

Tring Squash Club Constitution

1. The Club shall be called "Tring Squash Rackets Club".
2. The objects of the Club shall be:
 - (a) to provide for its members facilities for playing squash in accordance with the laws of the Squash Rackets Association and facilities for recreation and social activities amongst its members as the General Committee shall consider desirable
 - (b) to promote the Club for community use at the discretion of the General Committee
 - (c) to comply with the England Squash Child Protection Policy Statement in accordance with the laws and policies of the Squash Rackets Association
 - (d) to comply with the England Squash Equity Policy Statement in accordance with the laws and policies of the Squash Rackets Association
- 3a. Membership of the Club shall be open to all without discrimination to those who pay the appropriate fee or subscription. This fee or subscription, together with charges for the use of courts, shall be determined from time to time by a General Meeting, details of which must be given in the Agenda for that meeting. The normal membership season shall run from 1st October and close on the following 30th September. No member may use the facilities of the Club for forty-eight hours after being accepted for membership.
- b. Any member who is two months or more in arrears with his/her annual subscription shall cease to be a member unless prior explanation has been given to the Committee in writing.
- c. All members shall be bound by the Club Rules as determined from time to time by the General Committee. All new members shall be provided with a copy of the Constitution and the current Rules. Additionally, a copy of the Rules shall be prominently displayed in the Club premises.
- d. If, in the opinion of the General Committee, the conduct of any member is considered injurious to the interests of the Club, the Committee shall have the power to suspend the member and also the ultimate power to withdraw membership. The member shall have the right to appear before the Committee.
- 4a. The Executive Officers of the Club shall be the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, the Men's Captain and the Ladies' Captain. They shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible for re-election.
- b. The affairs of the Club shall be conducted by a General Committee consisting of twelve full members, including the Executive Officers. The Committee shall retire at the Annual General Meeting but shall be eligible for re-election. The General Committee shall, at its discretion, have the power to co-opt further members in addition to those elected at the Annual General Meeting, subject to clause 4(c) and provided that the total membership does not exceed fifteen.
- c. Casual vacancies shall be filled by the Committee and the members so appointed shall hold office until the next annual General Meeting. However, if as a result of vacation of office by elected Committee members, the elected number falls below a simple majority of Committee membership, then a Special General Meeting shall be convened to elect a new Committee.
- d. The General Committee shall, at its discretion, deal with any matter arising in connection with the Club for which provision is not made within the Club Rules or Constitution. A quorum shall consist of not less than seven full members, including at least one Executive Officer. Only full members shall be entitled to vote; the Chairman shall have only a casting vote. The Executive Officers shall have collective powers to make any emergency decisions, provided that such decisions are presented for ratification at the ensuing General Committee meeting.
- e. The General Committee shall have the power to appoint sub-committees. The Chairman of any sub-committee shall always be a member of the General Committee and a maximum of seven other members of the Club may be co-opted on to such sub-committees.
- f. Members of the General Committee elected at a General Meeting shall be required to attend at least 60% of committee meetings. Failure to meet this commitment shall, at the discretion of the Committee, render them ineligible to seek re-election at the Annual General Meeting.
- 5a. The financial year of the Club shall end on 30th June and the Annual General Meeting shall be held within four months of that date. At least fourteen days written notice of the Annual and any other General Meeting shall be given to all full members by the Secretary. Twenty-five members shall form a quorum at all General Meetings.

- b. At the Annual General meeting the audited accounts and Executive Officers' reports shall be submitted and the President, Executive Officers and Committee elected for the ensuing year
- c. Nominations for any Executive Officer or General Committee member must be duly proposed and seconded and made with the consent of the nominee, either in writing to the Secretary beforehand or, alternatively, at the Annual General Meeting.
- d. At the meetings of the Club simple majorities shall apply, except for any resolutions arising from matters dealt with under clauses 8(a) and 9(a).
- e. A special General Meeting may be convened at any time by resolution of the General Committee or by the requisition in writing to the Secretary of at least twenty five full members, who must also specify the reason for calling such a meeting. The Secretary must call such a Special Meeting within twenty-one days of receiving the written notice and no business shall be conducted other than that for which the Meeting was specifically convened.
- f. All members of the Club shall be entitled to attend General and Special Meetings but only full adult members shall be entitled to vote. All voting members present shall have only one vote per resolution, the Chairman of the meeting having only the casting vote.
- g. An Auditor of the Club who shall not be a member of the General Committee shall be appointed at each Annual General Meeting to audit the accounts to be presented to the following Annual General Meeting. If the Auditor vacates office during the course of the year, a replacement shall be appointed by the General Committee.
- 6. The Club shall have the power to borrow, raise or secure the payments of money for the purposes of, or in connection with, the Club's business. Cheques drawn from any banking account established by the Club shall be signed by two out of four signatories approved by the General Committee.

The Club shall operate as a non-profit making organisation and it shall reinvest any surplus income or profits in the Club for the benefit of its members. Except for donations by the Club to Charities or to other clubs that are registered as Community Amateur Sports Clubs, the distribution of Club assets to members or third parties, whether in cash or in kind, is not permitted.
- 7a. The General Committee will, at its discretion, appoint one member of the Committee to serve as licensee from time to time.
- b. The Club bar opening times shall be determined from time to time at the discretion of the General Committee within the legally permitted hours.
- c. The Club will permit a visitor to purchase drinks and use the bar facilities provided he is introduced by and in the company of a member when doing so.
- 8a. The Club shall not be dissolved except with the support at a General Meeting of the votes of at least two thirds of the members there present and entitled to vote. Following any decision to dissolve the Club, the residual assets, if any, shall be applied either to the purposes of England Squash for use in community related sport, to the purposes of another Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) within the CASC scheme or for the purposes of a Charity.
- b. The General Committee shall remain in being to effect the directions regarding the disposal of assets which may be given to it by the General Meeting at which the decision to dissolve was taken.
- 9a. No alterations to this Constitution shall be made except by a General Meeting resolution supported by the votes of not less than two thirds of the members there present and entitled to vote. Notice of any proposed alterations must be made in writing to the Secretary and any such alterations must be inserted in the notice convening such a General Meeting. Amendments to proposed alterations can be considered at the General Meeting.
- b. Any alterations made to this Constitution shall be communicated in writing to each member.

April 2004.

Revised Constitution approved by the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 28th April 2004