

20. The Club may be dissolved only by a resolution at a Special or Annual General Meeting of the Club at which not less than two-thirds of the total current Senior Membership supports the resolution. At dissolution the assets will be distributed as in Rule 2.
21. The Club Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of these Rules and the decision of the Committee shall be final and binding on the Members

RULES APPLICABLE TO THE OPERATION OF THE CLUB BAR

22. No person shall at any time be entitled to receive at the expense of the Club (or of any member thereof) any commission, percentage or similar payment on or with reference to the purchases of intoxicating liquor by the Club; nor shall any person directly or indirectly derive any pecuniary benefit from the supply of intoxicating liquor on or on behalf of the Club to members or guests apart from any benefit accruing to the Club as a whole and apart also from any benefit which a person derives indirectly by reason of supply giving rise to or contributing to a general gain from the carrying on of the Club.
23. The purchase for the Club and supply by the Club of intoxicating liquor shall be in the absolute discretion of a Bar Committee of not less than FIVE members nominated for that purpose by the Club Committee.
24. There may be admitted to the Club's registered premises persons, other than members or their guests, belonging to any of the classes specified in this rule and intoxicating liquor may be sold to such persons by or on behalf of the Club for consumption on the premises and not elsewhere. The classes of non-members which may be so admitted are as follows:-
- 24.1 Visiting teams competing against the Club and their guests.
 - 24.2 Visiting players competing in Tournaments at the Club, their guests, and officials of the Tournaments.
 - 24.3 Employees of the Club including visiting coaches.
25. No money or property of the Club or any gain arising from the carrying on of the Club in relation to the purchase and/or sale of intoxicating liquor shall be applied otherwise than for the benefit of the Club as a whole or for some charitable benevolent or political purpose or purpose specified by resolution of a general meeting.
26. Full accounts of the financial affairs of the Club, having been subject to independent review shall be delivered to every member with the notice convening the Annual General Meeting.

NOTES

1. ***The normal route for junior members to be invited to senior play will be by recommendation to the Committee from the Club Coach who will publish an up to date list of invited junior players.***
2. ***Concessionary Members may include:-
Country Members living more than 10 miles from the Club.
Members of such clubs as may from time to time be determined by the Committee. Persons over the age limit for Junior Members who are engaged in full-time education. Retired or Unemployed persons defined by benefit income.
Continuance of such rates shall be determined by the AGM.***
3. ***Juniors will be expected to respect the facilities and obey club rules. Benefits, including unsupervised use of courts, may be withdrawn at the discretion of the committee.***
4. ***RULE 4.1 THE ADHERENCE TO THE RULES OF TENNIS AND THE DISCIPLINARY CODE IS ENFORCEABLE UNDER THE CONTRACTS (RIGHTS OF THIRD PARTIES) ACT 1999.***

PREAMBLE The term "the Committee" refers to the "Club Committee" as in Rule 12

BRAINTREE LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Rules as at 23rd April 2024

1. The Club, founded in 1983, shall be named "BRAINTREE LAWN TENNIS CLUB".
2. The Club is constituted by these Rules as a Non-profit-making Members' Club. In no circumstances during the continuance of the Club, nor after its dissolution, shall any assets or surplus funds be distributed to any Member or other person nor to any organisation which is not itself constituted as a registered CASC or a Registered Charity.
3. The Club shall consist of:-
 - 3.1 Senior Members (over the age of 18 years 4 months on 30th April)
 - 3.2 Junior Members (below the age for senior members) and such other classes of membership as may be determined by the Club Committee for one season or part thereof. Continuance of such classes of membership shall be determined by the Annual General Meeting.
4. Members:-
 - 4.1 The Club is formed to provide, for the members, tennis courts with a clubhouse and supporting facilities; and to promote tennis in accordance with the Rules of Tennis (and Disciplinary Code) of the Lawn Tennis Association. Senior Members may vote at general meetings and may use the facilities at any time; subject only to restrictions determined from time to time by the Club Committee or arising from court preparation. **(See Note 4)**
 - 4.2 Junior Members may not vote at general meetings and may use the Clubhouse only with a Senior Member or other Adult authorised by the chairman.
 - 4.3 Junior members over the age of 14 may use the courts unsupervised at times when not reserved for coaching, tournaments or Club play
In all cases prior written parental permission will be required and parents must accept responsibility for their children (it is preferable for juniors to be supervised). **(See Note 3)**
 - 4.4 Junior Members who consistently show ability to play at an appropriate standard and display sufficient maturity may be recommended to the Committee for invitation to senior play. **(See Note 1)**
 - 4.5 Invited Junior Members may use courts at any time, subject only to the same restrictions as Senior Members.
 - 4.6 The availability of courts will be determined by the Committee and members of the Committee shall determine whether courts are fit for play.
 - 4.7 **ALL MEMBERS SHALL ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SECURITY OF THE GROUND AND BUILDINGS.**
5. Recognised white or coloured tennis clothing must be worn when playing on the Club courts, or when representing the club elsewhere. The shoes worn must be rubber soled, without raised heels, deep ribbing, or other features likely to cause damage to the courts surface.
6. Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in tennis, on application, regardless of sex, age, disability. Ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. The Club year shall run from 6th April to 5th April of the subsequent year.
7. Misconduct
 - 7.1 The Committee shall have the power to terminate or suspend membership of any Member or Visitor whom it considers guilty of a breach of these Rules or of misconduct or behaviour offensive to any other member of, or visitor to, the

- Club; behaviour when representing the Club elsewhere to be treated as if it had taken place at the Club.
- 7.2 A suspended member shall have the right of appeal to a special panel consisting of:-
- The Club Chairman
 - A representative of the Essex County LTA
 - The Chairman of the Halstead & District Tennis League (or the Vice-Chairman if the Chairman is a member of the Braintree Club)
- The appeal must be notified to the Club Chairman within 7 days. The suspension shall not begin before the appeal is heard.
8. The annual subscription structure shall include rates, which will not pose a significant obstacle to participation, for:-
- 8.1 Senior Members (as specified in Rule 3)
 - 8.2 Concessionary Members **(See Note 2)**
 - 8.3 Junior Members (as specified in Rule 3)
 - 8.4 Students/Invited Junior Members
 - 8.5 Junior Coaching member (registered as being coached regularly)
 - 8.6 Family Membership including 2 adults and all their children of Junior age.
 - 8.7 Associate Member
- As specified by the Club Committee from time to time for 1 year or part thereof. Such persons will not be entitled to vote at meetings. The Annual General Meeting shall determine the continuance of such rates.
- 8.8 Visitors
 - 9.5 Match Fees
9. All subscriptions (including admission fees where applicable) shall be payable on the 1st day of May each calendar year or earlier. If, after a reminder, the subscription has not been paid by the 1st June then the defaulter shall cease to be a member of the Club.
- 9.1 A visitor may play on ONLY THREE OCCASIONS during a year. Visitors who then join the Club as senior members shall have their subscription reduced by any fees already paid in that year.
10. The rates of admission fees and subscriptions shall be determined by the Annual General Meeting of the Club which shall take place between September 1st and April 20th of the subsequent year.
11. Committee and Club Coach
- 11.1 The entire management of the Club shall be deputed to the Club Committee consisting of the officers of the Club and sufficient elected members to bring the total voting membership to NINE including the Club Coach. The Committee may co-opt additional persons who shall be non-voting.
- 11.2 The Committee are authorised to enter into loan agreements on behalf of the Club for the development of playing and supporting facilities.
- 11.3 The Club Coach shall be appointed annually by the elected committee and will then be a voting member of the Committee. The appointment will be subject to the terms of a contract.

12. The Officers of the Club shall be as follows and shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting:-
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| Honorary Officers | President
Vice President(s) | Honorary Officers shall be free full members of the Club. They may, if they wish, attend but not vote at the Club Committee unless they are also elected Committee Members. |
| Executive Officers | Chairman, Vice-Chairman
Secretary, Treasurer | |
- All Officers and other Committee Members shall retire at the Annual General Meeting but may be available for re-election. Newly elected officers shall take office one week after the meeting.
- Note: -** The posts as Honorary Officers are only filled when the AGM so decides.
13. In the event of a vacancy on the Committee then the Chairman shall have power to appoint a Senior Member of the Club to fill such a vacancy. Pending such an appointment the vacancy shall in no way invalidate the proceedings of the Committee.
14. The Club Committee shall meet at least SIX times per year. Minutes of the meetings shall be taken and shall be open to inspection by any Senior Member of the Club. A quorum shall consist of FIVE voting members of the Committee. The Committee may establish sub-committees for defined purposes.
15. The Club Committee may either act itself as a Selection Committee or may appoint a separate Committee for this purpose.
16. The Club Committee may call a Special General Meeting of the Club at their discretion or within 28 days of receipt by the Secretary of a requisition signed by 10 Senior Members or 15% of the current Senior Membership (whichever is the larger figure) stating the business proposed to be transacted.
17. The Club shall not be responsible for loss, damage, or injury to property or persons using its facilities.
18. These Rules may be altered or added to only by a General Meeting of the Club at which the change is supported by at least two-thirds of those present and voting.