

RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION (29th April 2015)

1. NAME – The Association shall be called “The Public Schools Old Boys’ Lawn Tennis Association”.
2. OBJECTS – The objects of the Association shall be:
 - (a) To assist the development of Lawn Tennis at Public Schools and other educational establishments.
 - (b) To encourage the game amongst the old boys by arranging matches, tournaments and other fixtures.
3. MEMBERSHIP - The Association shall consist of Old Boys of the Public Schools and other educational establishments on the Headmasters’ Conference List at the time of their application for membership and who shall be proposed and seconded by Members of this Association and approved by the Committee.
4. Members duly elected under Rule 3 shall be entitled to compete in all the competitions held by the Association and to exercise other privileges granted by these Rules.
5. MANAGEMENT – The management of the Association shall be vested in a Committee of twelve Members (no more than two of whom shall be old boys of any one school or other educational establishment), together with the President, the Hon. Secretary, and the Hon. Treasurer, who shall be Members ex officio. Five shall form a quorum.
6. VICE-PRESIDENTS – The Committee shall have power to select from time to time, as they consider desirable, Vice-Presidents without payment or subscription.

6.(a) HONORARY MEMBERS – The Committee shall have the power from time to time in their discretion, to elect Honorary Members of the Association without payment of Subscription.

6(b) FIXED DURATION MEMBERSHIP – The Committee shall have the power in their discretion, to offer a five year membership without payment of Subscription to leavers of Public Schools and other educational establishments on the Headmasters’ Conference List at the time of application.

7. GENERAL MEETINGS –

(a) An Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held at such place and hour and on such day in the months of March or April as the Committee may appoint. Particulars of resolutions to be brought forward at the Annual General Meeting shall be sent to the Hon. Secretary on or before the 1st day of February of the same year. Fourteen day’ notice of the date, place and hour of the Annual General Meeting shall be posted to all Members of the Association, together with a copy of any resolution to be moved and also a copy of the Balance Sheet and Report for the preceding year.

(b) An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association may be convened by the Committee whenever it thinks fit, and shall be convened by the Hon. Secretary within four weeks after the receipt by him of a requisition in writing to that effect by fifteen or more Members. Every such requisition shall specify the business for which the meeting is to be convened, and no other business shall be transaction at such meeting.

8. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE – The Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. Six of the Committee shall retire annually by rotation, and shall be eligible for re-election.

9. VACANCIES IN COMMITTEE – In the event of any vacancies occurring between the holding of two Annual General Meetings, the Committee shall have the power to fill such vacancies. Any member so appointed shall retire at the next Annual General Meeting, but shall be eligible for re-election.
10. NOMINATIONS – Candidates for the offices of President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and Members of the Committee may be nominated by a member of the Association, and every such nomination shall be sent so as to reach the Hon. Secretary on or before the 1st day of February in each year. The notice convening the Annual General Meeting shall contain a list of such nominations, including the names of the Members of the Committee retiring by rotation, and the names of the Members who have been proposed for election or re-election shall be specified on such list.
11. POWERS OF COMMITTEE – The Committee shall meet at such times and places as they may consider necessary and convenient for the transaction of business. All matters including the election of Members not unanimously agreed upon by the Committee shall be decided by the votes of the majority, and in case the votes shall be equally divided the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.
12. SUB-COMMITTEES – The Committee shall have power from time to time to appoint such Sub-Committees as they shall deem advisable.
13. SUBSCRIPTIONS – The rates of subscription shall be £10.00 per annum, £50.00 for Life Membership, or £30.00 for Life Membership for School-leavers whose applications are received within one year of leaving school. Annual Members may convert their membership to Life Membership with the approval of the Committee, after payment of an amount set at the discretion of the Committee.
14. All subscriptions shall become due and payable on election to the Hon. Treasurer, and annual subscriptions shall be payable thenceforth on January 1st in each year. Any Member whose subscriptions shall be two years in arrear shall cease to be a Member of the Association, but the Committee shall have power to restore such Member to membership on such terms as they decide.
15. Rules of L.T.A. – The Rules of the Lawn Tennis Association shall be observed as far as they are applicable.
16. COLOURS – The Association’s colours shall be Grass Green, Oxford Blue and Red.
17. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS – Schoolboys at any of the schools enumerated in Rule 3 herein and any old boys thereof under the age of 21 who are undergoing compulsory service may be admitted to the privileges of the Association (without payment of subscription), at the discretion of the Committee.
18. OVERSEAS MEMBERS – Annual Members living outside the Great Britain during at least five of the six months, April to September, in any year may be permitted, at the discretion of the Committee, to retain their Membership of the Association without payment of a subscription for that year.
19. ALTERATION OF RULES – No alterations of these Rules or of the rates of subscription shall be made except at the Annual General Meeting, or at an Extraordinary General Meeting by a resolution carried by a majority of at least two-thirds of those present and voting at the meeting. Any alteration so made shall take effect immediately, unless the meeting shall by the like majority otherwise decide.