



# THE SOCIETY OF WILTSHIRE ARCHERS

## RULES

### 1. The Society

- a. **Name** The Society shall be called "The Society of Wiltshire Archers".
- b. **Object** The object of the Society is to provide social meetings with tennis or other sports for its members and their families.
- c. **Membership** Membership is open to those resident in, or connected with, the county of Wiltshire, subject to the discretion of the Committee.

### 2. Committee

- a. Its affairs will be regulated by a Committee of at least five members and including a Chair, a Secretary or Secretaries and a Treasurer. Three members to constitute a quorum.
- b. The Secretary is empowered to call a meeting of the Committee whenever it may be required and wherever shall be most convenient.
- c. At the first Committee meeting of the year, office holders will be appointed for the ensuing year.
- d. The Secretary is also authorised to call a general meeting of the Society at the request of not less than seven members.

### 3. Membership

- a. Members of the Society shall be elected by ballot of the Committee.
- b. The categories of membership are "Playing Members" and "Non-Playing Members".

- c. Applicants must be proposed and seconded in writing by members of the Society, one of whom shall be a Committee Member.
- d. Prospective playing members may be invited to play as a guest at one meeting, before joining the Society.
- e. Members wishing to resign from the Society are requested to inform the Secretary in writing in good time, and before subscriptions are due.

#### **4. Subscriptions and fees**

- a. Subscriptions and fees will be set annually by the Committee and notified to members with the annual report and accounts.
- b. Subscriptions are due by 30<sup>th</sup> April annually.
- c. Members whose subscriptions are current may bring guests to meetings subject to the discretion of the Committee and payment of any guest fees.

#### **5. Tournaments**

- a. A programme of tournaments will be published on the Society website and will be advertised to all members.
- b. Members wishing to participate in any tournament should register for it, ideally using the automated system on the Society's website. It is the member's responsibility to ensure that:
  - i. Their entries are received and acknowledged by the deadline stated (usually 3 days before the tournament date).
  - ii. If an entry has to be cancelled after the draw has been made, they make every effort to find a replacement, who need not be a member, before informing the Tournament Secretary or tournament organiser.
- c. If a tournament cannot be held, because of bad weather or other cause, the Committee will endeavour to inform all members attending.

## 6. Conduct of Tournaments

- a. The Rules of the Lawn Tennis Association shall be followed for play in all tournaments.
- b. Players should wear predominantly white clothing.
- c. American Tournaments will be played. These are 'round robins' with random pairings, tempered by players' abilities and the aim of not repeating a pairing for at least three years.
- d. Mixed Doubles will normally be arranged, but Men's and Ladies' Doubles will be drawn when circumstances warrant.
- e. Young people's tournaments may be arranged, subject to adequate entries and court availability. Sons and daughters of members and their guests, being 12 and over and of a competent standard, will be eligible to compete.
- f. Each tournament will be divided into sections. Prizes will be given to the winners of each section. Unless otherwise stated, the rules of the tournament will be as follows:
  - i. Each match will consist of one short set.
  - ii. The winners of the section will be the pair that wins the greatest number of sets.
  - iii. In the event of a tie, the winners will be the pair that wins the greatest number of games. When these are equal, the winners will be the winners of the match between tied pairs.

## 7. Safety and Security

- a. The Society will conduct a risk assessment before every tournament, and will ensure that adequate third-party insurance is in place, but cannot be held responsible for accidents occurring during the tournaments.
- b. If a young people's tournament is held, the Society's Safeguarding Policy, which is based on Lawn Tennis Association guidance, will apply.