



Grantham Squash Rackets Club Constitution

NAME

1. The Club shall be called the Grantham Squash Rackets Club.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 2 a) To provide squash, fitness and leisure facilities to members and guests in a safe and well-maintained environment.
- b) To promote squash to the local community and schools in the Grantham area and support junior coaching at affordable rates to all.
- c) To organize and encourage participation in club leagues, Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire County leagues (men's and ladies)
- d) To provide all its services in a way that it is fair to everyone.
- e) To ensure that all present and future members receive fair and equal treatment.

MEMBERSHIP

3. The Club shall consist of:

- a) Full/Life Members - any person over the age of 18 years may be admitted as a full member entitled to the full privileges of the Club.
- b) Senior Members - any person over the age of 60 years may be admitted as a senior member entitled to the full privileges of the Club.
- c) Student Members - Any person over the age of 16 and under 22 as of 30th June and in full time (Monday to Friday full time) education may be admitted as a student member entitled to the full privileges of the Club, but without the right to vote.
- d) Honorary Members - Any person may be admitted by the Club at a General Meeting as an honorary member for the next squash year and shall enjoy such privileges as the Club may think fit.
- e) Children - Squash facilities with adult supervision.

ADMISSION

4. Membership to the Club is to be available to all without discrimination. Applicants will be approved for membership by a simple majority vote.

In the first instance proof of identity must be shown to either management staff or a committee member and should be at least 2 documents from the following
Passport, driving licence, student card or any relevant utilities invoice/bill.

5. The particulars relating to a candidate shall be posted in the club at least 14 days preceding the day when the candidate comes up for election. The Club Committee may refuse membership, or remove it only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the members

6. A Candidate not elected shall not be proposed again for election within a period of twelve months.

7. On the election of a new member the Membership Secretary shall notify the same to him/her in writing, request him/her to) pay his/her entrance fee and first subscription within a, specified period. On the receipt of the appropriate fees and subscription, the Memberships Secretary shall furnish the member with a copy of the Constitution and the Byelaws. If payment IS not made within the specified period the election shall be void unless sufficient cause be shown to the satisfaction of the Committee.

8. All candidates for admission shall come up for election/I in the order in which their names appear in the candidate's book except that the following persons may have priority at the discretion of the Committee.

- a) Items 4--8 may be suspended from time to time by the Committee.
- b) Any applicant for Full membership who has been a bona fide member of an affiliated squash club for three years.
- c) Any applicant for membership categories other than squash.
- d) Any person nominated for honorary membership.
- e) Any person who has previously been a member of the Cub and who had resigned Full Membership but continued as a Key Member?

CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

9. Any member may resign his membership by giving to the Secretary notice in writing to that effect provided that if notice were given After the 1st August in any year he/she shall be liable to pay his/her subscription for that year.

10. If at any time the Committee shall be of the opinion that the interests of the Club so require they may by letter request any member to resign from the Club Within a time specified in such, letter. In default of his/her resignation the question of expulsion shall be submitted to a special Committee Meeting be held within three weeks after the date specified in such letter as the, date before which he/she shall have been invited to resign, the member whose expulsion IS sought shall have, notice of such committee meeting and of the ground on which It is sought to expel horn/her At such committee meeting the member shall be allowed to offer an explanation for his/her conduct verbally or In writing, and if two thirds of the members present shall vote for his/her expulsion he/ she shall thereupon cease to be a member of the Club. Provided that the vote at any such special Committee Meeting shall be by ballot If not less than five members present thereat shall so demand. It shall be in the power of the Committee to exclude such member from the Club House and Grounds until such special committee meeting shall be held.

11. Any person on ceasing to be a member of the Club shall forfeit all rights to and claim upon the Club, its property and funds.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

12. Any change to the amount of the Annual subscription and entrance fees shall be approved by the club at a full General Meeting for the following financial year, the Committee has the discretion as to whether any approved change is implemented, or current rates held for a further year. Notice of the amounts so fixed shall be displayed on the club noticeboard.

12a) The club is non profit making and any surplus monies from subscriptions or any other income source shall be re-invested in the club for the benefit of of all members (no member shall receive emoluments or dividends – see item 26 financial matters)

13 All annual subscriptions except as provided by Rule 7 shall be payable on the 1st July in each year, and if after a reminder has been given a subscription has not been paid on or before 1st August following, the defaulter shall thereupon cease to be a member of the Club, unless he/she, at the discretion of the Committee, be re-admitted to membership on payment of all arrears.

- a) Each new member shall pay a joining fee appertaining at the time.
- b) Student members of five of more years standing will not be required to pay a joining fee, but will be deemed to have paid the required fee through five continuous yearly subscriptions.

OFFICERS AND MANAGEMENT

14. The management of the Club (except as otherwise provided by these Rules) shall be deputed to a Committee consisting of a maximum of 14 members of whom 3 should ideally be ladies.

15. 50% of the Committee shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. Any two full members may propose any candidate by notice in writing to the Secretary at least 10 days before the meeting. A list of candidates so proposed shall be posted on the Club Notice Board at least 3 days before the meeting. The candidates up to the number of vacancies to be filled who receive the most votes shall be declared elected. In the case of two or more candidates receiving an equal number of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

16. In the event of a vacancy on the Committee, the Committee shall have power to appoint any full members of the Club to fill such vacancy. But the proceedings of the Committee shall not be invalidated in consequence of there being less than the prescribed number of members thereof. (Co-opted members would be expected to stand for election to the committee at the next General Meeting.

17. The Committee shall meet at least ten times a year to examine the accounts and arrange affairs of the Club. Notices of meetings shall be sent to each Committee Member. A quorum shall consist of a minimum of four members. Minutes shall be taken of all proceedings of the Committee and shall be posted on the Club Notice Board.

18. The Committee shall from time to time, make, repeal and amend all such bye-laws and regulations (not inconsistent with this constitution) as they shall think expedient for the internal management, use of the courts, and well-being of the Club. All such bye- laws and regulations shall be binding upon the members until repealed by the Committee or set aside by a resolution of a General Meeting of the Club.

19. The Committee shall have power to make arrangements for holding matches, tournaments, or other like competitions including the imposition of a charge for the admission of members and non-members to the Club and to provide cups and other prizes for competitions and to reserve courts as may be required on any occasion as the Committee in their discretion think proper.

20. The Committee shall appoint from their number or without, the officers of the Club who shall be:

- a) Chairman
- b) Vice-Chairman
- c) Hon Secretary
- d) Hon Treasurer (suspended)
- e) Membership Secretary
- f) Sub Committee Chairman for House, Social and Squash Sub-Committees.

21. The Committee may from time to time appoint such subcommittees, as it may deem necessary, refer to them such of the powers and duties of the Committee as the Committee may determine. Such sub-committees shall periodically report their proceedings to the Committee and shall conduct their business in accordance with the direction of the Committee.

22. The President shall be elected by the members in General Meeting.

TRUSTEES

23. There shall be not more than four and not less than two trustees of the Club. The first trustees shall be appointed by the Committee and the property of the Club (other than cash, which shall be under the control of the Treasurer) shall be vested in them to be dealt with by them as the Committee shall from time to time direct by resolution (of which an entry in the minutes book shall be conclusive evidence). The trustees shall be indemnified against risk and expense Out of the Club property. The trustees shall hold office until death or resignation or until removed from office by a resolution of the Committee who may for any reason, which may seem sufficient to a majority of them present and voting at any meeting remove any trustee or trustees from the office of trustee. Whereby reason of any such death, resignation or removal it shall be necessary to the Committee that a new Trustee or Trustees shall be appointed or if the Committee shall deem it expedient to appoint an additional trustee or additional trustees the Committee by resolution nominate the person or persons to be appointed.

Financial Matters

24. The financial year of the Club shall end on the last day of June in each year, to which the day the accounts of the Club shall be balanced or on such other date as the Committee shall decide.

25. If at any time the Club in General Meeting shall pass a resolution authorizing the Trustees to borrow money, the trustees shall thereupon be empowered to borrow for the purposes of the Club such amount either at one time or from time to time and at such rate of interest and in such form and manner and upon such security as shall be specified in such resolution, and thereupon the trustees at the discretion of the Committee make all such dispositions of the Club property or any part thereof and enter into such agreements in relation thereto as the Committee may deem proper for giving security for such loans and interest. All members of the Club, whether voting on such resolutions or not, and all persons becoming members of the Club after passing of such resolution shall be deemed to have assented to the same as if they had voted in favour of such resolution.

26. No member shall, except for professional service, rendered at the request of the Committee, receive any profit or emoluments from the funds or transactions of the Club.

GENERAL MEETINGS

27. The Annual General Meeting shall be held on the second Wednesday or nearest acceptable weekday in the month of October in each year and one month's notice thereof, posted in the Club and published in the local papers.

28. The Annual General Meeting shall be held for the following purposes:

a) To receive from the Committee a report, balance sheet and statement of accounts for the preceding financial year and an estimate of the receipts and expenditure for the current financial year.

b) To elect the committee and to appoint auditors for the ensuing year.

c) To decide upon any resolution which may be duly submitted to the Meeting as hereinafter provided.

29. Any full member wishing to move a resolution at the Annual General Meeting shall give notice thereof in writing to the Secretary not less than 14 days before the date of such meeting.

30. A copy of the audited balance sheet, statement of account, estimate and notice of all resolutions received shall be available to each member for inspection at the club at least 7 days before the Annual General Meeting.

Special General Meetings

31. The Committee may at any time for any special purpose call a special General Meeting and they shall do so at the request in writing of 10% of full adult members stating the purposes for which the meeting is required.

32. Fourteen days before any special general meeting a printed or written notice of such meeting and of the business to be transacted thereat shall be sent to every member and no business other than that of which notice has been given shall be brought forward at such meeting.

33. At all General Meetings every member who is entitled to shall have one vote on each motion and in the case of equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

34. Voting on each motion shall be by ballot or show of hands at the Chairman's discretion.

35. The quorum at all General Meetings shall be 10% of the Full Members.

36. Notwithstanding any provisions contained in this constitution as to notice for the movement of resolutions and business to be transacted at any special or Annual General Meeting, amendments to any resolutions or other matter duly submitted to such meeting may at the discretion of the Chairman be moved and decided upon at the meeting.

AMENDMENTS OF CONSTITUTION

37. This constitution may be added to, repealed or amended by resolutions at any Annual or Special General Meeting provided that no such resolution shall be deemed to have been passed unless it is carried by a majority of at least two-thirds of the members voting thereon.

SUPPLY OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR

38. The purchase of Intoxicating liquor for and supply by the Club and the staffing of the bar shall be at the discretion of a House sub-committee of not less than 4 members being elected members of the Committee appointed by the Committee for that purpose. In the event of any member ceasing to be a member of the Committee he/she shall automatically cease to be a member of the House sub-committee, and another member of the Committee shall be appointed in his/her place.

39. The charges for refreshments shall be fixed by the House sub-committee.

40. The permitted hours for the supply of intoxicating liquor shall be the usual hours laid down by the Local Licensing Authority.

41. No person shall at any time be entitled to receive at the expense of the Club (or of any member thereof) any commission percentage or similar payment or with reference to purchase of intoxicating liquor by the Club; nor shall any person directly or indirectly receive any pecuniary benefit from the supply of intoxicating liquor by or on behalf of the Club to members or guests apart from any benefit accruing to the Club as a whole and apart from any benefit which a person derives indirectly by reason of the supply giving rise to or contributing to a general gain from the carrying on of the Club.

42. In accordance with Section 49(a) of the Licensing Act 1964 persons other than members and their guests and who are permitted to enter the Club premises on such occasions and in connection with any sporting or social event organized by the club, and bona fide guests of such persons may be supplied with intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises.

VISITORS

43. Every member shall be allowed to introduce visitors subject to such regulations or byelaws as shall be made from time to time by the Committee and every visitor shall be the guest of and be accompanied by the member introducing him/her. both of who shall sign the visitors book immediately on entering the Club premises.

CLUB LIABILITY

44. The Club shall not be responsible for articles of value left on the premises or for injury by any member or visitor on the Club premises.

DISSOLUTION

45. If at any General Meeting a resolution for the dissolution of the Club shall be passed by a majority of the members present, and such resolution shall at a special General Meeting held not less than one month thereafter at which not less than one-half of the members shall be present, be confirmed by a resolution passed by a majority of two-thirds of the members voting thereon, the Committee shall thereupon or at such future date as shall be specified in such resolution proceed to realize the property of the Club and after discharge of liabilities any remaining assets will be given or transferred to either the sport's governing body for use in community related sport, another CASC within the scheme or a charity.

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