

Nunthorpe Squash Rackets Club Constitution & Rules



NAME AND HEADQUARTERS

The club shall be called the Nunthorpe Squash Club.

The headquarters of the Club shall be the premises of the Nunthorpe & Marton, Playing Fields Association situated at Guisborough Road, Nunthorpe, Middlesbrough Cleveland.

OBJECTS OF THE CLUB

The objects of the club are the promotion and playing of squash and to provision of social and recreational facilities for its members.

MEMBERSHIP

A candidate for membership shall be proposed by one member and seconded by another member of the club.

The name and address of the candidate together with the names and addresses of the proposer and seconder shall be posted on the club notice board for at least 7 days for the information of members, before consideration by the Committee.

Any member or members wishing to object to any application so posted must do so to the Hon. Secretary within the time of the posting.

The Hon. Secretary shall lay any objection so received before the Committee who shall consider it in deciding upon the election or rejection of the candidate.

Notification of the election shall be communicated to the candidate by the Hon. Secretary, together with the request for the payment of any entrance fee and payment of the pro-rata annual or monthly subscription.

Entry to facilities will be granted with the issuing of a Key and Entry fob by the membership secretary, payment for which will be made by members and on a returnable deposit basis.

CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Resignation.

A member deciding to terminate their membership shall give notice to the committee at least four weeks before the expiration of the club year.

Non-Payment of Subscription

After one month from 1st June of each year, members who have failed to pay their subscriptions for the current year or monthly basis will automatically terminate any membership.

Expulsion

On the receipt of a complaint from three members of the club regarding the conduct of any member, the Committee shall notify that member of the complaint and request the attendance of that member at the next meeting of the Committee.

The Committee of the club shall have the power to expel or suspend members on the grounds of their misconduct provided that:

1. The member has been allowed to explain his/her conduct.
2. A formal resolution to the effect is put and carried by a two-thirds majority of the club Committee.

Any such member so expelled shall:

- A. Have no claims on the club for repayment of any part of a subscription previously paid.
- B. Be prohibited from entering or using the club premises on all occasions if expelled or during the period of suspension if suspended.

THE CLUB YEAR

The club's financial year shall be from 1st June to 31st May.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Annual Subscription of members shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting.

Subscriptions shall be payable in advance on the 1st of June in each year and shall cover membership until the 31st of May of the following year.

MANAGEMENT

The management of the club shall be elected in a committee as follows:

President
Chairman
Hon. Secretary
Hon. Treasurer
Six Ordinary Members of not less than 2 years standing.

The Committee may nominate an individual for the position of President and on election at an Annual General Meeting, that individual shall become the President sine die.

The President shall be regarded in all respects as an elected member of the Committee.

The chairman shall be the Chairman of the Committee. In the absence of the chairman, the Committee shall elect a Chairman.

The Committee shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election.

Nomination for Officers of the Club and membership of the club must be made on the list posted on the club notice board, which shall be available to members at least 14 days before the date of the A.G.M.

All nominations shall be proposed by one member and seconded by at least one other member.

Nominations will close 24 hours before the A.G.M.

The Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy, which may arise among the other members of the Committee.

The committee shall have the power to co-opt members onto the Committee to fulfil a particular function. Such co-opted members shall be regarded in every respect as being members of the committee.

At a committee meeting, five members shall form a quorum.

LOANS TO THE CLUB

If at any time the club in General Meeting shall pass a resolution authorising the Committee to borrow, the committee shall thereupon be empowered to borrow money for the club.

Such amount of money either at one time or from time to time and at such rate of interest and such manner and form and upon such security as shall be specified in such resolution and thereupon the Committee shall make all such depositions of the club property or any part thereof and enter into such agreement in relation thereto as they may deem proper for giving security for such loans and interest.

All members of the club whether voting on such resolution or not and all members of the club after the passing of such resolutions shall be deemed to have assented to the same as if they had voted in favour of such resolutions.

GENERAL MEETINGS

The Club shall hold an Annual General Meeting during the month of May each year. A written notice convening the meeting shall be issued to all members at least 14 days before the meeting.

Extraordinary General Meetings of the Club shall be called by the Hon. Secretary: -

1. On the instructions of the Committee.
2. At the written request to the Hon. Secretary of not less than 20 members of the Club specifying the matter, it is desired to discuss.

At least 7 days' notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be exhibited. At a General Meeting of the Club

10 members shall form a quorum.

The voting procedure at any General or Committee Meeting shall be as follows.

1. Questions shall be determined by a majority on the show of hands unless a poll shall be deemed by one-third at least of the members present.
2. If a poll is demanded it shall be taken in such a manner and at such time as the Chairman of the Meeting shall direct.

3. In the event of an equality of votes at any Meeting, the Chairman of the Meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

VISITORS

Visitors may be introduced to the club, by members who shall be responsible for the payment of the visitor's fee, as determined by the committee and by current notices displayed.

Guests are not allowed to remain on the premises after the departure of the introducing member who shall be responsible for the behaviour of his or her guests while on the Club premises.

No member may introduce more than two guests at a time, nor may the same person be introduced as a guest more than six times in anyone, calendar year.

A visitor's fee must be paid before playing by current notices displayed.

Visitors are not allowed to use the sauna unless they have played squash.

Visitors are not allowed into the gymnasium.

Visitors must abide by the rules of the Nunthorpe and Marton Recreational Club.

TEMPORARY MEMBERS

Any visiting teams or authorised parties from other Clubs or Institutions with the sanction of the Committee shall be admitted as temporary members of the Club during the period in any one day in which they shall be in or about the Club premises.

CLUB RULES

A copy of the Club Rules shall be posted in the Club or website and a copy will be delivered to every member new member on election.

ALTERATION OF RULES

Any member of the Club desiring alteration of these Rules must advise the Hon. Secretary of the Club by requisition supported by at least five other members stating the proposed amendments. The Hon. Secretary must give all members of the Club at least 14 days' notice of any General Meeting to consider any such requisition. Such notice is to be exhibited.

The Club Committee shall have the power to make any alterations to these Rules they may think fit, provided that such alteration receives the ratification of the members of the Club at the next General Meeting.

The Club Committee shall have powers to draw up by-laws for the conduct of the Club. A list of byelaws in existence at any time shall be posted on the Club Notice Board or Website

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee meetings shall be held at such times and places as the Committee shall from time to time determine.

Not less than 3 days' notice of any Committee meetings shall be given by the Hon. Secretary.

The procedure for voting at Committee Meetings shall be the same as for general meetings.

SUB-COMMITTEES

The committee shall have the power to set up a sub-committee or sub-committees to consider or manage any aspect of the Club's activities. Sub-committees shall consist of not less than 3 members. Every sub-committee shall elect its own Chairman.

RECREATION CLUB MEMBERSHIP

All members of the Club are automatically members of the Nunthorpe and Marton Recreation Club as provided by Rule 6 of that Club and no intoxicants shall be sold to any person on the Club premises, save by Rules 20, 21, 22 and 23 of the Nunthorpe and Marton Recreation Club, to which reference should be made.

The spouse of any member may become an Associate Member of the Recreation Club, on application in writing to the Secretary of the Recreation Club and on payment of the annual subscription. Such subscription shall become due on 1st January of each year.

Any member retiring from the Squash Club may apply to become an Ordinary Member of the Recreation Club.

Such application must be made in writing to the Secretary of the Recreation Club.

All members are bound by the Rules of the Recreation Club and any infringements of the Rules will be dealt with by the appropriate authority. A copy of the Rules of the Recreation Club will be made available on request.

DISSOLUTION

A resolution to dissolve Nunthorpe Squash Club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the membership.

In the event of dissolution, any assets of Nunthorpe Squash Club , financial, equipment, fixtures and fittings that remain will be allocated for disposal to the committee and membership as they see fit, and any financial assets will be shared equally amongst the paying members.

Should any question arise to which these rules do not refer, then the Committee shall have power to deal with it as it thinks fit.