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## **Rules of Sutton Coldfield Squash Rackets Club Limited**

### **1 NAME :**

The name of the Club shall be The Sutton Coldfield Squash Rackets Club Limited (hereinafter referred to as " the Club ")

### **2 OBJECTS :**

The objects are fully set out in the Memoranda and Articles of Association of the Club.

### **3 PLAY :**

The play shall be in accordance with the Rules of 'England Squash' located at:

<https://www.englishsquash.com/get-involved/play/master-the-basics>

This also applies to the playing of other squash variants.

### **4. CONSTITUTION :**

The Club shall consist of its present members and of such other persons as shall hereinafter be elected in accordance with the rules.

Members of the Club shall be :-

- a. Full playing members aged 25 to 64 years of age on the 1st September of the current season.
- b. Junior members aged up to 19 years old on the 1st September of the current season.
- c. Student Member aged 19 to 24 (and in full time education) on 1<sup>st</sup> September of the current season.
- d. Young Persons Member aged 19 to 24 on 1<sup>st</sup> September of the current season.
- e. Veteran members aged 65 years and over on the 1st September of the current season.
- f. Honorary Members.
- g. Temporary Members (including those on a trial basis).
- h. Social Members (access to bar)
- i. Day Members, limited to playing between 9.00 am and 5.10pm (last booking 4:30pm) every day of the week.
- j. Leisure Members (Access to sauna, changing/shower facilities and squash fitness equipment).

All members shall be entitled to share equally in the amenities of the Club subject to the following :-

a. The members of the Club shall be bound by its rules and by the rules of the Sutton Coldfield Hard Courts Club while and in so far as they are exercising any privileges of membership or are on the premises of the above Clubs.

b. The Honorary Members of the Club shall be entitled to enjoy all the facilities of the Club without paying the annual membership fee.

c. Honorary membership shall be regarded as irrevocable and shall not be capable of variation or revocation at any time to the intent that the grant of Honorary Membership shall be available to the person concerned during their entire lifetime. The creation of new Honorary Members shall only be effected with the consent of the Club Committee.

d. The Club is a Member's Club and any and all surpluses will be used for ongoing maintenance and improvements to the facilities. In accordance with legislation, in the event of the dissolution of assets of the Club shall:-

Firstly be applied to the repayment of any loans and outstanding debts / financial commitments.

Secondly, all the settling of liabilities paid by any existing Member and,

Thirdly, any balance shall not be paid to existing Members or Shareholders, but shall be given or transferred to the Sport Governing Body, currently England Squash, for use in community related squash and racketball or failing that to another sporting body with charitable status.

e. It shall be a condition of Membership that each Applicant for Membership in any capacity shall be required to subscribe for one. "A" Ordinary Share in the Club provided that this sub clause shall not apply to an Applicant for Membership who is under 20 years of age on the 1st September of the current season or to an Applicant for Temporary Membership.

## 5. ELECTION OF MEMBERS :

a. Each candidate for membership must complete the prescribed Application Form. The application form will be countersigned by a member of the Club Committee.

#### 5. ELECTION OF MEMBERS CONTINUED :

b. The Club Committee shall be under no obligation to give any candidate any reason if an application for membership is rejected.

c. When a candidate for membership has been accepted by the Club Committee and has paid to the Club the membership fee (if payable) and his or her first Subscription, he or she shall become a member of the Club and be entitled to the privileges of membership and be deemed to be bound by these rules.

#### 6 SUBSCRIPTIONS :

Entrance Fees and Annual Subscriptions shall be payable to the Club and the amount thereof shall be fixed by the Club Committee who shall have the power to vary or remit any amount so fixed at their discretion.

The Club Year shall run from 1st September to the following 31st August.

#### 7 ARREARS OF SUBSCRIPTIONS :

The subscriptions for each ensuing year, despite a final reminder sent out in the following November, is not received in full by the following November 30th, membership is automatically terminated.

## 8 RESIGNATION OF MEMBERSHIP :

Any member who fails to renew their membership as referenced in clause 8 will have been deemed to have resigned from their membership.

## 9 USE OF PREMISES :

a. No use of the Club premises shall be made except for the purpose of playing Squash Rackets or Racket Ball without the sanction of the Club Committee.

b. The use of the Courts, Balcony, Gallery, Gym and Surrounds shall be confined to members and visitors of the Club, but the Club Committee shall have the power to permit their use for limited periods by such other persons as they deem fit, provided that the rules and byelaws of the Club are complied with by those persons and the rights and privileges of members are not interfered with.

## 10 MANAGEMENT OF THE CLUB :

The Club shall be conducted by a Board of Directors described in the rules as a "Club Committee" consisting of a Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and between three and seven other members. The Club Committee shall have power to co-opt further members. The Club Committee shall arrange regular meetings to be called in accordance with Rule 13. At each Annual General Meeting, one third of the Directors or the number nearest to one third shall retire but be eligible for re-election. This Rule shall be subject to the restrictions of Article 15 in the Articles of Association of the Club.

## 11 CLUB COMMITTEE :

- a. shall be deemed to be acting for and on behalf of the Members;
- b. shall, in all its actions, be subject to these Rules and to any Resolutions passed at any Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club and to the provisions of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Club;
- c. shall be responsible for the proper conduct, management and day-to-day running of the Club and for the finances of the Club;
- d. shall, from time to time, make rule changes on the day to day administration of the Club and these rules shall be binding on the members of the Club;
- e. shall have power to appoint from time to time such Sub-Committees as it deems necessary, any member of the Club being eligible to serve on a Sub-Committee;
- f. shall have power to delegate to its appointed Sub-Committee such powers and duties as it may determine, except that on matters of finance or powers involving the receipt or expenditure of monies the delegation must be limited and specific both as to time and extent;
- g. shall have power to veto or vary the actions of any sub-committee;
- h. shall have power to investigate complaints against a Member whose conduct in or out of the Club it considers prejudicial to the interests of the Club, and in the exercise of its discretion, to suspend or cancel any Membership giving the member reasonable notice of the meeting of the Club Committee at which the matter is to be discussed and, if he or she wishes, hearing anything he or she has to say on the matter. Such decisions shall be final and the Committee shall be under no obligation to give reasons for its decisions to the member or to his or her representatives; notwithstanding this the Committee may on request reconsider such decisions after a period of three months from the date of operation.  
Where appropriate, in considering any potential breach of conduct, the Club Committee will refer to the England Squash 'Code of Conduct Policy', available on England Squash Website.
- i. shall model equality practices within the Equality Policy as developed by England Squash. The policy is available on the England Squash Website.
- j. shall carefully consider in formal meeting at the next Club Committee Meeting and within one month of its receipt any complaint in writing addressed to the Secretary and signed by seven or more Members, and shall then communicate its reply to the complainants.

## 12 PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLUB COMMITTEE :

- a. All Resolutions of the Club Committee shall be decided by a majority of votes, each member present being entitled to one vote, and the Chair shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie.
- b. The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Club Committee shall be four or at least half of the number of the Governing Committee, whichever is the higher.

## 12 PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLUB COMMITTEE CONTINUED

c. Committee meetings are routinely arranged for the first Tuesday in each month.

## 13 MEETINGS :

a. Subject to the provisions of Articles 15 and 17 of the Articles of Association of the Club an Annual General Meeting of the members shall take place no later than 20th July in each year and shall be held at the Club.

At least 21 days notice shall be given via e-mail and on the Club noticeboard to inform of the Club Annual General Meeting.

b. The business to be transacted at the Annual Meeting shall be:-

(i) The Consideration of the report of the Club Committee.

(ii) The consideration of the audited accounts and balance sheet and the auditors report.

(iii) The election of the members of the Committee in the place of those retiring and to fill vacancies on the Committee. No person other than a member of the Committee retiring at the meeting shall, unless recommended by a member of the Committee, be eligible for election to the office of a member of the Committee at any General Meeting unless not less than three or more than twenty-one days before the date appointed for the meeting, there shall be sent to the Secretary in writing, signed by a member duly qualified to attend and vote at the meeting for which such notice is given, of his or her intentions to propose such person for election and also notice in writing signed by that person of his or her willingness to be elected.

(iv) Resolutions by not less than twenty members submitted to the Committee in writing not later than June 1st before the Meeting.

(v) At each Annual General Meeting there may be elected in accordance with Rule 15 b (iii) a Chair of the Club who shall while continuing in office, be a member of the Club Committee in addition to those specified in Rule 12.

(vi) Any other business with the sanction of the Chair of the Meeting may be discussed but no vote shall be taken upon any proposal.



#### 14 ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT :

The Treasurer shall keep a register of members and shall keep full books of Accounts. An Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet shall be prepared at the end of each financial year (31<sup>st</sup> March) and submitted to Companies House. The accounts shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

#### 15 RULES, Availability of:

The Club Rules are held on the membership page of the Club website.

#### 16 RULES, Ref. Memorandum and Articles of Association:

These rules are incorporated in the Articles of Association of the Club and accordingly be subject to the provisions of the Companies Act 1948. In any case where these rules conflict or are otherwise not in accordance with the provisions of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Club the Memorandum and Articles of the Club shall prevail.

#### 17 EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS:

The Secretary shall call an Extraordinary Meeting of the Members at any time when required to do so by the Club Committee, or within 14 days after receiving a requisition in writing by not less than 20 members together with a notice of all motions to be submitted to the General Meeting.

#### 18 PLAYING WITH A GUEST (Non-Member)

Non-members are welcome to attend the various club nights and pay the appropriate fee (details available on website and posters displayed in club).

Guests (Non-Members) are welcome to play for up to 6 times a year with a club member. This does not apply to those non-members playing in the various club nights where there is no limit.

Any member playing with a guest (non-member) is required to book a court at all times (this is the only way in which the guest fee can be collected and serves as a signing in process without the need to have a visitors book). The booking system allows visitors attendance to be monitored.

Non-members are very welcome to apply for membership and are required to do this if they wish to play a member more than 6 times a year.

Approved at Club Committee Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Tony McAllister (Chair), Matt Stevens, Pete Oddy, Chris Hall, Dave Mullis, Mark Underwood, Barbara Hull, Alf Beckett.