



Club Rules

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1. MEMBERSHIP

- 1.1 Players use the facilities entirely at their own risk and the Club accepts no liability for loss, damage or injury howsoever caused.
- 1.2 The Club cannot be held responsible for the safety of Juniors using Club facilities, at any time, whether they are attending a supervised session or not.
- 1.3 Key fobs give access to courts and clubhouse. Lost fobs can be replaced at a cost of £10 per fob.
- 1.4 For reasons of safety and in order not to distract players, non-players are not permitted on court.
- 1.5 The playing season will extend throughout the year subject to the courts being fit for play.
- 1.6 The Committee reserves the right to refuse or terminate membership of any member who is deemed prejudicial to the interests of the Club, in line with the Club Constitution.

2. SUBSCRIPTIONS

- 2.1 Annual subscriptions are due on the 1st April. Players are not permitted on the courts unless their subscription has been paid.
- 2.2 Key fobs are deactivated after 14 April if membership has not been renewed.

3. MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Junior Mini Member – any child, who is not yet attending secondary school, at the time of joining

Junior Member – anyone of age eighteen or below, who is not a junior mini, who is attending secondary school, sixth form college, or other further education, at the time of joining

Student Member – anyone in full-time higher education at the time of joining. Copy of student card required

Parent of Junior Mini – a parent of a junior mini, only permitted to play with that junior mini, at weekends, or on weekdays up to 18:30

Family members – up to two adults and all children in full time education, normally living at the same address

Adult Member – anyone of age eighteen and over, who is not a junior, a student, a family member, an honorary member or a parent of a junior mini

Honorary members – as agreed by the Management Committee

4. NON-MEMBER POLICY

Adult club members are allowed to bring visitors to play at the club subject to the following conditions:

- 4.1 Visitors must be approved by a Committee member in advance of a visit
- 4.2 Visitors may play at the club with an existing senior member on a maximum of 3 occasions after which they must decide either to join the club or not.

- 4.3 Visitors, with a view to joining, are welcome to attend up to three organised sessions e.g. Club Night or Junior Club, but only by prior arrangement with a Committee Member.
Note: No person whose application for membership has been declined or who has been expelled from the Club may be introduced as a visitor.

5. COURT PRIORITY

- 5.1 Courts should be booked before use through the club's clubspark website. This shows up to date availability. Use of courts for singles play at busy times is discouraged to allow maximum use for the membership. Members may be asked to ensure doubles play is organised if the Committee receives reports of difficulties in booking courts and they are not all being used for doubles.
- 5.2 The Coach must ensure ALL lessons are booked through the clubspark system.
- 5.3 Club administrators will ensure that league matches are added into the system once they have been informed of the fixtures by the Club's League Representative. League matches will be played on both Tuesday and Thursday evenings throughout the summer. Mixed league matches take place all year round on Sunday mornings.
- 5.4 Certain dates may be allocated by the committee for organised events, e.g. tournaments. All members will be notified either by e-mail, or poster in the clubhouse. Club administrators will ensure these are added into the clubspark system to reserve the courts once they have been notified by the organizer.
- 5.5 During Club nights, all players should change partners/opponents with players on other courts after one short set.
- 5.6 Floodlights are available until 21:30 pm Monday to Saturday and may not be used on Sundays.
- 5.7 During the summer season, Thursday senior clubnight will move to Wednesday senior clubnight, to allow for courts to be used for league matches.
- 5.8 Organised groups of more than four people are not allowed to play on the same evenings as clubnights prior to 19:30.

6.0 SOCIAL TOURNAMENTS

- 6.1 Courts may be allocated for Senior Social Tournaments on selected weekend afternoons throughout the season. Mini Tournaments and Junior Tournaments are held usually once a year on a Saturday in June/July.
- 6.2 For Senior social tournaments, preference will be given to entry from Senior members, but Junior members of a suitable standard may be invited to play.
- 6.3 The entry fee will be set by the tournament organiser(s).
- 6.4 The tournament organiser's decision is final

6. LEAGUE MATCHES

- 6.1 Players are only eligible for team selection if they are fully paid-up members.

- 6.2 Club Captain and Team Representatives, in conjunction with the Committee will decide the number of teams to be entered for each season.
- 6.3 A match fee will be levied, with the approval of the Committee, and collected by the Team Captains. This is to cover the cost of match balls.
- 6.4 All players should also expect to pay their share of the cost of any after-match refreshments and drinks provided for opposing team players.
- 6.5 Junior matches must have an adult in attendance and if levied, fees for these matches will be set as appropriate to cover the cost of balls and refreshments. The adult in attendance is responsible for providing squash and biscuits.

7. COURT ETIQUETTE and SAFE PLAY GUIDANCE

- 7.1 Members are expected to always wear appropriate clothing for tennis, and safe footwear. Shirts must always be worn. Players who are considered by the Committee to be improperly attired may be asked to leave the court.
- 7.2 For reasons of safety and in order not to distract players, non-players are not permitted on court.
- 7.3 Consider whether it is safe to play, when the courts could be slippery due to rain, frost, snow or ice.
- 7.4 The coach should carry out a risk assessment before each session to determine that play is appropriately safe for the players being coached. If injury does occur, a first aid kit is located on the right-hand side of the back wall of the clubhouse. Players are requested to record (hence report) any injuries in the accident book, also located on the right-hand side of the back wall of the clubhouse.
- 7.5 Do not move across or behind any court when play is in progress for safety reasons and also a courtesy to the players on court who may be distracted or interrupted. Players should wait until the completion of at least a point, if not a game, and then move by walking around the perimeter of the court as quickly and discreetly as possible and close any gates behind them.
- 7.6 Line calls should be made quickly and clearly, and the receiver of the ball has the final say.
- 7.7 If the ball strikes the net cord and then subsequently wins the point, the player should hold their hand up and offer an apology to the opposition.
- 7.8 Refrain from using any foul language or any form of threatening, racist, intimidatory or abusive language or behaviour towards other players, club officials, coaching personnel and spectators.
- 7.9 Before each point, players should ensure that loose balls (including any 1st service balls) are not within the area of play such that they could be trodden on causing a trip or fall. Note: this is particularly important during coaching when many more balls are often used.
- 7.10 Play should be stopped if a ball comes across into the area of play from another court if deemed it could endanger the safety of players.
- 7.11 While the nature of the game can result in players occasionally being hit by tennis balls, players should take reasonable care that they do not hit an opponent when making a shot.
- 7.12 When leaving the courts please ensure all gates are closed – this is particularly important on courts 1 and 2 which are the public access courts, as leaving the gate by the clubhouse open, allows the public, access to all courts.
- 7.13 All members should ensure that the clubhouse door is closed before leaving club.

7.14 Members are asked to ideally take their rubbish & recycling home.

8. CODE OF CONDUCT

Cuddington & Sandiway Tennis Club adhere to the Lawn Tennis Association Limited (LTA) Code of Conduct. [lta-code-of-conduct.pdf](#)

This Code of Conduct is issued by the LTA, the governing body of the game of tennis. It applies to all Participants in the Game, including all players, those who are supporting players (including parents), coaches, officials and volunteers, amongst many others, when engaging or participating in or with the Game on or off the court. The purpose of the Code of Conduct is to set out the standards of conduct that are expected and required of Participants.

A full list of Club Policies, rules and the Club Constitution are listed within the documents section of the club website, <https://www.cuddingtontennis.org.uk/>