

DUNNINGTON SQUASH AND RACKETBALL CLUB

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

1. CONSTITUTION

1.1 The Club (formerly Dunnington & Grimston Squash Club)

1. The Club shall be known as **Dunnington Squash and Rackets Club** (hereinafter referred to as “the Club”).
2. The Club shall constitute the Squash section of Dunnington Sports Club and shall be a constituent club of the Dunnington Sports Club, which is governed by the Playing Fields Association (PFA), a registered charity ([Charity number: 502812](#)).
3. At the discretion of the Committee, the Club shall be affiliated to [England Squash](#) and/or any other relevant governing or representative body.
4. The Club shall regulate, organise, and promote squash and racketball in the interests of all members, in accordance with the laws of the sport, this Constitution, the Club Rules, and the regulations of the PFA.

1.2 Objectives of the Club

The objectives of the Club shall be:

- To provide squash, racketball, and associated social facilities for its members.
- To offer coaching, development, and competitive playing opportunities.
- To ensure an appropriate duty of care to all members.
- To deliver all services in a fair, inclusive, and equitable manner.

2. MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership of the Club shall be open to any individual upon application. The Committee reserves the right to refuse or terminate membership only for good and sufficient cause, including conduct or character likely to bring the Club into disrepute.
2. Membership shall be offered in the following categories:
 - Full Adult Member
 - Family Member
 - Day/Country Member
 - Junior Member
 - Student Member
3. Membership fees shall be reviewed annually by the Committee or determined at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and shall be payable on the member's renewal date.
4. Registration and subscription fees, as agreed at the AGM, shall be payable upon application for membership. Existing members shall pay subscriptions at the approved rates on their annual renewal date.
5. Honorary membership may be conferred by the committee with ratification at the AGM.

3. MANAGEMENT

1. The management of the Club shall be vested in a Committee comprising:
 - Chair
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Up to six additional elected members
(hereinafter referred to as "the Committee").
2. Committee members shall serve a term of three years. Officers appointed from within the Committee shall have previous service disregarded for the purposes of maintaining the three-year election cycle.
3. All officers and Committee members shall remain in office until the conclusion of the AGM at which their successors are appointed, except for the Chair, whose role shall be transferred during the meeting. All members shall be eligible for re-election.
4. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt members to maintain effective numbers or to address specific matters requiring additional expertise.
5. The Committee shall appoint one member to represent the Club on the PFA and shall notify the PFA Secretary of that appointment.
6. One half of the Committee shall constitute a quorum. The Chair shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie.

7. Minutes of all meetings shall be recorded, including attendance, and retained by the Secretary. These records shall be passed to successive office holders.
8. A current list of Committee members and officers shall be displayed in the Club and published on the Club website.
9. The Committee shall have due regard to relevant legislation, including disability discrimination and child protection requirements.

4. GENERAL MEETINGS

1. An Annual General Meeting shall be held at such time and place as determined by the Committee to:
 - Approve the minutes of the previous AGM
 - Receive a report from the Chair
 - Receive and approve the Treasurer's report and financial statements
 - Agree subscription rates, visitor fees, and other member charges
 - Consider other business notified in accordance with this Constitution
2. Notice of the AGM shall be circulated to members at least three weeks in advance. Members wishing to place items on the agenda must notify the Secretary in writing at least two weeks prior to the meeting.
3. The AGM agenda shall be circulated to members no later than one week before the meeting.
4. Voting rights shall apply to all members except Life/Honorary Members and Junior Members, who may attend but not vote.
5. Any alteration to the running of the Club shall require a two-thirds majority of voting members present at the AGM.
6. Minutes of the AGM shall be made available to members upon request.

5. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS (EGM)

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened at any time upon fourteen days' notice by the Committee, or upon written request to the Committee by one individual member or by one-fifth of the voting membership.

6. FINANCES

1. The financial year of the Club shall end on 31 March. A reviewed Statement of Accounts shall be prepared and presented at the AGM.
2. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all Club finances and shall maintain accurate records of receipts and payments. All monies received shall be paid into an account held in the name of the Club.

7. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

1. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at an AGM or an EGM.
2. The Committee may propose amendments to ensure the Club continues to meet the needs of its members and achieves its objectives. All proposed amendments shall be presented to the AGM.
3. Amendments shall require a two-thirds majority of votes cast.
4. A copy of the Constitution shall be published on the Club website and made available to members on request.
5. The Constitution shall be formally reviewed every five years.

8. PROPERTY AND FUNDS

1. The property and funds of the Club shall not be used for the private benefit of members except as permitted under these Rules. All surplus income shall be reinvested in the Club.
2. The Club may provide sporting and related social facilities and benefits consistent with its status as a Community Amateur Sports Club.
3. The Club may:
 - Sell food, drink, and sporting equipment
 - Employ and remunerate members for goods or services provided on fair terms
 - Provide reasonable hospitality for visiting teams and guests
 - Indemnify Committee members acting properly in the administration of the Club, subject to the limits of Club assets

9. DISSOLUTION

The Club may be dissolved if fewer than three-quarters of those present and voting oppose the proposal at a properly convened General Meeting.

Following the settlement of all liabilities, remaining assets shall be transferred to one or more organisations with similar sporting objectives, including registered charities, Community Amateur Sports Clubs, or the sport's governing body.

10. CLUB RULES

- Playing hours shall be from 09:00 to 22:00 daily (last court 21:20). Court bookings are 40 minutes.
- Members must vacate courts promptly at the end of their booking unless additional time has been booked.
- Only non-marking balls and non-marking footwear may be used. Black rubber soles are prohibited.
- Membership applications shall be made via the Club website and processed by the Membership Secretary.
- Annual subscriptions shall be payable on the renewal date.
- Guest play, bookings, refunds, team matches, and safety requirements shall be managed in accordance with published procedures and England Squash guidance.
- Junior members must wear approved eye protection at all times.

A full copy of the Rules shall be available on the Club website.

11. DISCIPLINE AND APPEALS

1. Complaints regarding member conduct shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary.
2. The Chair may convene a Discipline and Appeals Group comprising at least three Committee members.
3. The Committee may impose disciplinary sanctions, including termination of membership, following due process. Outcomes shall be communicated in writing within five days of the hearing.
4. Members shall have the right of appeal against disciplinary decisions.
5. Child welfare concerns shall be handled in accordance with the Club's Child Protection Policy.

12. ROLES AND DUTIES

Chair

Responsible for leadership, strategic direction, governance compliance, and effective operation of the Club.

Secretary

Responsible for organising the calendar of meetings, recording notes and actions at meetings, circulating minutes following each meeting and preparing the papers for the AGM. In addition, the secretary is responsible for overseeing club policy and essential documents relating to the functioning of the club.

Committee Members

Responsible for promoting the Club's success, complying with the Constitution, managing conflicts of interest, attending meetings, and supporting policy development. Any club member is eligible to join the committee. All committee members are eligible for re-election at the AGM, there is no set term of office.

Treasurer

Responsible for financial oversight, reporting, account management, and ensuring compliance with financial controls.

DECLARATION

Dunnington Squash and Racketball Club hereby adopts and accepts this Constitution and Rules as its governing framework.

Signed: Andy Tuck	
Position: Chair	Dated: 21 st July 2026
Signed: Sean Clarke	
Position: Treasurer	Dated: 21 st July 2026