

# Roe Green Tennis Club

## Constitution

**1. Name.** The name of the Club shall be Roe Green (St. Marks) Tennis Club and will be referred to as the 'Group' in this document.

**2. Objectives.** To promote & provide sporting opportunities in particular tennis to people of all ages from within the local community. To promote and provide social and recreational activities for all members and their guests. To offer competitive sporting opportunities and coaching facilities to all members. To encourage discipline and respect in all members and foster awareness relating to the importance of complying with all rules and regulations. To promote equal opportunities within the community.

**3. Membership.** Membership of the 'Group' shall be open to any person in the Walkden, Worsley, and surrounding areas of Salford who accepts and supports the 'Groups' objectives. Membership shall be open to all regardless of age, race, colour, creed, sex and political or religious belief. Members may invite a visitor to play providing they pay the appropriate visitor fee agreed at the AGM. Visitors may not play more than three times in any one-year except by special permission of the Committee. Every member of a visiting match team and every competitor in a tournament where a match is played at the club shall be deemed to be a 'temporary member' for the duration of that match or tournament. Members shall behave in an appropriate manner in all premises used by the 'Group'. Should any member be in breach of this rule they may be suspended and have an opportunity to appeal to the Committee. The Committee shall have the power to refuse, terminate or suspend membership of any person found to be in breach of Club Rules or of misconduct or of offensive behaviour toward other members or visitors. The person may appeal the decision at a General Meeting. All members shall have access to a copy of this constitution. Injury Loss of Property etc Members leaving property unattended do so at their own risk. The club shall maintain a 'policy of insurance' for persons suffering injury whilst legitimately on the premises.

**4. Classes of Membership.** New Member applies to the initial 12 months of membership and includes anyone having ceased to be a member now wishing to rejoin. Full applies to anyone aged 18 years or over on the 1st April of that forthcoming season. Senior applies to anyone having reached the age of 60 years and no longer in employment. Junior applies to anyone up to and including the age of 17 years on 1st April of the forthcoming season. Student applies to anyone registered as being in full time education. Family Member applies to anyone being the spouse/partner of the main applicant and their sons and/or daughters joining the 'Group' as a family unit. Each such person being identified upon application or at a subsequent stage

where the Committee deems the circumstances appropriate Unemployed Member Applies to anyone registered as unemployed with the Department of Work and pensions at the time of joining the 'Group'. Social Member applies to a non - playing member who will only take part in social activities. Honorary Member Applies following agreement by the Committee and ratified by a majority vote of Members at an AGM. An Honorary Member would enjoy the full facilities of the club without a subscription.

**5. Officers.** Officers of the Club shall include; Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary and Events Secretary, Each officer post will be held for one year after which they shall retire but will remain eligible for re-election at the AGM.

**6. Management.** The Management of the 'Group' shall be the responsibility of a Committee comprising the Officers, the Team Captains and at least three General Members. The Team Captains and the three General Members shall remain on Committee until the election of Team Captains and Committee members at the next AGM when they shall retire but remain eligible for re-election. Any casual vacancy on the Committee may be filled by majority vote of Committee members. The Committee shall meet at least four times in every year and no business shall be transacted unless at least five members are present. It shall be the general duty of the Committee to manage the affairs of the 'Group' on behalf of members. To this end the Committee shall have the power to introduce such rules/regulations as they think fit and any decision on interpretation of these rules shall be final and binding. All decisions shall be made on the basis of a majority vote and in the case of an equal split the Chairperson shall be entitled to the casting vote.

**7. Subscriptions.** Subscription rates will be agreed at the Annual General Meeting and the subscription year shall run from the first April to thirty first March of the following year. Any Member not paying the subscription fee by the first June will cease to be a member. Re-election to join the 'Group' will be subject to the standard joining fee. The subscription plus the joining fee for new members shall be paid with the submission of their membership application.

**8. Finance.** The Club's financial year shall run from the 1st January to the 31st December and the independently verified accounts to be submitted to the Annual General Meeting. The 'Group shall maintain a bank account in the name of Roe Green (St Marks) Tennis Club' and there will be two from a nominated three signatories who will sign on behalf of the 'Group'. Signatories must be unrelated and must reside at different addresses.

**9. Annual General Meetings (AGM).** The AGM shall be held each year in the month of March. Written notice of the AGM and a copy of the agenda shall be displayed and/or sent to all members at least 21 days prior to the meeting and the following will be discussed To

confirm the minutes of the previous AGM and any General Meetings held since then. To receive the independently verified accounts for the previous financial year. To receive the Annual report of the Committee for the previous financial year. To elect an Auditor. To elect Officers To review and agree the 'Groups' subscription fees for the coming year. Members introducing any additional item of business to be moved should notify the Secretary in writing at least 14 days prior to the Meeting. A quorum for a General Meeting shall be at least three Officers and three members. Each member attending will be entitled to one vote per item. Special General Meeting (SGM) The Committee may call a Special General Meeting at any time for any special purpose. The Committee must call an SGM as soon as practicable upon the requisition in writing of any 9 or more members of the Club stating the purpose for which the meeting is required.

**10 Constitution.** Any proposed alterations to the Group Constitution may be agreed at an AGM however in extraordinary circumstances an SGM may be called providing a term of notice is given to members. Any alteration/amendment must be proposed by a member of the 'Group' and seconded by another member. The 'Group' is constituted by these rules as a non-profit making Members Club. Under no circumstances during the 'Groups' existence, or after its dissolution, shall any assets or surplus funds be distributed to any individual member

**11 Dissolution Clause.** Should the Group for any reason dissolve and after discharging all debts and liabilities, each remaining asset shall not be distributed to members of the 'Group' but shall be donated to another 'Group' having similar objects to Roe Green (St Marks) Tennis Club. In the event of dissolution the land on which the Club is situated must be disposed of as dictated in the agreement dated 29th May 1984 between Bridgewater Estates PLC and the Trustees of St Marks (Roe Green) Tennis Club – now Roe Green (St Marks) Tennis Club - with all monies being donated to a charitable cause. Any proposed alterations to the Club Constitution may only be agreed at an Annual or Special General Meeting. Any alteration/amendment must be proposed by a member of the Club and seconded by another member.

**12. Trustees** The property of the Club must be vested in four “Trustees appointed by the Committee. The Trustees must deal with the property as the Committee from time to time agree by resolution (of which an entry in the minutes is to be conclusive evidence).The Trustees will be indemnified against risk and expense out of the Club property. The Trustees will hold office until death or resignation or until removal from office by the Committee. Where by reason of death, resignation or removal it is necessary for a new Trustee or Trustees to be appointed, the Committee must nominate the person or persons to be appointed the new Trustee or Trustees.

**13. Borrowing.** The committee may take out a mortgage or a loan from a Building Society or Bank or the LTA or club member(s) for the improvement of club facilities only. The amount to be limited to 50% of any project. Any such loan must be approved by the committee and lenders must be informed that any liability is limited to the assets of the club. No member will be held personally liable.

**14. Contracts.** Contracts may only be agreed by the committee acting in a prudent manner, and officers of the club may only award contracts after committee approval.