

Loddon Squash Rackets Club – Rules

1. **Name:** The Club shall be called the Loddon Squash Rackets Club.
2. **Objectives:** The objectives of the club are to provide squash playing facilities for the residents of Loddon and surrounding areas at the Squash Court, Farthing Green House, Loddon.
3. **Number of members:**
 - 3.1. The maximum number of members shall be 125 and 20 student members.
 - 3.2. Family membership shall constitute two members for this purpose.
4. **Membership:**
 - 4.1. Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in squash on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available space is available on a non-discriminatory basis (see 3.1.)
 - 4.2. The Club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory and fair basis. The Club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.
 - 4.3. The Club Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such a conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the members.
5. **Management:** The Management of the Club shall be entrusted to a Committee consisting of the President, the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Fixtures Secretary, Safeguarding Officer, Team Captain and four other members of the Club elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. All members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election. The Committee shall meet at such times as they shall determine and at all meetings of the Committee a quorum shall comprise six persons.
6. **Property and Funds:**
 - 6.1. The property and funds of the Club cannot be used for the direct and indirect private benefit of the members other than as reasonably allowed by the Rules and all surplus income or profits are reinvested in the Club.

- 6.2. The Club may provide sporting and related social facilities, sporting equipment, coaching, courses, insurance cover, medical treatment, post-match refreshments and other ordinary benefits of Community Amateur Sports Clubs as provided for in the Finance Act 2002.
 - 6.3. The Club may also in connection with the sports purposes of the Club employ members (though not for playing) and remunerate them for providing goods and services, on fair terms set by the Committee without the person concerned being present.
 - 6.4. The Club may also in connection with the sports purposes of the Club pay for reasonable hospitality for visiting teams and guests.
 - 6.5. The Club may also in connection with the sports purposes of the Club indemnify the Committee and members acting properly in the course of the running of the Club against any liability incurred in the proper running of the Club (but only to the extent of its assets).
 - 6.6. The Committee will have due regard to the law on disability discrimination and safeguarding issues.
7. **Casual Vacancies:** The Committee shall have the power at any time, from time to time, to fill any casual vacancy among the officers and the Committee. Any officer or member of the Committee so appointed shall hold office only until the next following Annual General Meeting but then be eligible for re-election.
 8. **Accounts:** Full accounts of the financial affair of the Club shall be made available to every member attending the Annual General Meeting.
 9. **Subscription in Arrears:** If any member shall fail to pay his or her subscription within fourteen days after it has become due and the Treasurer or Secretary sends a notice in writing to the address as recorded in the books of the Club calling on him to pay the subscription within fourteen days then if he shall fail so to pay the Committee shall be entitled to terminate his membership without further notice.
 10. **General Meetings:** An Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in the month of April in each year and fifteen months shall not elapse without a General Meeting. At the Annual General Meeting the following business shall be conducted.
 - 10.1 The presentation and (if accepted) the passing of the accounts for the previous financial year ended the thirty-first day of March prior to the meeting.
 - 10.2 The election of officers and the Committee.
 - 10.3 Such other business as shall have been communicated to the Secretary and included in the notice of the meeting sent by him to the members.

11. **Extraordinary Meetings:** An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened at any time and shall be convened within twenty-one days on the requisition of one-fifth of the members of the Club for the time being or twenty-five members, whichever is less. Such requisition must state the purpose for which such meeting is held.
12. **Notice of Meetings:** The Secretary shall at least fourteen days before any General Meeting send to every member via email and post in the Squash Court at Farthing Green House, a notice of the meeting stating the time and the place where it will be held and the business to be conducted.
13. **Business at a General Meeting:** The business at a General Meeting shall be limited to that provided by these Rules and those further matters set out in the notice convening the meeting. The quorum at any General Meeting shall be five.
14. **At All Meetings of the Club:** Each member shall have one vote provided that more than two persons may vote in respect of any one family membership.
15. **Chairman:** The Chairman of the Club shall preside at all meetings of the Club but if he shall not be present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for the meeting or has signified his inability to be present at the meeting the Vice-Chairman shall take his place and if the Vice-Chairman be not present then the members present and entitled to vote shall choose one of their number to be Chairman of the meeting.
16. **Expulsion of Members:** The Committee shall have power to expel any member who shall offend against the rules of the Club or whose conduct shall in the opinion of the Committee render him unfit for membership of the Club. Before any such member is expelled the Secretary shall give him seven days written notice to attend a meeting of the Committee and shall inform him of the complaints made against him. No member shall be expelled without first having an opportunity of appearing before the Committee and answering complaints made against him and unless two thirds of the Committee then present vote in favour of his expulsion.
17. **Modification of Rules:** No alteration or addition to these Rules shall be made except by a Resolution carried by a majority of at least two-thirds of the members present at a General Meeting, notice of which shall have contained particulars of the proposed alteration or addition.
18. **Winding Up:**
 - 18.1. The members may vote to wind up the Club if not less than three quarters of those present and voting support that proposal at a properly convened General Meeting.

18.2. The Committee will then be responsible for the orderly winding up of the Club's affairs.

18.3. After settling all liabilities of the Club, the Committee shall dispose of the net assets remaining to one or more of the following:

(i) to another Club with similar sports purposes which is a registered charity and/or

(ii) to another Club with similar sports purposes which is a registered Community Amateur Sports Club and/or

(iii) to the Club's governing body for use by them for related community sports purposes.

19. **Priority:** Interpretation of all above Rules must be consistent with the statutory requirements for Community Amateur Sports Clubs as first provided by the Finance Act 2002.

20. **Headings:** Headings to these Rules are for ease of reference only and shall not be taken into account in their interpretation.

Certified as a copy of the Rules of Loddon Squash Rackets Club

..... M.C. Cadge, President

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