

NAME

1. The name of the club shall be "The Mount Pleasant Tennis Club".

OBJECTS

2. The objects of the club shall be:-
 - (a) To promote the game of Lawn Tennis
 - (b) To purchase, take on lease, sell or exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any real or personal property.
 - (c) To borrow and raise money and to secure repayment by debenture or bonds payable to bearer or otherwise and either secured or not secured by mortgage or charge of all or any part of the property of the Club or by Bills of Exchange or promissory notes or other obligations or securities or in such manner as the Club may determine.
 - (d) To make rules or by-laws for the regulations of play and for the good conduct of the Club.
 - (e) To provide for the members, Tennis Courts and other grounds together with the Club House for recreational purposes and to do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

COLOURS

3. The colours of the Club shall be Royal Blue and Gold.

MEMBERSHIP

4. All applications for membership shall be approved by the Management Committee and shall be made on the prescribed form. The Committee shall have power to strike any member off the roll whose subscription shall not have been paid within four months of the due date. Before doing so, the Secretary shall give seven days notice to the member.

RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS

5. No members shall retire from the Club until he or she has paid the subscription and any arrears due and shall have given notice in writing to the Secretary of his or her wish to resign. Such notice must be given before the Annual General Meeting, or the member will be liable for the subscription for the ensuing season. The Committee has discretion to deal with all cases arising from this rule.

MEETINGS

6. Notice of all General and Annual General Meetings shall be sent to each member and posted in the Pavilion not less than seven clear days prior to the date of the proposed meeting. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in August or September when the regular business which shall take priority over all other business, shall be to receive the Annual Report and Balance Sheet for the year; to elect Officers, etc. Special general Meetings shall be called by the management Committee or on the requisition of ten members; notice of such meeting shall be posted in the Pavilion not less than seven clear days prior to the date of the proposed meeting.
 - (a) The mode of voting at a General Meeting shall be by show of hands, unless a ballot be demanded by any members entitled to vote, in which case it shall be by ballot.

OFFICERS

7. (a) The officers of the Club shall consist of: A President, a Club Captain, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer and six other members, who together shall constitute the management Committee and who shall be elected at each Annual general meeting. All shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.
 - (b) Special Representatives. It shall be competent for the Annual General Meeting to appoint any special representatives, delegates, or other sub-committees, as it may deem necessary. The

management Committee shall have the power to appoint any special Sub-Committee to assist it in the management of the Club's affairs.

- (c) The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings, read and file all communications and other papers, issue notices of meetings, conduct all correspondence and keep a Register of Members.
 - (d) The Treasurer shall collect and pay all subscriptions into the Club's Bank Account; pay all accounts due and furnish a report of the financial year, together with an audited Balance Sheet and statement of all moneys received and paid during the preceding twelve months ending 31 July, (for presentation at the Annual General Meeting) and generally in all financial matters carry out the wishes of the Management Committee. No Moneys shall be paid out unless authorised, by bank cheque with two signatures from the management Committee.
 - (e) The position of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by one person, but in such case, he or she can only exercise one vote on the Management Committee.
8. (a) The Club shall be run by the Management Committee which shall look after the affairs of the club for the benefit of all members.
- (b) The Management Committee shall have the power to make by-laws to enforce these Rules which shall be binding on all members of the Club. Any member of the management Committee excepting the President who shall be absent from three consecutive meetings shall at the discretion of the Committee cease to hold office, and the vacancy shall be filled as provided for.

QUORUMS

9. At any General Meeting, twelve shall form a quorum; at any Management Committee Meeting, four shall form a quorum.

ELECTION OF LIFE MEMBERS

10. Life members may be elected at any General Meeting and shall only be elected from those members who the Club desires to show some appreciation for their past services, provided that no member shall be nominated except on the recommendation of the management Committee. Life members shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership without being called upon for any subscription.

DEFINITION OF MEMBERS

11. Any members still attending school on the 1st October shall be classified as Junior. All other members shall be classified as Seniors.

SUBSCRIPTION

12. The rules of the Annual subscription and entrance fees payable by the different classes of members shall be fixed by the Club from time to time at a General Meeting and the Club may from time to time in like manner impose special levies on all or any class of members. Notice of any proposed change or for the imposition of any levy shall be included in the notice to members of the meeting at which it is to be discussed.

REMOVAL OF OFFICERS AND VACANCIES

13. Any Officer or member of the Committee may be removed from office by three-fifths of the votes recorded at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose. Vacancies during the season, from whatever cause arising, shall be filled by the management Committee, or by members at a General meeting.

EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

14. Any Member having refused to comply with the rules or by-laws or having in the opinion of the management Committee been guilty of misconduct may be called on by the Committee to resign. In the event of their refusing to resign, the management Committee shall have the power to expel

them, and notice of such expulsion shall be immediately sent to him or her by registered letter. Any member expelled by the Committee shall have the right of appeal to a General meeting of the Club, provided notice of intention to appeal is lodged with the Secretary within 14 days from the postal date of the notice of expulsion. Any member resigning or being expelled under this rule shall forfeit his or her subscription.

LADIES COMMITTEE

15. The Ladies Committee shall carry out such duties as may be assigned to it by the Management Committee.

RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

16. The Management Committee shall from time to time make regulations governing Court play.

CLUB COMPETITIONS

17. All members may enter for any of the Club's Competitions – handicap or Championships.

RESERVING COURTS

18. The Committee shall have power to prohibit play on any Court it may consider unfit for use, and to set aside any or all of the Courts for tournaments or matches.

AFFILIATION

19. The Club may be affiliated to the Canterbury Lawn Tennis Association, or any other Association deemed advisable.

DISPOSITION OF FUNDS ON WINDING UP

20. Members present at a meeting convened for the purpose may resolve that the Club be dissolved as from the date named in such a resolution, and may also direct the method of disposition of the funds and property of the Club after the dissolution thereof. **New Clause certified 14th January 1997:** Members present at a meeting for the purpose may resolve in accordance with Section 24 of the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 (as amended) that the Club be put into liquidation. On liquidation of the Club or on its dissolution all surplus assets after the payment of all costs, debts and liabilities shall be transferred to and vest in the Christchurch City Council.

ALTERATION TO RULES

21. (a) Any of the foregoing rules may be rescinded, altered or added to, or any new rule introduced by a vote of three-fifths majority of the members present at a General meeting of the Club called for that purpose, provided such alterations or suspensions shall have been posted in the Pavilion not less than seven clear days before the date of any such meeting.

(b) In the event of any difficulty or questions not provided for in the Rules arising, it shall be referred to the Management Committee to decide and their decision shall be final.

TENNIS SHOES

22. Approved tennis shoes only are to be worn on courts.