

Yorkshire Tennis Ltd Rules (1st January 2024)

These rules are subservient to the Articles of the Company which have absolute precedence. These rules are operational rules for the company and should be read together with the Articles of the Company.

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1 Name

The name of the Company is Yorkshire Tennis Ltd.

2 Definitions

2.1 In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires:

- “Annual Registration Payment” means the payment required by the LTA for venue registration with the LTA in accordance with Rule 7.1;
- “Annual” means the period of twelve months from 1st January to 31st December;
- “Associate Member” means an individual or organisation admitted by the Directors as an informal, non-voting, member of the Company in accordance with Article 7.6, and who/ which agrees as a condition of Associate Membership to be bound by, and subject to, the Articles and Rules of the Company, the LTA Rules and the LTA Disciplinary Code.
- “Tennis/tennis” shall mean the game of tennis and padel in all its forms.
- “the Board” means the management body of the Company.
- “the Chair” means the Chair of the Board of Directors.
- “the County” means the County of Yorkshire.
- “the Directors” means the persons selected to be directors of the Company
- “the Disciplinary Code” means the disciplinary code of the LTA in force from time to time.
- “the Game” means the game of tennis and padel in all its forms.
- “the LTA” means the Lawn Tennis Association (the governing body of tennis within Great Britain, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man) of the National Tennis Centre, 100 Priory Lane,

Roehampton, London, SW19 5JQ and its subsidiaries or such successor, entity or entities as become(s) the governing body of the game of tennis within Great Britain, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man from time to time.

- “the LTA Rules” means the rules of the LTA in force from time to time.
- “Member” and “Membership” refer to membership of the Company.
- “YLTA” means the Yorkshire Lawn Tennis Association as dissolved in December 2022”.

3 Objects

3.1 The objects of the Company are set out in paragraph 4 the Articles of the Company.

4 Members

4.1 The subscribers to the Memorandum are the first Members of the Company. See Article 7 of the Articles of Association.

4.2 Any person who is appointed a Director will automatically become a Member. No person other than a Director may be admitted as a Member.

4.3 Whenever a person ceases to be a Director, then they cease to be a Member also.

5 Associate Membership

5.1 Associate Membership is open to;

5.1.1 any individual interested in promoting the Objects of the Company and whom the Directors believe would add value to the Company.

5.1.2. any organization that is properly registered with the LTA (including payment of the LTA annual registration payment); is based within the County; and provides organised tennis opportunities to the satisfaction of the Directors;

5.1.3. any other organization interested in promoting the Objects of the Company and whom the Directors believe would add value to the Company.

5.2 Further details of Associate Membership, including disputes, voting rights, termination etc are contained in paragraph 7 of the Articles of the Company.

5.3 Each Associate member agrees as a condition of associate membership of the Company:

(a) to be bound by and subject to the Articles of the Company and by these Rules.

(b) to be bound by the LTA Rules, the LTA Disciplinary Code and the LTA Code of Conduct.

(c) to meet and adhere to LTA minimum safeguarding standards at all times.

(d) to adopt and promote inclusion and diversity in line with LTA policy.

and in the case of an organisation included under 5.1.2 above agrees:

(e) to ensure that its own members, coaches and, so far as is reasonably practicable, players, using its facilities are bound by and adhere to the LTA Rules, the LTA Disciplinary Code, the LTA Code of Conduct and the LTA minimum safeguarding standards and Inclusion and diversity policies and practices as appropriate.

5.4 The Directors, in their absolute discretion, may require an Associate Member to pay a one-time fee, an annual fee or no fee at all.

6 Patronage

6.1 The Directors, in their absolute discretion, may create one or more patronage schemes and may determine the amounts required for individuals to become Patrons.

7 Sponsorship, Donations and Patronage.

7.1 Sponsorship, donations and patronage do not in themselves confer any rights to take part in the management of the Company or to vote at general meetings. However, the Board shall have discretion to bestow such benefits to Associate Members as it, from time to time, sees fit to so do.

8 Termination

8.1 In accordance with paragraph 7.9 of the Articles of the Company, the Board shall have power to terminate an Associate Membership if it, in its sole discretion, determines that it would be in the best interests of the Company to so do.

8.2 An Associate Membership shall not be terminated unless that Associate Member has received a written (this shall include e-mail) communication giving 14 days' notice to attend a meeting with the Board, or selected Directors of the Board, with details of the reason for the proposed termination.

8.3 The Associate Member shall be given an opportunity to appear before the Board, or Directors of the Board to answer any case made against the Associate Member and that Associate Membership shall not be terminated unless at least two thirds of the Directors of the Board vote in favour of the termination.

9 President

9.1 The Board may appoint a President of the Company to perform such duties for the Company as the Board from time to time sees fit. The President may, but does not have to be, a Director of the Company.

9.2 The President shall be appointed for a term of three years.

9.3 The President can be reappointed for two further three-year periods but cannot serve for more than nine years.

10 Appointment of a representative to the LTA

10.1 The Board shall nominate one of their number to serve as the representative of the Company to the Council of the LTA.

11 Chair

11.1 Steven Jones is appointed as the first Chair of the Company for a period of three years.

11.2 The Chair may be reappointed for two further three-year periods but cannot serve as Chair for more than nine years

12 General Meetings

12.1 Provisions for general meetings are covered within paragraph 8 of the Articles of the Company. In addition to those:

12.1.1. The Board may hold one general meeting of the Company each year which it designates as "The Annual General Meeting" and which will be open to all Associate Members. All Members and Associate Members shall be given reasonable notice of such a meeting, including the date, time and venue.

12.1.2. Only Members are entitled to vote at general meetings. At the discretion of the Chair, any Member or Associate Member shall be invited to speak. Should the Chair so choose, a show of hands of all those Members present (including Associate Members) may be taken and the result treated as advisory and non-binding by the Chair. The Chair and the Board shall be obliged to take any such show of hands into account in their deliberations but shall not be obliged to be governed by them.

13 Alteration of these Rules.

13.1 The Board shall have the power to make, repeal and amend these rules as it may from time to time consider necessary, desirable and appropriate to so do. Any such rule alterations shall have immediate effect.

14 Finance

14.1 All money payable to the Company shall be received by persons authorised by the Board to receive such money and shall be deposited in a bank account in the name of the Company. No sum shall be drawn from any accounts of the Company except in accordance with the conditions and limits agreed by the Board from time to time.

14.2 The income and property of the Company shall be applied only in furtherance of the objects of the company and in accordance with Article 6 of the Articles of Association of the Company.

14.3 The Board shall have power to authorise honoraria and expenses to any Director, or employee of the Company and to any other person or persons for services rendered to the Company.

14.4 The financial transactions of the Company shall be recorded in accordance with the pertaining legal requirements and in such other manner as the Board from time to time deems appropriate.

15 Honorary Life Vice Presidents, Vice Presidents and Honorary Associate Members.

15.1 Those persons who were, under the YLTA, previously nominated as Honorary Life Vice Presidents or Vice Presidents or Honorary Members are transferred en bloc to the Company. The Board will at its discretion decide whether to retain these honorary posts for life (unless they are subject to sanction under the LTA Disciplinary Code), dispense with them, invite new candidates and/or otherwise act in the interests of the company.

15.2 Honorary Life Vice-Presidents, Vice Presidents and Honorary Associate Members are not entitled to vote at any general meeting.

16 County Qualifications

16.1 The Board shall award and be the sole regulator of County colours, badges and apparel.

16.2 No player shall be eligible to play for the County in matches or to enter for the County closed Championships unless:

(a) The player is a member of a fully associated entity (see Rule 5.1) and

(b) The player has a birth qualification (birth certificate) showing that the player was born in the County or has been in permanent residence in the County for at least 12 months (six months in the case of juniors) immediately preceding the match or competition); and

(c) The player has not played in a match for any other county or in any other county closed championships during the previous 12 months (six months in the case of juniors) or the player is an Honorary Associate Member of the Company, and

(d) A player may satisfy requirement (b) if that player after marriage elects to adopt the residential qualifications of that players' spouse or any other qualification the spouse may be exercising at the time, provided that before playing under such qualification that player gives notice in writing to the Company.

17 Yorkshire Tennis Ltd Disciplinary Code

17.1 The Company has chosen to follow the principles and procedures of the LTA's Disciplinary Code where matters of discipline are within its sole jurisdiction.

17.2 As required a Disciplinary Panel will be appointed by the Chair or if the Chair is involved in the disciplinary matter, the Board shall make the appointment. The Disciplinary Panel shall compose three Directors of the Board with no prior involvement in the disciplinary matter or any direct relationship with the person, the subject of the hearing. If necessary, the Board may appoint an independent person or persons of good standing and experience to serve on and/or chair a Disciplinary Panel.

17.3 Either party shall have the right of appeal in accordance with the terms of the LTA Disciplinary Code. The appeal hearing shall be heard by an Appeals Tribunal consisting of a Director of the Company not previously involved in the matter plus two other Members of the Company with no prior involvement in matter or relationship with the appellant. If necessary, the Board may appoint an independent person or persons of good standing and experience to serve on and/or chair an Appeals Tribunal.

17.4 Provided 48 hours notice is given, any person appearing before a Disciplinary Panel or Appeals Tribunal may be

accompanied by a person of their choice who may speak on their behalf.

17.5 A decision of the Appeals Tribunal shall be deemed to be a decision of the Company and is final and binding.

18 Governance Code.

18.1 Yorkshire Tennis Ltd will adopt the LTA Governance Code and will take all reasonable steps to ensure compliance with the Code (as amended from time to time). Should for any reason, the Company find this is not possible then it will publish on its website the reasons therefor along with plans to achieve compliance in a reasonable timeframe.

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