

Huddersfield and District Tennis League



Constitution

1. Name

The League will be known as Huddersfield and District Tennis League (hereinafter referred to as: 'The League')

2. Objectives

The objectives of The League will be:

- a) To promote and regulate competitive tennis in the Huddersfield district to the organisation of league matches in other competitions
- b) To promote friendship to the above competitions regardless of age gender race or disability
- c) To promote the development of Junior and Intermediate tennis in Huddersfield district
- d) To be a non-profit making organisation and use any sponsorship for the benefits of Clubs which are members of The League

3. Officers and Committee

- a) The League will be managed by The League Committee consisting of Hon President, if such be appointed, the Officers and other members of the Committee
- b) The Officers of The League will be the Chairperson, Hon General Secretary, Hon Match Secretary and the Hon Treasurer.
- c) The President and all Officers will be ex-officio members of the Committee
- d) The Committee will consist of five representatives from the Clubs making up The League plus a representative from the Junior Committee
- e) All Officers and Committee members will be elected annually by a vote of the Clubs attending the Annual General Meeting
- f) The Officers and Committee are elected for one year only but they may stand for re-election at the Annual General Meeting
- g) The Committee will have the power to co-opt at their discretion and need, and to refill any vacancies, such appointments to be for the current year only
- h) Any Committee member not attending three consecutive meetings without due notice will be deemed to have resigned and will not be eligible for re-election at the next Annual General Meeting

4. Powers of the Committee

- a) The property and management of The League will be vested in the Committee jointly
- b) It will have the right to refuse admission to any club if, in its opinion there are reasonable grounds for doing so
- c) It will have the power to call meeting of The League, to arbitrate in disputed matters and to deal with any questions not provided for in the rules
- d) The Committee is responsible for the running of all tournaments organised by The League in the best interest of all member Clubs. The responsibility for the running of the Junior tournament and the Junior and Intermediate Leagues is delegated to the Junior Committee.

5. Finance

- a) All monies received on our behalf of The League will be deposited in an account in the name of The League
- b) The League accounts will be opened at a bank appointed by the Committee
- c) The financial year is 31st October

- d) An honorarium will be paid to the Hon General Secretary and Hon Match Secretary
- e) Hon Treasurer, Hon Junior League Secretary and Hon Match Secretary will be defrayed out of the funds of The League
- f) The League's accounts will be examined annually by an independent person who will be agreed by the Clubs at the Annual General Meeting
- g) The Hon Treasurer will present a balance sheet showing the financial position of The League at the Annual General Meeting, a copy of which will be sent to every Club

6. Membership

- a) Membership will be open to tennis Clubs in the Huddersfield district and surrounding area
- b) All Clubs interested in the objectives of The League may apply to join the League subject to the applicant agreeing to abide by the regulations of The League
- c) All applications for membership will be made in writing to the general Hon General Secretary of The League and signed by a duly authorised signatory of the applicant
- d) The annual entry fee will be agreed by the Committee after advice from the Hon Treasurer and any proposed changes will be brought to the members for approval at the Annual General Meeting
- e) Any club violating the rules of The League, or which has been proved to the satisfaction of the Committee to have acted in opposition to the fundamental rules and principles upon which The League has been established, will be requested to resign from The League. If a resolution to that effect is carried by majority of the Committee and subject to confirmation at the Annual General Meeting

7. Meetings

7a) Annual General Meeting

- a) The Annual General Meeting will be held in the month of November each year
- b) Voting at the Annual General Meeting will be confined to one vote for each club having a senior team entered in The League
- c) Clubs which only have Intermediate or Junior teams entered in The League will be entitled to attend, but not to vote at, the Annual General Meeting
- d) Any decision affecting the Constitution or rules of The League will be required to vote in favour of two-thirds of the voting Clubs present, i.e., excluding abstentions e.g. 25 Clubs present, 12 in favour, 5 against, 8 abstentions, motion carried.
- e) Notice of the Annual General Meeting together with Agenda a copy of the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and any proposals will be sent to every club in The League at least one month before the meeting
- f) Submissions of proposals for the Annual General Meeting
 - i. Any proposal must be submitted in writing from the Hon General Secretary of the relevant club to the general Hon General Secretary of The League before notified deadline. The Committee may also submit proposals to the Annual General Meeting.
 - ii. Proposals from Clubs not represented at the Annual General Meeting will not be voted upon

7b) Special meetings

A special meeting may be called at any time by the Committee or by application in writing to the Hon General Secretary of The League by 30% of the member Clubs. At least 15 days notice of such a meeting will be given to all Clubs.

7c) Committee meetings

- a) Notice of Committee meetings, together with the Agenda and minutes of the previous Committee meeting, will be sent to Officers and Committee members at least 7 days

before the date of the meeting. Emergency Committee meetings can be called at 7 days notice

- b) The quorum for Committee meetings will be not less than 2 Officers and 3 members of the Committee. In addition the Chairperson of the meeting will have a casting vote
- c) The minutes of proceedings of all General and Committee meetings will be kept the Hon General Secretary

8. Alterations to the Constitution and League Rules

The Constitution and League rules may only be altered, amended, or added to at an Annual General Meeting. The proposal to alter the constitution and/or league rules (as displayed in The League Handbook) must be included in the Agenda and cannot be discussed under Any Other Business. The Agenda must include the wording of the proposed amendment

9. Trophies

- a) All donated trophies pass into the ownership of The League
- b) Trophies are awarded on the understanding that they will be returned by the due date, and in the same condition which they received, in order that they can be re-issued
- c) Should the trophy not be returned, or return damage, The League reserve the right to pass on any repair or replacement charges

10. Sponsorship

The Committee may invite corporate bodies or other organisations to become sponsors of The League. Sponsorship in itself does not confer any right to take part in the management of The League or to vote at General meetings

11. General

- a) Clubs must abide by the Constitution of The League and the rules as set out in The League Handbook
- b) The main aims of the League Handbook are to provide details of the individual Clubs, team captains, League fixtures, Junior/intermediate details, and sets of Rules to facilitate the running of the both Senior and Junior/Intermediate leagues

12. Dissolution

- a) A decision to wind up the affairs of The League or an amalgamation with some other body will be decided by a ballot of all member Clubs
- b) Such a proposal require a two-thirds majority of those voting
- c) In the event of The League being wound up all financial assets, plus income from the sale of The League's trophies, will be distributed between the member Clubs

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