



YORK TENNIS CLUB – CONSTITUTION

1. **OBJECTIVES** – The York Tennis Club encourages the playing and promotion of Tennis. The Club is affiliated to ‘Yorkshire Lawn Tennis Association’. The Club is a constituent member of the Joint Body of York Sports Club at Clifton Park, which represents the various sports clubs located there.
 1. The Constitution and the related Rules of the Club will be consistent with those of LTA and of the Clifton Park Joint Body.
 2. There are various categories of Club Membership and associated subscriptions which will be determined from time to time by the Club Committee, and published in separate Rules. The Committee may alter the subscriptions for the ensuing year at the AGM having provided an understood and accepted analysis to the members.
 3. The Club will promote high standards of sportsmanship and behaviour, which will be defined in separate Rules which will also govern matters of discipline and retention of membership.
 4. Removal of membership will only occur where the Rules have been broken and after due process has been followed and communicated to all members.
 5. The club at all times will strive to achieve enhanced Tennis Mark status

1. **THE CLUB COMMITTEE** – This will consist of up to twelve members elected by the club members at the Annual General Meeting. One will be nominated as Chairman, one as Secretary, one as Membership Secretary, one as Treasurer, and others in roles defined by the Committee, for confirmation by the members. The roles of each will be specified in published Rules. One of the twelve may also be nominated as President where the Committee agree that there is an appropriate candidate to be submitted to the members for their approval. So far as is practicable and consistent with the sound running of the Club the membership of the Committee should reflect the balance of membership.
 1. Committee Members including Chairman, Treasurer and Secretaries will serve for up to 5 years and reviewed thereafter.
 2. Other Committee Members will serve for two years, and can be re-elected. Other club members may be co-opted for one year only.
 3. The quorum will be six members.
 4. The Chairperson (or his/her nominee) will serve on the Joint Body.
 5. Nominations of Committee Members will be invited by published notice at least four weeks before the AGM. Each nomination will be proposed and seconded by Club members at least one week before the AGM.



6. The Committee will agree Rules of Procedure, Governance and Accounting which will be confirmed by the AGM. It will report formally to the members at least once per annum at the AGM.
7. The Committee will decide which competitions will be held, and which teams will represent the Club in which external leagues and competitions. It will delegate the composition of teams on the basis of published Rules.
8. The Committee will publish details of court usage and availability by members for purposes other than normal play, for hire and for any use by non-members.
9. The Committee will decide what coaching will take place at the Club under published Rules. These will include numbers of coaches, standards, qualifications, safeguards for children and others, booking and use of courts, charges, remuneration and other relevant matters.
10. The Committee will decide what commercial and other agreements will be entered into by YTC with external organisations, such as sponsorship, use of premises or of the club's name.
11. Committee decisions will normally be taken by consensus among those present. In the event of a formal vote being required a majority vote of all Committee members is needed.
12. No Committee Member, and no one exercising powers or responsibilities that have been delegated by the Committee, shall be liable for any act or failure to act unless, in acting or failing to act, he or she has failed to discharge the duty of care.

1. GENERAL MEETINGS – The Annual General Meeting will take place each year normally before the end of April. This will receive and consider the Report of the Committee, the Accounts of the Club, any changes to the various Rules including its own Rules of Procedure, and any other business, given due notice.

This will also make necessary elections and appointments.

1. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called at any time by the Committee or by at least fifty full members giving written notice to the Secretary.
2. Amendments to the Constitution and Rules require a two thirds majority of those present at the AGM. All other decisions require a simple majority of those present, with the Chairman having a casting vote.



1. DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

1. The Club may be dissolved by a resolution to that effect supported by at least three quarters of those present and voting at a General Meeting.
2. The Committee shall be responsible for the orderly winding up of the Club's affairs.
3. Upon dissolution of the Club, its assets after discharge of all liabilities shall be given or transferred to York Sports Club or to an appropriate community amateur sports club, registered charity or the LTA