

# **GERRARDS CROSS SPORTS CLUB**

## **CONSTITUTION**

**(amended at November 25<sup>th</sup> 2011 AGM)**

### **1. TITLE**

The Club be called "Gerrards Cross Sports Club"

### **2. LOCATION**

The Club shall be situated at Dukes Lane, off Dukes Wood Avenue, Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.

### **3. OBJECTS**

The object of the Club is to provide facilities for and promote participation of the whole community in the sports detailed in the Appendix 1 inclusive of such social activities, catering and refreshment arrangements as are incidental thereto.

### **4. MANAGEMENT**

The affairs of the Club shall be administered by a Management Committee.

#### i) Composition:

The Committee shall comprise a Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer and nine other members. The Committee shall include three members of each Club shown in Appendix 1. At least two of the three members shall be members of their respective Committees. A quorum shall be any five members.

#### ii) Election:

Nominations for membership of the Committee (with confirmation that the nominee is willing to act) may be addressed by any member to the Secretary. Nominations shall be circulated to all members with the notice of the Annual General Meeting and, when necessary, ballot papers shall be issued for return within seven days to either of two independent scrutineers to be appointed by the Committee. The result of a ballot shall be declared at the Annual General Meeting.

#### iii) Retirement:

Members of the Committee shall retire after two years' service, and may retire earlier, with the exception of the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer who shall retire after one year's service. In addition to the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, not less than two members shall retire each year (to be selected by ballot if there are not two members due to retire). Retiring members shall be eligible for re-election.

#### iv) Voting:

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All elected members of the Committee shall have the right to vote. The Chairman shall have absolute discretion as to conduct and method of voting, and shall have the right of a casting vote.

### v) Functions:

- a. To direct and be responsible for the general policy of the Club.
- b. To control the finances of the Club.
- c. After consultation with the Clubs shown in Appendix 1, to approve or reject applications for membership; and to have the power to expel any member (after due consideration of all the circumstances) who shall be deemed to have broken the Rules or to have acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the Club: such function to be exercised conditional upon satisfaction of the criteria set out in item 10 (ii) under the heading "Conditions of Membership".
- d. To have authority to give rulings upon any matters arising, which are not specifically covered by the Rules – such rulings to be binding on all members.
- e. To consider proposals from the Clubs shown in Appendix 1.
- f. To have the power to appoint sub-committees for any purpose, such sub-committees to be responsible solely to the Committee.
- g. To have the power to co-opt members to the Committee as may be considered necessary.
- h. To be responsible for both the grounds and Club facilities including their maintenance.

## **5. TRUSTEES**

The assets of the Club shall be vested in three Trustees who shall be nominated by the Management Committee.

## **6. BORROWING POWERS**

The Trustees may, if authorised by the Management Committee, borrow money to any specified limit, for the purposes of the objects of the Club and also, when similarly authorised, shall have power to execute all deeds or other documents which may be required to mortgage charge, or otherwise secure any of the assets or the property of the Club for such purposes when so authorised. The Management Committee may agree to borrow or authorise the Trustees to borrow money not exceeding, in total, the sum of £75,000 or such other sum as the Club, at General Meeting may substitute there for such sum to be borrowed for the purposes of the objects of the Club, and the Committee may also authorise the Trustees to execute all deeds or other documents which may be required to mortgage charge, or otherwise secure any of the assets of the property of the Club for such purposes.

## **7. RULES**

(i) The Rules of the Club may be altered only by a majority vote at a General Meeting of the Club.

(ii) Each member agrees as a condition of membership to be bound by these Rules as in force from time to time.

## **8. COLOURS**

The Club colours shall be green, blue and gold.

## **9. BAR RULES**

The bar rules shall, at all times, comply with the provisions, requirements and restrictions of the Licensing Acts in force.

The Management Committee, or its delegated authority in its sole discretion, shall have power to close the bar at any time and for any period it may decide during permitted hours.

The Management Committee may, from time to time, make such alterations in the rules as it considers necessary for the purposes of complying with the Licensing Acts.

## **10. MEMBERSHIP**

Membership of the Club shall be open to the whole community without discrimination.

There shall be the following classes of membership:

a) President:

The president shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting from those members of the Club entitled to vote.

b) Vice-Presidents:

Vice-presidents shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting upon nominations from the Management Committee.

c) Life Members:

The Management Committee shall have the power to elect as life members, any person over the age of eighteen at a fee or upon terms which shall be at the Committee's discretion. Life membership shall entitle the member to membership of the Clubs shown in Appendix 1, subject to their current rules.

d) Sports Members:

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Sports members of the Clubs shown in Appendix 1 shall have the right to enjoy the social facilities offered by the Gerrards Cross Sports Club and, if over the age of eighteen, shall have the right to vote at General Meetings of that Club.

### e) Social Members:

Social members have the right to enjoy the social facilities offered by the Gerrards Cross Sports Club.

### f) Temporary Members:

The Management Committee shall have the power to elect as 'day members', without the payment of a fee, any members of visiting Clubs.

## Conditions of Membership

i) No person, except temporary honorary members, shall be admitted to membership or be admitted as a candidate for membership to any of the privileges of membership without an interval of at least two days between nomination or application for membership and admission, nor may any person becoming a member without prior nomination or application be admitted to the privileges of membership without an interval of at least two days between becoming a member and admission.

ii) The Committees of the sports sections of the Club as defined in Appendix 1 may refuse membership or expel from membership only for good and sufficient cause, such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute **or a breach of the Rules and Disciplinary Code of the relevant sport's governing body**. Appeal against such a decision may be made to a separate appeals committee of the Club Management Committee the representatives of which must specifically exclude any members of the section or its committee involved in the decision under appeal.

## **11. GENERAL MEETINGS**

### i) Notice:

At least fourteen days notice in writing of General Meetings shall be given by the Secretary.

### ii) Annual:

The Annual General Meeting shall be held once in each calendar year, and accounts examined by an independent examiner up to September 30<sup>th</sup> shall be presented.

### iii) Extraordinary:

Upon the written request of any twenty members stating reasons, the Secretary shall call an extraordinary General Meeting within one calendar month stating the purpose of the Meeting. No business other than that stated in the notice shall be discussed at the meeting.

### iv) Quorum:

A quorum shall consist of fifteen members.

v) Voting:

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The right to vote at General Meetings shall be limited to the President, Vice Presidents, life and sports members over the age of eighteen. Other members may attend but may not vote for The Chairman, who shall be the President or a member of the Management Committee, shall have absolute discretion as to the conduct and method of voting, and shall have the right of a casting vote.

## **12. NON DISTRIBUTION TO MEMBERS**

All surplus income or profits are to be reinvested in the club. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or third parties.

## **13. DISSOLUTION**

The Club may be dissolved by a resolution passed by a majority of nine-tenths of the members present and voting at an extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose.

Upon the passing of such a resolution, the Management Committee together with the Trustees shall, on the date specified in the resolution, proceed to realise the property of the Club and after discharging all **liabilities**, shall give or transfer all surplus assets to one or other of the following bodies:

- 1 A registered charitable organisation
- 2 Another club which is a registered CASC \*
- 3 The sports national governing body for use by them for related community sports as referred to in appendix 1.

SIGNED .....

Chairman Management Committee.

SIGNED THIS .....DAY OF.....YEAR.....

\* Community Amateur Sports Club as defined by Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs

**November 25<sup>th</sup> 2011**

## **APPENDIX 1**

Gerrards Cross Cricket Club

Gerrards Cross Hockey Club

Gerrards Cross Tennis Club (see Appendix 2 for additional rules governing members of the Tennis Club)

## **APPENDIX 2**

### **GERRARDS CROSS (DUKES WOOD) LAWN TENNIS CLUB**

#### **Tennis Club Members**

1. Tennis Club Members will have the right to use the Tennis Courts in addition to the rights identified in Clause 10d above.
2. In addition to the provision of Clause 7(ii) each Tennis Club member agrees to be bound by and subject to the Rules and the Disciplinary Code of the LTA. The Tennis Club Committee may terminate the membership of any person, or impose other sanction which they deem to be appropriate, in connection with the breach of any condition of membership set out in this rule.
3. The Tennis Club agrees that each member of the Tennis Committee will be required as a condition of election or appointment, to agree to be bound by and subject to these rules, the Rules of the LTA and the LTA Disciplinary Code
4. The Tennis Club agrees that all unlicensed and unregistered coaches and, so far as reasonably practicable, players and other persons using the facilities of the Tennis Club, will be required as a condition of such use, to agree to be bound by and subject to these rules, the Rules of the LTA and the LTA Disciplinary Code.

#### **Definitions**

"[LTA]" means The Lawn Tennis Association Limited and its subsidiaries or such successor entity or entities as become(s) the governing body of the game of lawn tennis from time to time.

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