

Kirkby Lonsdale Tennis Club



Articles of Association:

1. The main purpose of the Club is to provide facilities for, promote and encourage participation in eligible sports, namely tennis.
2. The Club is open to the whole community and there will be no discrimination to any person(s) on the grounds of ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or beliefs, sex, age or disability, except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of the sport of tennis.
3. The Club and its facilities are open to the whole community and it is not restricted in any way to person(s) who have none or only a limited tennis ability. The Club promotes and encourages all person(s) to participate in the sport regardless of their ability.
4. The Club will be organised on a purely amateur basis.
5. Members of the Club will be those person(s) who have paid the Yearly Subscription Fee.
6. The Club and its facilities are open to the whole community throughout the year, subject to the 'Heads of Terms' and 'Lease Agreement' with Queen Elizabeth School, Kirkby Lonsdale.
7. The Club can refuse or revoke membership, on non-discriminatory grounds, where the membership or the continued membership of the person concerned would be likely to be contrary to the best interests of the sport or the good conduct and interests of the Club.
8. Discipline and Appeals
 - (a) All concerns, allegations or reports of poor practice/abuse relating to the welfare of children and young people will be recorded and responded to swiftly and appropriately in accordance with the club's child protection policy and procedures. The Club Welfare Officer is the lead contact for all members in the event of any child protection concerns.
 - (b) All complaints regarding the behaviour of members should be presented and submitted in writing to the Secretary.
 - (c) The Club Committee will meet to hear complaints within 14 days of a complaint being lodged. The committee has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action including the termination of membership.
 - (d) The outcome of a disciplinary hearing should be notified in writing to the person who lodged the complaint and the member against whom the complaint was made within 14 days of the hearing.
 - (e) There will be the right of appeal to the Club Committee following disciplinary action being announced. The committee should consider the appeal within 14 days of the Secretary receiving the appeal.
9. The Club and its facilities are non profit making. Any surplus income or gains from the Yearly Fees will be re-invested in the Club. There will be no distribution of the Club's Assets in cash or in kind to any member(s) or to any third parties. However this does not prevent any donations by the Club to charities or to other Clubs that are registered as Community Amateur Sports Clubs.
10. On dissolution of the Club, it's net assets will be applied to the purposes of the sports governing body for use in community related sports, or to the purposes of another Community Amateur Sports Club Scheme or to the purposes of a Charity.
11. The Club's Subscription Fees will be set at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). They will be set at such a level that it does not pose a significant obstacle to the membership or use of its facilities. The Club's Fees will be set at such a level such that the majority of the member(s) within the community are able to afford it.

12. The AGM of the Club will be held in November of each Year. The Club will appoint a Chairperson , a Treasurer and a Secretary, at the AGM, who will each serve for a minimum of one Year. The Chairperson, Treasurer and the Secretary will constitute the Club Committee. The minimum quorum required at the AGM is four, two of which will be made up of the Chairperson, Treasurer or Secretary, the two others will be Club member(s).

13. The Club will enter into agreements with others for the supply to the Club of goods or services. These services will be agreed by the Club Committee and will be specifically detailed within the Club's Accounts. The Club will be allowed to employ and pay remuneration to staff who are also member(s) of the Club provided that the terms are approved by the Club Committee without the member being present and are then agreed with the member on an "arm's length basis"

14. A Subscription Fee notice will be displayed following the AGM. This notice will be posted on the Club website for to all member(s) to access. The KLTC website is: <http://kirkbylonsdaletennis.net>

15. The Club Committee will set the Club's Rules. These Rules will be issued to all member(s) when they join the Club. The Rules will be displayed on the Club Website for all members(s). These Rules cover the following areas:
 - Description of who is a member.
 - Time limits for play, for when other member(s) are waiting.
 - Membership Subscription Fees and how they are set, how and when they are to be paid.
 - Use of the Club's Facilities by member(s).