



REGULATIONS

Surrey Tennis (the “Charity”)



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These Regulations are made in accordance with Article 52 of the Charity's Articles of Association.

1. Status

The Charity shall be affiliated to the Lawn Tennis Association (the 'LTA').

2. Eligibility for membership

2.1 An entity shall qualify for registration as an Associate member if the Trustees of the Charity deems that such an entity provides organised tennis (and/or padel and/or a similar sport) opportunities (in accordance with the LTA's guidelines).

2.2 Such an entity shall include, but shall not be limited to:

- a. Clubs – volunteer or commercial run and/or;
- b. Community Indoor Tennis Centres (CITC).

2.3 Election to Associate membership shall be at the sole discretion of the Trustees. If a dispute arises as to whether an entity qualifies to be registered as a member, the Trustees shall refer the matter to the President of the LTA whose decision on the matter shall be final.

2.4 Associate members (once admitted) agree to be bound by these Regulations (as well as the LTA Rules and the LTA Disciplinary Code).

2.5 Affiliate members shall be admitted, at the sole discretion of the Trustees, and shall include (but shall not be limited to):

- a. Schools/community;
- b. Local authorities; and/or
- c. Commercially-run Parks Programmes.

2.6 Affiliate members shall be entitled to receive support from the Charity, including safeguarding advice, attendance at forums etc. However, unlike

Associate members, Affiliate members will be neither entitled to access the Charity's loan scheme nor entitled (together with any of its members, who are not affiliated to another eligible club), to play in any of the Charity's competitions. Affiliate members shall be entitled to attend the Charity's annual meeting but shall not have a vote.

3. Termination of membership

3.1 A member may withdraw from membership by giving 30 days' notice in writing to the Charity.

3.2 The Trustees may terminate membership, or impose any other sanction they determine to be appropriate, in connection with the breach of any condition of membership set out in these Regulations.

3.3 If membership of the LTA is terminated, membership of the Charity will also automatically be terminated.

4. Subscriptions

4.1 The annual subscription for Associate and Affiliate membership shall be determined by the Trustees each year.

4.2 The subscription rates for the year 2025 for Associate members are as follows:

- £50 for members with 3 or fewer courts;
- £100 for members with 4 or 5 courts;
- £150 for members with 6 or more courts.

4.3 For those clubs with 2 or fewer courts, who do not wish to be admitted to full Associate membership, they can pay an annual fee (£20 for the year 2025) which will entitle such clubs to LTA support, including insurance, and support from the Charity, such as safeguarding advice, attendance at forums etc. However, such clubs would not be entitled to access the Charity's loan

scheme or entitle the club or any of its members (who are not affiliated to another eligible club) to play in any of the Charity's competitions.

4.4 The subscription rate for an Affiliate member for the year 2025 will be £20. Should an Affiliate wish to enter a league or an individual member (who is not affiliated to another eligible club) wish to play in any of the County's competition, their annual fee would be increased to £50.

5. Annual Meeting

5.1 There shall be an annual meeting of the Charity which shall be called by the Trustees giving not less than 21 days' notice to eligible members, being Trustees, Associate members and Affiliate members. In addition, notice will be given to the President, Past Presidents and Life Past-Presidents.

5.2 To be eligible to attend, Associated Members and Affiliated Members must have paid their subscriptions for the relevant year.

5.3 The agenda for the annual meeting will set out the items to be discussed, which will include:

- Review of Previous Year;
- Forthcoming Plans;
- Appointment of Trustees (if any); and
- Changes to Regulations (if any).

5.4 At all annual meetings, the Trustees shall have one vote each, except where they are attending as an Associate Member, when their Trustee vote is relinquished; the Associate member voting shall be as follows:

- 1 vote for members with 3 or fewer courts;
- 2 votes for members with 4 or 5 courts;
- 3 votes for members with 6 or more courts.

6. Election of Trustees

6.1 The Board of the Trustees shall consist of at least five and not more than fourteen individuals. The number of vacancies (if any) shall be notified to Associate Members.

6.2 Each Associate member may nominate up to four candidates for the ensuing year. All nominations shall be sent in writing, which includes by email, to the Secretary and received by them 7 days in advance of the annual meeting.

6.3 New Trustees shall be elected at the annual meeting; if there are more candidates than available places on the Board of the Trustees, a vote will take place and the candidate(s) receiving the most number of votes will be elected.

6.4 No person shall hold more than one seat on the Board of the Trustees at any one time and shall be subject to the terms of office stipulated in the Articles of Association.

6.5 Those Trustees retiring from office shall continue to hold office until the conclusion of the annual meeting.

6.6 The Trustees may, by resolution at a Trustee meeting, co-opt individuals to fill any casual vacancy on the Board of the Trustees.

7. Alteration of Regulations

7.1 No alteration may be made to these Regulations except by a resolution (specifying the proposed alteration) at an annual meeting of the Charity passed by a majority of at least two-thirds of those present and voting at the meeting.