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NOTICE is hereby given that a **GENERAL MEETING** of **LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION LIMITED** (the "**Company**") will be held on Wednesday 26 February 2020 at 4.00 pm at the National Tennis Centre, 100 Priory Lane, Roehampton, London, SW15 5JQ to consider and, if thought fit, to pass the resolution set out below, which will be proposed as an ordinary resolution (but requiring two-thirds of members present and entitled to vote, to vote in favour in order to pass it):

To approve the amendments to the Rules of the Company, as set out (in tracked changes) in the attached appendix.

By order of the Board

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'P Woodman'.

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Pamela Woodman
Company Secretary

7 February 2020

Notes:

1. A member of the Company may appoint another person (a 'proxy') to exercise all or any of their rights to attend and to speak and vote on their behalf at the meeting. A proxy need not be a member of the company.
2. To be valid, a proxy notice (and any authority under which it is signed) must be lodged with the Company at the National Tennis Centre, 100 Priory Lane, Roehampton, London, SW15 5JQ not less than 48 hours before the start of the meeting. A proxy notice for your use is enclosed.
3. Completion and return of a proxy notice does not preclude a member from attending and voting at the meeting itself, provided that the proxy appointment has been revoked by the member by delivery to the Company of a notice in writing revoking the proxy appointment, such revocation to be received by the Company not less than 48 hours before the start of the meeting.

APPENDIX

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTIONAL DOCUMENTS

27. Associates

27.1 An entity (or site, where relevant) shall become an Associate when it is registered as such by and through its National, County or Island Association or the Company (as appropriate).

27.2 For the avoidance of doubt, where an entity has headquarters, grounds or any other presence in two or more geographical areas, such entity must register through its National, County or Island Association (as appropriate) in each geographical area.

27.3 An entity (or site, where relevant) shall qualify for registration as an Associate (and be registered as an Associate) if the ~~relevant~~ National, County or Island Association or the Company (as appropriate) deems (in accordance with ~~guidelines~~ the requirements set out by the Company and as determined by the Board) that it provides ~~organised~~ tennis and/or padel tennis opportunities. Such an entity (or site, where relevant) shall include, but not be limited to:

(i) a members' or commercial tennis and/or padel tennis club;

(ii) a park-based or community-based tennis and/or padel tennis ~~venue~~ programme;

~~(iii) a school based tennis and/or padel tennis programme for the community which operates out of curriculum hours;~~

~~(iv)~~ (iii) an indoor pay and play tennis and/or padel tennis centre;

~~(v)~~ (iv) a tennis academy; and/or

~~(vi)~~ (v) an educational establishment; and/or

~~(vii) a further education or higher education tennis and/or padel tennis club.~~

~~(A) it has a written constitution or a set of rules governing its operation approved, if required, by the relevant National, County or Island Association.~~

27.4 If a dispute arises as to whether an entity (or site, where relevant) qualifies to be an Associate then the President shall decide the issue and his or her decision shall be final.

28 Subscriptions for Associates

- 28.1 Subject to Rules 28.3, 28.4 and 28.5, and unless the directors and Council expressly approve or have approved a lesser amount or special arrangement on a case by case basis, the minimum annual subscription for each Associate which shall be deemed to include any taxation which may be payable thereon shall be calculated by multiplying the number of [tennis courts](#) [and padel tennis courts](#) of each surface to which the Associate has “regular access” (whether through a lease, user agreement and/or such other arrangement or understanding) by the applicable “court fee”.
- 28.2 For the purpose of Rule 28.1:
- (A) “court fee” means the annual fee per court (which may vary depending on the court surface [and/or the type of the entity or site](#)) as determined by the directors and Council; and
 - (B) “regular access” means access on an exclusive basis for at least 15 hours per week (for at least 40 weeks per year).
- 28.3 If an Associate does not have regular access, a fixed fee, to be determined annually by the directors and Council shall be payable.
- 28.4 Unless the directors and Council determines otherwise on a case by case basis, the annual subscription in respect of each year to 30 September shall be payable between 1 October and the following 28 February.
- 28.5 The annual subscription may be paid to the Company as agent and the Company will pay the proceeds to the National, County or Island Association(s) by and through which the Associate is registered.
- 28.6 The annual subscription (if any) of each Associate shall include the amount, if any, payable in respect of benefits or services provided by the Company.

Supporting Notes

To help provide rationale for each specific amendment, we have listed some summary notes below;

- To ensure we capture all variations of venue, we have expanded on 'entity' using 'entity (or site, where relevant)'.
- The type of 'entity' listing has been refined to avoid duplication.
- 'Padel tennis' and 'padel tennis courts' have been referenced alongside 'tennis' and 'tennis courts' wherever appropriate.
- The need for a written constitution has been removed, as this isn't relevant for all venue types; there will still be qualifying criteria in place to ensure each type of venue meets the LTA minimum standards.
- 'Court fee' may vary based on court surface within the current model i.e. grass courts receive a 50% discount, but we've elaborated on this statement to include 'type of entity or site' to capture the different packages and prices points available within the proposed new model.