

**SODBURY TENNIS CLUB**  
**CONSTITUTION**

**Ratified at the AGM, Nov, 2009**

1. The Club shall be called the Sodbury Tennis Club, and the address of the club is The Club House, The Ridings, Chipping Sodbury, S. Glos. BS37 6BH
2. The objective of the club is to provide facilities for and promote participation of the whole of the community in the sport of Tennis.
3. Membership of the club shall be open to anyone interested in tennis regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. Membership may be closed at the discretion of the committee if it is felt the available facilities cannot cope but this will be on a non-discriminatory basis. No persons shall be entitled to enjoy the privilege of membership or become a member unless their application has been fully completed and submitted in writing to the membership secretary, at least 48 hours previously. The committee reserve the right to decline an application if it is not in the club's best interests to accept the said application.
4. The administration of club affairs including the sale and supply of intoxicating liquor will be managed by a committee comprising a Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Men's Captain, a Ladies' Captain, a Membership Secretary, a Bar Manager, and other Members as decreed necessary at the AGM.
5. All Officers and Committee members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. If there is more than one candidate per vacancy, the election shall be decided by a ballot of members present. Junior members under 18 years of age shall not have a vote except in the respect of any Junior Committee Member(s) that maybe elected. A Child Protection Officer will be nominated at the Annual General Meeting.
6. The Annual General Meeting will be held in November each year to receive a statement of accounts for the past year ending the last day of October, to elect the officials, the necessary members of the committee and the auditor for the ensuing year, to amend the rules if required and otherwise regulate the affairs of the club. The quorum for the Annual general Meeting shall be 15 adult members. Amendments to the rules shall require a majority of two thirds of the members present.
7. The Committee to meet at least twice per annum and as and when necessary; five Committee Members shall form a quorum; members to be given seven days written notice of a meeting.
8. The Secretary shall convene an Extraordinary General Meeting at the request of the Committee or if so required, in writing, by ten members, to amend the rules or otherwise regulate the affairs of the club. All members shall receive seven days written notice of such a meeting, stating the business to be discussed. A quorum shall consist of 25% of the Adult Members.
9. By-laws not inconsistent with these rules can be made, altered or withdrawn by The Committee.

10. Members shall belong to one of the following categories :

Adult	Aged 18 or over on 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept of preceding year and is not a student.
Country	Adult member as above, but lives more than 20 miles from the club as the crow flies.
Student	A member who has left school, is under 25 years of age on 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept of preceding year, and is in full time education
Junior	A member who is under 18 years on 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept of preceding year.
Family	To consist of two adults, and their children, who are under 18 years on 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept of preceding year and in full time education.
Weekday Daytime	A member who can only use the courts Monday to Fridays until 5.00pm.
Parent with Junior	The parent of a fully paid up junior or mini tennis member, who wishes to play tennis with them. The child must be present on the court when the parent is playing. Note, this category is for the parent only, the junior must join as a junior in their own right.
Mini tennis	Aged under 10 years on 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept of preceding year and may only use the mini tennis area, except during organised club events.
Social	Allows access to the club without use of the tennis courts.
Life	A member who has been awarded free life membership of the club by the committee for exceptional services to the club.

11. The subscription is due on 1<sup>st</sup> May each year, and shall be paid by 31<sup>st</sup> May each year, or on joining; the fee to be determined at the Annual General Meeting.

12. No one shall have any claim to the privileges of membership until all fees and subscriptions are paid or if their annual subscription is in arrears more than one month.

13. 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/her unfit for membership of the Club. Before any such member is expelled, the Secretary shall give a minimum of seven days notice to attend a meeting of the Committee and shall inform him/her of the complaints made against him/her. No member shall be expelled without first having the opportunity of appearing before the Committee and answering complaints made against him/her and unless at least two thirds of the Committee vote in favour of his/her expulsion. He/she shall have the right to be accompanied by a friend/advocate. He/she shall not be permitted to rejoin the club without the consent of the committee.

14. The rules as laid down by the Town Trust, who administrate the land that the tennis club is built on, shall be deemed to be incorporated herein.

15. The Sale and supply of intoxicating liquor

- i. The purchase, supply and sale of Intoxicating liquor shall be the responsibility of a Bar Committee comprising elected Committee members delegated by the Committee.
- ii. Intoxicating liquor shall not be supplied to Members on the premises otherwise than by or on behalf of the Club.

- iii. There shall be no arrangement for any person to receive at the expense of the Club, any commission, percentage or similar payment on or with reference to purchases of intoxicating liquor by the club; or for any persons directly or indirectly to derive any pecuniary benefit from the sale of intoxicating liquor by 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 the supply giving rise or contributing to a general gain from the carrying on of the Club.
  - iv. The supply of Intoxicating liquor shall be as permitted by the Alcohol Licence issued by the local Government Authority.
  - v. Intoxicating Liquor shall not be sold or supplied except to the following classes of persons who shall be entitled entry to the Club House:
    - a. Members and their Guests, not exceeding three per member at any one time.
    - b. Members of visiting teams their supporters and officials.
    - c. Persons attending functions in the Club House authorised by the Committee limited to a function of the tennis Club, or association or functions, promoted by and the responsibility of a Member of the Club who is present at the function or such other function not provided for above limited to twelve in any one year.
    - d. Intoxicating liquor will not be served to any person under eighteen years of age.
16. The income and Property of the Club shall be applied solely towards promoting the Club's objectives as set forth in this constitution and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, to the Members of the Club.
17. The Club shall be open at such times as decided by the Committee.
18. Upon dissolution of the Club by EGM or AGM any remaining assets shall be given or transferred to another registered Community Amateur Sporting Club (CASC), a registered charity or the Lawn tennis Association as decided at that meeting.