**THE THANET SQUASH RACKETS CLUB RULES (2017 Revision**)

**1. NAME**

The Club shall be called "THE THANET SQUASH RACKETS CLUB".

**2. OBJECTS**

The objects of the Club shall be:

a) the provision of a Clubhouse and squash courts for the use of Members and (at the discretion of the Committee and subject to the employment of a Steward) refreshments and a bar.

b) The promotion of the sport of squash rackets & squash 57.

**3. ADMISSION OF MEMBERS**

a) Candidates for Membership shall be elected by the Committee or the membership secretary

b) All persons shall be eligible for Membership under one of the following categories:

i**) "Adult Playing"**

Provided that they are over the age of 21 at the commencement of their membership year.

ii**) "Family"**

Married or cohabiting adult couples and their children, up to age 21,living in the same household, including students. All playing members must have a club key fob.

iv**) "Corporate"**

Provided that:

a) they are employed by or the Directors)/Principal(s) of a company, firm or organisation carrying on business or operating within the area served by Thanet District Council.

b) this category of membership will be available only to groups of five individuals and on an individual basis thereafter paying 80% of the adult full fee.

v) "**Under 21 or Student"**

Provided that they are either: a) under the age of 21 at the commencement of their membership year and a student in fulltime education or b) over the age of 21 at the commencement of the membership year, in fulltime (or substantially full-time) education and approved by the Committee as such

vi) "**Social"**

Provided that they are over the age of 16 at the commencement of the membership year

vii) "**AVP"& "Life"**

And other Special categories afforded by the Committee.

viii) **‘’Gym’**’

Provided that they are over the age of 16 at the commencement of the membership year

c) **NOTING THAT;**

1. "Social" Members & Gym Members shall have no rights to hold office nor to vote at meetings

of the Club.

‘Social’ members & Gym members will be entitled to use the facilities of the squash club on paying ‘guest fee’ prices for court use.

1. If a member has retired from squash for health reasons after a minimum of 5 years Adult membership, voting rights are retained as is the right to hold office
2. Every candidate for Membership shall be proposed and seconded by Adult Members of the

Club. His full name, address and occupation (together with his date of birth if under the age of 21 years) shall be communicated to the Honorary Membership Secretary. The requirement for proposer and/or seconder may be waived by the membership secretary / Committee. Members personal details will be made available to all club members via internal club notice boards, booking system & club website.

1. Until a candidate is elected a Member he shall not be entitled to any of the privileges of

Membership. All NEW members will undergo an induction course with the Club Steward or any a committee member on joining.

1. Every Member shall pay, on election, the appropriate entrance fee and annual subscription

fee. The Management Committee reserve the right to allow instalments of the annual subsription fee if it is in the best interests of the club

1. The subscriptions for categories of membership other than Adult Playing shall be fixed by

reference to the subscription for Adult Playing membership taken as 100% as follows (uplifted to the nearest pound where the percentage application results in a fraction of a pound)

Family 175%

Under 21/Student 16%

Corporate 400%

Country 50%

Social 16%

Gym 50%

AND these percentages shall be reviewed annually by the Committee prior to the Annual General

Meeting

**4. SUBSCRIPTIONS**

1. The amount of the annual subscription for Membership for the succeeding year commencing

1st October shall be fixed by the Annual General Meeting

1. The appropriate annual subscription fee shall be due from every Member on the 1st day of

October in each year (according to his category of Membership) or on renewal date if later or by instalments as agreed with the Management Committee/Membership Secretary.

**5. MANAGEMENT**

1. The Officers of the Club shall be the Chairperson,Deputy Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Match Secretary, Social Secretary, Junior Team Chairman**,** to be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting*.* TheManagement of the Club shall be vested in the Management Committee which shall consist of the Officers and up to Four Club Members, all of whom shall be elected annually at the AGM.

The position of Deputy Chairperson is elected by the Committee from the elected committee members within 2 months of th AGM

1. All the Members of the Committee shall be eligible for reelection. The Committee shall meet at such other times as it may determine and no less than two calendar months.
2. Three Members of the Management Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transition of business of the Management Committee and three Members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by any sub-committee of the Club.
3. *In the case of a member of the Management Committee absenting himself from three consecutive meetings without giving satisfactory reasons in writing within seven days, his election may be annulled and the vacancy filled by the Committee.*
4. The Committee shall have power at any time to appoint any Member to serve as a Member of the Committee. Any Member so appointed should hold office only until the next Annual General Meeting but he shall then be eligible for election.
5. Minutes shall be taken of all proceedings of the Committee which shall be open to inspection by any Member on application to the Honorary Secretary.
6. The President and Trustees, whose number shall not be less than two and shall not exceed four, shall be elected by the Committee and shall respectively hold office until death or resignation unless removed by a resolution of the Committee.
7. The President shall be "exofficio" a Member of the Committee
8. The property of the Club (other than cash) shall be vested in the Trustees to be dealt with by them as the Committee shall direct by resolution (of which an entry in the minutes kept by the Committee shall be conclusive evidence). The Trustees shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the Club's property.
9. Subject to the discretion of the Committee the Clubhouse shall be open daily to Members
10. The permitted hours for the supply of intoxicating liquor at the Clubhouse shall be those fixed from time to time by the Committee in accordance with the relevant legislation.

**6. GUESTS**

i) Any Member may introduce guests, PROVIDED THAT;

a) No person whose application for Membership has been declined or who has been expelled from the Club shall be introduced as a guest

b) No guest, unless a Member of the Squash Rackets Association may play

squash at the Clubhouse other than with a Member.

Guests may play on "Club Nights" at a fee agreed by the committee

c) No guest may purchase alcohol unless attending a social event organised or permitted by the committee.

ii) The Committee has the right to;

a) refuse admission to the Clubhouse of any nonmember without giving reasons

b) limit the number of guests introduced

c) charge a fee for the admission of guests

iii) Any Member introducing a guest shall enter the name and address of the guest together with his own name in a book which shall be kept at the Clubhouse for that purpose.

iv) Guests who are Members of other Squash Rackets Clubs may play squash at the Clubhouse at the discretion of the Committee.

**7. EXPULSION OF MEMBERS**

i) If any Member shall fail to pay his entrance fee and/or annual subscription within 30 days after the same has become due the Committee shall be entitled to terminate his Membership without further notice.

ii) The Committee shall have power to expel any Member who shall offend against these Rules or whose conduct shall, in the opinion of the Committee, render him unfit for Membership. Before any such Member is expelled the Honorary Secretary shall give him at least 7 days written notice (sent to his address as recorded in the books of the Club) to attend a meeting of the Committee which notice shall include details of the complaints made against him. No Member shall be expelled under this subparagraph without first having an opportunity of appearing before the Committee and of answering complaints made against him and unless at least two thirds of the Committee then present vote in favour of his expulsion.

**8. APPLICATION OF PROFIT**

i) No money or property of the Club nor any gain arising from the carrying on of the Club shall be applied otherwise than for the benefit of the Club as a whole or for some charitable or benevolent purpose or purposes chosen by a resolution of a General Meeting of the Club.

ii) No Member shall, except for professional services rendered at the request of the Committee, receive any commission or profit from the funds of the Club.

**9. GENERAL MEETINGS**

1. An Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held annually and not more than 15 months shall elapse without a General Meeting.

At such Meetings the following business shall be conducted:

a) Any matters which are required by the Committee to be placed before the meeting

b) Reports from Honorary Membership Secretary, Honorary Match Secretary, Junior Chairperson & Social Secretary

c) The receiving of accounts for the previous financial year ended on the 31 day of May prior to the

Meeting which accounts shall first have been audited

d) Vote on the Membership fees to be applicable from 1st October next.

e) the election of the Committee

f) the appointment of independent auditors

h) Adoption of Club rules & any amendments

g) such other business as shall have been communicated to the Honorary Secretary at least 7 days

prior to the meeting and/or provided for by these Rules and/or allowed by the Chairman.

ii)Any two Members may propose any other Member or Members for election to the Committee by Notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary at least 7 days before any meeting of the Club. Particulars of any such proposals shall be included in the Meeting Agenda

**10. EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS**

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened within 21 days on the requisition of one fifth of the Members for the time being or 30 Members (whichever is less). Such requisition must state the purpose for which the Meeting is required.

**11. NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

The Honorary Secretary shall, at least 14 days before any General Meeting, communicate to every Member using either his address, as recorded in the Club's books, their email address, the Club website and post in a conspicuous place in the Clubhouse a Notice of the Meeting stating the time and the place where it will be held and the business to be conducted.

**12. BUSINESS AT A GENERAL MEETING**

i) The business of a General Meeting shall be limited to that provided for by these Rules, those further items set out in the Notice of Meeting and any other business allowed by the Chairperson.

ii) The quorum at any General Meeting shall be 20 Members or (if less) one tenth of Members entitled to vote.

iii) Each Member over the age of 18 (other than those who are not entitled to vote) shall have one vote.

iv) The Chairperson of the Committee shall preside at all General Meetings but if he shall not be present within 15 minutes after the time appointed for the Meeting. or has signified his inability to attend, the Members present and entitled to vote shall choose one of their number to be Chairperson of the Meeting.

**13. MODIFICATION OF RULES**

No alteration or addition to these Rules shall be made except by a Resolution carried by a majority of at least one half of the Members present at a General Meeting, Notice of which shall have contained particulars of the proposed alteration or addition.

14. **RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE THANET SQUASH RACKETS CLUB COMPETITIONS.**

*i)* The Competitions shall be organised by the Committee, and shall be restricted to Members only. The Competitions shall be normally conducted on a knock-out Tie principle but it shall be competent for the Committee at its discretion, to run the Competitions on a league basis, coupled with such Final match or matches that may be deemed necessary.

*ii)* The Internal League Competitions run in sections or divisions as the Committee shall decide and shall be played on such dates as designated by the Membership Secretary or Match Secretary.

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**15.** The members will adhere to the policies and procedures introduced and circulated to the members by the Management Committee. These policies and procedures are intended for the purpose of running the club on a day to day basis

**16. Club correspondence will be administered via email and the website, where possible.**