

**Wylam Lawn Tennis Club**  
**Rules and Regulations of Play**

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## RULES

1. The Club shall exist as a non-profit making organisation and be called 'Wylam Lawn Tennis Club'. It shall have for its objectives the encouragement of participation in lawn tennis, by provision of playing, coaching and social facilities.
- 2a. The Committee shall have power if authorised by a resolution of the Club to vest any part of the property of the Club to Trustees upon such trusts and subject to such conditions as to the management or with such powers of disposition for the purposes of sales, exchanges, mortgages, leases, or otherwise as the Committee may think fit and may direct the acquisition or disposal of any property required or not required for the purposes of the Club. Any profits from such transactions should be used for the benefit of the Club and shall not accrue to individual members. In any such case, where at the foot of the deed or other document it is certified by three persons appearing to be the Secretary and two of the members for the time being of the Committee of the Club, that the document has been executed in accordance with a resolution of the Club such certificate shall in favour of any person acquiring any interest in property for valuable consideration in money or monies worth and subject only to express notice to the contrary, be conclusive evidence that the document is binding on the Club and every member thereof.
- 2b. Any registration certificate which may be obtained for bar facilities will be properly applied for if in the names of those described or the Chairman or Secretary of the Club on behalf of the Committee and membership and be duly authorised by them.
3. In the event of the winding up of the Club, only Ordinary Members shall be entitled to participate in or control the division or application of the surplus assets. Such assets are to be disposed of for an approved sporting or a charitable purpose as decided by a resolution passed by two-thirds of such members present in person or in the event of a poll by proxy (which shall only be held by a Member) at a General Meeting duly convened for that purpose and the decision be conclusive and binding upon all of the members of the Club.
4. The Club shall seek affiliation to the Lawn Tennis Association through the Northumberland L. T. A. and shall adopt and conform to the rules of these organisations in so far as they can apply.
5. The Club shall have the following classes of Membership:
  - Ordinary Members – individual, husband and wife, and family memberships
  - Junior Members (16 years and over but under 21)
  - Juvenile Members (10 years and over but under 16)
  - Non-playing members

All ages shall be those as of the 1<sup>st</sup> May of the current season.

Subscriptions and entry fee shall be fixed at the Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting shall also decide upon the need for separate sub-classes such as Country Memberships, determine the geographical area and fix reduced subscription rates for such memberships.

Honorary Life Membership shall be strictly limited and awarded at the Annual General Meeting for special services to the Club.
6. Except for the purposes of subscriptions the Club's financial year shall run from 1<sup>st</sup> January until 31<sup>st</sup> December each year and the accounts submitted to the Annual General Meeting shall be prepared accordingly.

7. All applications for membership shall be made in writing or by e mail to the Membership Secretary and should be ratified at the next meeting of the Committee. Membership is open and all members shall share the same privileges. The numbers of playing and non-playing Members shall be left to the discretion of the Committee.
8. Members who have not paid their subscriptions by the date fixed at the Annual General Meeting shall be deemed to have resigned from the Club and will be required to return their court/clubhouse key to the Membership Secretary.
9. The Committee shall have the power to suspend or terminate the membership of any Member, or to exclude any Member or Visitor, whom it considers to be guilty of contravening the Rules or any Regulations of Play which may be made from time to time.
10. Members or Visitors leaving racquets, clothing, or other property at the Club do so at their own risk and the Club shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury resulting from this or any other cause.
11. The Committee shall have the power to admit Temporary Members for such periods and at such a proportion of the Annual Subscription as the Committee may decide.
12. Members may introduce up to three Visitors to the Club on any one day. Members must enter the Visitors' names and addresses in the Visitors Book in the Clubhouse and append their own name and the date of the visit. Visitors must not purchase intoxicating liquor. Visitors may play tennis at daily fees to be fixed at the Annual General Meeting each year. Non-Playing Members may play, at the same fee as a Visitor, but neither a Visitor nor a Non-Playing Member may play more than three days in any one year except with the express permission of the Committee.
13. The management of the Club shall be in the entire control of a Committee which shall consist of the Chairman, Men's Captain, Ladies' Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Fixtures' Secretary, and up to ten others, of which one shall be a Junior Member and at least three Lady Members. All shall be elected for the year at the Annual General Meeting. A limit on the amount which the Committee can expend on individual capital items shall be set at the Annual General Meeting. The Committee shall meet at least six times a year and additionally as circumstances may require. Five shall form a quorum at such meetings with the majority to decide.
14. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt not more than two members, should they consider it necessary and to fill any vacancy among the Club Officials which may arise during its term of office. The Committee shall be empowered to make, revoke or amend the Regulations for Play, as displayed in the Clubhouse. They shall also have the power to settle any dispute as to the interpretation of these Regulations or the Club Rules and to deal with any matter not provided for in these rules.
15. The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held before the 1<sup>st</sup> May each year at such time and place as the Committee may appoint. The business of the Meeting shall be the confirmation of the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and any subsequent General Meetings, consideration of the Chairman's and Treasurer's reports, the election of the Officers and Committee, the appointment of an Auditor (who shall not be a member of the Committee) to audit the Annual Accounts, the setting of Subscriptions, etc, and any other business for which notice has been given and details included in the Agenda.
16. The Committee shall call an Extraordinary General Meeting at their discretion or within one month of receipt by the Secretary of a requisition signed by twenty Members or, if the total membership is less than one hundred, by one fifth of the Members, stating the business proposed to be transacted.

17. The business of an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be in accordance with the requisition under which it was summoned and/or the Agenda issued. At any general meeting further business may be accepted at the discretion of the Chairman provided that it does not call for an alteration to the Rules, the winding up of the Club, the transfer of any of the Club's assets, the borrowing of money, or any expenditure not within the immediate financial resources of the Club.
18. Every Member (other than Temporary Member) shall be entitled to be present and speak at any General Meeting and if aged 18 years or over, to vote thereat. At any general meeting the quorum shall be eight Members entitled to vote.
19. The Clubhouse shall be open at such times as the Committee may decide. The supply of intoxicating liquors shall be at the times displayed in the clubhouse, as decided by the Committee and within the maximum times permitted by the Licensing Laws.
20. No intoxicating liquors shall be supplied to or on behalf of any Member or Visitor under the age of 18 nor shall any such Member or Visitor consume intoxicating liquor on the Club premises.
21. Any wilful damage to or loss of Club property shall be made good by the Member causing such damage or loss. Members shall also be responsible for Visitors introduced by them. No notices shall be posted in the Clubhouse or the grounds of the Club except by consent of the Committee.
22. All complaints and suggestions shall be submitted to the Secretary in writing who will in turn raise the matter for consideration by the Committee at the earliest opportunity.
23. All dogs, except guide dogs for the blind, are excluded from the Club premises including the grounds.
24. The Club rules themselves shall not be amended or added to except at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting convened for the purpose, and provided only that the proposed amendments have been circulated to all members not less than ten days before the meeting. No amendments shall be made except by two-thirds majority of those present and voting in favour.
25. A copy of the current rules shall be displayed on the Club Notice Board at all times. A copy will be supplied to any member on request.
26. These rules rescind all previous Rules of the Club.

## **REGULATIONS OF PLAY**

1. Members wanting to play must take their turn. A single short set (i.e. up to 6-5 only) must be played and the court vacated when the courts are full and other players are waiting to play.
2. Doubles shall take precedence over singles, although singles players on court may invite waiting players to join them in doubles.
3. Juveniles must vacate the courts at and after 6:30 p.m. when requested by senior members.
4. Club activities such as matches, club sessions and coaching shall take precedence over general play. Such activities should either be displayed on the notice board or circulated in advance to members either by letter or email.
5. When matches are being played no Club play is allowed.
6. Approved tennis clothing and tennis shoes only must be worn on the courts at all times. Trainers and similar shoes with deeply ribbed and hard-edged soles are not permitted, because of the damage they can cause to the court's surfaces.