

# Constitution



## 1. Purpose of the Club

***We aim to continuously build and nurture a flourishing club, open to everyone who wants to play and enjoy tennis.***

## 2. Membership

Membership of the club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs, except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of tennis.

There are no rules as to attire but clothing should not offend other players or cause damage to either the courts or other players.

The club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory and fair basis. The club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating. The club committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the members.

The subscription year commences on 1<sup>st</sup> April. Membership fees will be published on the Club's website.

## 3. Annual General Meeting

Two weeks' notice is to be given in calling the AGM and it should be held during April each year.

Extraordinary general meetings may be called by at least 10% of the membership with a notice of one month.

The Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and six other members shall be elected to govern the running of the club.

Accounts for the previous year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March are to be presented at the meeting

## 4. The Redmarley Tennis Club Committee

The committee shall be known as the 'Redmarley Tennis Club Committee'.

This committee will administer the club both on a short and long term basis, focused on delivering the club's purpose.

The remit of the committee covers all aspects of running a club in a professional and safe manner. The scope includes but is not limited to:

- a) Welfare of all members
- b) Court availability
- c) Maintenance of all facilities
- d) Maintaining and driving forward a club development plan
- e) Social and competitive tennis
- f) Tournaments
- g) Coaching and coach development
- h) Agreement and leases with the Parish Council and village hall
- i) Social activities
- j) Establish policies and protocols to ensure the clubs objectives are met and sustained
- k) Necessary financial controls

## **5. Proceedings of the Committee**

The Committee shall meet as often as circumstances require, with a minimum of four per year.

The committee may co-opt as many additional members as it thinks necessary.

The Secretary shall keep records of key decisions and actions planned. These records shall be visible on the Club's website

The Committee and its officers shall report to the AGM on the year's activities and future programme of activities.

## **6. Finance**

Unless previously authorised, all payments to or from the club shall be by direct BACS transfer only. Any payments by the Club over £100 in value require the approval of two of the three club authorised signatories.

For large transactions (over £500) use of cheque payment is allowable if double authorised

The authorised signatories for the club shall be the Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer.

No cash payments are allowed on behalf of the Club

All surplus income or profits are to be reinvested in the club. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or third parties.

Audited accounts to be prepared annually to 31<sup>st</sup> March.

## **7. Alteration of the Constitution**

This may only be done at an AGM or EGM by resolution of at least two thirds of the members present at that meeting.

## **8. Dissolution**

A resolution to dissolve the club shall only be passed at an AGM or EGM with at least two thirds of all members present providing that there is a minimum of 40% of the membership present.

Upon dissolution of the club any remaining assets shall be given or transferred to another registered CASC, a registered charity or the sport's governing body for use by them in related community sports.

All other previous constitutions shall be revoked and this one shall apply as from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.

Richard Jenner  
Chair  
9<sup>th</sup> June 2022