

YARM TENNIS CLUB

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

1. The Club shall be called the “Yarm Tennis Club.”
2. The purpose of the Club is to promote and provide facilities for the amateur sport of Lawn Tennis in Yarm and to encourage community participation in the same.
3. The affairs of the Club shall be managed by a Committee consisting of a President, Secretary, Membership Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Captain, Vice Captain, and up to ten other members. The Committee has the power to co-opt two additional members and to replace any Committee Member who may resign. Any SEVEN of such Committee shall form a quorum. Each elected member of the Committee shall agree to comply with the LTA’s Rules and Disciplinary Code.
4. An Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held not later than March 31st in any year when the accounts and report for the past year ending the last day of December, after having been duly independently examined, shall be presented and the officers elected for the ensuing year.
5. Each member agrees as a condition of membership:
 - a) To be bound by and subject to the Rules of Yarm Tennis Club
 - b) To be bound by and subject to the LTA’s Rules and Disciplinary Code
 - c) To at all times behave in a manner that will not bring the Club or the Game into disrepute
6. The Committee shall have power to decide all disputes that may arise and shall be the sole interpreters of the Rules of the Club. The Committee may terminate the membership of any person, refuse membership or impose any other sanction they determine to be appropriate, in connection with the breach of any condition of membership set out in the Rules of the Club.

The member concerned may appeal against such decision.
7. The Club may borrow money from the Lawn Tennis Association or from other sources, for use in maintaining or extending the Club’s facilities, and the Committee is empowered to seek such loans at its discretion.
8. There is an open access policy for New Members – anyone is allowed to join irrespective of age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, ethnic origin, nationality, creed or other beliefs.
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 - a) The opening date of the Club is April 1st each year.
 - b) The annual subscription shall be determined by the Committee and approved by a majority of Senior Members present at the Annual General Meeting. Subscriptions are due on or before May 1st and there will be separate rates for Senior, Student and Junior Members.
 - c) Any Member not having paid his/her subscription on June 1st shall be deemed to have resigned. If such a member has played after April 1st, he/she will be liable for the full subscription.
 - d) The Committee is empowered to accept new Members at a reduced subscription, if application for membership is made late in the season.
 - e) Members not having paid their current year’s annual subscription shall not be eligible to play in any of the club teams.
 - f) All new Members shall pay a joining fee, the amount which will be determined by the Committee. Former Members are exempt from this fee.
 - g) The Club has a flexible approach to membership subscription. Members may pay in instalments over the course of the year by arrangement with the Club Committee the Membership Secretary or the Treasurer. Concessions are available to students, juniors and other groups on application.
10. The courts shall be open for play each day. If courts are full and Members are waiting for a court;
 - Members shall play in the rotation in which they arrive on the courts, unless any special arrangement, approved by the Committee, has been made – see section 11.

- A court shall not be occupied by the same players for more than one set (not exceeding eleven games, or 8 games on Club Nights). No singles matches (except Cup Matches and Club Championships) will be played after 6.30 p.m. or at weekends, when there are Members waiting for a court.
11. The Committee may set priorities on court usage. Priority will be given to activities organised by the Committee, including tournaments, matches, team practices, Club sessions, and as specifically agreed by the Committee for the use of Club coaches. During match nights, Members are not allowed to play on the courts being used for the match until the match is finished. Three courts will generally be available on match nights for other users.
 12. Friday night from April to July is exclusively Junior night. After 6.30 pm on all other evenings, Senior members have priority. Juniors may still use any courts that are free providing they come off when requested to do so.
 13. Balls will be provided by the Club for Club sessions and matches.
 14. (a) The Club has a clothing policy that allows players to wear coloured sports clothing, but all Members must provide their own racquets and tennis shoes. In inclement weather, tracksuits are permissible.
(b) In warm weather, removal of tennis shirts is not permitted whilst on court and offenders will be warned as to their future conduct.
 15. (a) All Visitors must sign the Visitors' Book before commencing play.
(b) Visitors will be allowed to play on the invitation of, and accompanied by a Member, for a maximum of 4 times per annum. The Member sponsoring the Visitor is responsible for the Visitor's conduct and fee.
(c) Visitors on holiday in the district and introduced by a Member are permitted to join on a weekly /monthly rate to be determined annually by the Committee.
 16. All unlicensed and unregistered coaches; and, as far as is reasonably practicable, players from visiting clubs who use the facilities are required as a condition of use to agree to the Rules of Yarm Tennis Club and the LTA's Rules and Disciplinary Code.
 17. Payment of the full Senior Tennis Club Membership fee shall entitle that person to Membership of the Yarm Sports and Social Club. A membership tag is provided to all members, and must be shown if requested when visiting the Social Club.
 18. Juniors of sufficient ability (to be determined at the discretion of the Committee) may be invited to join Senior practice nights, tournaments, teams and club nights. Such members will pay a subscription according to their age.
 19. Except at the Annual General Meeting, no rule shall be added, altered or rescinded except by a majority of Senior Members present at a meeting specially convened for that purpose.
 20. Only the official Club Coaches shall have use of the courts for paid coaching as permitted by the Committee.
 21. A Junior Member is defined as being in Year 12 or under at the start of the season (01 April).
A Student Member is defined as being in Year 13 or above and in full-time education on this date.
 22. All surplus income or profits are reinvested in the Club. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or third parties.
 23. Upon dissolution of the Club, any remaining assets (after repaying any outstanding loans and meeting any contractual obligation to repay any unspent grant to the grantor) shall be given or transferred to another registered CASC, a registered charity or the sport's governing body.
 24. The use of floodlights is not included in the membership fee. Charges for use of floodlights (for both Club Nights and individual bookings) will be determined by the Committee, and must be paid before play commences.
 25. The Committee may, at its discretion, allow occasional use of some or all of the Club's courts by non-members. This may include competitions, social events etc, and advance warning of such events will be made to members.