

CONSTITUTION



RUSHCLIFFE SQUASH CLUB

1 Name and Definitions

The Club will be called ~~%Rushcliffe Squash Club+~~, and known as ~~%The Club+~~ throughout the Constitution.

A ~~%Member+~~ is a person joining The Club as in Section 3 below.

~~%The Rules+~~ are ~~%The Rules of World Single Squash 2001+~~, and as amended from time to time by The Squash Rackets Association.

The ~~%Committee+~~ is defined in Section 5.

~~%Communication+~~ This will be carried out by mainly means of email, and the posting of notices on the Club notice board outside Squash court 1 at Rushcliffe Leisure Centre. Occasionally, letter and telephone will be used to contact individual Members.

2 Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of The Club will be:

- ~ To promote The Club within the local community.
- ~ To offer competitive squash at club level & within the local leagues.
- ~ To offer coaching within the financial limitations of The Club.
- ~ To provide all its services in a way that is fair to everyone.
- ~ To ensure that all present and future Members receive fair and equal treatment.

3 Membership

All Members will be subject to the regulations of the Constitution and by joining The Club will be deemed to accept these regulations and codes of conduct that The Club has adopted.

Members will be enrolled in one of the following categories:

- ~ Full
- ~ Family
- ~ Junior
- ~ Life Member
- ~ Honorary Member

Membership of The Club shall be open and not unreasonably restricted on the grounds of sex, race or of political, religious or other opinions, to any person in the area who is prepared to accept and support the objectives of The Club.

4 Membership Fees

Membership fees will be reviewed annually by the Committee and put to the Members at the Annual General Meeting for approval.

Fees will be paid annually at a time set by the Committee, however for new Members joining for part of the year a pro-rata fee will be set at the discretion of the Secretary.

5 Committee

The Committee of The Club will be made up from Members, consisting of:-

- ~ Chairperson
- ~ Secretary
- ~ Honorary Treasurer
- ~ League Secretary
- ~ Tournament Secretary
- ~ Club Captain
- ~ Ex Officio (maximum 3)
- ~ Social Secretary

The Committee will be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.
All Committee Members will retire each year but will be eligible for re-appointment.

6 Role of the Committee

The Club will be managed through the Committee. Only the Committee Members will have the right to vote at meetings of the Committee.

The Committee will be convened by the Secretary of The Club and will hold no less than *4 meetings* per year, for dealing with the business of The Club.

The quorum required for business to be agreed at the Committee meetings will be: *minimum 3 (three) Committee Members*

The Committee will be responsible for proposing new policy, codes of conduct and SRA rules that affect the organisation of The Club which will be put to The Members for approval at the AGM, or if necessary and EGM.

The Committee will have powers to appoint sub-Committees as necessary and appoint advisers to the Committee as necessary to fulfil its business.

The Committee will be responsible for disciplinary hearings of Members who infringe The Club Rules or Constitution. The Committee will be responsible for taking any action of suspension or discipline following such hearings.

7 Finance

All club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of The Club.

The Club Treasurer will be responsible for the finances of The Club.

The financial year of The Club will end on the 31st May each year.

A statement of annual accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.

Any cheques drawn against club funds should hold the signature of the Treasurer. The Committee can at any time request to view The Club finances and have them audited.

8 Annual General Meetings & Extraordinary General Meetings

Notice of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be given by The Club Secretary. Not less than 21 clear days notice is to be given to all Members.

The AGM will receive a report from each Member of the Committee and a statement of the annual accounts.

Election of the Committee is to take place at the AGM.

All Members have the right to vote at the AGM or an EGM, any Member unable to attend, may register their vote by putting it in writing to the Secretary. The Secretary will then cast a proxy vote as directed by the Member.

The Committee has the right to call Extraordinary General Meetings (EGMs) outside the AGM. Procedures for EGMs will be the same as for the AGM.

8 a) Voting at AGM's and EGM's

Voting will be done on a majority basis of those attending, or sending in proxy votes or both. In the event of a tie, the Chairperson will have the casting vote.

8 b) Election of New Committee Members

- I. The outgoing Chairperson will oversee the election process.
- II. Proposals for new Committee Members must be seconded, and then voted upon by The Membership. Where the vote for any post is tied, it will be settled by the toss of a coin.

9 Rules of Squash

All Members agree to play the game of squash and abide by The Club Rules as stated in Appendix 1.

10 Conduct of Play

The Club encourages all Members to enjoy their games of squash through participation in the monthly leagues, club competitions, and other relevant matches. Obedience to The Rules and good sportsmanship is paramount, with all issues ideally resolved between the playing parties on an amicable basis. This could mean replaying the match. If there is an irresolvable dispute this may be brought to the attention of The Committee, who will decide upon what appropriate action needs to be taken. The Committee decision in any dispute will be final.

11 Discipline and Appeals

All complaints regarding the behaviour of Members should be submitted in writing to the Chairperson.

The Committee will discuss complaints within 14 days of a complaint being lodged; The Committee has the power to call a Disciplinary Hearing.

In the event of a Disciplinary Hearing being called by the Committee, the relevant parties will be invited to attend and at their own discretion can invite an independent witness who will be a Club Member. Following a Disciplinary Hearing, the outcome will be advised in writing to the Member who lodged the complaint and the Member against whom the complaint was made within 14 days of the hearing. The Committee has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action including the termination of membership.

There will be the right of appeal to the Members via the Chairperson following disciplinary action being announced. The Members will be advised within 14 days of the Chairperson receiving the appeal, after which an EGM will be called so the Members can vote on the appeal, under normal AGM and EGM rules as in Section 8.

12 Dissolution

A resolution to dissolve The Club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the Membership.

In the event of dissolution and after the settling of all outstanding debts and liabilities, all residual assets of Rushcliffe Squash Club shall not be distributed among the members of the club but will be transferred to England Squash Rackets Association for distributing to other voluntary not for profit squash clubs.

13 Amendments to the Constitution

The Constitution will only be changed through agreement by majority vote at an AGM or EGM.

14 Declaration

Rushcliffe Squash Club hereby adopts and accepts this constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of Members.

SIGNED: DATE:

Name:

Club Chairperson

SIGNED: DATE:

Name:

Club Secretary

