

**THE FORTY FIVE
SENIORS
TENNISCLUB
RULES**

1..NAME AND COLOURS

The Club shall be called THE FORTY FIVE SENIORS TENNIS CLUB and shall be affiliated to the Lawn Tennis Association.The Club Colours shall be medium blue and white.

2. OBJECTS

The objects of the Club shall include;

- the encouragement of the playing of lawn tennis for enjoyment.
- the organising of such events as competitions, matches and social occasions at home and abroad for the members of the Club.

3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1 The Club shall consist of Ordinary Members and Honorary Members.

3.2 Membership of the Club shall be restricted to women who have attained the age of 40 and men who have attained the age of 45 years, or who will attain the relevant age in the year in which they apply for membership.

4. MEMBERS

4.1 Application for Ordinary membership shall be made in writing to the Committee who shall have power to elect as an Ordinary Member of the Club any such applicant not disqualified from membership by the Rules of the Club, and alternatively to reject or to defer for further consideration any such application.

4.2 The Committee shall have the power to terminate on such terms as it sees fit the membership of anyone whose conduct has been in the opinion of the Committee likely to injure the interests of the Club, provided that the member shall have had an opportunity to explain such conduct and alternatively to resign.

4.3 The Committee shall not be required to state the reason for any such election, rejection, deferment or termination and there shall be no right of appeal therefrom.

4.4 The Committee shall have the power to invite for Honorary Membership such distinguished persons as the Committee may unanimously approve.

5. ENTRANCE FEE AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

5.1 The entrance Fee and annual subscription for Ordinary membership of the Club shall be such sums as shall be, from time to time, determined by the Committee.

5.2 All subscriptions shall be paid in advance on or before the first day in January of each year.

5.3 The Committee shall have the power to terminate the membership of anyone whose annual subscription has been due and remains unpaid on the first day of April in any year.

6. PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS

There shall be a President and not more than four Vice-Presidents, all of whom shall be elected by the Committee from Ordinary and Honorary members of the Club and shall thereafter continue to hold office for one year but shall be eligible for re-election.

7. GENERAL MEETINGS

7.1 An Annual General Meeting shall be held in each calendar year at such place and time as the Committee select.

7.2 A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Honorary Secretary at any time, upon the

requisition of the Committee or the receipt of a written request signed by not less than ten per cent of the members of the Club.

7.3 Twenty-eight days' notice of each General Meeting shall be posted by the Honorary Secretary to all members of the Club and such notice shall state the date, time and place of such Meeting and give particulars of the business proposed to be transacted thereat, save that no member who fails to give an address in the United Kingdom or Republic of Ireland for the purpose, need be so notified.

8. COMMITTEE

8.1 The affairs of the Club shall be managed by a Committee consisting of not more than fifteen members together with the President.. Vice Presidents may attend and speak at the ~~meetings~~ meetings of the Committee, but do not have the right to vote at such meetings.

8.2 The Committee shall, at their first meeting in each year after the Annual General Meeting, elect from their own body the Officers of the Club. Those officers shall be Chair, Honorary Representative Captain, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer. Honorary Programme Co-ordinator, Honorary Match Secretary and Honorary Membership Secretary. These officers shall hold office for one year only but shall be eligible for re-election.

8.3 The Honorary Representative Match Captain, Honorary Programme Co-ordinator and Honorary Match Secretary may not serve more than 6 successive years in that capacity.

8.4 At General Meetings of the Club and at Committee meetings, the Chair for the time being shall have a casting vote in addition to their own vote whenever there would otherwise be an equality of votes.

8.5 Four members of the Committee shall form a quorum.

8.6 The Committee shall have power to make bye-laws not inconsistent with the rules and to alter and rescind such bye-laws.

8.7 Vacancies on the Committee shall be filled by vote of the members (if required by ballot) at the Annual General Meeting, at each AGM one third of the Committee, who have been longest in office, shall retire, but be eligible for re-election. As between two or more members of equal seniority those to retire shall (unless by mutual agreement) be determined by lot.

8.8 Any vacancy on the Committee occurring during the year may be filled by the Committee, but a member so co-opted shall hold office only until the next AGM but shall then be eligible for election.

8.9 The Committee shall have power to appoint members of the Committee for specific purposes even though such appointment(s) would increase the number of Committee members above the maximum of fifteen specified in rule 8.1. Such appointments will lapse when the specific purpose has been fulfilled.

8.10 Any member, together with a seconder, may nominate any other member to be a candidate for election as a member of the Committee by giving notice in writing to the Hon. Sec.

8.11 The notice calling the AGM shall contain a list of all candidates for election. Members of the Committee retiring by rotation and the names of the members proposed by the Committee for election or re-election shall be specified.

8.12 If the number of candidates nominated exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, members shall vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies to be filled, and if any member votes for more or less than that number, her or his vote shall not be counted.

9. ALTERATIONS TO THE RULES

The rules of the Club may be added to or altered at any General Meeting but only by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the Members present thereat and voting thereupon.

10. Dissolution

10.1 A resolution to dissolve the club shall be proposed only at a general meeting and shall be passed only if carried by a majority of at least three quarters of the members present and voting.

10.2 The dissolution shall take effect from the date of the resolution and the members of the committee shall be responsible for the winding up of assets and liabilities of the Club.

10.3 Any property remaining after the discharge of debts and liabilities of the Club shall be paid or distributed to another sports entity or charity as decided upon by the Committee.