

Constitution of the Hartfield Lawn Tennis Club.

1. The Club shall be called the Hartfield Lawn Tennis Club.
2. The Club is formed for the purpose of promoting the recreation and enjoyment of persons chiefly resident within the Parish of Hartfield by providing Tennis Courts and other facilities. The Club is a non-profit making organization . The Income and Property of the Club shall be applied solely towards promoting the Club's objects as forth herein and no portion shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, to the Members of the Club .The Club's object is also to take and retain a membership of the CLTA(and by doing so become and remain registered as an associate of the LTA) and to comply with and uphold the Rules and Regulations of the CLTA as amended from time to time and the LTA Rules and LTA Disciplinary Code and the rules and regulations of any body to which the LTA is registered or affiliated.
3. The Club shall be managed by a Committee consisting of a minimum of six members, and shall consist of the following officers, the Chairman, the Treasurer, and the Secretary.
4. The Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting in each year. The Committee shall have power to fill any casual vacancy amongst the elected members that may occur, the person appointed to a casual vacancy shall hold office until the next A.G.M.
5. The property of the Club shall be vested in the Committee. The Committee shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the Club property.
6. The Committee shall have power to elect as honorary life members without payment of any further subscription any person who shall in the opinion of the Committee have rendered services to the Club but such election shall not take effect unless and until the same is confirmed at the Annual General Meeting next ongoing the day of election.
7. No candidate who has been elected a member shall be entitled to the privileges of membership until payment of the annual subscription.
8. Subscriptions shall be due on the 1st April in every year.
9. Membership of the Club shall be open to all persons irrespective of ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or beliefs; or of age, sex or disability.
10. A member desiring to withdraw from the Club must give seven days notice in writing to the Secretary on or before the 1st April in any year otherwise the subscription for the ongoing year shall be payable.
11. The Committee may refuse membership or expel from membership only for good and sufficient cause, such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. For the avoidance of doubt the Committee may terminate the

membership of any person ,or impose any other sanction they determine to be appropriate in connection with the breach of these Rules , the LTA Rules ,or the LTA Disciplinary Code.

12. The Committee shall have the power to alter the rules but no such alteration shall take effect until the same has been confirmed at the Annual General Meeting or a special General Meeting convened for that purpose.
13. The Committee shall have power to make byelaws for regulating the conduct and affairs of the Club provided the same are not inconsistent with the rules. Such byelaws shall be posted in a conspicuous part of the Club premises and shall be binding on all the members.
14. A General Meeting of the Club shall be held in every year not later than 31st December to transact the following business.
 - (a) To receive and if approved to adopt a statement of the Club's accounts to the end of the preceding year.
 - (b) To consider and if approved sanction any duly made alteration of the rules.
 - (c) To appoint an auditor or auditors.
 - (d) To deal with any special matter which the Committee desire to bring before the members and to receive suggestions from the members for consideration by the Committee.
15. Notice convening the Annual General Meeting and any other General Meeting shall be sufficiently given to the members if posted on the Notice Board at the Village Hall and mentioned there for not less than ten days before the meeting and which notice shall specify the matter to be dealt with.
16. A Special General Meeting may be convened at any time by the Committee and shall be convened within twenty one days from the receipt of a requisition in writing by not less than ten members specifying the object of the meeting for any of the following purposes: -
 - (a) To consider and if approved sanction any duly made alteration of the rules.
 - (b) To deal with any special matter which the Committee may desire to place before the members including the expulsion of a member.
 - (c) To receive the resignation of the Committee or to remove any member or members thereof from office and to fill any vacancy or vacancies caused thereby.
 - (d) To deal with any special matter which the member requiring the meeting may desire to place before the club.

17. The Chairman of the Committee if present shall preside at Committee Meetings and at General Meetings of the Club and if he/she is not present then those members present at the Meeting shall appoint some other member to take the Chair. The Chairman of any meeting shall have a casting or additional vote in the event of an equality of votes.
18. At Committee Meeting three shall form a quorum. At general meetings six shall form a quorum. Junior and temporary members may attend general meetings but they shall not be entitled to vote and they should not be counted as part of the necessary quorum.
19. In the event of the dissolution of the Club, any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Club, but shall be given or transferred to one or more of the following approved sporting or charitable bodies:
 1. A registered charitable organisations(s)
 2. Another Club which is a registered CASC.
 3. The sports national governing body for use by them for related community sports.
20. The following additional terms apply:
 - (a) Each member (including each Committee member) agrees as a condition of membership to be bound by and subject to the LTA Rules and LTA Disciplinary Code (or such successor entity as becomes the governing body of the game of Lawn Tennis from time to time) and these Rules.
 - (b) Term 20(a) above confers a benefit on the LTA and is intended to be enforceable by the LTA by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.
 - (c) The LTA and the Club can enforce any breach of these Rules, the LTA Rules and the LTA Disciplinary Code at their option and in their sole discretion.
 - (d) The Club agrees that all unlicensed and unregistered coaches and so far as reasonably practicable, players and other persons using the courts will be required as a condition of such use, to agree to be bound by and subject to these Rules, the LTA Rules and Disciplinary Code and agrees that the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 applies and that the LTA can enforce any breach at its option and in their sole discretion.

This is a certified copy of the rules as approved by the Members of the Club at a special General Meeting held at The Tennis Courts, Hartfield on 18th September 2011.

R. Hodge
Chairman

A. Hunot
Treasurer