



CONSTITUTION & RULES

1. The name of the Club shall be called "Stackallen Tennis and Pitch and Putt Club" and referred to hereinafter as "the Club".

2.

- a. The registered address of the Club shall be Pighill, Stackallen, Navan, Co. Meath
- b. The Club is formed for the purpose of providing facilities for playing lawn tennis and pitch and putt, and to enable the members to meet one another and entertain their friends and the members of other clubs engaging in similar pastimes.

3.

- a. The Club shall consist of the following types of members:

Juvenile - Children aged 5 to 16 years

Junior - Young adults aged 16 to 18 years

Family - Married or cohabiting couples and their children under 18 years of age

Student - up to the age of 23 in full time education

Adult - over 18 years of age Senior - over 65 years of age

Life - To be elected

Honorary - To be elected

Pavilion - Adults over 18 years of age who have access only to the clubhouse

Juvenile, Pavilion and Honorary members shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting except where such member has been elected a member of the Executive Committee.

- b. The total Pavilion membership shall be limited to a maximum of 100. All other membership shall be limited to a maximum of 600. This limit will be reviewed periodically in line with extension to the club facilities.
- c. Juniors shall become eligible for Junior membership on the 1st of January following their sixteenth birthday, and shall cease to be Junior members on the 31st December of the year

in which they reach their eighteenth birthday. Juvenile children of Family members must register as Juniors in their own right in accordance with this rule.

- d. Juveniles shall become eligible for juvenile membership on reaching their fifth birthday. They shall cease to be juvenile members on the 31st of December of the year in which they reach their sixteenth birthday. Juvenile members must be supervised by a parent or guardian at all times when on club grounds.
- e. No person shall be admitted to Life membership unless elected at the Annual General Meeting and on the recommendation of the Executive Committee. The number of Life members shall not exceed 1% of the total membership at the time of their proposal.
- f. The Executive Committee shall decide the hours during which juvenile members may avail of the amenities of the Club. These hours will be posted on the Club notice board.
- g. The Executive Committee reserves the right of admission to the Club's grounds and /or premises.
- h. No person shall be admitted to honorary membership unless elected at the Annual General Meeting and on the recommendation of the Executive Committee. No person shall be eligible for election as an honorary member unless in the opinion of the Executive Committee such person possesses one or more of the following qualifications:
 - i. Such person shall have rendered exceptional services to the game of the lawn tennis or pitch and putt, or
 - ii. Such person shall have rendered exceptional services to the Club.

An honorary member shall be relieved of the payment of the annual subscription.

4.

- a. The annual Club subscription falls due on the 1st day of January each year. It must be paid before the 1st day of March each year: Members who fail to pay their annual subscription will, after due notice, lose access to the Club facilities. The amount of the subscription, together with the entry fee for new members, to be decided by a simple majority at the Annual General Meeting.
- b. The Executive Committee shall have the responsibility of electing new members. The Executive Committee reserve the right to refuse membership. All candidates for membership shall be notified of the outcome of their application in writing.
- c. The names of the new members shall be proposed and seconded to the Executive Committee by two current members. A completed application form must be submitted for consideration by all persons proposed as members of the Club. This form shall be displayed in a conspicuous place in the Club premises for at least two weeks shall elapse between nomination and election of members. In the case of Family membership, the application form should contain required details of all persons being proposed for membership including children under the age of 18.

- d. Family membership shall apply to married or cohabiting couples and their children under 18 years and shall entitle them to avail of the amenities provided by the Club. Adults enjoying family membership shall be ordinary members for the purposes of Rule 3 and Rule 15.

5.

- a. Green fees and Court fees must be paid by non-members before commencing to play. Such fees shall be fixed by the Executive Committee.
- b. The Executive Committee shall have power to discontinue such fees as it may deem expedient in the interest of the Club.
- c. Non-members who pay green or court fees shall be issued with official Club receipts

6.

- a. The officers of the Club shall be as follows: an Honorary President, a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, an Honorary Secretary, Treasurer, Ladies and Gentleman's Captains in Tennis and Ladies and Gentleman's Captains in Pitch and Putt.
- b. The affairs of the Club shall be vested in the Executive Committee composed of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Treasurer, Ladies and Gentleman's Captains in Pitch and Putt and Ladies and Gentleman's Captains in Tennis and two other members. The seven non-officers of the executive shall fill roles to be designated as necessary for the administration and maintenance of the club.
- c. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Executive Committee. In his/her absence, the Vice Chairman shall preside. In their absence a Chairman shall be elected from those present at the meeting.

7.

- a. At a meeting of the Executive Committee five members shall form a quorum. The Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to his / her own.
- b. The Executive Committee shall hold at least one meeting each month.

8.

- a. All members of the Executive Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Chairman shall not hold the same office for more than two consecutive years and shall be succeeded by the Vice Chairman. The Honorary Secretary shall not hold the same office for more than three consecutive years. The Treasurer shall not hold the same office for more than four consecutive years. The Executive may co-opt a member to fill a vacancy on the Committee.

- b. In the event that the members fail to elect a Chairman at Annual General Meeting and the outgoing Chairman has held the same office for two or three consecutive years, the outgoing Chairman may be reinstated by a two-thirds majority. The Chairman shall not hold the same office for more than four consecutive years.
9. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of November and at least ten days written notice to be given to all members. The notice shall include complete details of any proposed changes to subscription amount and new membership entry conditions.
10. An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be held whenever the Executive Committee may deem such a meeting expedient or whenever a request in writing be delivered to the Honorary Secretary signed by at least eight 8 ordinary members and accompanied by a statement of the reason for which such a meeting is required. Such meeting must be held within fourteen 14 days of the receipt of such a request and seven 7 days notice must be given to all members of the business to be brought forward at such an Extraordinary General Meeting.
11. Any member lodging a complaint or protest to the Executive Committee must do so in writing. Such letter or complaint must bear the signature of the writer and the signature of all or any other persons associating themselves with the complaint or protest. Such complaint or protest must be delivered to the Honorary Secretary. The complaint shall be read out to the assembled members of the Executive and further information shall be sought if deemed necessary.

The complainant(s) shall receive an acknowledgement of the receipt of the complaint and be notified of any actions arising from the discussion of the said complaint.

12. For the purposes of carrying out their powers and duties the Executive Committee are authorised to make regulations, not inconsistent with these rules. Where the general membership, or any class of member, or any individual member, is expected to abide by a regulation then notice of all such regulations shall either be sent to all members in writing or published in a prominent place in the clubhouse to which all-members have access prior to implementation.
13.
 - a. The Chairman or the Honorary Secretary are to convene all meetings of the Club and of the Executive Committee.
 - b. The Honorary Secretary shall keep a record of all such meetings in a minute book of the Club.
 - c. The Honorary Secretary shall submit a report of all Annual General Meetings.
 - d. The Honorary Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Club in conjunction with the Assistant Secretary.
14. The Treasurer shall keep current books and accounts showing financial position of the Club, and shall furnish the Executive Committee with particulars of same from time to time as may be required by the Executive Committee. The Club shall elect two Honorary Auditors from its members at the Annual General Meeting. Such Auditors shall prepare the Treasurer's Annual Financial Report and shall have Professional Auditors, elected by the Executive Committee, to certify same which shall be submitted to the members of the Club at the Annual General Meeting.

15.

- a. The Club shall elect Trustees of which there shall be not more than five and not less than three.
- b. The Trustees shall be elected at a General Meeting of the Club.
- c. They shall hold office of Trustees until death or resignation unless removed from office by resolution of a general meeting of the Club.

16. The property of the Club shall be vested in the Trustees in their capacity as Trustees of the Club. They shall deal with the Club's property in accordance with resolution of the Executive Committee of which an entry in the minute book of the Club signed by the Chairman shall be conclusive evidence.

17.

- a. The Trustees shall be eligible as officers or ordinary members of the Executive Committee.
- b. In such circumstances where one or all the Trustees are not members of the Executive Committee, they shall be entitled to attend all meetings of the Club and of the Executive Committee, if they so desire. They shall be obliged to attend Executive Committee meetings if requested to do so by that Committee.

18. The Executive Committee may pass resolutions to borrow for the purpose of the Club, such amounts of money, either at one time or from time to time and at such rates of interest and in such form and manner and upon such security as shall be specified by the Executive Committee. Thereupon the Trustees shall, at the direction of the Executive Committee make all such depositions of the Club's property or any part thereof and enter into such agreements in relation thereto as the Executive Committee shall deem proper for giving security for such loans and interest. All members of the Club whether voting on such resolution or not and all person becoming members of the Club after passing of such resolutions shall be deemed to have assented to the same as if they had voted in favour of such resolutions.

19. The Club's Solicitor shall be nominated by the Executive Committee

20. The Executive Committee is empowered to withdraw temporarily or permanently the facilities of the Club from any member or visitor who infringes any of the rules. The Executive Committee may choose either:

- a. to impose a period of suspension for a defined length of time. During the period of suspension, the member is ineligible to participate in all activities at, or on behalf of, the Club and shall be ineligible to participate as a member, in the affairs of the Club, or
- b. to terminate the membership of the person. Members from whom privileges are to be taken shall be notified in writing of the decision and given leave to appeal.

21. All personal belongings of the members, associates, visitors or others, brought to or left at the premises of the Club (either in the Clubhouse or outside) shall be at the sole risk of the owners, and the Club or committee or Trustees shall not be responsible for any loss or damage thereto,

however arising; but this rule shall not prejudice any claim by the Club or the owners against Insurance Companies in the case of fire or when otherwise covered by insurance.

22. No further alterations and /or additions shall be made to these rules of the Club, unless by resolution of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club carried out by at least two thirds majority.
23. Where goods and services are supplied to the club by-members of the club the Executive shall ensure that the goods and services supplied are at competitive rates.
24. A visitor shall not be supplied with excisable liquor in the Club premises unless on the invitation and in the company of a member, and the member shall, upon the admission of such a visitor to the Club premises, or immediately upon his being supplied with liquor, enter his own name and the name and address of the visitor in a book kept for the purpose which shall show the date of each visit.
25. No excisable liquor shall be sold or supplied for consumption outside the premises of the Club.
26. No person under the age of 18 years shall be supplied with or allowed to purchase excisable liquor on the Club premises. The Club reserves the right to ask for proof of age and identity.
27. Members of visiting teams or Clubs, taking part in competitions either as players or officials, on the Club grounds, shall for the day be temporary members of the Club and shall be relieved of the payment of fees other than the entrance fee, if any, to take part in the competition.
28. Subject to the exceptions specified in Sub-Section (2) and (3) of Section 56 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act, 1927 as amended and as inserted in Section 26 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 1995 and Sections 3 and 7 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 2000, no excisable liquor shall be supplied for consumption on the club premises to any person (other than a member of the club lodging in the club premises) or be consumed on those premises by any person (other than such a member of the club lodging in the club premises):
 - a. At any time on Christmas Day or Good Friday
 - b. On any other day as specified hereunder, outside the times so specified in respect of it.
 - i. St. Patrick's Day between 12.30p.m. and 12.30a.m. on the following day
 - ii. On the 23rd December, if it falls on a Sunday, between 10.30a.m. and 11.30p.m.
 - iii. Christmas Eve and the eve of Good Friday between 10.30 a.m. and 11.30p.m.
 - iv. The eve of any public holiday (other than Christmas Eve)
 - v. If the eve falls on a weekday, between 10.30a.m. and 12.30a.m. on the following day,
or
 - vi. If it falls on a Sunday, between 12.30p.m.and 12.30a.m. on the following day
 - vii. Any other Sunday between 12.30p.m. and 12.30 a.m. on the following day.

- viii. Any other Sunday (except St. Patrick's Day which falls on a Sunday) between 12.30p.m. and 11.00p.m.
- ix. Any other Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between 10.30a.m. and 11.30p.m., and
- x. Any other Friday or Saturday between 10.30 a.m. and 12.30a.m. on the following day.

29. Nothing in the Registration of the Clubs Acts, 1904 to 1999 or contained in the Rules of the Club registered under the Acts, shall operate to prohibit the supplying for consumption on the club premises, of excisable liquor to any person of the consumption of excisable liquor on the Club premises by any person,

- a. On Christmas Day, between 12.00 midday and 10.00 p.m., or
- b. On any other day, for one hour after the expiration of any period in respect of that day during which it is lawful for the club, by virtue of sub-section 1) (b) to supply any excisable liquor for consumption on the club premises, if in each case the excisable liquor is:
 - i. ordered on behalf of that person at the same time as a substantial meal is so ordered, and
 - ii. Consumed by that person during the meal or after the meal has ended.

30. Nothing in the registration of the Club Acts or contained in the Rules of the Club shall operate to prohibit the consumptions of exercisable liquor on the Club premises by any person during the period of thirty minutes commencing at the beginning of a period of prohibited hours therein.

31. Stackallen Lawn Tennis and Pitch and Putt Club is fully committed to safeguarding the wellbeing of its members. Every individual in the club should at all times show respect and understanding for their rights, safety and welfare and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the club, and the guidelines contained in the Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport in Ireland.

To ensure that the best practice is followed the club will work closely with the National Governing Bodies. In order to promote the best practice in children's sport. The Club shall comply with the guidelines of the Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport.