

(Approved AGM August 2011)

1 NAME

The name of the Club shall be “Aberdeen Squash and Racketball Club”

2 OBJECTS

- 2.1 To promote the games of squash and racketball in Aberdeen and surrounding areas
- 2.2 To provide playing facilities for the games for members of the Club.
- 2.3 To provide a safe environment for the development of young people in the games of squash and racketball.
- 2.4 To provide equal opportunity for the playing of the games among all ages and sections of the community.
- 2.5 To participate in and provide facilities for activities other than squash and racketball which the Club in General Meeting has approved.
- 2.6 To provide social facilities for members of the Club
- 2.7 To uphold the rules of the sport

3 MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Categories.

Membership of the Club may be in one of the categories noted below. The Committee may propose other such categories for approval by the Club at a General Meeting where appropriate.

3.1.1 Ordinary Members

Ordinary Members have full and unrestricted rights, privileges and obligations of membership as defined herein.

3.1.2 Student Members

Persons receiving full-time post school education on 1st October shall be eligible for Student Membership, which shall entitle them to all rights (other than voting) and privileges of Ordinary Members, except that they shall be entitled to use the Courts only during such hours as may be specified from time to time by the Committee. Playing times will be defined within the Club Rules.

3.1.3 Junior Members

Young Persons who have not reached their 18th birthday on 1st October, shall be eligible for Junior Membership, which shall entitle them to all rights (other than voting) and privileges of Ordinary Members, except as may be prohibited by law and except further that they shall be entitled to use the Courts only during such hours as may be specified from time to time by the Committee.

3.1.4 Temporary Members

Persons who are resident temporarily in Aberdeen or district may, at the discretion of the Committee, be elected Temporary Members for a period not exceeding six months on such other terms and conditions as the Committee may from time to time determine.

3.1.5 Honorary Members

The Committee may, in recognition of services rendered to the Club, confer on any person the distinction of Honorary Membership. Honorary Members shall enjoy all privileges of Ordinary Members of the Club including the right to vote, but will be relieved of the responsibility of payment of any subscription.

3.1.6 Founder / Loan Members

Any person making payment to the club of such sum as may from time to time be decided by the Committee by way of gift shall be entitled to Founder Membership of the Club. Any person becoming a Founder Member, by making a gift in terms of the foregoing provision, shall enjoy all the privileges of Ordinary Membership of the Club for life; such a Founder Member shall also have all the responsibilities of Ordinary Membership for life, except that of payment of any annual or other subscription.

Any person becoming a Loan Member by making an interest-free loan shall enjoy all the privileges of Ordinary Membership of the Club until such time as the loan is repaid; such a Loan Member shall also have all the responsibilities of Ordinary Membership until such time as the loan is repaid, except that of payment of any annual or other subscription. Loan Members are entitled to repayment only by mutual agreement.

Aberdeen Squash and Racketball Club will no longer accept new Founder/Loan membership by transfer from an existing member after 7th July 2006.

3.1.7 Off-Peak Members

Persons wanting to use the facilities of the Club on a limited basis only shall be eligible for Off-Peak Membership at a reduced subscription rate. The conditions and times during which courts are available to Off-Peak Members will be as defined within the Club Rules and may be subject to adjustment by the Committee as required.

3.1.8 Social Members

Persons wishing to make use of the social facilities of the Club only shall be eligible for Social Membership. Payment of the relevant Social Membership subscription allows members the use of the bar, lounge, showers and saunas.

3.1.9 Social (Restricted) Members

Persons wishing to make use of restricted social facilities of the Club only shall be eligible for Social (Restricted) Membership. Payment of the relevant subscription allows members the use of the bar and lounge areas only.

3.1.10 Intermediate Members

Persons who have not reached their 21st birthday on 1st October shall be eligible for Intermediate Membership which shall entitle them to all rights and privileges of Ordinary Members.

3.1.11 Corporate Membership

Corporate Membership can be offered on a group basis to a corporate group of no more than five individuals, all employed by the same employer. Each Group Membership can book one peak time court per day. Written confirmation of the group members must be submitted to the Secretary, such members being changed monthly, if required, on written request to the Secretary. Companies with more than one Group Membership can book as many peak courts as they have memberships. Any additional courts booked will incur a court fee (as determined by the Committee from time to time).

3.1.12 Family Members

Family Membership will be available to a family group consisting of husband and wife, plus their child or children who must be of junior age (i.e. over 8 and under 18). Rules of an Ordinary membership apply in the case of adults in a Family Membership while rules of Junior Membership apply in the case of children in a Family Membership. Children in a Family Membership who reach 18 years of age, immediately leave that Family Membership. When all children in a Family Membership achieve 18, the adults must then revert to individual memberships.

3.1.13 Senior Members

Ordinary Members over the age of 65 years on 1st October and with 10 years continuous ordinary membership shall be eligible as Senior Members. Senior Members shall have all the rights and privileges of Ordinary Members.

3.1.14 Gymnasium Members

Persons wishing to use the gymnasium facilities only shall be eligible as Gymnasium Members. Gymnasium Members will also have access to the social facilities of the Club and will have the rights and privileges of social membership.

3.2 Membership Application, Suspension, Refusal or Termination

3.2.1 Membership of the club is open to all individuals provided they comply with this Constitution

3.2.2 No person shall be refused membership on the grounds of race, colour, creed, religion, sex, sexual preference, impairment or disability

3.2.3 Applications for Temporary Membership may be granted at the discretion of the Committee.

3.2.4 The Management Committee shall be entitled to:

- 3.2.4.1 Refuse any application of membership on the grounds that such membership would be prejudicial to the objectives of the club set out in article 2 of this Constitution
- 3.2.4.2 For good and sufficient reason, refuse renewal of any existing membership or terminate or suspend any membership provided that the member concerned shall have the right to be heard by the full management committee before a final decision is made
- 3.2.5 Any member under suspension shall be barred from taking part in any club activity
- 3.2.6 The management committee shall inform the member in writing of any decision to terminate their membership, and forward notification to the Governing Body
- 3.2.7 The first Annual Subscription, such subscription being calculated on a pro-rata basis, based on the number of whole months outstanding until 1 October, the month in which the member joins counting as a whole month. Subscriptions are payable in one lump sum or Direct Debit payments. Former members rejoining the Club after a period of lapsed membership and who have previously paid an entrance fee (if applicable), are not required to pay a further entrance fee on rejoining.
- 3.2.8 When a candidate has paid the said sums due, he or she shall be a member of the club and be entitled to all the privileges of membership and shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound by the terms of this Constitution.
- 3.2.9 If a candidate does not pay the said sums due on election within one month from the date on which he or she applied for membership, the Committee may at their discretion cancel his or her proposed membership.
- 3.2.10 Membership subscriptions will be proposed by the Committee and approved by the Annual General Meeting. The annual subscription may only be increased by the Club in General Meeting however, the Committee may reduce the annual subscription in any year at their discretion, such reduction requiring the ratification by the Club at the subsequent General Meeting. Subscriptions are due on 1st October each year, and in the event of any member failing to make payment by 30th October, such member will be deemed to have resigned.

4 MANAGEMENT AND MEETINGS

- 4.1 The Club shall be managed by a Committee not exceeding five members. A Captain, Vice-Captain, Secretary and Treasurer will be ex-officio members in addition. The Committee may also appoint a Club Manager to act on its behalf in accordance with a formal job description. The Captain shall act as Chairman at all meetings.
- 4.2 Elections shall take place at the Annual General Meeting. Nominations for the Vice-Captain, Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor and any Ordinary Members of the Committee must be lodged with the Secretary at least 48 hours before each Annual General Meeting. In the event of there being more nominations than places, a written ballot will be conducted by the Secretary at the Annual General Meeting. The Committee will nominate the position of Vice-Captain, but Members may also make alternative nominations.
- 4.3 Appointments to the Committee will be for two years for Captain, Vice-Captain, Secretary and Treasurer, and 3 years for Ordinary Committee Members. After these respective terms Committee members must retire but may be re-elected. In the event of an office bearer's premature retirement, the Committee may appoint a replacement.
- 4.4 The Committee shall have power to deal with special situations and cases. They shall have the sole right to interpret the Constitution and their decision shall be final.
- 4.5 Ten per cent of the Voting members will be entitled to demand, at any time, a Special General Meeting on a written application stating the proposed resolution which alone can be discussed at that meeting.
- 4.6 All classes of members may attend General Meetings, but voting rights are restricted to the following categories: Ordinary, Intermediate, Off-Peak, Founder, Loan, Honorary, Family and Senior.
- 4.7 In the event of a tie, the Chairman has a casting vote.

- 4.8 All property of the club, including land leases, investments and others, shall be held by the Captain and Secretary and Treasurer for the time being of the Club as Trustees for the Club so far as necessary and practicable for the use and benefit of the Club.
- 4.9 The Trustees shall have power to grant any document for the sale, lease, mortgage or pledge of the property of the Club and to enter into any documents on behalf of the Club for purchase, lease or otherwise in any manner of way and that with the consent of the majority of the Committee, but no purchase lessee or security holder shall be concerned to enquire whether such consent has been given.
- 4.10 In order to defray the cost of maintaining the premises of the Club or the cost of alterations thereto or the furnishing thereof or for liquidating the obligations of the club, the Committee shall have power if and when they see fit to borrow such sums or sums of money as may in their opinion be necessary upon such terms and conditions as they think proper and all necessary documents shall be signed on behalf of the Club either by the Trustees as aforesaid or alternatively as the Committee may from time to time direct.
- 4.11 The Committee shall hold an Ordinary Meeting every two months or more often, if necessary, to transact current business. At these meetings three of the Committee shall form a quorum.
- 4.12 The Committee may from time to time make, vary and revoke bye-laws (not inconsistent with the rules expressed in the Constitution) for the regulation of the internal affairs of the Club and the conduct of the members. All bye-laws shall, until revoked by the Committee, be binding on the members.

5 FINANCE

- 5.1 The income and property of the club, however derived, shall be applied solely towards the objectives of the club set out in article 2 of this Constitution
- 5.2 The financial year shall run from 1st May to 30th April
- 5.3 Correct Accounts and Books shall be kept by the Treasurer showing the financial affairs and intromissions of the Club
- 5.4 An examined Profit and Loss Account for the previous year and Balance Sheet shall be submitted at the Annual General Meeting for approval

6 HOURS OF OPENING AND CLOSING

The club premises shall be open and closed at such hours as the Committee may determine for the purpose of playing and at such hours as may be permitted by legislation current and relevant for social purposes.

7 VISITORS

Visitors to the club shall be in two categories as follows: -

- 7.1 Playing Visitors
- 7.1.1 A member may introduce a Playing Visitor to play squash. A member may introduce the same visitor no more than twice in any calendar month and on such other conditions as may be determined by the Committee.
- 7.2 Social Visitors
- 7.2.1 A member may introduce no more than three Social Visitors at any one time nor shall he or she effect any such introductions on more than three occasions per month.
- 7.2.2 A member introducing a visitor shall enter his/her name and address in the book kept for the purpose and no person who is not eligible for membership or who has been expelled from the Club or has ceased to be a member may be introduced as a Visitor. A Visitor shall not be supplied with excisable liquor in the Club premises unless on the invitation and in the company of a member.

8 MEMBERS' ADDRESSES

Members shall notify the Secretary of any change of address from time to time.

9 BOOKING COURTS, COURT FEES AND CANCELLATION FEES

Appropriate arrangements shall be made from time to time at the discretion of the Committee who shall cause a Notice to be displayed in the Club setting out particulars. The Club Rules will be updated as required to reflect such arrangements.

10 RULES FOR PLAY

The rules for play as they may from time to time be fixed by the World Squash Federation shall apply to the Squash Racquets played in the Club except in so far as they may be modified by local rules adopted by the Club.

11 FOOTWEAR

Only non-marking shoes are allowed to be worn whilst playing on the Courts.

12 COMPLAINTS

Should there be any cause for complaint for any reason, members must make the complaint in writing to the Secretary.

13 RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSS

Neither the Committee nor the Club nor any person connected with it shall be responsible to any member, visitor, or guest, or any other person for the loss of money or other property or valuables on the premises of the Club.

14 ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION

These Rules and Regulations shall only be altered at a Special General Meeting called by the Committee either at their own instance or on the written requisition of ten per cent of the playing Voting Members in terms of Paragraph 4(e) hereof or at an Annual General Meeting. The proposed alterations shall not be considered unless there are at least 15 Voting Members present at the meeting and shall not be agreed to unless carried by a majority of two-thirds of the Voting Members present.

BYE – LAWS

A Notice giving the date of the Club's Annual General Meeting will be intimated in the Press and put on display on the Club's Notice Boards for at least 21 days prior to the meeting.

Motions from members can only be put before a General Meeting if the Secretary of the Club has received written notice thereof not less than 7 days prior to the meeting. Information relating to all proposed Constitutional changes will be made available for collection by Members at the Club reception area, and will be sent to Members on request only.

The Captain, Vice-Captain and Manager have the authority to suspend any member found to have contravened the Constitution, Bye-Laws or Rules of the Club. The suspension will remain in force until the next full Committee Meeting, at which time the matter will be resolved.