

## **CRESCENT LAWN TENNIS CLUB: SECTIONAL RULES**

### **1. NAME AND OBJECTIVES**

The Club shall be called the Crescent Lawn Tennis Club (hereafter referred to as the Club). The objects of the Club shall be to promote and encourage the playing of amateur lawn tennis.

The Club shall be governed by the rules of the Sidcup Sports Club and the following additional sectional rules, a copy of which shall be exhibited in the Clubhouse.

### **2. COMPOSITION**

**a) Officers.** The Officers of the Club shall consist of a

President,  
Chairman,  
Vice Chairman,  
Honorary Treasurer,  
Honorary Secretary,  
Honorary Match Secretary,  
Honorary Membership Secretary,  
Men's Captain  
Ladies' Captain.

They shall be ex-officio members of the Committee.

**b) Committee.** The Committee shall consist of the above Officers plus such other officers as may be necessary for the proper running of the Club, a minimum of four to form a quorum. The Committee shall have general management of the Club. In the event of any vacancies occurring on the Committee after the annual election, the Committee shall have power to fill such vacancies.

- i) The Committee may appoint sub-committees to which it may delegate such of its duties as it may think fit. Rules for the conduct of sub-committees shall be established by the Committee.
- ii) The Club's representative on the Sidcup Sports Club General Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The Committee shall have power to fill any occasional vacancy which may occur after that.

**c) Finances.** The Committee shall have control of the finances of the Club. Such control of the finances shall include the right to borrow money to be used for the development of the Club.

**d) Members.** Membership of the Club is open to all without discrimination.

Members of the Club shall consist of two classes, namely:

- i) Ordinary members who shall comprise playing and non-playing;

- ii) Visiting members who shall comprise only members of teams playing on the Club's ground and whose membership shall be restricted to the day of the match.

### **3. MEETINGS**

**a) The Annual General Meeting (AGM)** of the Club shall be held each year between 15th January and 15<sup>th</sup> March at such time and place as the Committee shall determine. The following business shall be transacted at this meeting:

- i) Consideration of the report of the Committee on the preceding year;
- ii) Consideration of the accounts of the Club for the year to date;
- iii) Election of Officers and Members of the Committee. Nominations for Officers and Members of the Committee shall be delivered to the Honorary Secretary in writing, duly seconded, not less than 10 days before the AGM;
- iv) Election of Sidcup Sports Club Representative. Nominations for Representative shall be delivered to the Honorary Secretary in writing, duly seconded, not less than 10 days before the AGM;
- v) Any other business of which at least 7 days notice in writing has been given to the Honorary Secretary, and business of a minor nature accepted as such by the Chairman;
- vi) Only adult playing members shall be eligible to vote at an AGM.

**b) Special Meetings**

The Honorary Secretary may at any time call a Special General Meeting for the purpose of considering any question affecting the welfare or constitution of the Club.

A Special General Meeting shall be called at any time on the signed requisition of not less than 10 members, giving at least 14 days notice. No other business other than that of which written notice has been given to the Honorary Secretary shall be discussed.

At least 21 days notice shall be given to Members of all General Meetings. Only adult playing members shall be eligible to vote at such meetings.

### **4. ELECTION OF MEMBERS**

- a) Applications or nominations for membership must be made in writing to the Honorary Membership Secretary using the Application for Membership form.
- b) The Club shall not be obliged to give its reasons for the rejection of any candidate.

- c) New members shall receive from the Honorary Membership Secretary notice in writing of their election, notification of the rate of subscription applicable and any other relevant documentation.

## **5. ENTRANCE FEE AND SUBSCRIPTION**

### **Subscriptions**

Annual subscriptions shall become due on 1<sup>st</sup> April. If payment is late then a one-off levy shall be payable. In the case of a new Member, subscriptions become due upon notification of acceptance of membership. Any alterations in the rates of subscription shall be proposed by the Committee for ratification by a two-thirds majority of those members present at a General Meeting. The Committee shall have power to agree special subscriptions for Members and applicants for membership in exceptional circumstances, and for special categories of Member. Any Member who has not paid by the 1<sup>st</sup> May will be suspended from membership until payment is made. They will not be able to use the courts, play for any Club teams or enter Club tournaments.

## **6. CONDUCT OF MEMBERS**

The Committee may, by not less than a two-thirds majority of those present and voting, expel from membership any Member who (i) refuses or neglects to comply with these rules or; (ii) who, in their opinion has by his or her conduct rendered themselves unfit to be a Member; or (iii) whose continued membership is, in their opinion, detrimental to the interests of the Club. Before expelling him or her the Committee shall call upon them for an explanation of their conduct and shall hear what they may wish to say in their defence. Any Member of the Club who ceases to be a member of the Sidcup Sports Club by reason of their expulsion from membership by any other constituent Club shall forthwith cease to be a member of the Club. Any such person on ceasing to be a Member of the Club shall forfeit all right to and claim upon the Club, its property and funds.

## **7. CONTACT DETAILS**

Each member of the Club shall communicate their postal and e-mail address, together with telephone contacts. Any changes should be notified to the Honorary Membership Secretary. Where an e-mail address is provided that will be used for all communications regarding Club business. All notices sent to the notified address shall be considered as duly received.

## **8. VISITORS**

- a) Members are allowed to introduce friends as visitors to play at the Club at a charge to be decided by the Committee, but no Member shall introduce more than two visitors at any one time. Members will be responsible for

seeing that such visitors conform to the Rules of the Club and that the fee is paid to the Honorary Treasurer. No one visitor shall be allowed to play in accordance with this rule on more than three occasions during any season except by special permission of the Committee.

- b) A visitor's fee will be charged at the rate displayed in the Clubhouse.
- c) No Member may introduce as a visitor a person who has been rejected as a candidate, or who has been expelled from the Club or any other Constituent Club of the Sidcup Sports Club.

## 9. MISCELLANEOUS

- a) **Court usage.** The use of the courts on all occasions to be governed by the Ground and Playing Rules as set out below. Play will be regulated by the Laws of the All England Lawn Tennis Association and a copy of the Laws to be kept for that purpose.
- b) **Voting.** The Chairman of all meetings has a casting vote (voting being equal) in addition to his or her own vote as a Member.
- c) **Sectional rules.** The Sectional rules of the Club may be altered or varied at the AGM or Special Meeting, the proposed alterations to be specified in the notice calling the meeting. Any changes shall be binding on the Club if adopted by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the Members then present and voting.
- d) **Ground and playing rules.** The Committee shall have power to alter or amend any of the Ground and Playing Rules (as set out below) without submitting the same to a General Meeting.
- e) **Injury, Loss of Property.** Members or visitors leaving unattended vehicles, racquets, clothing or other property at the Club do so at their own risk. The Club shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury resulting from this or any other cause.
- f) **Notices.** Except where these rules otherwise require, any notice posted on the main notice board in the Clubhouse shall be deemed sufficient notice to all Members.

## GROUND AND PLAYING RULES

### 1. COURT RULES

- a) The use of the courts is restricted to members as defined in Sections 4 and 5 above, and their visitors as defined in Section 8(a).
- b) The courts shall be open for play every day. .
- c) The Committee may at any time engage any of the courts for the purposes of matches and match practice, or tournaments.
- d) The Club Professional shall have the use of one court for coaching purposes at all times. Subject to other demands on court space, and by agreement

with the Committee, other courts may be made available for coaching purposes when not required by Members.

- e) When other Members are waiting:
  - i) Short sets only are to be played (ie first to 6 games)
  - ii) "Knock ups" should be limited to a maximum of 3 minutes
  - iii) No singles may be played.
- f) Members may only use the courts for outside tournaments with the prior permission of the Honorary Match Secretary or the Men's or Ladies' Captains.
- g) Outside designated times for social play, members may make up pre-arranged fours and play together in the same four throughout provided that due regard is given to other Members requiring the courts.

## **2. SOCIAL PLAY**

The provisions of Section 1.e) above apply equally here. Members are expected to mix in with one another and to ensure that everyone has a fair share of the play. The pegboard system should be used for all social play sessions: first name in the rack to select 3 other names from the first 6.

## **3. DRESS CODE**

All Members shall wear correct tennis shoes and maintain a good standard of sports style apparel on court. Men must wear shirts at all times.

## **4. JUNIOR MEMBERS**

- a) Junior Members may use the courts at any time when court space is available except during Social Play sessions or when these courts are required by adult members.
- b) Junior Members with the appropriate ability, as assessed by the Club Professional may, be awarded "Advanced" status, meaning that they are able to partake of any facilities (except the bar) open to adults (ie take part in Social Play, enter Open and Handicap tournaments, play in Club teams).
- c) Junior Members are not permitted to invite guests unless supervised by parents. The same provisions apply as in Section 8 above.
- d) All Junior members are entitled to enter the ballot for Wimbledon tickets provided that they are British Tennis Members.

## **5. COURT ETIQUETTE**

- a) No bad language or offensive behaviour is to be used on or off court.
- b) Players shall wait for a convenient break in any game on an adjoining court before walking behind players or retrieving balls.

## **6. DISCIPLINE**

1. The Club and all Members shall accept and be bound by the Rules and the Disciplinary Code (“the LTA Rules) of the Lawn Tennis Association Ltd (“the LTA”) and the General Rules and Constitution (“the County Rules”) of the Kent County Lawn Tennis Association (“the County”) in force from time to time including amendments made hereafter, insofar as the same are relevant to the activities of the Club.
2. All unlicensed and unregistered coaches and all visitors to the Club for the purpose of playing tennis will be required to accept and be bound by the LTA Rules and the County Rules.
3. All Members shall accept, and all persons mentioned in (2) above shall be required to accept that the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 shall apply to the agreement between themselves and the Club, and that the LTA and County may enforce any breach thereof, but only insofar as it relates to a breach of the LTA Rules or the County Rules.
4. The Club may terminate the membership of any Member, or impose any other sanction it deems appropriate, in the event of any breach of the Rules of the Club or the LTA Rules or the County Rules.

Annex to the Rules

In accordance with LTA policies the Committee shall appoint a Diversity and Safeguarding Policies and a Welfare Officer. The post to be included as an Officer of the Club. The appointment to be confirmed at the 2020 AGM.

**THESE RULES OF THE CLUB WERE AGREED AT THE CLUB’S ANNUAL  
GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2013.**

**LARRY WOODMAN  
CHAIRMAN**