



Constitution

**Ashbrook Lawn Tennis Club
Bushes Lane,
Grosvenor Road (Rear),
Rathgar,
Dublin 6.**

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1. The Club shall be called The Ashbrook Lawn Tennis Club
2. The main objective of the Club shall be the promotion of Tennis. The Club shall also promote social activities and provide social amenities and fitness facilities for the benefit of the members.
3. The colour of the Club shall be black and gold.
4. A management committee shall conduct the business and affairs of the Club, and the members of that committee shall be elected for not less than one year by the general body of the members and shall be subject to annual re-election. All other Committees are a subcommittee of the management committee.
5. The management committee shall be nine in number, namely a President, Chairperson, Men's Captain Lady Captain Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer (hereinafter called " the Officers") and three other members. To be eligible for election to the management committee, the applicant shall have been a member of the Club in the preceding year. The management committee shall meet at least monthly during the year.
6. The quorum at management committee meetings shall be five, two of whom shall be Officers.
7. No member of the management committee and no manager or servant employed in the Club, shall have any personal interest in the sale of excisable liquors therein, or in the profits arising from any such sale.
8. The membership of the Club shall consist of Ordinary members/ Honorary members, and Junior members, as described in these rules.
9. No person shall be allowed to become an Honorary member of the Club, or be relieved of the payment of the regular subscription, except those possessing certain qualifications which are defined in these Rules and subject to the

conditions and regulations.

10. There shall be a defined subscription payable by members the amount of which subscription shall be fixed the management committee from time to time and be payable in advance on the 1st May in each year.
11. To be eligible for election as an ordinary member of the Club a person must be eighteen years of age on the 1st day of January in any year.
12. An Honorary member may be elected at an Annual General Meeting by a four fifths majority of the members present and voting. A proposal that a person be elected an Honorary member must be signed by at least twenty ordinary members or honorary members or by a majority of the management committee and handed to the Honorary Secretary before the 15th of August in any one year and notified to the members at least fourteen days before the date of the Annual General Meeting. Honorary membership shall be confined to those who in the opinion of the management committee and the members have rendered signal service to the Club. They shall have full membership rights but shall not be required to pay the annual subscription.
13. The management committee shall have power to elect annually as many junior members as they shall deem advisable. No person over 18 years of age on the 1st day January shall be eligible for Junior membership.
14. Where two or more members of the one family are members of the Club, they shall be liable for reduced family subscription as defined by the management committee.
15. The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held by November each year and notice of the meeting shall be conveyed to the members entitled to vote at least fourteen days beforehand by email sent to each member to his last known address.
16. The Officers and management committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.

17. The Officers and members of the management committee retiring shall be eligible for re-election
18. Candidates seeking election as Officers or members of the management committee shall be proposed and seconded by two members and the name of such candidate with their proposer and seconder shall be with the Honorary Secretary at least seven days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.
19. In the event of a vacancy occurring among the Officers or management committee during the year, the remaining Officers and members of the management committee shall have the power to co-opt an ordinary member of the Club to fill such vacancy.
20. The Tennis Committee shall consist of seven persons the Lady and Gents Captains, and three members elected by the AGM not of the same sex, i.e. either two gents or two ladies and one either gent or lady as appropriate, and two members co-opted by the Tennis Committee
21. An Auditor shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting
22. Resolutions for consideration at the Annual General Meeting must be received by the Honorary Secretary at least five days before the date fixed for the meeting in question. Such resolutions must be proposed and seconded by two ordinary members of the Club
23. Correct accounts and books shall be kept by the Club showing the financial affairs and receipts and disbursements of the Club. The Auditors shall have access to the Club books at all reasonable hours and shall audit a statement of accounts prepared by the Honorary Treasurer for the year ending 30th September before the Annual General Meeting

24. GUESTS

- 24.1 Every member shall be allowed to introduce visitors subject to the following provisions:

- (a) The same person, except where the person is a husband, wife or child of a member, shall not be admitted as a visitor to the Club premises on more than twenty days in any twelve months.
- (b) A visitor shall not be supplied with excisable liquor in the Club premises unless on the invitation and in the company of a member and the member shall upon the admission of such visitor to the Club premises or immediately on his being supplied with such liquor, enter his own name and the name and address of the visitor in a book, which shall be kept for the purpose, and which shall show the date of each visit.
- (c) A member introducing a visitor shall be responsible for his good behaviour
- (d) No visitor shall remain on the Club premises after the member introducing him has left
- (e) No person shall be introduced as a visitor who shall have been expelled or suspended from membership or whose conduct or presence in the Club premises shall be considered by the management committee objectionable or prejudicial to the interest of the Club.

25 SUPPLY OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR.

- 25.1 All excisable liquor may be sold or supplied for consumption outside the Club including beer, lager, stout, sherry, wine and spirits.
- 25.2 No excisable liquor may be sold or supplied for consumption outside the Club premises except to members of the Club
- 25.3 Except during such period or periods as the management committee deems fit, the Club shall be opened for the accommodation of members during such hours as the management committee shall from time to time determine. No member shall be allowed to remain on the premises outside the permitted hours
- 25.4 Notice in plain type is to be exhibited in a conspicuous part of the Club stating the hours during which excisable liquor may be supplied.
- 25.5 Members or visitors may not bring into the Club premises private supplies of excisable liquor of any sort for consumption on the premises.
- 25.6 No excisable liquor shall be sold or supplied to any person under the age of eighteen years.
- 25.7 No excisable liquor shall be supplied to any person who is deemed by a member of the management committee or by the Manager, Assistant manager or Senior Barman in charge of the Club for the time being to be intoxicated.

25.8 No excisable liquor shall be supplied for consumption on the Club premises to any person or be consumed on the premises by any person:

- (a) At any time on Christmas day or Good Friday:
- (b) On any other date(s), as specified by the management committee.

25.9 No person under the age of 18 years will be allowed into the licensed area of the Club after 9pm

25.10 Any person in the licensed area of the club after 9pm must produce proof of age if required, if they are believed to under 18 years of age.

25.11 Permitted Hours including Drinking Up Time)

The following are legally permitted bar opening times

- **Monday to Thursday:** 10:30 am to 11:30 pm.
- **Friday and Saturday:** 10:30 am to 12:30 am.
- **Sunday:** 12:30 pm to 11:00 pm.
- **Drinking Up Time:** A 30-minute "drinking up time" is permitted after the closing time.
- **Special Exemptions:** Clubs can apply for up to 15 special exemptions per year to serve alcohol outside these hours.

25.12 The management committee may alter or add to such Rule or Rules dealing with the supply or consumption of excisable liquor for the purpose of complying with the licensing laws for the being in force, or for the purpose of satisfying the requirements of the members in accordance with such laws. In addition to the foregoing Rules and Clauses thereof, the clauses and Regulations embodied in the registration of Clubs acts 1904-1986 and the Acts extending and amending the same shall be deemed Rules of the Club.

26 The Ashbrook Lawn Tennis Club shall have first claim on the services of any member if required in League or any other matches. A member who has played in the League in any year for another club may be debarred from competing in the Club Championship in that year.

27. On motion supported by at least 15 ordinary members of the Club, the management committee shall have power to suspend, and if they see fit to expel, any member of the Club whom they may consider having acted in a manner derogatory to the interest or welfare of the Club. Notice of such motion shall be given in writing to the Honorary Secretary at least 21 days before the meeting of the management committee to consider the motion.
28. All complaints or communications on Club matters shall be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary.
29. The Honorary Secretary shall convene all General and Special General Meeting of members of the Club and meetings of the management committee.
30. A special General Meeting of the members of the Club may be convened at any time either by the management committee or by a written requisition to the Honorary Secretary, signed by not fewer than twenty ordinary or honorary members of the Club and stating the object of proposed meeting. The Honorary Secretary shall call the Special General Meeting within fourteen days of the receipt by him/her of such requisition by written notice sent to each member entitled to vote to his/her last known address.
31. The management committee may from time to time make, vary and rescind byelaws regulating the affairs of the Club but in the case of any inconsistency between any such byelaws and these Rules the Rules shall prevail. All byelaws made by the management committee shall be published on the Club notice board.
32. Notwithstanding anything herein before contained, a General Meeting shall have power to elect Trustees of the Club (not exceeding four). The club will indemnify the trustees out of club assets for costs or liabilities incurred in the good faith discharge of their duties. A proposed Trustee may only be nominated by the management committee. And the named nominee shall be circulated to the members entitled to vote at least seven days before the proposed General Meeting. The election of a Trustee at a General Meeting must be by a two-thirds majority of the members present and eligible to vote.
33. All members assets vested in the name of the Trustees shall be held by them in trust, for the members of the Club entitled to share in them. Such assets may only be sold or otherwise disposed of with the sanction of the management committee. In the event of any Trustee refusing to sell or

otherwise dispose of trust property vested in them, at the request of the management committee, the management committee may call a General Meeting, where the matter shall be decided by a two-thirds majority of those present and eligible to vote.

34. A trustee so elected shall hold the office of Trustee until his/her death or resignation. He/Her can only otherwise be removed from office on the proposal of the management committee duly approved by a two-thirds majority of those present and eligible to vote at a General Meeting.
35. The Trustee shall be deemed to be Trustees within the meaning of the Trustee Acts.
36. Notwithstanding anything herein before contained the Trustees shall, with the sanction of the management committee, have the right to sell, lease, purchase, take on lease or otherwise acquire land, buildings, or other real or personal property of interest therein in trust for the members of the Club entitled to them, and to borrow or raise money on the security of any land, building, or property so acquired provided always that such decision shall be passed by two-thirds majority of those present and eligible to vote at a General Meeting.
37. Insofar as the assets of the Club may be deficient the Trustees and the management committee shall be indemnified against any liability legitimately incurred by them by reason of their position, by the members of the Club.
38. Notwithstanding anything herein before contained the management committee shall have power to amend the foregoing Rules, only insofar as such amendment is solely required for the purpose of ensuring that such Rules will at all times reflect and conform with current legislation in relation to registered Clubs.