

**Prestbury Village Lawn Tennis Club (the “Club”)**

**CLUB CONSTITUTION AND RULES**

**1. Interpretation**

1.1 In this Constitution, unless the context otherwise requires:

**Bar Committee:** means the bar committee appointed in accordance with Rule 13.1

**Bare Trust:** has the meaning given in Rule 22.1

**CASC;** means Community Amateur Sports Club

**CCLTA:** means Cheshire County Lawn Tennis Association;

**Conflict:** means a situation in which a General Committee Member has or can have, a direct or indirect interest that conflicts or possibly may conflict, with the interests of the Club;

**Document:** includes, unless otherwise specified, any document sent or supplied in electronic form;

**Eligible General Committee Member:** means a General Committee Member who would be entitled to vote on the matter at a General Committee meeting (but excluding in relation to the authorisation of a Conflict pursuant to Rule 12, any General Committee Member whose vote is not to be counted in respect of the particular matter);

**General Committee Member:** means a member of the General Committee and includes any person occupying the position of General Committee Member, by whatever name called;

**General Committee:** means the committee appointed under Rule 10 to manage the Club from time to time;

**Interested General Committee Member:** has the meaning given in Rule 12.1;

**LTA Disciplinary Code:** means the disciplinary code of the LTA in force from time to time;

**LTA Rules:** means the rules of the LTA as in force from time to time;

**LTA:** means the Lawn Tennis Association;

**Member:** means a member of the Club admitted from time to time to membership of the Club in accordance with Rule 6 and **Membership** shall be construed accordingly;

**Premises:** the Clubhouse, tennis courts and surrounding areas leased to the Trustees in accordance with Rule 21 of this Constitution, and the car park to the extent that the Club has any rights therein;

**Tennis Playing Rules:** means the Tennis Playing Rules published on the Club’s website, and in the Appendix

**Trustees:** means the persons appointed from time to time to be the trustees of the Club in accordance with Rule 21.

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**2. NAME**

The Club shall be called "The Prestbury Village Lawn Tennis Club" but will be known as "Prestbury Tennis Club".

**3. OBJECTS**

3.1 The objects of the Club are to provide facilities for the sport of lawn tennis on an amateur basis in Prestbury and to encourage community participation in the same.

3.2 The objects for which the Club is established are :

3.2.1 principally to provide facilities for and generally to promote, encourage and facilitate the playing of Tennis amongst the community;

3.2.2 to provide and maintain the Club's Premises and Club-owned tennis equipment for the use of its Members;

3.2.3 to provide the other ordinary benefits of an amateur sports club;

3.2.4 to reinvest any surplus income or profits in the Club;

3.2.5 to sell or supply food or drink as a social adjunct to the sporting purposes of the Club;

3.2.6 to take and retain a membership of the CLTA (and by doing so become and remain registered as an associate of the LTA);

3.2.7 to do all such other things as the General Committee thinks fit to further the interests of the Club, to advance and safeguard the interests of Tennis, to promote increases in participation at all levels of Tennis or as are otherwise incidental or conducive to the attainment of all or any of the objects stated in this Rule;

**4. CONSTITUTION**

The Club is a non-profit making Members' Club with a General Committee of members responsible for its management and ongoing financial viability, with all surplus income or profits reinvested in the Club. The Club is registered as a CASC and this Constitution shows that the Club meets the CASC eligibility criteria.

**5. RIGHTS OF MEMBERS**

Every Member of the Club shall, subject to these Rules, the Tennis Playing Rules for the time being in force, be entitled to use and enjoy in common with other members of the Club, the Premises and facilities to the extent to which his/her class of membership entitles him.

**6. MEMBERSHIP CLASSES**

6.1 Membership of the Club shall be open to the whole community on application regardless of gender, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, there may be limitation of membership according to available facilities on a non-discriminatory basis.

6.2 There shall be various classes of playing membership as agreed at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special Meeting, referred to in the Appendix

6.3 In addition to playing members, there shall be the following classes of members –

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- 6.3.1 Social Members aged 18 years and over who shall be entitled to the use of the Premises other than the tennis courts.
- 6.3.2 Honorary Members such as the General Committee in its discretion may elect.
- 6.3.3 Life Members who may be elected from time to time at such fee as the General Committee in its discretion may elect
- 6.3.4 Associate Members within the meaning of the Licensing legislation, being members admitted to the Club by reason of being members of other Clubs approved for that purpose by the General Committee. Such members shall not be entitled to vote at meetings of the Club or be eligible for election as a member of any committee of the Club.
- 6.3.5 All other references to Senior Playing Members in these Rules shall include Young Adult, Honorary and Life Members. All references to Senior Members in these Rules shall include Student, Social and Country Members in addition to Senior Playing Members as defined above.
- 6.3.6 Non-members may participate in certain activities at the Club, subject to the approval of the General Committee, e.g. coaching, both senior and junior, coaching courses and camps, subject to payment of a non-members fee.

## 7. FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

- 7.1 The General Committee shall submit for approval to the Annual General Meeting of members recommended fee and subscription levels for the ensuing year. Subscription fees will normally be increased annually to achieve the long-term financial viability of the Club. A list showing the current entrance fees, subscriptions for all classes of membership and visitors' fees, shall always be posted in the Clubhouse.
- 7.2 Subscriptions for the year ending on 31 March shall be due on 1 April of each year. If the subscription remains unpaid at 30 April the members name shall be removed from the roll of members.
- 7.3 The General Committee shall have the power to set an Entrance Fee for new members. An Entrance Fee on joining, if currently in existence and in force, shall not apply to Junior members. All other members shall pay with their first subscription.
- 7.4 The General Committee shall have power to waive or reduce the subscription of Members who are absent for substantial periods.

## 8. RESIGNATIONS

- 8.1 Resignations from membership may at any time be submitted to the Membership Secretary in writing, but if a member is playing beyond 1 April, the member's subscription for that year shall become due and payable.
- 8.2 Part subscriptions will not be refunded on resignation during the playing year.

## 9. SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

- 9.1 The General Committee in its absolute discretion shall have power to suspend any member from membership for such period as it thinks fit and it may or may not return any subscription or entrance fee or any part thereof as it thinks proper.

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9.2 The General Committee in its absolute discretion shall have the power to request any member to resign.

9.3 The General Committee shall also have power to expel any member without explanation and may or may not return any subscription or entrance fee or any part thereof as it thinks proper. Any member expelled by the General Committee may give notice of appeal in writing within one month to the Club Secretary and the appeal shall then be held at a Special General Meeting of the Club convened for the purpose.

## 10. **GENERAL COMMITTEE - COMPOSITION AND APPOINTMENT**

10.1 There shall be a General Committee composed of Senior Members of the Club which shall comprise -

10.1.1 A President, a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Club Secretary, a Treasurer, a Tennis Secretary, a House & Grounds Officer and a Membership Secretary, who shall be the Principal Officers of the Club.

10.1.2 Other Officers and Sub-Committee Chairmen deemed necessary.

10.1.3 Up to six elected Senior Members at least four of whom shall be Senior Playing Members.

10.2 The President of the Club shall be appointed by the General Committee from the current or former Senior Playing members and shall have made a significant contribution to the running of the Club over many years. The President shall serve for a period of four years, which may be renewed.

10.3 The Chairman of the Club, who shall also be the Chairman of the General Committee, shall hold office for two years from January 1st, but may if thought fit continue in office for a further year and shall become an Honorary member during the period of office as Chairman. On retiring from the office of Chairman he shall then without further election continue in office as Vice-Chairman for one further year.

10.4 One year prior to the retirement of the current Chairman, the General Committee shall appoint from amongst the Senior Members a Vice-Chairman to hold office for one year from January 1st (or for two years if the Chairman's period of office is extended) and thereafter shall become Chairman without further election.

10.5 The Club Secretary, Treasurer, Tennis Secretary, Membership Secretary, IT Coordinator, and House & Grounds Officer may be appointed by the General Committee at such times as considered necessary and at such a fee as the General Committee may deem appropriate, and on appointment may become Honorary Members of the Club.

10.6 Other officers and Chairmen of the sub-committees shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Club. They shall retire annually and be eligible for re-election.

10.7 Each of the Senior Members of the General Committee who are without portfolio shall be elected at an Annual General meeting and may serve for a period of three years before retirement, after which he/she shall not be eligible for re-election until one year has elapsed.

10.8 Each member of the General Committee will be required, as a condition of election or appointment, to agree to be bound by and subject to these rules, the rules and regulations of the relevant CCLTA and the LTA Rules and the LTA Disciplinary Code, such agreement to contain an express acknowledgment that the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 applies and that the LTA and the Club can enforce any breach at its option and in its sole discretion.

**11. GENERAL COMMITTEE - POWERS AND PROCEDURES**

- 11.1 The General Committee shall have absolute control of the affairs of the Club, including all matters concerning the Premises, funds and properties of the Club at all times, and shall have power to borrow, to delegate its powers, to appoint sub-committees from amongst its members for any purpose, and to co-opt additional members to sub-committees to the extent permitted by law. In particular, the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Club Secretary and Treasurer shall form a Financial Management Sub-Committee, to which other principal officers, sub-committee chairmen or members with a specific expertise may be co-opted when required.
- 11.2 The General Committee shall have the power to make Tennis Playing Rules and Byelaws and regulations, not inconsistent with these Rules, for the internal management of the Club, and such Tennis Playing Rules, Byelaws and regulations shall be binding on every member until removed or altered by the General Committee or at a General Meeting of the Club.
- 11.3 The General Committee shall have the right on special occasions or for the purpose of maintenance or the like to close to members all or part of the Premises for such periods as it deems necessary, and it shall also have the right on special occasions to charge members for admission to all or any part of the Premises, provided that written notice of such closure and occasions shall be posted on the Premises.
- 11.4 Meetings of the General Committee shall be called by the Club Secretary, and the General Committee shall meet not less than five times per year. The Chairman and Club Secretary are empowered to call such additional meetings as are considered necessary.
- 11.5 For a meeting of the General Committee eight General Committee members shall be a quorum.
- 11.6 The General Committee shall have power to nominate any member of the Club to fill a vacancy occurring amongst the Officers or other members of the General Committee or sub-committees. A member so nominated shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.
- 11.7 The General Committee will appoint a Men's Team Captain and a Ladies Team Captain.
- 11.8 The Chairmen shall be responsible for the appointment of their respective sub-committees and shall exercise powers delegated to them from time to time by the General Committee. The Chairmen shall be responsible to the General Committee, to whom they shall submit regular written reports.
- 11.9 The duties of the Tennis Secretary shall generally concern the co-ordination and operation of the tennis activities of the Club; those of the Club Secretary shall involve the general administration of the Club; the Membership Secretary shall manage the membership of the Club; the Treasurer shall handle the Club's accounts and provide financial information and advice on the efficient financial management of the Club; the House & Grounds Officer shall be responsible for the management and maintenance of the courts, grounds and clubhouse.
- 11.10 Only members of the General Committee will be entitled to vote at meetings of the General Committee.
- 11.11 The General Committee may delegate to a Sub-Committee of not less than three persons, normally including the Chairman and Treasurer, the power to appoint a Head Coach and determine contractual terms for the management of the coaching facility, including the possible payment of a retainer in recognition of services to the Club, with

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subsequent report to the General Committee. This Sub-Committee will also be responsible for any amendments to contractual terms or retainer and payment of any bonus.

11.12 The General Committee Members may exercise all of the powers of the Club for the purposes of the management of the Club including the entry into contracts as agent for the Members.

11.13 All members of the General Committee shall be entitled to an indemnity out of the assets of the Club for all expenses and other liabilities properly incurred by them in the management of the affairs of the Club.

## 12. **COMMITTEE MEMBER CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

12.1 The General Committee may, in accordance with the requirements set out in this Rule, authorise any Conflict proposed to them by any General Committee Member.

12.2 Any authorisation under this Rule 12 shall be effective only if:

12.2.1 the matter in question shall have been proposed by any General Committee Member for consideration in the same way that any other matter may be proposed to the General Committee Members under the provisions of this Constitution ;

12.2.2 any requirement as to the quorum for consideration of the relevant matter is met without counting the Interested General Committee Member; and

12.2.3 the matter was agreed to without the Interested General Committee Member voting or would have been agreed to if the Interested General Committee Member's vote had not been counted.

12.3 Any authorisation of a Conflict under this Rule 12 may (whether at the time of giving the authorisation or subsequently):

12.3.1 extend to any actual or potential conflict of interest which may reasonably be expected to arise out of the matter or situation so authorised;

12.3.2 provide that the Interested General Committee Member be excluded from the receipt of documents and information and the participation in discussions (whether at meetings of the General Committee or otherwise) related to the Conflict;

12.3.3 provide that the Interested General Committee Member shall or shall not be an Eligible General Committee Member in respect of any future decision of the General Committee in relation to any resolution related to the Conflict;

12.3.4 impose upon the Interested General Committee Member such other terms for the purposes of dealing with the Conflict as the General Committee think fit;

12.3.5 provide that, where the Interested General Committee Member obtains, or has obtained (through his involvement in the Conflict and otherwise than through his position as a General Committee Member of the Club) information that is confidential to a third party, he shall not be obliged to disclose that information to the Club, or to use it in relation to the Club's affairs where to do so would amount to a breach of that confidence; and

12.3.6 permit the Interested General Committee Member to absent himself from the discussion of matters relating to the Conflict at any General Committee

meeting and be excused from reviewing papers prepared by, or for, the General Committee to the extent they relate to such matters.

- 12.4 Where the General Committee authorise a Conflict, the Interested General Committee Member shall be obliged to conduct himself in accordance with any terms and conditions imposed by the General Committee in relation to the Conflict.
- 12.5 The General Committee may revoke or vary such authorisation at any time, but this shall not affect anything done by the Interested General Committee Member prior to such revocation or variation in accordance with the terms of such authorisation.
- 12.6 Provided he/she has declared the nature and extent of his/her interest, a General Committee Member who is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested in an existing or proposed transaction or arrangement with the Club:
- 12.6.1 may be a party to, or otherwise interested in, any transaction or arrangement with the Club or in which the Club is otherwise (directly or indirectly) interested;
- 12.6.2 shall be an Eligible General Committee Member for the purposes of any proposed decision of the General Committee in respect of such existing or proposed transaction or arrangement in which he is interested;
- 12.6.3 shall be entitled to vote at a General Committee meeting in respect of such existing or proposed transaction or arrangement in which he is interested;
- 12.6.4 may act by himself or his firm in a professional capacity for the Club (otherwise than as auditor) and he or his firm shall be entitled to remuneration for professional services as if he were not a General Committee Member;
- 12.6.5 may be a General Committee Member or other officer of, or employed by, or a party to a transaction or arrangement with, or otherwise interested in, any body corporate in which the Club is otherwise (directly or indirectly) interested; and
- 12.6.6 shall not, save as he may otherwise agree, be accountable to the Club for any benefit which he (or a person connected with him) derives from any such transaction or arrangement or from any such office or employment or from any interest in any such body corporate.

### **13. BAR COMMITTEE AND PERMITTED HOURS**

- 13.1 There shall be a Bar Committee which shall comprise not less than four Senior members of the General Committee appointed by the General Committee for that purpose and two further Senior Members, not being members of the General Committee but elected by the Annual General Meeting. In the event of any member of the Bar Committee appointed by the General Committee ceasing to be a member of the General Committee he shall automatically cease to be a member of the Bar Committee and another member of the General Committee shall be appointed in his place.
- 13.2 The Bar Committee shall be in sole direct control of the supply of intoxicating liquors and tobacco to the Club and shall be responsible therefor to the General Committee and on behalf of the Club shall arrange all purchases of intoxicating liquors and tobacco and the supply thereof in accordance with these rules.
- 13.3 No intoxicating liquors or other excisable articles for the sale of which a licence is required shall be supplied except to members on the Premises of the Club, or sold to

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any person who is not a member other than persons who are Club guests in accordance with Rule 15.

- 13.4 The hours during which intoxicating liquor may be consumed on the Premises of the Club shall be as prescribed in the Club Premises Certificate currently in force.
- 13.5 Intoxicating liquor shall not be served for consumption by any Member or guest who is under the age of eighteen years.
- 13.6 At all times when the bar is open for the service of intoxicating liquors, there shall be in charge of the bar and of all service from it either an employed bartender or a senior member of the Club who shall be responsible for the enforcement of all Rules and Byelaws affecting the bar. A duty rota for such Members shall be arranged and maintained by the Bar Committee.

### 14. **MEMBERS' GUESTS**

- 14.1 Members may introduce guests to the Premises of the Club but guests aged under 10 years must be accompanied by a responsible adult. For each guest who plays lawn tennis, the fee currently in force must first be paid. Members must at all times accompany guests whom they introduce and be present on the Premises as long as the guests are present. Members shall be responsible for the due observance by their guests of the Rules and Byelaws of the Club.
- 14.2 The number of times a guest may be introduced to play lawn tennis at the Club shall be limited to four times per year. In respect of a guest who exceeds four visits, the Member who has introduced the guest shall be liable to one year's playing subscription.

### 15. **CLUB GUESTS**

- 15.1 The Club Premises and facilities, including the sale of intoxicating liquor, may be available to non-members of the Club who are visiting the Club as competitors or bona fide supporters of a visiting team and who are attending the Club for the purpose of competing in or supporting an approved and prearranged fixture against a Club team or a tournament.
- 15.2 Non-members (other than as members' guests under Rule 15) may be admitted to the Club's registered Premises on social occasions and intoxicating liquor may be sold to such persons by or on behalf of the Club for consumption on the Premises and not elsewhere. Such occasions shall be restricted to not more than 12 in any period of twelve calendar months.

### 16. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - DATE AND NOTICE**

- 16.1 An Annual General Meeting shall be held in November, or as near as conveniently possible, in each year and 15 months shall not lapse without a General Meeting.
- 16.2 Fourteen days' notice in writing of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to Senior Members by the Club Secretary, which notice shall specify the business of the meeting and matters to be brought before it by the General Committee and enclose relevant reports and financial statements.
- 16.3 Any Senior Member desirous of moving any Resolution at the Annual General Meeting shall give notice thereof in writing to the Club Secretary at least 10 days before the date fixed for the meeting.



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**17. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - ELECTIONS**

- 17.1 All officers of the Club, except those appointed by the General Committee in accordance with these Rules, shall retire and be eligible for re-election at the meeting.
- 17.2 Members of the General Committee who have served thereon for three consecutive years shall retire at the meeting and shall not be eligible for re-election.
- 17.3 Candidates for election or re-election as members of the General Committee or as Officers or as members of the Bar Committee shall be proposed and seconded and notices thereof in writing shall be posted on the noticeboard in the Clubhouse not less than ten days before the date fixed for the meeting.

**18. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - BUSINESS AND PROCEDURES**

- 18.1 Together with any business proposed by the General Committee or by Senior Members, the following business shall be transacted:-
    - 18.1.1 Presentation of the report of the General Committee, including estimates of proposed major capital expenditure.
    - 18.1.2 Presentation by the Treasurer of the Club accounts to the year end 31 August. These accounts must have been independently prepared or signed off by an independent qualified Accountant.
    - 18.1.3 Approval of fee and subscription levels for the ensuing year.
    - 18.1.4 Election of Officers and other members of the General Committee, for whom vacancies exist in accordance with Rule 10.
    - 18.1.5 Any other business which may properly be dealt with in a General Meeting.
  - 18.2 The President, or in his/her absence the Chairman of the Club, or in his/her absence a Senior Member selected by the meeting, shall take the chair.
  - 18.3 Only Senior Playing Members shall be entitled to vote at General Meetings of the Club. Each Senior Playing Member present shall have one vote upon every motion and in the case of equality of votes the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.
  - 18.4 A contested election shall be determined by a vote by ballot of Senior Playing Members present at the meeting.
  - 18.5 A quorum shall be twenty Senior Playing Members.
- 19. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**
- 19.1 A Special General Meeting shall be called at any time on fourteen days' notice being given by the Club Secretary in writing either
    - 19.1.1 on the instruction of the General Committee, or
    - 19.1.2 on receipt of a written requisition stating the business to be transacted at the meeting and signed by not less than ten Senior Playing Members of the Club.
  - 19.2 Such meeting shall deal only with the matters specified in the notice calling it.
  - 19.3 The provisions for electing a Chairman of such a meeting, for voting and for a quorum shall be as stated for the Annual General Meeting in the Rules

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**20. AMENDMENT OF RULES**

These Rules shall not be altered or amended except by a Resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the Senior Playing Members present and voting at a duly convened General Meeting of the Club. Any proposed amendment of the Rules shall be distributed to the Senior members in accordance with the Rules

**21. TRUSTEES**

21.1 All property of the Club including land and investments shall be held by three Trustees for the time being, in their own names so far as necessary and practicable, by way of a Bare Trust, defined as a simple Trust which requires the Trustees act solely as nominees of the Club with no discretion other than to hold the property as directed by the Club in accordance with this Rule 22.1, and Rules 22.3 and 22.4, solely for the use and benefit of the Membership of the Club for the time being.

21.2 The Trustees shall be appointed for a period of five years from January 1<sup>st</sup> in the year of appointment by the General Committee.

21.3 In regard to any property of the Club held by the Trustees, only as directed by resolution of the General Committee; the Trustees shall have power to sell, lease, mortgage or pledge any Club property for the purpose of raising or borrowing money for the benefit of the Club and entry in the minute book shall be conclusive evidence of such a resolution.

21.4 The Trustees shall, at the discretion of the General Committee, make such dispositions of the Club's property or any part thereof, and enter into and execute such agreements and instruments in relation thereto, as the General Committee may deem proper for giving security for such moneys and the interest payable thereon.

21.5 If by reason of any removal, death or resignation it is necessary that a new Trustee shall be appointed, the General Committee shall nominate a person to be appointed as the new Trustee and such nomination shall be confirmed at the Annual General Meeting of the Club. For the purpose of giving effect to such nomination, the President of the Club, or in his/her absence the Chairman of the Club, is hereby nominated as the person to appoint new Trustees of the Club within the meaning of section 36 of the Trustees Act 1925, and he shall by such form of document as is agreed by the General Committee duly appoint the person so nominated by the General Committee as the new Trustee of the Club, and the provisions of the Trustee Act 1925 shall apply to any such appointment. Any statement of fact in any such document shall, in favour of a person dealing bona fide and for value with the Club or General Committee, be conclusive evidence of the fact so stated.

21.6 The Trustees shall have the right, if they wish, to attend meetings of the General Committee.

21.7 The Trustees shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Club by the Club, and the General Committee shall pay all costs, losses and expenses which any such Trustee may incur or for which he may become liable by reason of any contract entered into or act or thing done by him in good faith in accordance with the instructions of the General Committee or of a general meeting of the Club or otherwise in the discharge of his or their duties. The General Committee may give to any Trustee who has incurred or may be about to incur any liability, at the request of or for the benefit of the Club such security by way of indemnity as may seem expedient.

**22. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

The Member's and Trustees liability under the indemnities at Rule 11.13 and Rule 22.7 respectively is limited to the assets of the Club.

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**23. WINDING UP OF THE CLUB**

23.1 If at a Special General Meeting of Members called for the purpose of winding up the Club a Resolution shall be passed by a majority of two-thirds of the Members voting thereon, the Trustees shall, at such date as shall be specified in such Resolution, proceed to realise the property of the Club.

23.2 After the discharge of all liabilities, the Trustees shall dispose of any net assets remaining to approved sporting or charitable purposes to comply with the CASC legislation.

23.3 Upon the completion of such disposal, the Club shall be dissolved.

**24. INTERPRETATION OF RULES**

All doubts arising as to the meaning and construction of these Rules shall be decided by the General Committee, the decision of which shall be conclusive.

**APPENDIX**

**TENNIS PLAYING RULES**

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The Committee may decide, from time to time, to alter these arrangements but will keep members informed.

**1. HOURS OF PLAY**

The tennis courts will be open for use by members until 22.00 each day, unless in unplayable condition or closed for maintenance.

**2. DRESS AND FOOTWEAR**

Members are expected to wear recognised tennis attire whilst playing on court. Tennis shoes must be worn on courts at all times. Trainers with heels, ridged soles or studs are not suitable, as they damage the court surface.

**3. LOOKING AFTER THE COURTS**

- Please drag the clay courts after use, unless they are wet with rain. Use the footbaths near to the artificial clay court gates when going both on and off the courts.
- Use the courtsweeps on the Astroturf courts before playing if there is debris on court from the trees.
- Do not drop litter. Remove any litter found on the court and put it in the litter bins provided.
- Dogs should be on leads and with their owners at all times when on club premises. Dogs are not allowed on the courts or the KidsZone.
- Do not spit, smoke cigarettes or chew gum on court.

**4. RESPECT FOR PLAYERS ON OTHER COURTS**

- Do not enter the courts if a point is being played, wait until the end of the point or a break in the game.
- Wait for an invitation before crossing a court.
- Collect stray balls when it is safe to do so and not while someone is playing a point.
- Do not deliberately hit balls on to the squash club roof or into the river/woods.
- To access court 3 (if players are on court 1 or 2), please use the gate at the far end.
- To access court 6 (if players are on court 4 or 5), please use the double gate.

**5. BEHAVIOUR ON COURT**

Good behaviour on court is required at all times. There should be no:

- Bad language
- Throwing racquets around
- Hitting balls around the court in anger
- Arguing over line calls. The person who is receiving the shot has the final say over whether the ball was in or out. If the line call is unsure you can always agree to play the point again
- Touch rackets or shake hands with team members and opposition at the end of a match.

**6. COURT ALLOCATION POLICY AND PRIORITY USE**

Different arrangements relating to court usage apply in the Summer (11 April to 30 September) and Winter (1 October to 30 March) – see noticeboard and website for details

## **7. MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS**

- **Senior Playing Members** confined to persons aged 30 years and over.
- **Young Adult Playing Members** confined to persons who have attained the age of 18 years by 1st April in a subscription year but not 30 years.
- **Student Playing Members** confined to persons who have attained the age of 18 years by 1st April in a subscription year but not 30 years and are following a course of full-time education, living either at Home or Away from home.
- **Junior Members - aged 11–17 years** confined to persons who have attained the age of 11 years by 1st April in a playing year but not 18 years.
- **Junior Members - aged 9-10 years** confined to persons who have attained the age of 9 years by 1st April in a subscription year but not 11 years.
- **Junior Members – aged 4-8 years** confined to persons who have attained the age of 4 years by 1st April in a subscription year but not 9 years. Such players must be accompanied on the Premises at all times by a responsible adult.
- **Country Playing Members** confined to persons living 25 miles by road or more from the centre of Prestbury.

## **8. VISITORS PLAYING TENNIS**

Be prepared to give your name to prove your membership if asked. Members can invite guests to play tennis at the Club subject to the following conditions:-

- The current visitor fees are displayed in the club house.
- A guest is only entitled to play 4 times per year, after which a membership fee must be paid.
- The name of the guest and the member introducing them must be provided. This can be done via a form completed and submitted using a smartphone with the QR codes posted on the noticeboards. Where this is not possible, details should be given directly to the membership secretary via e-mail or phone.
- The fee is paid at the time of form submission by credit card. If this is not possible it may be paid into the club bank account.
- Guests must be accompanied by the introducing member at all times. That member is responsible for ensuring that the guest observes the rules of the Club.

**NB Parents please make junior members aware of the above contents.**