

GAINSBOROUGH TOWN TENNIS CLUB

Constitution and rules adopted at AGM held 8 March 2005, as amended -30 July 2013

1. NAME

The club shall be called "Gainsborough Town Tennis Club"

1. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting shall be held in March. Not less than 14 days notice shall be given in writing to all members.

2. COMMITTEE

The club shall be managed by a committee elected at the Annual General Meeting consisting of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Team captains, Membership Secretary and up to 4 other members. The committee shall fill any casual vacancy. The committee shall meet as and when necessary but not less than once a month during the playing season. Officials hold post for a maximum of 3 years and then must stand down, unless democratically agreed by members attending the Annual General Meeting.

The committee will be responsible for the day to day management of the club. The Secretary will keep written Minutes taken at the committee meetings and the Annual General Meeting. Minutes will be made available after each meeting for other members of the club to view. The Treasurer will be responsible for recording all of the club's income and expenditure, banking and payment of monies, together with the preparation and of Annual Accounts, which shall be independently audited. The monies held by the club shall be used solely towards the running of the club, including court and general maintenance, insurance, rent, affiliation fees, and equipment, and shall not be used for the personal benefit of any individual committee member, club member, or anyone connected directly or indirectly with the club.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Application for membership shall be made on the appropriate form and handed to any member of the committee together with the fee whenever possible.

4. SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions shall be determined by the Annual General Meeting and shall be due on or before 1st May. A member shall be liable for payment of the subscription unless written notice of resignation has been given to the secretary before 31st May. Subs received after this date will be subject to a surcharge (this does not include new members). On payment of subs, members will be issued with a tag to be attached to footwear and issued with a set of current rules.

5. DRESS

All playing members shall wear predominant type sports wear (jeans are not acceptable). Only rubber soled tennis shoes shall be allowed, heavy soled trainers are not permitted. Black soled shoes must not be worn on the three hard courts.

6. VISITORS

Junior members are not allowed to bring visitors. Non-members are welcome to join in play at a cost of £5.00 per visit.

7. USE OF COURTS

Any committee member may suspend play if they are of the opinion that the courts are unfit. Juniors to be allocated a court for play except for major club tournaments.

8. REGULATION OF SETS

- a) No 4 players shall play together and no 2 players play as partners in more than two consecutive sets unless unavoidable
- b) On club nights when numbers allow each member shall place his/her peg on the peg line and when his/her peg arrives at the extreme left shall pick a set from himself/herself and any three of the next six names, subject to a) above. On failure to pick a set or refusal to play, a member's peg shall be removed to the extreme right of the line
- c) A set of singles may be played and completed provided no two people are waiting at the commencement
- d) Short sets only shall be played
- e) The foregoing rules shall also apply to the junior section

9. RADIOS

Portable radios are not allowed on the courts or in the pavilion unless is for a club fund raising function and sanctioned by the committee.

10. TEAMS

Only fully paid up members of the club may play in teams.

11. CHANGE OF RULES

The committee may legislate on any matter arising not included in these rules but such additional rules shall be submitted for approval to the next AGM. Any member may propose changes or additions to these rules at the AGM provided that notice of such proposals is given in writing to the secretary before the end of January. Notice of all proposals concerning rules by the committee or any individual member shall be included in the notice convening the AGM.

12. ADDENDUM

Further to Clause 2 above, the work of Gainsborough Tennis Club shall not be for the benefit of landfill site operators who may contribute to the Club and claim credit under the Landfill Communities Fund. Nor shall it be for the benefit of contributing third parties, as defined in the Landfill Tax Regulations