

CLUB RULES

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 Senior member key fobs give access to courts and clubhouse. Junior fobs give court access only. Lost fobs can be replaced at a cost of £10 per fob.
- 1.4 Members are expected to wear appropriate tennis clothing at all times, and in particular tennis footwear in order to avoid damage and marking of the court surface. Shirts must be worn at all times. Players who are considered by the committee to be improperly attired may be asked to leave the court.
- 1.5 Members must comply with any information or signs that are displayed at the courts and/or in the clubhouse regarding suitable footwear.
- 1.6 All members should display their shoe tag at all times, clearly and visibly. Without it you will be considered a non-member and will be asked to leave the court or pay a non-members £5 fee.
- 1.7 For reasons of safety and in order not to distract players, non-players are not permitted on court.
- 1.8 The playing season will extend throughout the year, subject to the courts being fit for play.
- 1.9 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 1 April. Players are not permitted on the courts unless their Club subscription has been paid and their shoe tag is appropriately displayed.

3. MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

- 3.1 **Senior** – anyone 18 or over and not a student
Family - couple or partners including all children in full-time education
Junior Primary School Age - 4-10 on 1 September
Junior Secondary School Age – 11-18 on 1 September
Student – between ages 18-25 in full-time education eg 6th form college/university

4. NON-MEMBER POLICY

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

- 4.2 All visitors must be signed in by a current member before play commences
- 4.3 Visitors must pay a fee of £5 per visit that must be deposited in the box in the clubhouse
- 4.4 Visitors outside the area may play with a member for £5
- 4.5 Visitors may play at the club on a maximum of 3 occasions after which they must decide either to join the club or not.
- 4.6 Visitors, with a view to joining, are welcome to attend up to one organised session, eg Club Night or Junior Club, but only by prior arrangement with a Committee member.

5. COURT PRIORITY

- 5.1 Courts may not be booked by individual members.
- 5.2 All Court Priorities are shown on timetable on the club's website. This timetable is also displayed on the Clubhouse window.
- 5.3 Where, through exceptional circumstances, (League) Cup matches are required to be played on a Thursday evening, a maximum of 2 courts may be allocated during Club night as a concession. Rescheduled league matches (eg previously rained off) may also be permitted to play on Tuesday or Thursday evenings (maximum 2 courts. League players will be expected, however, to make alternative playing arrangements if at all possible to avoid this necessity.
- 5.4 Certain dates may be allocated by the committee for organized events, eg tournaments. All members will be notified either by e-mail, or poster in the clubhouse.
- 5.5 When all courts are occupied with doubles games and further members are waiting, play should be limited to one short set ie first to six games, not lasting more than 30 minutes, with the exception of Senior Club Tournament and Senior Ladder games. Players waiting to go on court may enquire about stage of play and request that the above rules are implemented if appropriate.
- 5.6 Singles may not be played when members are waiting. Singles players must finish the game, not set, and either play doubles or vacate the court, with the exception of Club Tournament games.
- 5.7 During Club nights, all players should change partners/opponents with players on other courts after one short set.
- 5.8 Floodlights are available until 9.30 pm Monday to Saturday and may not be used on Sundays.

IMPORTANT:

- Where certain activities only take place for a specified seasonal period, at all other times of the year, shared priority is given, unless otherwise stated.
- Where Senior priority is given, Juniors may play if courts are vacant but must be prepared to relinquish the court if Seniors are seen to be subsequently waiting.

They may finish the game, *not set*, that they are playing. The same system applies to Seniors on Junior priority occasions.

- **We would ask, in all cases, that players willingly vacate the court, rather than waiting to be asked to do so.**

6. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

- 6.1 Club championship entries will only be accepted from players who are fully paid up members.
- 6.2 Members should avoid playing Club Championship matches on club nights before 8.00 pm.
- 6.3 Players must abide by the Championship Rules and championship organiser's decision is final.

7. LEAGUE MATCHES

- 7.1 Players are only eligible for team selection if they are fully paid up members.
- 7.2 All members wishing to be considered for the team will be invited to attend at least ONE try out session prior to team selection.
- 7.3 Club Captain, in conjunction with Committee will decide the number of teams to be entered for each season.
- 7.4 A match fee will require to be levied, with the approval of the Committee, and collected by the team captains. This is to cover the cost of match balls.
- 7.5 All players should also expect to pay their share of the cost of any after-match refreshments and drinks provided for opposing team players.
- 7.6 Junior matches must have an adult in attendance and 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.

8. COURT ETIQUETTE

- 8.1 Do not move across or behind any court when play is in progress for safety reasons and also as 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, then leave by walking around the perimeter of the adjacent court as quickly and discreetly as possible and shut the gate behind them.
- 8.2 Spectators and all non-players are not allowed on court.
- 8.3 Line calls should be made quickly and clearly and the receiver of the ball has the final say.
- 8.4 If the ball strikes the net cord and then subsequently wins the point, the player should hold his hand up and offer an apology to the opposition.
- 8.5 Members are asked to please put their litter into the bins provided or take it home with them.
- 8.6 On any open session/club night, players are expected to bring their own balls.

- 8.7 Refrain from using foul language or any form of threatening, racist, intimidatory or abusive language or behaviour towards other players, club officials, coaching personnel or spectators.
- 8.8 At the end of your game, if no-one is waiting to play, please lower the nets.
- 8.9 All members must ensure the clubhouse door is shut before leaving the club, even if there are other members still on court.