

CONSTITUTION OF STROUD SQUASH RACQUETS CLUB

1. Name

The name of the Club will be **Stroud Squash Racquets Club**.

2. Club Purpose

The purpose of the Club is to promote the amateur sports of Squash and Racketball in the Stroud area.

3. Aims & Objectives

The aims and objectives of the Club will be to:

- a. Provide facilities for the playing of Squash and Racketball to players of all ability levels
- b. To offer competitive opportunities to members wishing to play in internal leagues and / or represent the club in teams
- c. To offer coaching and development to the membership
- d. To promote the sports of Squash and Racketball in the community
- e. To ensure that all members receive fair treatment without discrimination

4. Membership

- a. Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sports on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs.
- b. The Club may have different classes of membership and subscriptions on a non-discriminatory and fair basis. The Club will keep subscriptions at a level which does not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.
- c. Limitation of membership based on the capacity of the available facilities is allowed on a non-discriminatory basis.
- d. The Club Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or Sport into disrepute.

5. Conduct

All members of the Squash Club and their guests shall conduct themselves in line with the constitution policies and rules of the Club while using the facilities of the Club.

Whilst in the grounds of Fromehall Park or within the Rugby Club facilities, members are also subject to the rules set down by Stroud Rugby Limited.

6. General Meetings

6.1. Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Club will hold an AGM once in every calendar year. At each AGM:

- a. The Committee will report on the Club activities since the previous AGM
- b. The Treasurer will produce the accounts of the Club for the latest financial year, audited as the Committee shall decide.
- c. The members will elect the new Committee consisting of the officers of the Club and up to 4 ordinary members of the Committee.
- d. The members will discuss and vote on any resolution (whether about policy or to change the constitution) and deal with any other business put to the meeting.

6.2. Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)

An EGM shall be called by the secretary within 14 days of a request to that effect by the Committee or on the written request of not less than 5 members, signed by each of them. Such EGM shall be held on not less than 14, nor more than 21, days notice at a place decided upon by the Committee or in default by the Chairman.

7. The Committee

The club will be managed by a Committee elected from its membership each year at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

7.1. Role and Powers

Subject to the Constitution, the Committee shall have responsibility for the management of the Club, its funds, property and affairs. This shall cover the following areas of activity:

- a. Responsibility for adopting new policy, codes of conduct and rules for the management and organisation of the Club.
- b. Raise and set aside funds by subscriptions, appeals and loans to support the development of the Club. To open and operate bank accounts as necessary for the efficient operation of the club.
- c. Provision of facilities, equipment, coaching and training for the membership.
- d. Organisation of competitions and events, including social events, for the benefit of club members.
- e. Taking out necessary insurance for the Club, players, guests and third parties.
- f. To maintain and improve the facilities of the Club for the use of the membership.
- g. Cooperate with, or affiliate to, any bodies regulating or organising the sport, with any Club or body associated with the governing body and with government or related agencies.
- h. Employ and engage staff or contractors to provide services to the Club. Members may be contracted or employed to provide these services which shall not include playing for the club.
- i. No member, or guest, shall be paid to play for the club.

- j. Conduct of disciplinary hearings for members who infringe Club rules, regulations or the constitution. The Committee will be responsible for taking any disciplinary action following such hearings.
- k. Do all other things reasonably necessary to advance the Club purpose.
- l. None of the above powers may be used other than to advance the Club purpose consistent with this constitution and the law.

7.2. Officers of the Club

The officers of the Club shall be:

Chairman
Treasurer
Secretary
President

The Chairman, Treasurer & Secretary shall be elected each year at the AGM. The President will be nominated by the Committee to serve a 5 year term, such nomination to be confirmed by a membership vote at the appropriate AGM.

7.3. Composition

- a. The Committee shall consist of at least five (5) and not more than eight (8) members (including officers).
- b. The team captains will nominate a single club captain from among them to be a member of the Committee each season.
- c. The Committee members may co-opt Club members (up to the maximum permitted number) to serve until the next AGM
- d. Any Committee member may be re-elected or re-co-opted without limit
- e. A Committee member ceases to be such if he or she ceases to be a member of the Club, resigns by written notice, or is removed by the Committee for good cause after the member concerned has been given the chance of putting his/her case to the Committee with an appeal to Club members, or is removed by Club members at a general meeting. The Committee shall fairly decide time limits and formalities for these steps.

7.4. Meetings

The Committee may decide its own way of operating. Unless it otherwise resolves, the following rules apply:

- a. A quorum of at least 3 members of the Committee, including at least 2 elected officers, must be present for the meeting to be valid.
- b. Meeting shall be chaired by the Club Chairman or his delegate, in his absence.
- c. Committee meetings shall be held face to face
- d. Decisions shall be by a simple majority of those voting
- e. The Chair of the meeting shall not have a casting vote
- f. A resolution signed by every Committee member shall be valid without a meeting
- g. Whenever a Committee member has a personal interest in a matter to be discussed, he/she must declare it to the meeting. They will be asked to withdraw

from that part of the meeting, will not be counted in the quorum for that agenda item and will have no vote on the matter concerned.

7.5. Delegation

The Committee may delegate any of their functions to sub-committees but must specify the scope of its activity and powers; the extent to which it can commit the fund of the Club; its membership; its duty to report back to the Committee. The Committee may wind up any sub-committee at any time or change its mandate and operating limits.

7.6. Disclosure

Annual Club reports and statements of accounts must be made available for inspection by any member and all Club records may be inspected by any Committee member.

8. Finance

The Club Treasurer will be responsible for the finances of the Club.

8.1. General

- a. All Club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the Club
- b. All surplus income or profits are to be reinvested in the club
- c. The property and funds of the club shall not be used for the direct or indirect private benefit of members other than as reasonably allowed by the rules.
- d. Any cheques drawn against Club funds will be issued by the Treasurer and hold the signatures of 2 officers of the Club
- e. The statement of annual accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at each AGM.

8.2. Membership Fees

Membership Fees will be set annually and determined at the Annual General Meeting. The membership year will commence on period Sept 1st each year and run to Aug 31st in the subsequent year. Fees will be paid by annual subscription.

8.3. Financial Year

The financial year for the Club will run from 1st June to May 31st.

9. Teams and Competitions

The club shall organise tournaments and enter teams in the Gloucestershire County League based on demand from members and the capacity of the facilities to support the time required for matches. The following principles shall apply for the operation of club teams:

- a. All team players must be full playing members of SSRC, in their respective age category, at all times when appearing for any club team.
- b. Teams shall be selected on merit based on league rankings and performance in club competitions.

- c. Teams will be self-funding with the cost of operating each team funded from the collection of match fees. The team captain will be responsible for collecting and managing the match fees.
- d. Captains for each team will be appointed from within the members of the respective team squad
- e. Captains are expected to take due regard of player preferences, constraints in respect of playing nights and the need to develop new talent when selecting teams.

10. Discipline & Appeals

- a. All complaints regarding the behaviour of members should be submitted in writing to the Secretary.
- b. The Management Committee will meet to hear complaints within 14 days of a complaint being lodged.
- c. The Committee has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action including the termination of membership.
- d. The outcome of a disciplinary hearing should be notified in writing to the person who lodged the complaint and the member against whom the complaint was made within 7 days of the hearing.
- e. There will be the right of appeal to the Management Committee following the result disciplinary action being announced. The Committee should consider the appeal within 14 days of the Secretary receiving the appeal.

11. Winding up / Dissolution of the Club

- a. The members may vote to wind up the Club if not less than three quarters (3/4) of those present and voting support that proposal at a properly convened general meeting
- b. The Committee will then be responsible for the orderly winding up of the affairs of the Club.
- c. After settling all liabilities of the Club, the Committee shall dispose of the net assets remaining to one or more of the following:
 - i. To another Club or Clubs with similar sporting purposes and which is a registered charity or CASC
 - ii. To the club's governing body for use by them for related community sports

12. Amendments to the Constitution

The constitution may be amended at a general meeting by a two thirds [2/3] majority of the votes cast but not to alter either the purposes of the Club or the winding up provisions.

The Club purposes may only be changed to include another eligible sport if the Committee unanimously agree and the members also agree to the change with not less than three quarters (3/4) of those present and voting supporting the proposal at a properly convened general meeting.

Motions to change the constitution of the Club may be proposed by the Committee or by a motion submitted in writing to the Secretary and be signed by 10 full adult playing members of the Club. On receipt of such a motion the Secretary must arrange a meeting to be held within 28 days, giving at least 14 days notice to members.

Declaration

Stroud Squash Racquets Club hereby adopts and accepts this constitution as the document for governing the operating of Stroud Squash Racquets Club and for regulating the actions of its members. This document supersedes all previous rules and constitutions of the club

Adopted by the membership of the club at the AGM held on July 28th 2020,
at: Chalford Sports Club.

SIGNED: 

DATE: 5/8/20

NAME: EWEN DENNING

Position: **Club Chairman**

SIGNED: 

DATE: 29/01/21

NAME: ROB ELLIS

Position: **Club Secretary**