



Leicestershire Tennis and Squash Club Charity Policy



1. Purpose

The Leicester Tennis & Squash Club ("the Club") is committed to supporting charitable and community-based initiatives where appropriate and financially viable. This policy provides a framework for how charitable donations and fundraising activities are managed by the Club.

2. Principles

The Club's primary purpose is to provide and maintain tennis, squash and associated sporting and social facilities for its members and the local community. Any charitable giving must therefore be balanced against the Club's financial responsibilities and long-term sustainability.

The Club may support charitable causes through fundraising activities, donations, community initiatives and other approved events.

3. Annual Fundraising Event

The Club will ordinarily organise one designated charity fundraising initiative each year, currently the Summer Party Charity Auction.

Prior to the event, the Committee shall select and approve the beneficiary charity or charities. Consideration will be given to charities that align with the Club's values, support the local community, or have a connection to Club members.

All proceeds raised specifically through the designated annual charity event shall be donated to the approved charity or charities, subject to any reasonable and proportionate costs associated with running the event being deducted where necessary. The Club shall seek to maximise the net amount donated to the chosen charity or charities.

4. Additional Charitable Donations

Any charitable donations, fundraising activities or community contributions outside of the designated annual charity event shall be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Committee.

The Committee may choose to support:

- Local charities;
- Community groups and initiatives;
- Grassroots sports development programmes;
- Educational or wellbeing projects;
- Other causes considered beneficial to the local community.

No organisation or cause shall have an automatic entitlement to funding from the Club.

5. Committee Approval and Discretion



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The decision to make any charitable donation or provide support to a community initiative rests solely with the Club Committee.

All decisions relating to charitable donations shall be approved by a simple majority of Committee members present at a duly convened Committee meeting where a quorum is achieved, in accordance with the Club's Constitution and governance arrangements.

In making decisions, the Committee may consider:

- The Club's current and forecast financial position;
- Any indicative annual provision allocated for charitable giving;
- The benefit to the local community;
- Alignment with the Club's objectives and values;
- The scale and purpose of the request;
- Any existing commitments of the Club.

The Committee reserves the right to approve, decline, defer or amend any proposed donation or fundraising initiative.

6. Conflicts of Interest

Any Committee member who has a personal, family, professional or financial connection to a charity or organisation being considered for support shall declare that interest to the Committee.

Where appropriate, the individual may be required to withdraw from discussions and abstain from voting on the matter. Any declared conflicts of interest shall be recorded in the relevant meeting minutes.

7. Financial Considerations

The Committee may establish an indicative annual budget or provision for charitable donations and community support activities. Such a provision shall act as a guideline only and shall not create any obligation on the Club to make donations.

All charitable donations and community contributions remain subject to the Club's financial circumstances at the time.

The Club shall not commit to any donation that could reasonably be expected to adversely affect its operational requirements, maintenance obligations, future investment plans or overall financial stability.

8. Review

This policy shall be reviewed periodically by the Committee and may be amended as required to reflect the Club's objectives, financial position and charitable priorities.