

windowsWILSDEN VILLAGE SOCIETY

SQUASH CLUB

RULES

1. The club shall be called the Wilsden Village Society Squash Rackets Club.
2. The principal objects of the club shall be playing amateur squash rackets. It will support the laws of the game as laid down by the Squash Rackets Association. The Club may, in addition, promote and organise subsections for games of a similar nature, and may also promote social activities among its members. No member shall receive payment for his services as a member.
3. The Club shall be a subsidiary part of the Wilsden Village Society.
4. The Officers of the Club shall consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Treasurer, Social Secretary and the Chairman of the Wilsden Village Society.
- 5.a) The affairs of the Club shall be managed by an Executive Committee which shall meet at regular intervals, keep minutes of those meetings and shall consist of the officer of the Club and any other senior members. A quorum shall consist of the Chairman (or Vice Chairman) and four senior members.
 - b) There shall be power to form a Ladies' Committee.
6. The Officers' Committee and the Ladies' Committee shall be elected each year at the Annual General Meeting at which at least seven days notice in writing shall be given by the Secretary to the members.
7. The Executive Committee shall elect its own Chairman and shall have power to fill any casual vacancy occurring in their number between one General Meeting and another. They shall have power to appoint sub-Committees and to co-opt onto these Committees any members of the club who are willing to assist in the organisation of any efforts of a special character.
8. Any Ladies' Committee and any sub-Committee appointed in accordance with the Rule 7 shall carry out such duties as are from time to time delegated to them by the Executive Committee. They shall appoint their own Chairman and Secretary, keep minutes of their meetings and report their proceedings to the Executive Committee which in turn will report to the General Committee of the Wilsden Village Society.
9. Nominations for any office of membership of the Executive or Ladies' Committee shall be forwarded to the Secretary in writing at least seven days clear before the Annual General Meeting, the consent of the nominee having first been obtained.
10. The Club shall account to the Wilsden Village Society for all revenue earned, such revenue to be the property of the Wilsden Village Society who shall dispose of the same in accordance with their constitution as a charitable trust.
- 11.a) Membership of the Club shall consist of Senior, Intermediate and Junior members.
 - b) A member shall be a Senior Member if he/she is aged 18 years or over and has paid the Senior Membership subscription from time to time to such membership.
 - c) A member shall be an Intermediate Member if he is aged 16 – 17 years to under 18 years and has paid the Intermediate membership subscription applicable from time to time to such membership.

- d) A member shall be a Junior Member if he is aged under 16 years and has paid the Junior membership subscription applicable from time to time to such membership.
 - e) No member under the age of 16 shall be permitted on the Club premises during the Bar opening hours, unless his opponent shall be a Senior Member which Senior Member shall be responsible for his supervision throughout his time on the premises.
 - f) A Junior Member shall not be permitted to book for Peak times.
12. The annual subscription and entrance fee shall be decided by members at the Annual General Meeting or such Special General Meeting called for that purpose.
 13. The membership year shall be from 1st February to 31st January. Any member whose subscription is not paid within one calendar month is liable to forfeit the rights of membership. The Executive Committee may make such rules for the payments of subscriptions by instalments as from time to time may be required.
 14. Subscriptions shall become due and payable on 31st January.
 15. Applications for membership should be proposed by a member of the Executive and seconded by a member. Election will be by ballot at the first convenient Committee meeting and the Committee reserve the right to decline any application without stating the reason.

The names and addresses of candidates for membership shall be exhibited on the Club notice board immediately upon receipt of application and no person may be admitted to membership or be admitted as candidate for membership or be admitted to any of the privileges of membership without an interval of at least two days between their nomination or application for membership and their admission. Nor may persons becoming members without prior nomination or application be admitted to the privileges of membership without an interval of a least two days between their becoming members and their admission.

16. The payment of the first subscription by a member shall be deemed to signify acquiescence in and submission to the rules and by-laws of the club for the time being in force.
17. Any member wishing to terminate membership must send his/her request in writing to the Secretary for consideration by the Executive Committee. Until such request is accepted and confirmed in writing by the Secretary, he/she shall be considered as remaining a member. The Executive Committee shall have the power to decide what compensation, if any, in the form of remission of subscription shall be granted.
18. A member absent from the district for the whole of any year will not be liable for any annual subscription for that year provided he or she has given the Secretary previous notice in writing of his or her intention to be so absent in which case his membership will lapse but he will be eligible for re-election under Rule 15 without penalty. In the event of the then existing membership lists being full the member who has given notice in the aforesaid manner shall be entitled as of right to have his name inserted at the top of any waiting list and if more than one member making such application for re-election after giving notice hereunder, they shall be eligible for admission to membership in the order in which they so re-applied.
19. If, in the opinion of the Executive Committee it is thought desirable in the interests of the Club that any member should be requested to resign, he or she shall cease to become a member on receiving a written communication to this effect from the Secretary. The Executive Committee shall have the power to decide what compensation (if any) in the shape of remission of subscription shall be granted.

20. The Executive Committee shall have power to engage and dismiss the Club servants make by-laws, impose fines, make arrangements for matches and tournaments open or otherwise and to appropriate for such purpose any or all of the courts and buildings as they think fit.
21. The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held on the first convenient day after April 1st. A quorum shall consist of the Chairman (or Vice Chairman) and nine senior members.
22. On request of any ten senior members the Secretary must call a Special General Meeting of the Club by giving seven days' notice in writing, specifying the objects for which the meeting is called. A quorum shall consist of the Chairman (or Vice Chairman) and nine senior members.
23. Only a senior member shall have the right to vote at an Executive Committee Meeting, Special General Meeting, or Annual General Meeting but all members have the right to participate in the proceedings of and to make proposals. (Under the conditions of rule 39).
24. Members shall be responsible for any damage done to the Club property either by themselves or their visitors, the amount of the damage to be determined by the Executive Committee whose decision shall be final.
25. No animals shall be allowed in the Clubhouse or on the Club premises (apart from guide dogs).
26. The Executive Committee shall have the right to dispose of any unclaimed garments which have been left about in any of the changing rooms after having given due warning of their intention by posting a notice to the effect on the Notice Board.
27. The Executive Committee shall have the right to cancel or to restrict the admission of visitors at any time if they consider it in the interest of the Club to do so.
28. Any Official or member of the Executive Committee shall have the right to stop or prohibit play on any court if it considers that court to be unfit for use or if the players equipment, footwear or clothing is of a detrimental or offensive nature.
29. No member of visitor may remove any property of any description belonging to the Club or a member from the Club premises without the permission of the Executive Committee.
30. The Club will normally be open 24 hours a day. The Club reserves the right to alter these times as may be necessary from time to time without notice.
31. The Executive Committee may authorise the admission to the Club premises of:
 - a) Any team of other players
 - b) Entrants to any tournament organised by the Club
 - c) Any Sporting Organisation consisting of officials, players or other bona fida members of such sporting organisations.
32. Any such persons admitted under Rule 31 hereof shall be required to sign the Visitors' Book which shall be available at all times for this purpose and shall be entitled to the supply of intoxicating liquor.
33. Any member shall introduce to the Club a maximum of one playing guest and additionally a maximum of two non-playing guests, such guests shall be signed in the Visitors' Book as set out in Rule 32 and shall be entitled to be supplied with intoxicating liquor.
34. The Executive Committee shall from time to time make Sub-Rules governing fees the procedure for booking courts, equipment, play and the security of the building, such sub-rule to be passed by simple

majority of those members then present at an ordinary meeting of the said Executive Committee upon seven days' notice being given of such proposed sub-rules or amendments thereto but anything in the said sub-rules appearing to amend or infringe upon these Rules the constitution of the Village Society where in any way appertaining to the Liquor Licence shall be ultra vires and void.

35. Access to the Squash Court building will be by key only (The term 'key' shall be construed to signify and include other means of restricted entry such as electronic card readers, proximity readers etc.) To maintain security:
 - a) Individual members will be issued with a key. No member is permitted to loan their key to anybody and a member found in breach of this rule will be subject to the provisions of Rule 19 thereof.
 - b) No members shall allow non-members into the building unless accompanied by a member.
 - c) Members must ensure that the door is locked behind them when entering and leaving.
 - d) Any loss of any key or damage of equipment or defect in equipment or building must be reported without delay and in any event as soon as reasonably practical to either the Warden or the Secretary.
 - e) Any member losing a key will be charged the cost of replacement. Any member losing a key whereby security of the building is jeopardised may be required to pay the cost occasioned by reinstalment thereof.
36. Car Parking – Cars may be parked in the Village Hall Car Park, where ample space is provided.
37. No alteration or addition to the rules may be made except at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose. Any such alteration or addition must be passed by a majority of two-thirds of the members entitled to vote then present. A notice in writing of such proposals must be given to the Secretary at least 21 days before the said meetings and must be notified to the members as part of the notice convening the meetings.
38. There shall be no power to amend the constitution of the Club in relation to its position with the Wilsden Village Society either financial or otherwise. The Club shall, however, have the right to propose such alterations, which must be passed as set out in Rule 38. Such proposal shall then be notified in writing by the Secretary to the Secretary of the General Committee of the Wilsden Village Society from time to time which Committee shall deliberate and decide upon the said proposal in accordance with their constitution and only if so ratified shall the proposed amendment become effective.
39. Save as aforesaid the Club shall have the power to decide its internal affairs and if any question or dispute arises which is not provided for by these rules the matter shall be dealt with by the Executive Committee and if necessary by the General Committee of the Wilsden Village Society whose ruling shall hold good until the next Annual General Meeting of the Club.
40. Alternatively, at the request of three officers of the Club (Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Treasurer, Social Secretary, Chairman of the Wilsden Village Society) the Secretary must initiate a postal ballot of all senior members by giving twenty one days' notice in writing specifying the question or dispute to be resolved. The Executive Committee shall be bound by a simple majority of the ballots returned. The decision shall remain in force until modified by a rule change or subsequent ballot in accordance with the constitution of the Club.
40. Upon dissolution of the Club any income or property remaining after paying all debts shall not be distributed amongst the members but shall be devoted to the Wilsden Village Society or to a Society with similar aims, a charitable trust or for some other purpose approved by the Commissioners of the Customs and Excise.