



# Lansdown Tennis, Squash and Croquet Club Limited

## Club Rules

### Our shared commitment

Lansdown Tennis, Squash and Croquet Club is a welcoming, inclusive and friendly community. We are proud of the positive atmosphere our members help to create, both on and off the courts, and we want everyone to feel comfortable, respected and able to enjoy their time at the Club.

These Rules are here to support that shared enjoyment. They set out simple expectations about how we look after one another, care for our facilities and protect the good name of the Club, so that Lansdown continues to thrive for current and future members.

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## 1. Membership

### 1.1 How membership works

Membership of the Club is governed by:

- The Articles of Association
- These Club Rules
- Club Policies approved by the Board from time to time

The most up-to-date versions of these documents are available on the Club website (on the [Board of Directors](#) web page and the [Safeguarding and Policies](#) web page) and on [MoC](#) (under 'Club Documents').

### 1.2 Membership categories

The following categories apply from 1 May 2025.

#### Rackets

- Adult
- Adult Couple
- Young Person (18–26 inclusive)
- Junior (13–17 inclusive)
- Child / Junior linked to Adult (4–17 inclusive)
- Child Receiving Coaching (4–12)
- Life
- Honorary

## **Other**

- Croquet
- Associate

Rackets members may take part in any of the sports offered by the Club.

Court booking is available to Adult, Adult Couple, Young Person and Junior Rackets Members.

Adult Couple membership is available where both members share the same dwelling throughout the period of membership.

Age for membership purposes is determined at the time of joining, re-joining or renewal.

Existing members and associates have an automatic right to renew their membership until 15 May each year.

Associates are not members for the purposes of the Articles of Association but are expected to follow these Club Rules.

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## **2. Subscriptions**

### **2.1 General principles**

- Membership applications are subject to approval and availability
- A joining fee applies to all new and re-joining members and associates
- All members and associates, except Honorary and Life members, pay a subscription.
- Subscription rates are set annually by the Board before 1 May.
- Subscriptions are payable by direct debit.

### **2.2 Rackets subscription options**

Rackets members may choose between the following options.

#### **Single Yearly Subscription**

- One annual payment
- Membership runs for the full year and cannot be cancelled or suspended
- No refunds or credits
- Medical suspensions of three months or more may be available after two years' membership (medical evidence may be requested)

#### **Flexible Monthly Subscription**

- Available to Rackets Members only
- Designed to offer flexibility where circumstances change

Under the Flexible Monthly Subscription:

- Membership may be cancelled after the first three months
- On cancellation members can opt to become an associate or a croquet member without a joining fee and on payment of the appropriate subscription; any subsequent re-application for racket membership will be treated as a new application
- Membership may be suspended once in any 12-month period for up to two calendar months. Two weeks' notice must be given. During a suspension, members may choose to transfer to an associate or croquet membership for a pro-rata fee. During this time, court booking and voting rights are paused
- Medical suspensions of three months or more may be available after two years' membership (medical evidence may be requested)

Where monthly subscriptions are not paid, membership may be suspended or cancelled. Persistent payment issues may result in withdrawal of access to the Flexible Monthly Subscription scheme.

## **2.3 Croquet members**

Croquet members:

- Pay a single annual subscription
- May not cancel during the subscription year
- May apply for a medical suspension after two years' membership

Where a medical suspension is agreed, the membership is transferred to the associate category, voting rights are paused and a credit may be applied to the following year's subscription.

## **2.4 Associates**

Associates pay a single annual subscription. An associate membership provides access for the full year, refunds or credits are not available if facilities cannot be used during that period.

## **2.5 Joining part-way through the year**

Members joining part-way through the subscription year on an annual subscription will be charged on a pro-rata basis.

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# **3. Honorary Life Membership**

Honorary Life Membership may be awarded on the recommendation of the Board and with the approval of members at a General Meeting.

Honorary Life Members enjoy the full privileges and responsibilities of voting members for life, without further subscription payments, in accordance with the Articles of Association.

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## 4. Guests

Members are very welcome to introduce guests and share the Club experience.

- Up to three guests may attend with a member at any one time
- Guest fees must be paid and guests signed in before play
- Members must remain on site while their guests are present
- A guest may attend the Club up to five times in any subscription year

Members are responsible for ensuring that their guests are aware of and follow these Club Rules.

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## 5. Court bookings and courtesy

Courts are a shared resource, and a little consideration goes a long way.

Please cancel any courts you no longer need as early as possible so that others have the opportunity to play.

Where bookings are repeatedly made and not used, the Club may step in to help manage court availability fairly. This may include a graduated response, such as reminders or, if necessary, limits on booking privileges.

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## 6. Children

For the safety and enjoyment of all members:

- Children under the age of 12 must be supervised at all times
  - Children under the age of 12 are not permitted on the croquet lawn for safety reasons
  - Juniors (13–17) must be accompanied by an adult member if playing croquet
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## 7. Dogs

To protect players, members and our facilities, dogs are not permitted on Club premises, with the exception of registered assistance dogs.

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## 8. Parking and bicycles

Members, associates and guests are welcome to use the car park during their visit, subject to availability.

Please:

- Park within marked bays
  - Use disabled spaces only when displaying a valid badge
  - Leave bicycles in the designated areas
  - Don't use the car park if you're not visiting the Club and don't park overnight
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## 9. Social media and messaging

The Club values positive, respectful and constructive communication, whether in person, online or in messaging groups such as WhatsApp.

Members and associates are required to:

- Treat one another with courtesy and respect
  - Use Club-related messaging groups and social media for their intended purpose only
  - Avoid personal criticism or airing grievances in Club-related messaging groups and social media
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## 10. General

Members should not play sport at the Club against medical advice they have received.

If something does not feel right, or you have concerns about Club matters or behaviour, please raise them with the Club Manager or with a Board member as appropriate. This helps ensure issues are addressed fairly, calmly and constructively.

If concerns arise, the Club's first aim will always be to resolve matters informally and constructively wherever possible. Where this is not possible, and following an appropriate investigation, the Board may take fair and proportionate action where it concludes, on the balance of probabilities, that these Rules or the Articles have not been followed. This may include guidance, warnings, removal from Club-related roles in social media or messaging groups or, in some circumstances, fines, suspension or expulsion.

These Rules have been approved by the Board under Article 23 of the Club's Articles of Association and apply to all members and associates from February 18<sup>th</sup> 2026. They replace any earlier committee rules made since 1 January 2012. If there is a conflict, the Articles of Association always take precedence over these Rules.