



Rules of Devonshire Social Club

1. Name

The Club shall be known as Devonshire Social Club (**DSC**).

2. Objects

The objects of the Club shall be to provide social activities based at Sutton Tennis & Squash Club (**STSC**), 19 Devonshire Road, Sutton, Surrey SM2 5HQ and to entitle its members to use of the social facilities provided there, subject to a Deed of Agreement between STSC, DSC and Sutton Tennis & Squash Club CIO dated 31st March 2021 and the Rules of STSC

3. Management

The affairs of the Club shall be managed by a Committee of three Club members who will, in the first instance be volunteers, one of who will be nominated Club Secretary. Thereafter each year at the AGM (see Rule 9) the members of the Club (excluding those under 18) shall elect by a majority vote a Secretary and two other Committee members. Two members shall form a quorum where one shall be the Secretary. Each member of the Committee shall be entitled to one vote. In the event of equality the Secretary shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.

Nominations

Any two members of the Club who are over 18 shall be entitled to nominate a member to serve in any of the capacities in i and ii above. All nominations must be in writing and must be received by the Club Secretary at least 7 days before the AGM.

Ballots

In the event of a ballot, ballot papers shall be prepared containing the names of the candidates and each member over the age of 18 present at the AGM shall be entitled to vote. In the event of equality in a ballot, the Secretary shall have a second or casting vote.

Casual Vacancies

In case there shall not be a sufficient number of candidates nominated, the Committee may fill the remaining vacancies.

4. Club Year

The Club year shall be from 1 April to 31 March.

5. Membership and Subscriptions

The membership of the Club shall consist of individuals who are not members of and do not currently play racquet sports of at Sutton Tennis & Squash. Membership shall be limited to such numbers as the Committee may, from time to time, decide.

The entrance fee and the annual subscription shall be determined annually by the Committee. Subscriptions shall include any government tax.

6. Payment of Subscriptions

Annual subscriptions shall be payable in advance and renewed on the anniversary of the date they joined.

7 Resignation

Any member desiring to resign shall notify the Secretary in writing.

8 Conformity with the Rules and Disciplinary Code

Each member agrees as a condition of membership to be bound by and subject to the Rules of the Club as in force from time to time.

The Committee may terminate the membership of any person or impose any other sanction they determine to be appropriate, in connection with the breach of this condition.

9. Annual General Meeting

A General Meeting shall be held each year, at which a financial statement for the Club year ending 31st March shall be produced to members. 21 days notice in writing of such meeting shall be given to all members. Notice given by means of email, by posting on the club's website and by display in the clubhouse will be deemed sufficient.

Any member desiring to move any resolution at a General Meeting shall give notice thereof in writing to the Secretary not less than 21 days before the date of such meeting.

10. Extraordinary General Meeting

The Committee may call an EGM as required and shall be bound to do so on the receipt by the Secretary of a requisition signed by at least 15 members of the Club (being over the age of 18).

At least 7 days notice in writing of such a meeting shall be given to members, specifying the purpose for which such a meeting is called.

11. The Rules of the Club

The rules of the Club shall be altered only at an AGM, or at an EGM specially convened for the purpose. Each individual alteration or addition shall be considered and noted upon separately and will require a two-thirds majority of members present.

12. Contravention of Rules and/or Regulations

Any member contravening the Club Rules and/or regulations, or who in the opinion of the Committee behaves in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the Club may be suspended or expelled by the Committee. Such a member shall be given at least 7 days' notice and an opportunity of being heard in explanation or defence. A member who has been suspended or expelled shall have no claim for return of any portion of his or her subscription and shall not be eligible for re-election.

13. Use of the Club

The Committee shall agree the terms of use of the clubhouse, bar and facilities with the Management Committee of STSC.

14. Visitors to the Club

Members may introduce visitors subject to the Rules. All visitors must be signed-in to the Visitors Book by the member whose guest they are.

A member may not introduce more than 3 visitors at any one time, and no visitor may be invited to the Club more than 6 times in any one year, subject to the discretion of the Committee to waive this rule in certain instances.

Visitors are not permitted to purchase drinks at the bar.

15. Application of Assets on Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of the Club, any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall not be paid to or distributed among the Members of the Club but shall be given or transferred to Sutton Tennis & Squash Club.

Dated March 2021