

THANET PICKLEBALL CLUB

CONSTITUTION

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1.0 Name

- 1.1 The Club's name shall be called "Thanet Pickleball Club", hereafter referred to as "the Club".

2.0 Aims and Objectives

- 2.1 The aims and objectives of the Club are to develop, promote and improve the sport of Pickleball in Thanet and the surrounding areas.
- 2.2 The Club is a non-profit making unincorporated association. All profit and surpluses will be used for the benefit of the Club. No profit or surplus will be distributed other than to another non-profit-making body upon dissolution of the Club.
- 2.3 The Committee must ensure that there are sufficient reserves as a contingency fund for unexpected expenditure as well as ensuring that there are sufficient resources to maintain and develop the club as agreed by the Committee and Members.

3.0 Affiliations

- 3.1 Thanet Pickleball Club is a Member of pickleballEngland.
www.pickleballengland.org

4.0 Membership

- 4.1 Membership of the Club will be open to all persons on application, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion, or other beliefs.
- 4.2 All Club Members are expected to act in accordance with the Club's Constitution and the Club rules and to complete necessary membership documentation / consents / waivers.
- 4.3 Members are defined as persons that pay the "Annual Joining Fee". Non Members are defined as persons that choose not to pay the "Annual Joining Fee".
- 4.4 A Member of the Club is a person whose name is registered with the Secretary and is fully paid up, with the "Annual Joining Fee", or whatever category of membership that the Committee might from time to time agree.
- 4.5 The Annual Joining Fee commences on the 1st February through to 31st January, part year pro-rata rates are applied.
- 4.6 The Club's Committee will determine this fee, to be ratified at the Annual General Meeting and is responsible for its collection. Please see Annex A for the current years "Annual Joining Fee" structure.
- 4.7 Members benefit from reduced Pay-As-You-Play subscription fees.
- 4.8 Members benefit from the option of Paying Monthly by Standing Order.
- 4.9 Members are eligible to be nominated for Officer Roles and to vote at the AGM.
- 4.10 Members will be notified of other discounts / benefits, such as discounts on private court hire fees and discounted equipment via the "Members Only" page of the Clubs website.
- 4.11 Members will be given priority booking of Club Sessions and Club Tournaments over Non Members.

5.0 Club Subscriptions

- 5.1 The subscription charges will be set by the Committee and can be amended as deemed necessary in cases such that costs of hall hire increase or new or replacement equipment is needed.
- 5.2 Please see Annex A for the current years Subscription Fees structure.
- 5.5 Visitors / Guests / New Players get their first visit free.
- 5.6 Tournaments / events may require additional payments. Rates will vary for Members / Non-Members.

6.0 Annual General Meeting

- 6.1 All Members of the Club shall receive a minimum of 10 days notice of the date of the Annual General Meeting.
- 6.2 The Annual General Meeting shall be held late January / early February.
- 6.3 Additions, deletions and alterations to the Constitution can be made prior to the Annual General Meeting and agreed or otherwise at the said Annual General Meeting via a vote by the Members.
- 6.4 Any suggestions to be included in the Constitution must be submitted to the Secretary no later than 7 days prior to a General Meeting and then to be agreed or otherwise at the said Annual General Meeting via a vote by the Members.

7.0 Emergency General Meeting

- 7.1 An EGM will be called when an emergency decision needs to be made. A minimum number for the making of decisions at an EGM will be, three Committee Members. The Chairperson will hold the casting vote.

8.0 Special General Meeting

- 8.1 A special meeting shall be called within 30 days of the receipt of a written request from 10 Members to the Secretary. Such a meeting shall deal only with the matter of which notice is given in the request.

9.0 The Committee

- 9.1 The Committee will consist of a Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer to administer the Club activities and concerns. A minimum of three will constitute a quorum. All decisions require a minimum of three Committee Members. The Chairperson will hold the final casting vote.
- 9.2 The Committee will meet at least four times per year to administer the affairs and finances of the Club.
- 9.3 The Committee shall have the power to co-opt and appoint such Sub-Committees as it deems necessary. The Committee shall decide the Terms of Reference, Membership and Authority of those Sub-Committees. The Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer of the group shall be ex officio to any such Committee.
- 9.4 The Committee positions will be voted in at the AGM. Only the Club's Members are eligible to nominate other Members and they are required to have a seconder. The successful candidates will be declared by a majority show of hands for each position.
- 9.5 Only the Club's Members are eligible to be nominated for Officer roles or to vote.

10.0 Finances

- 10.1 The Treasurer will be required to keep an up-to-date record of the Club finances and will be required to advise the Members of the financial position at each Committee Meeting.
- 10.2 Any monies or funds raised in the name of the Club are intended for the Club as a whole.
- 10.3 The Treasurer shall produce an income and expenditure statement and a balance sheet at the end of each financial year. These should be presented at the Annual General Meeting after being reconciled by an independent person not elected to the Committee.
- 10.4 The Club's Committee Members shall receive no direct, or indirect payment, except for legitimate expenses incurred in connection with Club business;
- 10.5 Any expenditure on social activities must be agreed in advance, by at least 2 Committee Members.
- 10.6 Any profit made by the Club must be retained within the Club for use in line with the Aims and Objectives of the Club as stated in 2 above. Profits may not be distributed

11.0 Insurance

- 11.1 The Club will provide suitable Combined Sport Personal Accident and Liability Insurance cover.

12.0 Equipment

- 12.1 The Club shall make available any necessary equipment for playing / training, and will ensure it is in safe condition, ie nets and balls.

13.0 Complaints Procedure

- 13.1 It shall be the responsibility of the Committee and / or coaches to resolve issues and concerns in a fair manner between players, between players and coaches, or between parents and either players or coaches.

14.0 Club Discipline

- 14.1 The Club Committee is responsible for all disciplinary matters pertaining to individual persons, or club activities and will act to safeguard an enjoyable and harmonious club.
- 14.2 All persons are expected to take responsibility for their own safety at the Club and at all times, to act with the safety of others in mind, when using any facility at the Club.
- 14.3 Players must also abide by the simple rules of the Club.
- 14.4 All players are expected to adhere to the Rules of the USAPA with regard to court etiquette and standards of sporting behaviour.
- 14.5 Members are asked to report any infringements, or persons not abiding by the Club rules to the Committee.
- 14.6 Please refer to the Clubs "Code of Conduct", Annex B, for further information.

15.0 Equity

15.1 The Club respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat everyone within the context of their sport, regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status

16.0 Closure

16.1 In the event of the Club no longer existing, a period of six months shall be allowed to lapse before any of the assets and equipment can be disposed of.
16.2 Any equipment on loan from any organisation shall be returned.

17.0 Declaration

As a Committee Member of Thanet Pickleball Club, I agree to abide by and enforce the rules of the Thanet Pickleball Club Constitution and office to which I hold.

Chair Please Print.

Secretary Please Print.

Treasurer Please Print.

On this day



THANET PICKLEBALL CLUB

Annual Joining Fee & Subscription Rates

ANNEX A

For the period 01.02.19-31.01.20

Annual Joining Fee

- £30 Adults
- £15 Under 19's (or in full time education)

Persons paying the Clubs Annual Joining Fee are defined as Members of the Club.

Pay-As-You-Play Subscriptions

- £7 Adult Non Members
- £5 Under 19 Non Members
- £5 Adult Members
- £3 Under 19 Members
- £0 First time Visitors / Guest/ Non Members

Pay Monthly Subscriptions

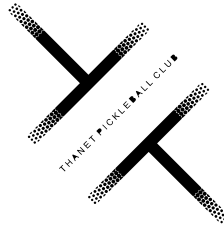
Available to persons paying the Annual Joining Fee only (Members). Paid in advance on the 1st of the month via Standing Order, includes all Wednesday and Sunday Sessions in a calendar month.

- £12.50 Under 19 Members
- £25 Adult Members

Introduction to Pickleball and Drills & Skills Development Sessions

Monday evenings 19:30-21:30

- £5 Under 19's Members / Non Members
- £5 Adult Members / Non Members
- £3 Under 19's if accompanied by two Adults paying £5



THANET PICKLEBALL CLUB

Code of Conduct

ANNEX B

Adopted 01.03.19

Please abide by this Code of Conduct for the continued success of our well organised and happy Club.

1.0 Doodle Attendance Polls

- 1.1 The Club does not accept walk-ins/drop-in players, whether they are Members, Non Members, Visitors, Guests, or New Players. Court space is limited, sessions have elements of organised play, therefore places are offered on a first come, first served basis with priority given to Pay Monthly Members, Pay-As-You-Play Members and Non Members that have completed the Doodle attendance poll.
- 1.2 The session organiser reserves the right to refuse players entry to a session if they have not completed the Doodle attendance poll, and therefore are not expected at a given session.
- 1.3 Members of the Club have access to the current months Doodle attendance polls via the “Members Only” page of the Clubs website.
www.thanetpickleballclub.com
- 1.4 Non Members, Visitors, Guests, New Players should get in touch with the Club Secretary either directly or via the Club website and ask to be included in a given Club session or Mini Tournament subject to available spaces. Only Members will have direct links to the Doodle attendance polls (via the “Members Only” page of the Club’s website).

1.5 New Players/Non Members attending the Introduction to Pickleball and Drills & Skills development sessions will be forwarded links to the Doodle Attendance poll for those particular sessions.

2.0 Respect Other Players and the Club

2.1 All Players, Members, Non Members, Visitors, Guests please respect your fellow Players and the Club.

2.2 Members travelling to Other Clubs and Tournaments, please respect the rules of those clubs and tournaments and respect the Organisers by giving notice of attendance/non attendance, please consider that your behaviour reflects upon our Club.

2.3 All Players, Members, Non Members, Visitors, Guests please respect the systems/methods of arranging play that the Club has in place for various Club sessions and Mini Tournaments. Persons showing disrespectful behaviour by not accepting the systems the Club has in place may be asked to leave the session, their Membership may be revoked, they may be refused entry to the Club in future.

2.4 The Clubs current systems for arranging Club Sessions (01.03.19):

Wednesday

18:30-19:00 - Warm Up

19:00-20:30 - Ladder

20:30-21:30 - Mixed Ability

Regular Sundays

10:00-12:00 - Mixed Ability

12:00-13:00 - Graded Courts, Singles Practice, Chosen Partner Practice

2nd Sunday of the Month

10:00-13:00 - Pick A Partner Mini Tournament

Players are responsible for finding their own Partner and may only enter as a Team, Single person entries will be removed from the Doodle attendance app. If more than 8 Teams enter, the session may be held at King Ethelbert School.

Last Sunday of the Month

10:00-13:00 - Names From A Hat Mini Tournament

3.0 On Court Etiquette

- 3.1 Play by the Official USAPA Pickleball Rules.
- 3.2 No unwanted coaching to be given on/off court during Club sessions. A person may ask for coaching/advice, please only offer coaching/advice if/when asked by a player to do so.
- 3.3 Limit aggressive/bad behaviour/bad attitudes on court. Remember Pickleball is a sport, be competitive whilst acting courteously and with good sportsmanship, aggressive behaviour can be distracting to your playing partners as well as your opposition.
- 3.4 Please respect that players at the Club have various playing styles, vary in age, vary in skill, vary in mobility and let them play and enjoy their style of Pickleball without prejudice. In Mixed Ability play please play up/down accordingly and consider your partners/opponents playing ability and adjust your game accordingly.

Please abide by this Code of Conduct for the continued success of our well organised and happy Club. Paddle Up!