

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

CONSTITUTION

1. The Club shall be called the Aylesbury Lawn Tennis and Squash Rackets Club.
2. The Club shall be controlled by the Club Committee.
3. All members shall also be members of the Aylesbury and District Sports Club and shall be governed by its rules where applicable.
4. Aylesbury Lawn Tennis and Squash Club is a non-profit making organisation. In the event that the club ceases to operate, any surpluses will be either returned to the members or passed over to another non-profit making organisation.

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5. A President shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Club shall be governed by a main committee, consisting of Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon Treasurer, Social Chairman, Bar Chairman, and Pavilion Chairman, all of whom shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. In addition, the Tennis Chairman, Tennis Secretary and three tennis representatives elected at the Annual Meeting of the Tennis Section, together with the Squash Chairman, Squash Secretary and three squash representatives elected at the Annual Meeting of the Squash Section will sit on the Club Committee. The Club Committee will be served by Sub-Committees for tennis, squash, social activities, bar and pavilion maintenance. The Chairman, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer will be ex officio members of all Sub-Committees. The Club Committee shall have the power to co-opt any member to any office, or on to the Club Committee or any sub-committee. Members of the Club Committee and all Sub-Committees must be full members of the Club.
6. Vice-Presidents may be elected at the Annual General Meeting or appointed by the Club Committee.
7. Seven members of the Club Committee shall form a quorum. If any member be absent for three consecutive meetings, the Club Committee, at its discretion, may declare the seat vacant.
8. The Committee may, for particular purposes, delegate powers to a sub-committee of three or more members.
9. The Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon Treasurer or any two other Committee members may summon a meeting of the Club Committee.
10. The Club Committee may call an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club on giving 14 days' notice and specifying a reason. The Hon. Secretary may call a meeting on receipt of a request signed by 15 members and stating the reason.
11. The Annual General Meeting shall be held at a date to be fixed by the Club Committee and the agenda will be posted on the notice boards in the Pavilion at least 14 days before the date of the meeting. Notice of any resolution must reach the Hon. Secretary at least seven days before the Annual General Meeting.
12. All proposed members of the Club shall be subject to the approval of the Club Committee who shall have the power to suspend any member for misconduct or breach of the Club rules and regulations.
13. The tennis season shall be from 1 April to 31 March and the Squash season from 1 October to 30 September.
14. Subscriptions become due for tennis on 1 April and for squash on 1 October. Combined subscriptions may be paid either at the commencement of the tennis season or in two instalments to coincide with the commencement of the respective seasons in any one year. The first instalment of a combined subscription must be the full appropriate fee for the tennis section.
15. Subscriptions for new members of the Club must be paid at the time of application. Existing members' subscriptions must be paid within one calendar month of the commencement of the season, otherwise membership will be considered to have lapsed.
16. Any member leaving the Club one month or more from the beginning of the playing season becomes liable to pay the full subscription for that season. New members joining the Club after three months from the beginning of the tennis season and four months from the beginning of the squash season may pay a reduced subscription on a pro rata basis at the discretion of the Hon. Treasurer. Subscriptions are not returnable.

18. For subscription purposes members shall, in any one year, be defined as follows:

SENIOR	18 years and over on 1 April for tennis and on 1 October for squash.
INTERMEDIATE	16 years and over but under 18 years on 1 April for tennis 16 years and on 1 October for squash.
JUNIOR	12 years and over but under 16 years on 1 April for tennis and on 1 October for squash.
YOUNG JUNIOR	Under 12 years on 1 April for tennis and 1 October for squash.
STUDENT	Persons who are receiving a full-time education and aged 18 years and over on 1 April for tennis and on 1 October for squash.
MIDWEEK	18 years and over on 1 April and playing up to 5 pm on Mondays to Fridays (inclusive) only for tennis and on 1 October and playing up to 4 pm on Mondays to Fridays (inclusive) only for squash.

A discount off the senior membership fee may be applied to any applicant who has been unemployed for at least six months. At the discretion of the committee a reduced membership fee (but no less than that applicable to unemployed members) may be applied to applicants who are on a low income.

19. Family subscriptions: Normal subscriptions will be payable by individual members of any one family up to the amount shown under Family (max.) in the subscriptions exhibited on the Club notice board. Children in any one family who have attained the age of 18 years will be considered as individual members except in the case of students, who will remain eligible for consideration in the Family (max.) subscription.

20. The court fee for squash shall be determined by the Squash Sub-Committee and the floodlit fee for tennis shall be determined by the Tennis Sub-Committee and both ratified by the Club Committee.

21. Visitors to the Club shall not be allowed to play on more than three occasions in any one season without the prior consent of a committee member. All visitors must be introduced by a Club member who will be responsible for them and for the payment of the appropriate fee. Any member wishing to bring more than two playing visitors to the Club must obtain the prior consent of a committee member.

22. Social members, on joining the Club, must either be proposed or seconded by a full member and be aged 18 years or over. The application shall be posted on the notice board for a period of seven days, during which time objections to membership can be made to the Hon. Secretary in writing. A social member is a non-voting member of the Club. The annual subscription is to be fixed at the Annual General Meeting and be published in the pavilion. Temporary membership is available for persons aged 18 years and over, without payment of a subscription, for one evening only, when attending an organised function, providing that a list of such persons is exhibited on the Club notice board, together with the name of the member proposing them, for seven days prior to such a function.

23. Members' spouses are automatically Social members of the Club.

24. The Committee is empowered to borrow money on behalf of the Club for the purpose of extensions and improvements.

25. On joining the Aylesbury Lawn Tennis and Squash Rackets Club, all members automatically become subject to its Rules and Regulations and, where applicable, those of the Aylesbury and District Sports club.

26. Alterations to the Constitution and Rules of the Club shall only be made at a General Meeting of Club members, and must be carried by a two-thirds majority of the members present. Proxy votes are not acceptable at a General Meeting. Only senior members are eligible to vote at a General meeting.

27. The Regulations for tennis and squash can be deleted, added to or amended by the Club Committee. Tennis Regulations may only be altered by a majority decision of tennis members of the Club Committee. Squash Regulations may only be altered by a majority decision of squash members of the Club Committee.

28. Smoking is not permitted in any part of the pavilion or on the squash or tennis courts.

29. Any question not provided for in the Rules shall be decided by the Club Committee whose decision shall be final.