RISBYGATE SPORTS CLUB LTD

CONSTITUTION AND BYE-LAWS

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1. SECTION 1

1.3 The Company

The major rules and regulations concerning the company and its operations are defined in the Articles of Association.

1.4 The Club

1.4.1 General rules

1. Membership Cards shall be always carried by all adult members and shall be produced upon the request of a member of the Board or the relevant Section Secretary or Officers.
2. Members under the age of 18 years shall have no voting rights at any meeting of the Company and may not hold office in the Company.
3. No dogs other than guide dogs shall be allowed on site. Guide dogs must be properly supervised and, on a lead, and the owner is responsible for clearing up any fouling.
4. Smoking is only permitted in the dedicated smoking areas. Smoking is not permitted in any playing area whether indoor or outdoor.
5. The Club will be closed for business on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and such other days as specified by the Board.
6. The Company shall pay affiliation fees to the relevant sport's governing bodies and comply with and uphold the rules and regulations of those bodies.
7. Incoming vehicles have priority on the access/exit driveway to the Company. Traffic signage should be observed to ensure the safety of vehicles and pedestrians in the car park.
8. Members serving on the Management Committee, employees or agents of the Company shall be entitled to reasonable (as determined by the Board) recompense for all expenses and other liabilities properly incurred by them in the management/running of the Company.
9. Members are requested to always observe an appropriate standard dress whilst in the open lounge areas of the Company premises. Showers and changing facilities are provided and members are asked to respect other persons using the Café and the Bar.
10. Members are requested to ensure that any sports bags or playing equipment taken into the lounge areas does not inconvenience other users or cause a trip hazard.
11. The lounge and bar are used by members and visitors, and appropriate behaviour and language should be always considered.
12. The Board may from time-to-time repeal and amend any of the Rules or Byelaws as they shall think expedient for the internal management and well-being of the Company. Any Section may amend their Byelaws by a majority of members present, so long as a quorum is achieved, at the Annual Meeting for that Section. Such amendments to be ratified at the next Board of the Company or a special meeting convened for that purpose.
13. These Rules and Byelaws shall be binding on all members until repealed by the Board or set aside by a resolution of an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company.
14. Any points not covered by the Constitution, Rules or Byelaws shall be settled by the Board.

In all instances where these Rules or Byelaws conflict with the Constitution, the Constitution will take precedence.

1.4.2 General Code of conduct and refund rules

The appropriate governing sports body provides the rules for the respective sports, and these are to be always adhered to.

Tennis and Padel https://www.lta.org.uk/

Indoor Bowls http://www.eiba.co.uk/

Outdoor Bowls https://www.bowlsengland.com/

Squash https://www.englandsquash.com/

Pétanque https://www.petanque-england.uk/

1. Gambling or hazard with dice or other unlawful games are strictly prohibited. The board shall have the power to prohibit any games which, in their opinion, are unlawful games or the playing of which would be injurious to the interests of the Club.
2. The board shall have the power to refuse new membership to any person or expel or suspend membership of any existing member of the Club who, in their opinion, or after consideration of a complaint from another member of the Club, makes himself or herself objectionable or acts in any way contrary to the rules. Any member so expelled or having membership suspended shall forfeit his or her subscription and all rights and claims on the Club or its Officers and shall not be eligible to be introduced as a guest or visitor. Such member so accused will have the right to appear before the board to answer any such allegations on a date and time set by the board. At the conclusion of that board meeting the member shall be advised of the decision and in the event of expulsion or suspension being upheld, that fact must be posted on the Club Notice Board within forty-eight (48) hours. Any appeal against an adverse decision may be made to the board.
3. This Constitution shall be supported by means of Club Standing Orders and Byelaws, which shall regulate section activities and members' behaviour whilst on the premises.
4. Any item in this constitution shall be binding on all the members until repealed or amended by a resolution of an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club.
5. The board may repeal and/or amend any constitution item as they shall think expedient for the internal management and well-being of the Club. Non-members, or members whose membership is not valid for the associated sport they are about to play can play on the courts only with a member of the relevant section and must pay a guest playing fee. Please see the relevant sport section constitution below for sport specific rules.
6. Membership swipe cards are required to gain entry to the Club. They should be always carried and be shown to any officer or committee member upon request. A charge will be levied for replacing lost cards.
7. Membership cards are issued to the named member only and are not transferable to other members or guests. Any member lending a swipe card to anyone will have his or her membership reviewed by the Board.
8. Student members are members over the age of 18 years but less than 25 years of age (on the 1st of October in the year of membership) who are occupied with full time studies at a recognised University, College or establishment of Further Education.
9. Standard of dress- Members are expected to observe a suitable standard of dress when using the Club bars and lounges. Playing members should change from their playing clothes before using the lounge areas of the Club.

10. Online bookings can only be made 2 weeks in advance.
11. No member or their opponent shall book more than two court sessions on any one day.
12. No member or their opponent shall book overlapping court sessions when booking both courts on any one day.
13. Members bringing guests to the Club to play are responsible for the appropriate fee to be paid. Failure to ensure that the guest playing fees are paid will result in the member's membership being reviewed at the next Management meeting or at a specially convened meeting of the Management Committee.
14. Members unable to take up their booking are responsible for cancelling the court within 24hours.
15. **Membership Fee Refund Policy**

15.1 Membership of Risbygate Sports Club is an annual agreement. However, in certain circumstances, the club may consider a partial refund of annual membership fees of over £250 that have been paid in full.

16. **How to request a refund**

16.1 Submit a written request to the office addressed to the club chairman.

16.2 If you disagree with the chairman's decision, you may ask for the board to review your request.

1. SECTION 2 - MANAGEMENT

1. The Company Board shall be responsible for the Management of the Company business.
2. A Management Committee consisting of the Section Secretaries, or a nominated representative from the relevant Section Committee, shall report to and advise the Board.
3. The Board shall have the power to appoint a member to fill a casual vacancy on the Management Committee until the next Annual General Meeting of the Section.
4. Any person nominated as a member of the Management Committee should normally have been a full member of not less than one year standing.
5. A member of the Management Committee shall be deemed to have vacated office as defined in the company Articles.
6. The Management Committee will appoint a chairperson, who will be a section secretary, not a nominee.
7. The Chairperson shall have discretion to call emergency meetings of the Management Committee if they consider it to be in the interest of the Company. The Company shall give no less than 3 days' notice of a meeting and ensure that all members of that committee are given such notice.
8. The Management Committee shall do all it feels appropriate to further the interests all sections of the Company.
9. Decisions of the Management Committee shall be made by a simple majority of members present. In the event of an equality of votes, the Chairperson shall have the casting vote. Each section has one vote.

2. SECTION 3 - VISITORS AND GUESTS

1. No person shall be allowed to participate as a visitor in any of the sports or games supplied on more than six occasions in any period of twelve months. Please note that this does not apply to pay and play public bookings.

2. Husbands, wives, partners and the immediate family (parents or children) of members may be admitted as occasional members when visiting the Club to watch or wait for the relevant member to complete a match/game or whilst with the member on an occasional short duration visit to the Club.
3. If an occasional member wishes to participate in any activity, sport, or social function, he/she will be treated as a playing guest or visitor and will be required to pay the relevant fees and sign-in as a visitor in accordance with the Constitution.
4. The facilities of the Club shall be extended to members of other Clubs, organisations, or individuals (and accompanying supporters) taking part in any competition or sporting function organised by the Club or any section.
5. Occasional members shall have no voting rights.
6. Members introducing guests must comply with the Constitution rules concerning signing the visitors' book.
7. Only full members may introduce guest players and are responsible for recording their attendance and the payment of the guest fee.

3. SECTION 4 - MEETINGS

3.1 Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings.

Rules relating to the Annual General meetings and extraordinary meetings of the Company are detailed in the Company Articles of Association.

3.1.1 Other Meetings

1. The Management Committees shall meet not less than once per calendar quarter. Additional meetings shall be called as required to conduct the business of the Company.
2. No motion can be voted on at any Management Meeting unless properly presented after being published with the notice of agenda 7 days prior to the meeting or circulated to each member of the Management Committee at least 7 days prior to that meeting.
3. All Sections of the Company are required to hold an Annual Meeting and forward minutes or notes of those meetings to the Board and ratified at the next Board meeting.
4. No motion can be voted on at any meeting of the Sections unless properly advertised to the members entitled to attend. Details of the motion shall be advertised with a Notice of Meeting and the Agenda at least 7 days prior to the date of the meeting.

4. SECTION 5 - MEMBERSHIPS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

1. The maximum number of members that can be admitted to any non-sport playing sections e.g. social is 49% of the total adult Company membership. Where age is relevant, the age is taken as of the 30th of September each year.
    - Adult members.
    - Student (over 18 years and engaged in a course of full-time education at University or College.
    - Junior (Under 18 years).
2. A member may withdraw from membership at the expiry date of his/her existing subscriptions.
3. Membership shall not be transferrable, and no refund of fees shall be returned other than in extenuating circumstances as agreed by the Board.

4. Membership shall be terminated on the failure of the member to comply with conditions of membership as set out in the Constitution or the member behaves in a way that is below the standard accepted by the Company, subject to the disciplinary procedures and appeals as set out in the Constitution.
5. The Management Committee shall have the power to suspend a member immediately and such member shall not be re-admitted to the Company until the disciplinary procedures have been completed.
6. Any member expelled from the Company forfeits all rights to claim upon the Company, its Officers, property, and other assets. That person has no right of any return of any part of subscriptions paid.
7. Membership shall be an annual contract with renewals due as follows:

7.1 Racket membership due on the 1st of April

7.2 Padel membership due 1st of April

7.3 Outdoor Bowls membership due 1st of April

7.4 Indoor Bowls membership due 1st of September

7.5 Social membership due 1st of April

8. Members joining part way through the subscription year will be offered a pro-rata rate of one twelfth per full month up to the next renewal date.
9. Disciplinary procedures

9.1 All disciplinaries will be run in line with the appropriate sport governing bodies - LTA, E.I.B.A Squash England etc. in accordance with that governing body.

5. SECTION 6 - SECTION MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

1. All Sections shall elect at an Annual Meeting of that Section a Committee who shall manage all business of the Section.
2. Minutes and notes of such Annual Meetings shall be forwarded to the Board
3. No nomination of absent members shall be put forward for election to office in any Section unless the person making the nomination has previously ascertained the nominee's willingness to serve if elected.
4. All monies collected for and held by any Section shall be the property of the Company and shall be examined by the members of the Section and notified upon request and as soon after 30th September of each year to the Company Treasurer. The examined accounts will be submitted to the Company Treasurer within five days of completion of examination.

6. SECTION 7 - BYE-LAWS: SQUASH SECTION.

1. The Squash Section is to be managed by a committee comprising: Squash Club Captain, Team Captains, Secretary and up to three other members of the Section. This committee is to be elected annually at the Section Annual Meeting. This Committee shall also act as the Team Selection Committee. Four members present shall form a Quorum.
   The Secretary or a nominated representative from the Committee shall represent the Section on the Management Committee.
2. Junior members under the age of 12 years shall not be permitted entry to the courts unless supervised by an adult.

3. All games shall be played under the rules of England Squash except for rules governing club competitions.
4. Team matches have priority on all courts. These matches will be annotated on the online booking sheets.
5. All bookings are made online and must include the name of the opponent whether a member or guest. No member may introduce a guest to play more than 2 times per calendar month or 6 times in a calendar year
6. A guest fee of £3 is payable.
7. Only Members can book courts under their own identity.
8. Any member who infringes the Squash Section Byelaws will have his or her membership reviewed by the Club Management Committee.
9. Members wishing to be considered for playing in the squash league should contact the League Secretary.
10. Members wishing to be considered for Club tournaments should contact the Club Captain or Secretary.

7. SECTION 8 - BYE-LAWS: OUTDOOR BOWLS SECTION

Defined terms

1. The Outdoor Bowls Section is to be managed by an elected committee to include the Section Secretary, Club Captain (BE League and Cups), Federation Leagues Captains (Area D, Bury Thursday evening plus Federation Competitions), Competitions Secretary and Green Maintenance. The Committee can co-opt additional members as required. Three members will form a quorum.
2. One person from the Outdoor Bowls Section Committee will represent the Section at Club Management Meetings.
3. Selection for matches will be made by the relevant Captain referenced in 1 above.
4. The suitability and fitness of the green will be the responsibility of Green Maintenance who will also decide on the direction of play and priority of rinks which will be displayed on the Board.
5. All members playing on the green shall observe the dress code which will be as follows:

5.1 BE matches club kit.
5.2 EBF matches club shirts and greys with jacket/coat white.
5.3 Monday Afternoon League: Club shirts or smart casual, no jeans or bright clothing.
5.4 Roll-ups smart casual (no jeans)
5.5 Club Finals either whites or club kit.

6. In all cases approved bowling shoes to be worn.
7. No smoking, vaping or use of mobile phones on the green.
8. Visitors and Guests:

8.1 Members may invite a guest for a social game up to four times a year at no charge.
8.2 Visiting players where there is no reciprocal agreement must pay the published rink fee.

9. Conduct of members- Undertaking by members to comply with rules. Every member, upon joining and thereafter, is deemed to have notice of, and undertakes to comply with, the Club Rules and any Bye-Laws and Regulations of the Club.

8. SECTION 9 - BYE-LAWS: INDOOR BOWLS SECTION

Defined terms

1. Discipline and guidance will be taken from the Bowls England and English Indoor Bowling Association

2. The Indoor Bowls section is to be managed by an elected Committee to include the Ladies Captain, Men's Captain, Ladies Vice Captain, Men's Vice Captain, Competition Secretary, Membership Secretary, member representative and Section Secretary. The committee can co-opt additional members as required. Four members of this Committee are required to form a quorum for meetings.

3. One person from the Indoor Bowls Section Committee will represent the Section at Club Management Meetings.

4. The Selection Committee for teams representing the club will consist of the Ladies Captain, Men's Captain, Men's Vice Captain and Ladies Vice Captain. The captains can co-opt additional members as required. If a second team is entered in the same competition the Selection Committee will nominate a team captain from the players selected for that team.

5. All members playing on the rinks shall observe the dress code

5.1 All players must change into approved clean bowling shoes that have not been worn outside (including from the car park). Shoes worn outside of the bowls hall or changing rooms must not be used on the bowls carpet.

5.2 When representing the Club, members shall wear the Club kit. All friendly matches shall be played in white shirts unless otherwise advised.

5.3 For team matches all players must observe the same dress code.

5.4 For Internal Leagues, bowling shirts from bowls manufacturers, Grey trousers, club trousers or tailored shorts.

5.5 Friendship and similar social bowling sessions may be played in smart casual clothes

6. All Club games will be subject to the relevant Rules as displayed on the club's website or on the notice boards.

6.1 Competitions that lead to a recognised club title and entry to external competitions are;

6.1.1 Men's Singles

6.1.2 Ladies' Singles

6.2 The club may set alternative rules for any games, competitions and leagues that do not lead to an entry qualification for external competitions (e.g. Men's and Ladies' Singles).

6.3 Mobile phones must be set to silent in the bowls Hall.

6.4 Oil or alcohol based marker pens must not be used to mark bowls on the carpet. Only dry powder based sprays or chalk should be used to mark bowls that have touched the jack.

6.5 In the interest of safety, when a player is intending to FIRE it is the player's responsibility to ensure that other players and spectators are aware of the intention to so do. The other bowlers on the rink must be alert and be prepared to protect adjoining rinks from the moving bowls and jack before the shot is made. If the jack goes beyond the bank it must be re-spotted on the T.

If the player intending to fire gives a warning, but can clearly see that someone could be in danger but fires none the less then the player will not have discharged his duty to take reasonable care.

7. Away team travel costs

7.1 Selection for matches that may involve travel for away teams in excess of a 40 mile round trip will require acceptance that the travel costs will be shared equally by both home and away players.

7.1.1 Risbygate is designated the home club. Travel to Risbygate will not be considered when calculating player contributions for games involving travel in excess of 40 miles.

7.1.2 Players opting to travel direct to games involving travel in excess of 40 miles will be excluded from contributing to away team travel, but will not receive assistance with travel costs.

7.2 Travel costs for games involving less than a 40 mile round trip (e.g. County Leagues) will be set on a match by match basis.

8. Music in Bowling Hall

8.1 Background music will be played in the bowling hall during internal league games and any given county or national game, and may be played at any other given time.

9. Conduct of Members - Under-taking by members to comply with rules

9.1 Every member, upon joining and thereafter, is deemed to have notice of, and undertakes to comply with, the Club Rules and any Byelaws and Regulations of the Club.

10. Visitors and Guests

10.1 Members may invite a guest for a social game, up to four times a year at no charge.

10.2 Visiting players where there is no reciprocal agreement must pay the published rink fee.

10.2.1 The Risbygate member (home player) is responsible for collecting and paying the any rink fees due.

11.SECTION 10 - BYE-LAWS: TENNIS SECTION

Defined terms

1. In the byelaws, unless the context requires otherwise:

1.1 "Disciplinary Code" means the disciplinary code of the LTA and Risbygate Sports Club Ltd. in force from time to time.

1.2 LTA means LTA CLG and its subsidiaries, or such successor entity or entities as become(s) the governing body of the game of lawn tennis from time to time; member means a member of the Risbygate Sports Club Ltd.

1.3 "Rules" means the rules of the LTA and the rules of Risbygate Sports Club Ltd. as set out in these byelaws, and as in force from time to time.

2. The Tennis Section of the Risbygate Sports Club Ltd. is to be managed by an elected committee. The Secretary or a nominated representative from the Committee shall represent the Section on the Management Committee.
3. **Membership Cards:** When subscriptions have been paid adult members (Over 18 years of age on 1st April in the subscription year) will also be provided with a membership swipe card, which will permit access to the main Club building.
4. **Tennis Pavilion:** members may access using the key held in the key safe. The code for the key safe is available on request from the Tennis section committee members, or from the tennis community WhatsApp group.
5. **Visitors:** Visitors are welcome but may only play at the invitation of an adult member who must accompany them. A visitor's fee is payable for each session played and must be paid before play commences. The visitor's fee will be as indicated on the tennis pavilion notice boards. Visitors are allowed to play a maximum of six times in any 12-month period.
6. **Coaching:** Coaching is available from qualified coaches approved by the Tennis Section Committee. Coaching fees are payable direct to the coaches. Non-members may attend the Club for coaching purposes for a maximum of 3 sessions and will pay the visitor's fee in addition to the coaching fee, after which time they will need to join the Club if they wish to continue with their coaching.
7. **Competitions:** The Tennis Section takes part in several competitive events in Suffolk and neighbouring counties. The Tennis Captains select the teams. Members wishing to be considered for selection should indicate their willingness to play to the captains and, where possible, attend practice sessions which are held in April and May.
8. **Junior Sessions:** The courts are reserved for junior sessions on Saturdays between 08.00 and 13.00 hours and from 15.30 to 18.30 weekdays. However, court 4 is available for booking from 12.00 on Saturdays and from 5.00 on Monday afternoons. All four courts are available for booking on Wednesdays. Additional courts may be available during school holidays. Notwithstanding coaching takes precedence during these times. (Note that timings and courts may change slightly in spring & Summer term, due to extended summer light/evening non floodlight play time. This is reflected by block bookings on the web-based booking system).
9. **Court Availability:** The Courts are available to members for general play from 07.30 hours in summer and 08.00 hours in winter until 22.00 hours daily except when reserved for Club play, junior sessions or inter-club matches. Summer is defined as the period covered by British Summer Time, winter is the period covered by GMT.

   Courts may be booked for general play through the online booking system. Floodlights are available on two courts for evening play. Tokens to activate the lights are available for them from the cash tin located inside the lighting cabinet which houses the control timers.

   Non-members are welcome to use the courts between 12 midday and 2pm on all weekdays (at your own risk) subject to availability. The cost is £10/hour. Visitors with a member are £5, book and pay online.

Please be aware that when the weather is inclement the courts may not be suitable for playing on due to the level of risk that the player puts themselves under. If there is any risk of injury, please don't use the courts.

Please do not jump the net. No drinks or food is permitted on court.

Report any maintenance issues to facilities@risbygatesportsclub.co.uk

10. **Club Play**: The Courts are reserved for Club play as follows:

Monday 09.30 hours to 11.30 hours

Tuesday 18.30 hours to 21.30 hours

Wednesday 09.30 hours to 11.30 hours

Thursday 18.30 hours to 21.30 hours

Friday 9.00 hours to 11.00 hours (Ladies only)

Saturday 13.00 hours to 15.30 hours

The timings above are subject to change based on seasonal requirements, member feedback and demand.

Club session games are doubles only and short 5 game sets with championship deuce. Members attending club sessions must adhere to a fair use policy and mix in to ensure that all attendees have a fair play and same number of games, the peg board can be used if required.

Courts cannot be pre-booked during these times but are available for general play if no Club play is taking place.

Balls will be provided for Club play and a 'peg board' system can used to ensure that players mix during these sessions.

Inter-club matches at either senior or junior level will have precedence over Club play.

11. **Dress:** Recognised sports footwear and clothing **must** be worn. Black soled footwear (unless non marking) is also **forbidden** as it can mark the court.

Members should consider the views of other members of the Club when entering the bar area.

12. **Conditions of membership of Risbygate Sports Club Ltd.** - Tennis Section shall be controlled by the CASC status. Furthermore: -

12.1 Each member agrees as a condition of membership:

(a) to be bound by and subject to these byelaws (as in force from time to time).
(b) to be bound by and subject to the Rules and the Disciplinary Code of the LTA.

12.2 This rule **12.1** confers a benefit on the LTA and, subject to the remaining provisions of these rules, is intended to be enforceable by the LTA by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999. For the avoidance of doubt, the members do not intend that any term of these rules, apart from **12.1** should be enforceable, by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999, by any person who is not a party to this agreement.

12.3 The Tennis Committee, following approval by the Management Committee, may terminate the membership of any person, or impose any other sanction they determine to be appropriate, in connection with the breach of any condition of membership set out in this rule.

13. **The Tennis Committee**

13.1 The Club agrees that each member of the Tennis Committee will be required, as a condition of election or appointment, to agree to be bound by and subject to these rules, the Rules and the Disciplinary Code (as covered in the Articles), such agreement to contain an express acknowledgement that the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 applies and that the LTA and Risbygate Sports Club Ltd. can enforce any breach at its option and in its sole discretion.

14. **Coaches and players**

14.1 Risbygate Sports Club Ltd. agrees that all unlicensed and unregistered coaches and, so far as reasonably practicable, players and other persons using the facilities of the Club will be required, as a condition of such use, to agree to be bound by and subject to these rules, as a condition of such use, to agree to be bound by and subject to these rules, the Rules and the Disciplinary Code, such agreement to contain an express acknowledgement that the

14.2 Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 applies and that the LTA and the Club can enforce any breach of its option and in its sole discretion.

12.SECTION 11 - BYE-LAWS: PADEL SECTION

Defined terms

1. In the byelaws, unless the context requires otherwise:

1.1 “Disciplinary Code” means the disciplinary code of the LTA and Risbygate Sports Club Ltd. in force from time to time.

1.2 LTA means LTA CLG and its subsidiaries, or such successor entity or entities as become(s) the governing body of the game of lawn tennis from time to time; member means a member of the Risbygate Sports Club Ltd.

1.3 “Rules” means the rules of the LTA and the rules of Risbygate Sports Club Ltd. as set out in these byelaws, and as in force from time to time.

1.4 The Padel Section of the Risbygate Sports Club Ltd. is to be managed by an elected committee. The Secretary or a nominated representative from the Committee shall represent the Section on the Management Committee.

2. **Membership Cards:** When subscriptions have been paid adult members (Over 18 years of age on 1st April in the subscription year) will also be provided with a membership swipe card, which will permit access to the main Club building.
3. **Visitors:** Visitors are welcome, A visitor’s fee is payable for each session via the online booking system and must be paid before any play commences. The fee is as indicated on the booking system
4. **Coaching:** Coaching is available from qualified coaches approved by the Padel Committee. Coaching fees are payable direct to the coaches.
5. **Competitions:** The Padel Section takes part in several competitive events in Suffolk and neighbouring counties. The Padel Captains select the teams. Members wishing to be considered

for selection should indicate their willingness to play to the captains and, where possible, attend practice sessions.

6. **Court Availability:** The Courts are available to members and non-members for general play from 09.00 hours until 21.00 hours daily except when reserved for Club play.

6.1 Courts may be booked for general play through the online booking system. Floodlights are available on two courts for evening play.

6.2 Please be aware that when the weather is inclement the courts may not be suitable for playing on due to the level of risk that the player puts themselves under. If there is any risk of injury, please don't use the courts.

7. **Court rules:** After opening the courts, please replace the key back in the key safe.

7.1 The person who books the court is responsible for locking the courts and racket cupboard if there are no players scheduled afterwards.

7.2 Please do not jump the net. No drinks or food is permitted on court.

7.3 Report any maintenance issues to facilities@risbygatesportsclub.co.uk

8. **Club Play:** The Courts are reserved for Americanos as follows:

Monday	6.00 to 7-30 pm
Tuesday	9.00 to 10-30 & 10-30 to 12.00 am
Wednesday	6.00 to 7 - 30 pm
Thursday	10-30 to 12.00 am
Friday	4-30 to 6.00 pm (Ladies only)
Saturday	10-30 to 12.00 am
Sunday	9.00 to 10-30, & 10-30 to 12.00 am

Balls and rackets are provided.

9. **Dress:** Recognised sports footwear and clothing must be worn.

10. **Conditions of membership of Risbygate Sports Club** - Padel Section shall be controlled by the CASC status. Furthermore: -

10.1 Each member agrees as a condition of membership:

10.1.1 to be bound by and subject to these byelaws (as in force from time to time).

10.1.2 to be bound by and subject to the Rules and the Disciplinary Code of the LTA.

10.2 This rule **10.1** confers a benefit on the LTA and, subject to the remaining provisions of these rules, is intended to be enforceable by the LTA by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999. For the avoidance of doubt, the members do not intend that any term of these rules, apart from **10.1** should be enforceable, by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999, by any person who is not a party to this agreement.

10.3 The Padel Committee, following approval by the Management Committee, may terminate the membership of any person, or impose any other sanction they determine to be appropriate, in connection with the breach of any condition of membership set out in this rule.

11. The Padel Committee

11.1 The Club agrees that each member of the Padel Committee will be required, as a condition of election or appointment, to agree to be bound by and subject to these rules, the Rules and the Disciplinary Code (as covered in the Articles), such agreement to contain an express acknowledgement that the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 applies and that the LTA and Risbygate Sports Club Ltd. can enforce any breach at its option and in its sole discretion.

12. Coaches and players

12.1 Risbygate Sports Club Ltd. agrees that all unlicensed and unregistered coaches and, so far as reasonably practicable, players and other persons using the facilities of the Club will be required, as a condition of such use, to agree to be bound by the Rules and the Disciplinary Code, such agreement to contain an express acknowledgement that the

12.2 Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 applies and that the LTA and the Club can enforce any breach of its option and in its sole discretion.

13. SECTION 12 - BYE-LAWS: SOCIAL SECTION

1. Members of any section of the Company will also be Social Members for the tenure of that membership.
2. Social membership for non-playing members is for a period of twelve months commencing 1st April each year.
3. Social members are permitted to participate in sports and games at the Company but only as a guest of fully paid-up playing section member and on no more than two occasions per month subject to a maximum of six occasions in any period of twelve months (as 4.1).
4. On such occasions the standard guest fee is waived for a social member, but any playing fee shall be paid in full prior to the game commencing.
5. A social committee may be formed from the membership of the social section.
6. Any social committee so formed shall comply with the rules of the Company relating to section management and meetings. This committee shall be required to submit a statement of finances and notes of any Annual Meetings held to the Company General Manager.
7. The Secretary or a nominated representative from a social committee may represent the section on the Management Committee.

14. C1 Memberships

1. The Company may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory and fair basis.
2. Membership of playing sections is open to any member of society regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, religion or other beliefs, sexual orientation, or nationality subject to existing membership numbers being below capacity.

15. C2 Amendments to Constitution

1. Amendments to the Articles of Association of the Company require approval of the membership at a general meeting as prescribed in the Articles.
2. Amendments to the Bye Laws require approval by individual sections in a section general meeting. The Board will also need to approve any proposed amendments.

16. Document version control

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