
Mashamshire Tennis Club

RULES AND CONSTITUTION

(amended January 2016)

1. That the Club shall be named The Mashamshire Tennis Club.
2. The Club shall adopt the Lawn Tennis Association rules in regard to tournaments and matches.
3. The Club must at all times comply with the requirements of membership of the Masham Sports Association (hereinafter referred to as MSA) as set out in the Constitution and Rules of the Association.
4. An Annual General Meeting (hereinafter referred to as AGM) shall be held in the clubhouse by 1st April each year. A quorum is deemed to be not less than ten members entitled to vote. All fully paid up members aged 15 or over on 1st January are eligible to vote on any matters arising. Only members attending the AGM are entitled to vote.
5. The Officers shall be The Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. The Mashamshire Tennis Committee (hereinafter referred to as MTC) shall comprise the aforementioned Officers plus at least five (but no more than seven) other members. The MTC shall meet on at least four General Meetings in any calendar year, to discuss matters arising. A quorum, comprising no less than six members shall be required. The MTC shall retire annually and be eligible for re-election at the AGM.
6. The Club may appoint an Honorary President following a recommendation made by the MTC and approved by a vote at an AGM.
7. Any vacancies arising on the MTC shall be filled by vote at a given General Meeting.
8. It is the responsibility of the MTC to plan for and to budget for the resurfacing of the three tennis courts every ten to twelve years. Each year and commencing January 2013 MTC is to review the cost of resurfacing the three tennis courts.
9. MTC is responsible for ensuring there is a separate MSA Tennis Bank Account into which a monthly savings figure is to be paid from the anticipated annual Tennis Club profits.
10. MTC is responsible for determining the amount paid into the MSA tennis monthly savings account. The monthly savings amount will commence at £150.00 per month. *(Treasurer's Note: As of the date of these changes the sum is £180 per month - 1 February 2017)*
11. Each year in January and before setting annual tennis membership subscription fees MTC is responsible for revising the amount to be paid into the MSA tennis monthly savings account in accordance with future resurfacing cost estimates.
12. Should the annual MTC profit fall below the annual total of MSA monthly savings then MTC is responsible for fundraising within a calendar year to provide for any such shortfall. MSA shall not be responsible for any annual shortfall of revenues.
13. All General Meetings shall be called by seven clear days notice and shall be called by the MTC when considered necessary, or when demanded by notice in writing, addressed to the Honorary Secretary, signed by ten or more members of the Club, stating the reasons for demanding the same.
14. The financial year shall end on 31st December and the Treasurer shall prepare a Tennis section financial statement for the AGM.
15. Subscriptions shall be set at the AGM.

16. Subscriptions become payable at the AGM. Membership will cease for any member who has not paid their subscription by 31st May.
17. Any member who has not paid his/her subscription by 31st May shall not be eligible for team selection.
18. Any person wishing to join the Club must pay the current annual rate of subscription, irrespective of the date of joining. The Treasurer may exercise discretion on this, depending on circumstances.
19. Senior members be anyone aged 16 and over on 1st January. Student members be anyone aged 16 and over on 1st January and in full-time education. Intermediates be anyone aged 11 - 16 on 1st January and Juniors be anyone aged 8 - 11 on 1st January.
20. When other members are waiting there shall be a limit of one set with a tie-break being played at 5-5; also no singles to be played when other members are waiting.
21. All players shall wear proper tennis shoes and a suitable standard of sportswear.
22. Members shall provide their own racquets and balls. The Club shall provide balls for the Club sessions.
23. The last players on court shall see that the nets are left slack and clear of the ground, that all gear is returned and courts securely locked up and the area is left tidy and litter-free.
24. If, in the opinion of the majority of the members of the MTC, a member is guilty of wilful and persistent breach of any Rules of the Club, or of conduct likely to prejudice the welfare and good order of the Club, then the MTC have powers to suspend such member and such member shall forfeit his/her subscription and all rights of membership for a period decided by the MTC.
25. The MTC reserve the right to prohibit or restrict the use of the courts required for any match or tournament. Notice of such event being posted on the notice board.
26. Each fully paid-up member may introduce guests to the Club, each guest a maximum of three times in a season. Any guest wanting to play more than three times must become a member. Guest fees to be agreed at each AGM.
27. Visitors may only play if a court is available and they are properly equipped. Members have priority. No visitors on Club sessions and at match times. Visitors fees to be agreed at each AGM.
28. All members admitted to Club Membership shall be bound by the Rules of the Club.