

KILLEARN TENNIS CLUB CONSTITUTION PAGE 1 (revised and adopted at the

AGM on 26th March 2022)

1. The Club shall be called “Killearn Tennis Club”. The objects of the Club are:

- (a) Principally to provide facilities for, and generally to promote, encourage and facilitate the playing of the Game of Tennis in the area of Killearn and amongst the community.
- (b) To provide and maintain Club premises at Balfron Road and club-owned tennis equipment for the use of its members.
- (c) To provide other ordinary benefits of an amateur sports club as set out in Schedule 18 of the Finance Act 2002 including without limitation, provision of suitable qualified coaches, coaching courses, insurance, medical treatment, post match refreshments.
- (d) To sell or supply food or drink as a social adjunct to the sporting purpose of the Club.
- (e) To do all such things as the Management Committee thinks fit to further the interests of the Club, to advance and safeguard the interests of the Game of Tennis, to promote increases in participation at all levels of the Game or as are otherwise incidental or conducive to the attainment of all or any of the objects stated in this Rule 1.

2 The office bearers, in addition to the Honorary President and Vice-President, shall consist of:

- a. President
- b. Vice-President
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer

(These offices may be combined or divided as the Club shall decide). The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be the trustees for the Club property.

3 Each officer of the Management Committee must satisfy HMRC’s fit and proper person test to be involved in the general control, management and administration of the Club and must declare that he is a fit and proper person prior to being elected.

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4 The Club agrees that each member of the Management Committee will be required, as a condition of election or appointment to agree to be bound by and subject to these rules, the Rules and Regulations of the of the relevant CLTA and the LTA rules and the LTA Disciplinary Code, such as agreement to contain an express acknowledgement that the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 applies and that the LTA and the Club can enforce any breach at its option and in its sole discretion.

5 The Club agrees that all unlicensed and unregistered coaches and, so far as reasonably practicable, players and other persons using the facilities of the Club will be required, as a condition of such use, to agree to be bound by and subject to these rules, the Rules and Disciplinary Code, such agreement to contain an express acknowledgement that the Contracts (Right of Third Parties) Act 1999 applies and that the LTA and the Club can enforce any breach at its options and in its sole discretion.

6 The Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, ex officio, and up to eight members of the Club. Five members shall form a quorum.

7 Members of the Club only may be elected to the Committee except the Welfare Officer who may be drawn from non-members with the required experience in child protection.

8 The Club shall have power to add to or reduce the number of members of the Committee or office bearers at any General meeting, and to arrange a requisite quorum.

9 The Committee shall have power to fill any vacancies occurring between two Annual General Meetings.

10 The committee members, including office bearers, shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the club. The committee members can hold office for a maximum of 3 years and shall not be eligible for re-election for a further 2 years. In exceptional circumstances a committee member may be re-elected for another year with approval at the AGM.

11 The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be called by the Secretary as soon after the close of the financial year as is convenient, and not later than April.

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12 Meetings of the Committee shall be held at such times as or when the Committee or Secretary shall deem necessary. A minute of the proceedings at each meeting shall be entered in a book and confirmed at the next meeting.

13 The Committee shall have full power to call an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club at any time that they may deem necessary in the interests of the Club.

14 Any member of the Club may request the Secretary to call an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club on condition of obtaining the signatures of at least four members of the Committee to a requisition to this effect, stating the purpose for which the meeting is called, and the Secretary shall, in this case, be bound at once to call a meeting.

15 The Secretary shall send out formal notices to every senior member for all Ordinary and Extraordinary General meetings at least one week before the dates on which they are called, stating the business of such meetings.

16 Eligibility for Membership:

- (a) All persons are eligible for full membership of the Club. No person shall be denied membership of the Club on grounds of race, ethnic origin, creed, colour, age, disability, sex, occupation, sexual orientation, religion, political or other beliefs.
- (b) Persons below the age of 18 may be elected as junior members without the right to hold office or vote at general meetings.
- (c) The number of members is unlimited.

17 Applications for membership must be made on an Official Proposal Form available from any member of the Committee.

18 Each member agrees as a condition of membership to be bound by and subject to the rules of the LTA (as in force from time to time).

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19 Each member agrees as a condition of membership to be bound by and subject to the Rules and Disciplinary Code.

20 The Club may refuse membership or expel from membership only for good and sufficient cause, such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club into disrepute. Appeal against such a decision may be made to the Club's members and decided by a majority vote.

21 No candidate for membership shall make use of the Club until a subscription receipt has been received, except if they be invited as a guest of a member under the rules governing guests.

22 Subscriptions shall be fixed at the Annual General Meeting.

23 The Committee has the power to arrange matches with other clubs or to organise tournaments.

24 All subscriptions must be paid at the **BEGINNING** of the season, and the Secretary and Treasurer jointly shall, for this purpose, send out notices to members in due time. Subscriptions must be paid within one month from receipt of these notices. Any member resigning from the Club must pay their full Annual Subscription for that year, unless resignation in writing reaches the Secretary before opening date.

25 A Balance Sheet at 31 December showing the position of the financial affairs of the Club, shall be prepared by the Treasurer or Secretary and audited by an auditor appointed by members at the Annual General Meeting of the Club.

26 The Committee shall have full powers to raise funds for the benefit of the Club, in addition to the subscriptions, in any way they judge desirable.

27 Only senior members of the Club are entitled to vote at General Meetings.

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28 No complaint shall be considered unless made in writing to the Secretary of the Club in order that it may be submitted to the committee in due course.

29 An alphabetical List of Members and a list of the Committee shall be hung in the Clubhouse.

30 This Constitution may be amended or added to at any Annual General Meeting, and due notice must be given to the Secretary of any proposed alterations, in order that particulars may be issued with the notice calling the meeting.

31 Only members and guests of members will be permitted to play on the courts. Annual members shall have the privilege of bringing friends, not exceeding three in number at any time, at the daily rate of subscription, as fixed by the Annual General Meeting of the Club – the sum to be placed in the box provided. No member may introduce more than five guests in a season, and no guest may be introduced (by any member) more than twice in a season.

32 Children (6-12 years) and Juniors (13-17 years) will be admitted to membership at a reduced rate of subscription, arranged by the Annual General Meeting.

Juniors aged 16 or over may play as seniors on payment of an adult subscription.

33 The Committee may appoint a Team Selection Committee to select teams to represent the Club in any matches or tournaments. The members of this Committee shall retire each year but shall be eligible for reselection.

34 Rules governing the hours of play, the allocation of court time, the playing of tournaments and other matters will be adopted at the Annual General Meeting and will be displayed in the Clubhouse for the guidance of members. Questions regarding the Rules will be settled by the Club Committee. Proposals for changes in the Rules shall be made at the Annual General Meeting

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35 The Income and Property of the Club shall be applied solely towards promoting the Club's objects as set forth in this Constitution and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, to the members of the Club. In the event of the dissolution of the Club, any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Club, but shall be given or transferred to one or more of the following approved sporting or charitable bodies.

- (a) A registered Charitable organisation(s)
- (b) Another Club which is a registered CASC.
- (c) The sports national governing body for use by them for related community sports.

36 Equal Opportunities Statement - Killearn Tennis Club is committed to equal opportunities and actively encourages participation and membership from all sections of the community.

All applications for Membership/Employment will be considered without regard to age, sexual orientation, gender, ethnic background, disability, religious belief or nationality of the applicant.