATION OF RULES**

9.1 The Secretary must notify any changes in these rules and any changes in directors 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 a new Officers.

Clerk to the Licensing Authority *Robert Hodge Centre Stanley Way Skelmersdale WN8 8EE*

Lancashire Constabulary Licensing Unit *County Police Offices St Thomas Road Chorley PR7 1DR*

10. **CONFLICT OF RULES**

10.1 If a conflict appears to exist between these Club Rules and the Articles of Association then the Club Rules will generally be deemed to prevail whenever it is practical to do so.