



Established 1888

**Dullatur Lawn Tennis Club 1888** TM Registration No 2325071

## **Constitution**

### **1. Ownership**

The tennis courts and all that land of the premises at Victoria Road, Dullatur, Glasgow, owned by Dullatur Community Council, in trust for the residents of Dullatur in Perpetuity. The boundary for members of Dullatur being, the Forth and Clyde Canal, the golf course to the south and west and the Dullatur Village Sign.

### **2. The Dullatur Lawn Tennis Club Committee**

- (a) The tennis courts will be used for the playing of tennis by Dullatur Lawn Tennis Club, established at this address in 1888. This name will be inserted in all official correspondence and documents. The objective of the club is to encourage the sport of tennis, leisure and social activities. The playing of tennis on the courts shall be managed by Dullatur Lawn Tennis Club who shall be answerable to Dullatur Community Council in all matters and shall operate as a sub-committee of Dullatur Community Council. There should be as much autonomy as possible in the management of the club.
- (b) Dullatur Lawn Tennis Club shall comprise of 3 office bearers, namely President, Secretary and Treasurer, all living within the aforementioned boundary of Dullatur and at least 5 ordinary members. Two thirds of the committee must be residents of Dullatur. The Dullatur Lawn Tennis Club shall furthermore nominate a committee member to serve on Dullatur Community Council and report on all tennis club activities. Likewise one member of the Community Council shall serve on the DLTC committee.
- (c) The office bearers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, in each year and shall hold office until the succeeding AGM when they shall be eligible for re-election, with the exception of the President who shall not be eligible for re-election after two consecutive years in office or until two years after he demits office. The quorum of an AGM\* shall comprise 5 full members and proxy votes. Family members are entitled to one proxy vote.
- (d) At all meetings the President or in his/her absence, the secretary shall be the Chairperson and in the absence of the President and Secretary, the meeting shall elect a chairperson.
- (e) At any committee meeting, a quorum shall consist of five members and at any time the Chairperson will have a casting as well as a deliberate vote.
- (f) The committee shall have the power to appoint a member to fill the place of any committee member that may become vacant, such an appointment to be valid only until the next AGM.
- (g) The committee shall have the power to increase its number by the co-option of members; such co-opted member should not exceed 3 in number.
- (h) A Special or Extraordinary General Meeting must be called within 14 days by;
- (i) The secretary on a requisition in writing signed by seven members.
- (ii) By a quorum of the committee.
- (iii) By the direction of the Chairperson of Dullatur Community Council or the President of Dullatur Lawn Tennis Club.

- (j) All meetings of the club shall be called by notice from the secretary and in the case of an Emergency Meeting; at least three days notice must be given.
- (k) The Annual General Meeting shall be held after the accounts are audited. \*

### 3. Finance

- (a) That a bank account is opened in the name of Dullatur Lawn Tennis Club and all cheques are signed by any two of the office bearers. The DLTC committee shall be totally responsible for maintaining the club as a financially viable organisation and shall determine subscriptions and arrange fund raising to suit the club's commitments.
- (b) Any change in the structure of membership must be agreed by Dullatur Community Council. The DLTC accounts shall be made available to the Community Council whenever required.
- (c) The DLTC shall be responsible for meeting all repairs and maintenance of the courts, including boundary walls, catch netting and services, in good order. The DLTC shall pay insurances for the courts, nets and property.
- (d) The DLTC shall raise and pay to Dullatur Community Council each year, when due, the full value or a mutually agreed portion of annual council rates payable, should this arise in the future.
- (e) The effects and monies of the club belong to the members, but the right and interest of every member shall be personal and limited to the individual and shall expire with the membership and shall not be assigned or passed on to heirs and executors.
- (f) The Annual Subscription shall be determined from time to time at the Annual General or Special General Meeting.
- (g) The Village Hall may be hired at any time when it is available at the reduced resident's rate.
- (h) In the event of default in clause 3b or 3c, clause 5a will be invoked.

### 4. Membership

- (a) The DLTC committee shall have sole power to admit members to the club.
- (b) Application for membership must be made in writing to the Secretary who shall submit the application to a meeting of the committee whose decision will be intimated in writing to the applicant.
- (c) There shall be two classes of membership:
  - (i) **Members** being resident of Dullatur and the boundaries of which are defined by the Forth and Clyde Canal, The sand quarry in the East and the Golf Course to the South and West and from the Dullatur Village Sign, who are accepted into the membership by the committee.
  - (ii) **Associate Members** being all others accepted into the membership by the committee.

The number of Associate shall be limited to a maximum of 30% of the total playing members and will have no rights to vote or attend meetings of the club or have an interest in the property of the club. **Members and Associated Members** shall enjoy equally, all privileges, rights and dues as members as specified by the committee, except that only members may vote at the AGM. Associate members may vote on the management of the game.

### 5. Dress Code

The DLTC committee shall exercise a dress code appropriate to the playing of tennis. No outdoor shoes shall be worn on within the courts. Football team colours will not be allowed within the premises, anyone who does not comply with this rule will be asked to leave the courts.

6. **Suspension or Expulsion**

In the event of any dispute between DLTC and Dullatur Community Council which cannot be resolved. Dullatur Community Council shall have the power, on the majority vote of a ballot, held by a minimum quorum of 15 residents of Dullatur, plus members of Dullatur Community Council to suspend or expel any member whose conduct appears to them to endanger the character, interest or good order of the club; or anyone who acts in defiance of the constitution of rules at a General Meeting. In that event an Interim Committee will be appointed. The DLTC committee have to power to expel any member for the same reason.

7. **Constitutional Changes**

- (a) No alteration to the foregoing Constitution shall be made without the agreement of both the Community Council and the DLTC committees.
- (b) Any proposed amendments to the constitution by DLTC shall be approved at the AGM of the club or an Extra- Ordinary General Meeting specially convened for that purpose.
- (c) Written notice of proposed amendments must be sent to the Secretary at least 14days previously, a notice of proposed changes will be sent to the members with a copy of the agenda at least 7 days prior to the AGM and 14 days prior for an EGM.

8. **Dissolution of Dullatur Community Council**

In the event of the dissolution of Dullatur Community Council, the Trustees will transfer the ownership of the entire premises to the Dullatur Old Village Association, who was the Trustee of the land prior to the purchase by Dullatur Community Council in 1982. Failing that, the residents will be asked to form a committee to manage the facility to ensure the use of the tennis courts for the people of Dullatur. No one group shall dictate the use of the Village Hall. Priority will be given to established groups renting the Village Hall.

May 2002.

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**Constitutional Change                      24 May 2007**

**Clause 2c**

For an AGM the change will be changed to read "the quorum of an AGM shall comprise of 5 full members" For an EGM clause 2c will remain unchanged.

**Clause 2 k.**

Previously read "The Annual General Meeting shall be held at the end of March".